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## Picture of success



Artist Guy Maestri poses at the Art Gallery of NSW in Sydney on Friday with his 2009 Archibald Prize-winning portrait of Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Maestri painted the intense work after snatching a 40-minute sitting at Sydney Airport with the internationally acclaimed Yolngu singer and guitarist. Gurrumul's portrait was a popular choice for the \$50,000 prize, and had been the bookies' favourite to win. - AAP Image  
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# Task force stays

By DARREN COYNE



A TASK FORCE investigating alleged child sex abuse and other crimes in Indigenous communities will continue for at least another year, following an apparent

back flip by the Federal Government.

After a week of heated criticism following reports that Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus was planning to cut \$4.5 million in funds to the Australian Crime Commission (ACC) task force, the Government was forced to overturn that decision.

The Government had copped flak from commentators such as Indigenous leader Warren Mundine, academic Marcia Langton, former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough and Opposition spokesman on Indigenous Affairs Tony Abbot.

Professor Langton accused the Rudd

## Reprieve for Intervention 'centrepiece'

Government of putting a price tag on the heads of Aboriginal children and listening to Aboriginal lobbyists who denied the existence of child abuse in communities.

Mr Brough accused the Government of dismantling reforms he had begun when he launched the intervention in July 2007.

"This is pulling down the whole

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# My FAMILY

DONNA WILLIAMS-TYSON — Dubbo, NSW



**T**HIS is me with my partner Chris Tyson and our son Djani at our home in Dubbo (central-western New South Wales).

I am a Uralarai woman and my country is in north-western NSW.

In this picture, Djani is holding a photo of our daughters — Nioka, 16, and twins Jinnaya and Jinnara, both 14. More on them later.

We also have another son, Jay, from Chris' previous relationship. He's gifted in music and computers.

We also have a grand-daughter, Emmjay, who's 4 and the daughter of Jay, who's 30.

Chris and I are educators, and have been for a long time.

I work at Dubbo West Public School, which has mainly Aboriginal students, as an Aboriginal Education Officer. Chris is a teaching principal.

We came to Dubbo three years ago. Before that we both had 11 years at Weilmoringle (north-western NSW) and before that we were at Goodooga (also in north-western NSW) for eight years.

We're proud of all our kids. Djani, who's 19, just finished Year 12 at The Scots College in Sydney. He was able to attend the school because he won a scholarship. Djani is working on a career in real estate.

Our daughters have also received scholarships to St Scholastica's College in Sydney. Nioka is in Year 10 while the twins are in Year 9. All of them really enjoy the school.

We love it here in Dubbo. Sure, there are some problems in the city, but we like to think we can deal with them.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Mitchell Mansell, Kannan Thomas, Minunuyurru West, Ella Barnes, Kristy Hogan, Chelsea Hogan, Ben Jeffrey ready to learn a practical lesson in the correct use of personal flotation devices. The kids were taking part in an Indigenous Sports Program in Hobart. Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

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Aboriginal Elders, back, Graham Mooney of Glebe and Kooncha from Wallaga Lake, and front Dulcie Flower had a great time at this year's Sydney Mardi Gras. They were being driven in their shiny red convertible by Simon Syamando, of Parramatta. Photo: MAHALA STROHFELDT

# United at parade

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



"It's a gay world after all," said 2009 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras parade organiser Liz Dodds on Saturday night.

And indeed it was, in both senses of the word in the harbour town as locals and interstate and overseas visitors alike embraced this year's Mardi Gras tolerance-seeking theme of 'Nations United'.

Adding a bit more colour to the already glamorous event were new parade entrants the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender (GBLT) float, featuring Sydney's Brown Shuga and Peppermint, who came from the United States and got the crowd going with her dance tunes and funky moves.

With 135 entries in this year's parade, the 'First Australians' banner led an entourage of Indigenous supporters as they danced their way through Sydney's city streets with a mix of Aboriginal and rainbow flags flying.

Four Elders in a hotted-up shiny convertible received what surely compared with a royal welcome as they passed the thousands of revellers lining the parade. The Elders, Graham Mooney, Shireen Malamoo, Dulcie Flower and Kooncha, said they were proud to be supporting this year's event, and even

dressed for the occasion by donning feathered and glittery masks in the true spirit of Mardi Gras.

Mrs Flower, from Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern, said it was an important step for the Indigenous GBLT community to have support from within their own communities, especially from Elders, given the struggles many of them faced to gain acceptance.

For Mardi Gras veteran Paul Ishiguchi, from the Kimberley, who first attended Mardi Gras in 1981, there was still a lot of work to be done for Indigenous people to find acceptance, not just from the wider mainstream community, but sometimes closer to home from their own families and friends.

He said creating awareness through Indigenous-specific floats and other initiatives would go a long way to breaking through stereotypes.

Mr Ishiguchi said that for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, coming out as gay or lesbian was sometimes a 'double-edged sword', with discrimination coming from being Indigenous as well as GBLT.

'Black - In Darkness All Colours Agree' became the theme of this year's Indigenous float, reflecting the hope within the Indigenous GBLT community for openness and acceptance across the country.



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# Women guests of the G-G

EIGHTY-EIGHT of our leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women enjoyed a brief respite from their two-day workshops before Oxfam's Straight Talk Summit in Canberra last week when they were treated to afternoon tea at Government House. Governor-General Quentin Bryce hosted the afternoon tea and spoke about the universal plight of women, in particular Indigenous women, and the important role they played as leaders of their communities. The event led up to the final day of the Summit on Friday, officially opened in Parliament House by Indigenous Federal Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop. ● See pages 38-39 for more from Straight Talk.



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## Rep body workshop meets in Adelaide



ONE hundred Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from around the country will meet

in Adelaide today for the beginning of a three-day workshop to lay the groundwork for a new national Indigenous representative body.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, who agreed to a request from the Federal Government to convene the independent Indigenous Steering Committee organising the consultation, said 50 men and 50 women were selected from a highly competitive field of 263 applications.

"I am confident that this group of motivated and strategic thinkers will rise to the challenge and move us a few steps closer to establishing a new national Indigenous representative body," Mr Calma said.

The workshop participants will include NSWALC chairperson Bev Manton (NSW), Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, National Native Title

Council Chair Brian Wyatt (WA), Yorta Yorta activist Monica Morgan (Vic), Stolen Generations campaigner Harold Furber (NT), Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen (SA), and family violence campaigner Dorinda Cox (WA).

Criteria for selection included demonstrated leadership capacity, ability to take part in

workshop could represent the diversity of Indigenous communities across the country.

"There was an extraordinary field of highly committed Indigenous people from all walks of life who applied," he said.

Of the applicants, 56 per cent were male and 44 per cent were female; 45 per cent were

from urban areas, 34 per cent from regional areas and 21 per cent from remote communities.

"This national workshop will focus on identifying the key elements or features of a new national Indigenous representative body which can then be distilled down to a series of preferred models for the new body," Mr Calma said.

"The aim of this workshop is to identify issues where there is agreement on a way forward and to identify those issues where

there is a divergence of views.

"The workshop won't be endorsing a final model for a national representative body nor will it be deciding the membership of it."

The steering committee will release workshop outcomes next week.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma: "I am confident that this group of motivated and strategic thinkers will rise to the challenge."

high-level discussions on strategic issues, and ability to make a positive and considered contribution to the deliberations.

Mr Calma said the selection process came down to obtaining an appropriate balance of ages, locations and experience so that the

# It's Watson v Bligh in Qld poll battle

## Trio ready to contest early Qld election

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SAM Watson is known for not taking a backward step, even when enormous odds are stacked against him.

He has been at the forefront of Indigenous protest in Queensland for years, taking on police and politicians over law and justice issues such as the 2004 death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee, the subsequent trial and acquittal of policeman Chris Hurley, and the jailing of Lex Wotton over the Palm Island 'riot' that followed Doomadgee's death.

Lately, the self-described 'Murri Buddhist' has actively rallied behind Father Peter Kennedy, who the Catholic Church sacked last month for 'unorthodox practices' such as allowing women to preach and blessing same-sex unions.

Now the 56-year-old community worker and university staffer is taking on another giant — an electoral one — by running against Labor Premier Anna Bligh, her seat of South Brisbane in the 21 March Queensland election.

Ms Bligh called the Qld poll early, in response to the global economic crisis and as the State's budget heads for a billion dollar deficit.

Mr Watson will be one of three Indigenous candidates standing for election. Further south, former teacher and public servant Leeanne Enoch will contest the newly-created Gold Coast seat of Coomera while, in the north, Torres Strait Islander former champion footballer Michaelangelo Newie will contest Jason O'Brien's Labor seat of Cook.

At the last election, Labor easily outplayed the Liberals and the Nationals, winning 59 out of 89 seats, compared with 17 for the Nationals, eight for the Liberals, four that went to Independents and one to One Nation.

With polling late last week suggesting that Labor and the Liberal National Party (LNP) were neck-and-neck on a two-party preferred basis, potentially every vote across the State will count



ABOVE: Sam Watson is running as an independent for South Brisbane, against Premier Anna Bligh.

LEFT: Labor's candidate for the newly-created seat of Coomera, Leanne Enoch (on the right), campaigning on the Gold Coast.

and Mr Watson says he thinks a lot of people are looking for a change.

"We have been treated with contempt by the Labor Government and this time around that black vote might bite back," he

told *The Koori Mail* on Friday.

And that vote is potentially larger in Queensland than any other State and Territory, with one in 30 people identified as either Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or

both (nearly 126,000 people), compared to an average of one in 50 elsewhere.

But of course, it all depends whether Indigenous Queenslanders actually vote. Around the country, the numbers of eligible Indigenous voters on the electoral roll are notoriously low.

This time round in Qld, uncertainty caused by the global meltdown is likely to result in Indigenous people voting as much on economic issues as on Indigenous-specific issues.

The latter are likely to relate to law and justice, stolen wages, alcohol management, closing the gap on health and life expectancy, welfare reforms, housing and local government representation.

The major parties aren't set to unveil their election campaigns until Sunday, but candidates across the board hit the hustings in earnest after registrations closed last Monday.

Early on, things took a somewhat colourful turn when peroxidised former Sydney Swans AFL player Warwick Capper declared he would run in the Gold Coast hinterland seat of Beaudesert.

Mr Capper gave a hint of what might have been to come when asked what he knew about the area: "I went there once — a fair few Aborigines and very multiculturals out there. But nice place..."

For a while it looked like the minor celeb might run against One Nation founder Pauline Hanson and other candidates. However, Capper's tilt at politics was thwarted when he missed the deadline for candidate registrations.

Ms Hanson, known for her controversial views on race and immigration, got her registration in on time.

Backed by the Socialist Alliance, Sam Watson is campaigning, amongst other things, against what he says is the gentrification of the inner-city electorate to the detriment of its more vulnerable citizens including Indigenous people.

Mr Watson concedes it'd be a big ask for him to threaten, let alone beat, the Premier at the polls. However, he was confident he'd get the necessary four per cent (or 1500) eligible votes to have his candidate's deposit returned.

"Essentially it's a safe Labor Party seat," he said. "And having the Premier as the local member has been a boost for the Labor Party."

"People across the electorate are concerned about their jobs and whether they're going to be able to keep paying their mortgage."

"But there's no real sense that whoever they vote for on March 21 is going to be able to do something real and lasting at a statewide level. The only really big issue is one that is outside of our control — the global meltdown."

Nevertheless, he said many Aboriginal

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**Monica Kumagai, Napranum:** I want to know why the election was called so early. Why did this Government not call a referendum on the alcohol management laws?



**Glenys Mene, Napranum (pictured with baby Juarn):** It is important that whoever I vote for does things that are good for the future of my baby when she gets older. I am undecided.



**Letitia Murgha, Weipa:** The biggest issue is how the elected Government will cope with the recession and how people will cope with jobs being lost. It will affect us all.



**Frank Asai, Mapoon:** I always vote Labor and am happy with their performance in Government. It is good living here and the alcohol laws are going okay.



**Loris Morgan, Napranum:** It was a little suspicious calling the election so suddenly and the Premier (Anna Bligh) must have been nervous. I think the Nationals will win.



**Barbara Madua, Napranum:** I will be having my second vote and reckon Jason O'Brien has done a good job so he gets mine. But I am extremely angry at the alcohol laws.



**Anthony Mara, Napranum:** I am not at all happy with the management laws for alcohol here. We should be able to have a canteen like everybody else. I don't know who I will vote for.



**Ron Kanai, Mapoon:** I am angry over the alcohol management laws here at Mapoon. The law is wrong. We are from the bush and should have rights like others. But I will vote for Labor.



**Ethel George, Napranum:** I haven't made up my mind who to vote for and will go for which candidate offers the best for my people.

# Our voters key to Cook electorate



POLLSTERS are tipping Labor to retain the far north Queensland electorate of Cook in the coming State election, but Indigenous voters will certainly influence the outcome.

Currently held by Labor's Jason O'Brien with a margin of 11.4 per cent, Cook takes in a vast area north of Cairns, including Cape York and the Torres Strait.

It has 25,664 voters and the biggest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of any seat in the State. Cook is one of the five seats that Queensland electoral law allows to be under the average enrolment quota, which is probably just as well, with traditionally low Indigenous voter turnouts.

The only Indigenous person ever



A sign at the entrance to Napranum.

elected to the Qld Parliament was Eric Deeral who won Cook for the National Party in 1974.

Also contesting Cook this time around will be Torres Strait Islander independent candidate Michaelangelo Newie, from Thursday Island, Neville St John-Wood for the Greens, and Craig Batchelor for

the Liberal National Party (LNP).

The electorate has been held by Labor since 1977, but late last week the mayors of two Aboriginal councils – Hopevale's Greg McLean and Kowanyama's Thomas Hudson – were openly critical of Labor's handling of Indigenous issues.

Alcohol management, law and justice and welfare controls have all been contentious in the seat in recent times.

The *Koori Mail's* ALF WILSON visited Napranum, Mapoon and Weipa ahead of the 21 March poll.

Some of those he approached said alcohol management laws at Napranum and Mapoon would have a bearing on how they voted. Others declined to comment because they said they were not going to vote anyway.

Here's what a random selection of people had to say...



**Bonny Douthat, Napranum:** I agree with the alcohol laws and they are what Mapoon people set out to achieve. I am happy with the State Government.



**Jeffrey Tamate, Napranum:** I am not sure who will win, but (Premier) Anna Bligh has stuffed it up a bit. I hope Labor wins though.

# Bligh faces challenge

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people felt betrayed by the Labor Government on issues like stolen wages and unemployment.

"Aboriginal unemployment across the State is hovering at 63-65 per cent while in the general community the figure is five per cent and the Bligh Government has done nothing to fix this," he said.

Mr Watson also identified the lack of an Indigenous-specific minister or department, police move on powers and ongoing delays in the release of a Qld Police internal report on its officers' conduct in the Doomadgee case as contentious.

Nunukul Nughi woman Leanne Enoch believes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander vote to be fairly small in the new seat of Coomera.

However, the Labor-endorsed candidate is passionate about Indigenous Queenslanders everywhere becoming more politically active.

Originally from North Stradbroke Island, Ms Enoch

grew up mostly in Brisbane's Logan City. She worked as a teacher in Qld and then London before switching to community development work, first within State Government and more recently with the Australian Red Cross.

The divorced mother-of-two said she joined the Labor Party some years back because she thought Labor's philosophies were more aligned to 'our political thinking'.

When the new seat of Coomera, taking in the Gold Coast, was formed after the redistribution of boundaries, she thought 'why not contest it?'

"I think about my grandmother. She used to be very big on education. She would say 'you have to get in there, you can't stand on the sidelines and call the shots'," Ms Enoch recalled.

"I am now at the point of my life as a 40-year-old woman, I'm going to jump in. It's scary and it's petrifying, but I am going to jump in and try to bring my perspective in how we do things in this State." Ms Enoch is actually carrying



ANNA BLIGH

on a tradition for the Nunukul people.

The last time the Qld Labor Party endorsed an Aboriginal woman candidate, it was her late countrywoman Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) in 1968 – the same year Ms Enoch was born.

"We have to respect all that work of our Elders who fought so hard for us to have the right to vote," Ms Enoch said.

"My father wasn't allowed to vote until 1968, the first state election after the 1967 Referendum.

"It doesn't matter who you vote for, decide and make your choice and stand on the shoulders of the people who went before us to have a say."

Nevertheless, Ms Enoch is hoping that both black and white voters will get behind her party. She said that, even though Coomera was made up of parts of previous safe Labor seats, the economic downturn made things unpredictable.

"So, right now, my biggest focus is on jobs for everyone in this electorate and that we get a fair share of infrastructure building projects," she said.

"That's about moving us through this difficult time so we come out better. Indigenous or non-Indigenous, jobs are high on the list, we all have to pay the bills, feed our children and get

them to school."

On Indigenous-specific issues, Ms Enoch was at pains to point out that she was not the Labor Party's Indigenous spokesperson.

"We have a minister that looks after that," she said. "I'm the candidate for Coomera, but I do have a personal interest in Stolen Wages."

"I don't necessarily think (the issue) has been handled the right way. I know the unions are taking that up so I will watch that with interest."

On 27 February, the Qld Council of Social Service (QCOS) released 12 questions for political candidates.

Amongst them was one focussed on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities i.e. What are your party's proposals for closing the gap on Indigenous health and well-being?

QCOS President Karyn Walsh said whoever came to power must ensure vulnerable Queenslanders were looked after in these tough economic times.

# Progress is being made, Rudd claims

By KIRSTIE PARKER with AAP

 THE Commonwealth Government's first annual Closing the Gap report card has generated praise for its commitments, but frustration over a lack of action and clear outcomes in the year since the national Apology.

In particular, Close the Gap advocates have demanded improved engagement with and support for Aboriginal health services.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd delivered the keenly anticipated report in Federal Parliament on 26 February.

As part of the national Apology on 13 February last year, Mr Rudd vowed to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap within a generation, halve gaps in education, employment and infant mortality within a decade, and ensure all four-year-olds in remote communities had access to early childhood education within five years.

But while his report card detailed billions of dollars in combined Federal, State and Territory commitments to addressing Indigenous disadvantage, it was relatively lacking in comparative data on achievements.

Mr Rudd urged patience for what he said was a massive task, which would need to involve not just governments, but Indigenous communities and the private sector. "Some say that little has happened in the year since the Apology, but that is not the case," the PM told Parliament. "Progress has been made."

Mr Rudd said the Apology had raised expectations that change would be swift and results sudden, "but generations of Indigenous disadvantage cannot be overturned overnight".

He said that in the intervening 12 months, the Government had built houses, carried on the Howard Government's intervention in the Northern Territory, supported the Australian Employment Covenant led by mining magnate Andrew Forrest, and invested billions more in health initiatives.

The report highlighted an increase in the number of Indigenous children, aged 0-14, who had had comprehensive child health checks, up from 5.94 per cent in 2004 to 16.5 per cent in 2008.

But it also referred to improvements achieved in Indigenous infant mortality rates in WA, NT and SA up until 2006, before the Close the Gap campaign really began.

The PM also committed an extra \$58.3 million over four years to fight chronic eye diseases in Indigenous communities, including trachoma.

About 20,000 Indigenous children suffer from the disease, which can lead to blindness.



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd ... "Some say that little has happened in the year since the Apology, but that is not the case. Progress has been made."

"This should not be the case," the PM told Parliament. "Our objective must be clear: To eliminate trachoma among Indigenous Australians within a finite time frame."

Mr Rudd said it should be a source of national shame that Australia was the only developed country where the disease still existed. The trachoma program was developed by Melbourne University's Indigenous eye health chairman, Hugh Taylor.

### Co-ordinator-general

Mr Rudd also announced a co-ordinator-general would be appointed to 'drive' Labor's campaign to close the gap.

The co-ordinator-general will be responsible for implementing major reforms in housing, infrastructure and employment in remote communities, and will have the power 'to cut through bureaucratic blockages'.

Later, Mr Rudd rebuked critics who claimed the Government hadn't done enough and that he'd rested on his

laurels since last February.

On the whole, however, the political response to the report card was more savage than that from Close the Gap campaigners.

Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull said it took more than ministerial visits and photo opportunities to improve the lot of Aborigines.

The Government had to be brave enough to report on real progress, or a lack of it, or be prepared for 'harsh criticism', he said.

Mr Turnbull described as a 'great shame' a lack of action on a memorandum of understanding signed by the Howard Government and the Northern Territory in September 2007 to provide \$647 million for 750 new houses.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said her party had expected more from the report card, which was 'a continuation of the Howard Government's approach to Aboriginal issues'.

However, the Close the Gap Coalition

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## Housing delays attacked

By DARREN COYNE

THE Federal Government has come under fire for delays in building houses in Indigenous communities, particularly the Northern Territory.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd acknowledged during his Close the Gap report on 26 February that just 80 houses had been built in the NT.

The Stop the Intervention Collective in Sydney accused the PM of deceit and hypocrisy, saying those houses were for government business managers.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert also was not impressed.

"The Government's commitment to 4200 new homes, and upgrades to 4800 existing homes, is hollow given that no new houses are reported to have been built in the NT since the announcement of a co-ordinated effort to Close the Gap," she said.

"Decent housing, sanitation and education are basic human rights that lead directly to improvements in other health-related areas, and should be key priorities in disadvantaged communities."

But Mr Rudd said that from July the Federal Government would begin to fund the construction of the promised houses.

He blamed the delays on his Government's efforts to ensure land tenure reforms were in place before housing investments were made.

"Only with clear, well-functioning tenure arrangements will government agencies, housing authorities and private businesses make substantial housing investments in remote communities," Mr Rudd said.

### Reform agenda

"We are driving an aggressive land tenure reform agenda, which is necessary to underpin sustainable tenancy management, give tenants the assurance that routine repairs and maintenance will be carried out, and lay the foundations for economic development in remote communities."

"For the first time, remote Indigenous citizens will have access to mainstream housing arrangements that public housing tenants in cities and towns take for granted."

"And, over time, remote Indigenous citizens will have a realistic opportunity to own their homes."

On Education reforms, Mr Rudd spoke about trials linking school attendance to welfare payments, acknowledging that the reforms were controversial.

"We need people to take responsibility for changing their lives and those of people around them," he said.

"That is why we are trialling a program in six NT schools in which welfare payments are conditional upon parents making sure their children attend school."

Dr Chris Sarra, Executive Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute based at the Queensland University of Technology, said he was encouraged by Mr Rudd's comments on education reform, but there was still clearly a long way to go.

"At last there's a recognition that maybe we need to have a look at ourselves as service providers to communities and create positions that are going to sit down and have conversations with Aboriginal people to say 'what exists here that's good, what's missing, how can we get things going between us and

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# Laying the foundations

**T**HE Prime Minister's leadership and his 'report card' on efforts to close the gap, (and the support of the Leader of the Opposition) makes me cautiously optimistic that – at last – government appears to be taking the mandate of the 1967 referendum seriously.

Some have called the report card itself disappointing. I, for one, had hoped for greater and faster achievements than reported, and in places apart from the Northern Territory, such as our urban communities in particular.

But I also know just how much work is going on behind the scenes:

- First, there are many reform processes taking place that do not report until July 2009. This includes the National Health and Hospital Commission review of the entire health system and the creation of a National Primary Health Care Strategy, but there are many more. As hard as it is to wait any further for results on the ground, the enormous potential for good that may come from these processes gives me hope.

- Second, the potential impact

of the COAG (Coalition of Australian Governments) national partnerships announced in November 2008. These totalled almost \$5 billion of new investment going into improving our health and housing, our kids' education, and our employment. Four months later, I would not expect to see improvements yet, but again I do feel optimistic that I will see these improvements in future report cards.

I also welcome the approximately \$60 million investment in our eye and ear health announced alongside the report card.

However, I have some real concerns as to what is happening. While I am pleased that foundations for social and economic equality are being laid, I am concerned that – to use a metaphor – the builder may be using 'second-rate cement'. To me, there are several ingredients in the 'mix' that are noticeable by their absence.

My first concern is that the report card does not reflect recent developments that have evolved from the Close the Gap Campaign



**TOM CALMA**

for Indigenous Health Equality, of which I am the Chair. The campaign culminated in the Prime Minister's signing of the historic Close the Gap Statement of Intent in which the Australian Government committed to (among other things) developing a national plan for Indigenous health equality by 2030 in partnership with us and our representatives.

I believe the Close the Gap Statement of Intent is one of the most significant compacts between Australian governments and civil society in Australian history, and provides a foundation document for a national effort to achieve Indigenous health equality by 2030. I am perplexed, to say the least, that this document was not even mentioned in the Prime Minister's report card.

My second concern is that the report card did not mention an overall plan to address Indigenous health inequality, as well as disadvantage overall. It is vital that the separate reform processes I have referred to are integrated into such a national plan. Otherwise, it is common sense that such a plan be created in order to take into account all the determinants of the poverty of Indigenous Australians, and in a way that (in the case of health equality) can meet the 2030 target.

The final missing ingredient is partnership.

Despite the many references made to it by the Prime Minister in the report card, as well as in the National Apology, I believe that

Australian governments are aspiring to engage with Indigenous peoples more effectively as partners, and I am pleased in that regard that the future national Indigenous representative body was mentioned by the Prime Minister. This is an indication that this body will signal a 'new relationship' between Indigenous people and government.

However, I am disappointed that so much reform is already under way at the moment without the crucial underpinning of a partnership approach.

The potential for good in the Prime Minister's report card, and the ongoing reform processes taking place at the moment, gives me hope. However, I am conscious that the opportunity could be blown if national planning for equality (in health and other areas) in partnership with Indigenous Australians does not start now.

● Tom Calma is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Australian Human Rights Commission

# We're making progress: PM

# Govt blasted over delays for housing

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welcomed the report card, especially the new eye and ear health funding and the new co-ordinator-general position.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said 'significant initial commitments' over the past year meant the Government deserved an 'A' for overall effort.

But Mr Calma also called for an end to the use of Aboriginal affairs as a political football 'to gain cheap points in Parliament'.

"The major parties need to focus on what both signed up to in their statement of intent nationally and in Victoria and Queensland," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"They have to stop politicking and get on with the job at hand. All it does is feed the media."

Reconciliation Australia Co-chair Mick Dodson, the 2009 Australian of the Year, also welcomed the progress report, saying it set out a long-term framework of investment and accountability to improve Indigenous living standards.

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) said increased closing the gap spending commitments were welcome, but the Rudd Government still wasn't engaging properly with Indigenous Australians.

ANTaR National Director David



**MICK ADAMS**

Cooper said a comprehensive plan of action, developed with Indigenous people, was needed to tackle all the factors that contribute to Indigenous disadvantage and marginalisation.

Aboriginal Medical Service Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) Chairperson Stephanie Bell called for creation of a national Aboriginal health authority to ensure the large new COAG investment was not wasted and the existing primary health care system

was re-oriented towards Aboriginal community-controlled health.

The Stop the Intervention Collective in Sydney (STICS) condemned the report card on the Government's progress in Indigenous affairs as being based on 'deceit and hypocrisy'.

"Kevin Rudd is lying about income management in the NT. His Government has refused to acknowledge the countless reports from women in communities struggling to buy food and look after children under this failing system," said Monique Wiseman, from STICS.

On Friday, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) – a member of the Close the Gap Coalition – issued a statement saying medical services were being sidelined by the Government's use of flawed data.

NACCHO Chairman Dr Mick Adams said the claim in the report card that the strategy to address treatable chronic illness should be targeted 'largely through the mainstream health system, because that is where 70 per cent of Indigenous people are treated' was wrong and based on a poorly worded survey by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

"The figure is used in preference to an evidence-based approach which indicates our services treat closer to 50 per cent of the Aboriginal population," Dr Adams said.

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what's the responsibilities of each party?" Dr Sarra told ABC radio.

"When you compare that to what occurred under previous governments, where they sent the Army in and the gingerbread men all over the place, they scared the hell out of Aborigines and got them running out of town."

Dr Sarra was critical of linking school attendance with welfare payments.

"The way you get kids to school is to create a good quality school that says I believe in you and this is a great place to be, that recognises you've got challenges in your community, but we've got something here that can set you free from that," he said.

On employment, Mr Rudd said the Federal, State and Territory governments had set a target of helping 13,000 Indigenous people find jobs.

"We recognise this will be very difficult to achieve given the severity of the global economic

recession," he said.

"But we are committed to working towards this goal in partnership with business and with State and Territory governments."

Mr Rudd also highlighted the Australian Employment Covenant, which is an initiative led by mining executive Andrew Forrest to create 50,000 jobs for Indigenous Australians.

"It is an ambitious plan, and it will be hard to achieve, but despite the difficult economic times, 34 companies have already pledged to create 10,000 jobs under the covenant," he said.

Greens senator Rachel Siewert said the PM's overall report card failed to deliver real progress.

"This approach is a continuation of the Howard Government's approach to Aboriginal issues," she said.

"The Prime Minister's emphasis on personal responsibility, income management, false promises of more housing and tenure reform shows that yet again, the Government is clueless."

# Rugby league bid to tackle violence

## Footy clubs to take part in NSW project



A HIGHLY successful anti-domestic violence project operating in Queensland is to be mirrored in New South Wales. Football stars, sporting legends and leaders were on hand at Redfern Oval in Sydney on Saturday for the launch of 'Tackling Violence', which is being run by the NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Rugby League (ARL).

The project is based on one operating at Normanton, in Old's Gulf of Carpentaria, where 'Domestic Violence - it's not our game' saw cases of domestic violence reduced by 55 per cent in 2007 compared with the previous year.

State Community Services Minister Linda Burney launched the NSW project at a community barbecue also attended by ARL chief Geoff Carr, NRL boss David Gallop, former rugby league stars David Peachey, Larry Corowa, Nathan Blacklock, Ricky Walford, Mal Cochrane, Mario Fenech and Souths Under 20s players Adam Reynolds and Brad Manton.

"Tackling Violence is providing \$5000 in sponsorship to five regional and rural rugby league clubs who have significant numbers of Aboriginal players," Ms Burney said.

"They will run local campaigns aimed at reducing domestic violence and raising

"What concerns me most... is the effect of domestic violence on children," Ms Burney said. "Just under one-third of all child protection reports to the Community Services Helpline last year involved domestic violence."

"In addition to the human costs, domestic and family violence also costs the NSW economy millions each year. We also know that domestic violence is the most reported crime in NSW and can affect anyone. However, Aboriginal women are four times more likely to be victims of domestic violence than non-Aboriginal women."

and provides an outlet for Aboriginal sporting talent," he said.

"We must use our popularity to get the message across that domestic violence is a serious crime. Each player has signed up to the project and we have agreed to be a role model by not hurting our women."

As part of the sponsorship agreement, each of the five teams will:

- Wear the Let's Tackle Domestic Violence badge on their jerseys and display signage at their home games

- Agree to a code of conduct with penalties should a player commit a domestic violence-related offence

- Participate in a radio and TV campaign throughout the season.

Ms Burney said further funding would be made available to develop a regional advertising campaign, as well as strengthening the project with local community programs.

The Government, ARL and the Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation will work with local communities to provide a range of support services, particularly to women and girls.

"I don't want to go to another footy game and see a young woman with a love bite on her neck and a black eye watching her partner play," Ms Burney said.



**'We must use our popularity to get the message across that domestic violence is a serious crime' - Ex-NRL star David Peachey**

awareness on this issue."

The participating clubs are Tingha Tigers (captained by Nathan Blacklock), Lower Clarence Magpies (Maclean), Dubbo CYMS, Dubbo Macquarie Raiders (captained by David Peachey), and Windsor Wolves.

Rugby league champion David Peachey said rugby league was 'in the bloodlines of Koori people in NSW'.

"As footy players we are role models. Kids look up to us, the whole community looks up to us. It unites people across family, nation and community affiliations

# Reprieve for task force

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fabric of the intervention," he said.

On Friday, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced that funding for the task force, which is made up of personnel from State and Territory police forces and the Australian Federal Police, would continue.

But that decision copped an angry response from Kim Hill, the head of the powerful Northern Land Council. Mr Hill questioned the effectiveness of the task force, saying there was still no hard evidence of widespread abuse in NT Aboriginal communities.

"I cannot see any factual evidence base supporting the work that the ACC has done," he said.

"Where are the arrests? Where are the outcomes? Can the ACC or anyone else produce proof of these claims?"

However, NT Indigenous Advisory Body Chairperson Bess Price told *The Koori Mail* it was important that the task force continued its work.

"Children are still being abused, but often it's not being reported because people don't want to speak to police," she said.

"The task force needs to stay so people can find help if they need help."

Mrs Price challenged Mr Hill to speak with women from Aboriginal communities.

"Kim Hill speaks from his experience up north, but I've seen and heard on the ground that it's still going on now," she said.

"It's still happening because young girls are being abused and nothing is being done. We shouldn't shy away from it. We know for sure that it is happening and that something needs to be done."

"We need to speak openly about it instead of pushing it aside."

Australian Crime Commission CEO John Lawler also defended the work of the task force, saying 'substantial progress' had been made in developing a national evidence-based understanding of the issues



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KIM HILL



JENNY MACKLIN

of child sexual abuse and other crimes.

"It is important to note that the (task force) does not make arrests but does provide actionable information to its partners so that they can analyse patterns of criminal activity, pursue investigations where appropriate, and develop strategies to make communities safer," Mr Lawler said.

"By mid-February 2009, the task force had visited more than 130 communities nationwide. Through these visits and other information collection activities, the task force has produced more than 1100 information reports on a range of issues including sexual abuse, illicit drugs, and violence."

"In line with the task force's objective of improving information sharing, these reports have been made available to law enforcement and other partner agencies."

"Decisions about further action are always a matter for the agencies concerned, but the ACC is aware of a number of interventions by law enforcement and other agencies resulting from ACC information."

However Mr Lawler said that details of those interventions were not for public disclosure.

"Under the use of the ACC's special powers we are unable to provide details in relation to the child abuse cases. However, the ACC can confirm that it has received allegations of child abuse from all jurisdictions and has advised the appropriate authorities in the relevant jurisdictions," he said.

Mr Lawler said a report would be provided to the Government later in the year on the task force findings.

Meanwhile, NT Indigenous Affairs Minister Alison Anderson welcomed the Federal Government's renewed funding commitment for the task force, saying the safety of women and children was paramount. But, she said, governments needed to work harder to engage with people on the ground.

"We need to keep improving how we engage with communities and continue the strong co-ordination between the three levels of government to ensure we achieve the best possible results," she said.

Nevertheless, the NLC's Kim Hill said the Rudd Government was yet to get to the heart of the problem of Indigenous disadvantage.

"I support a number of initiatives under the

intervention - the cleaning up of rubbish around the communities, the car bodies that are littered about the communities, the nutrition program, the housing program," he said.

"(However) the real opportunities to overcome Indigenous disadvantage are being missed."

In other developments, Major General Dave Chalmers finished up as the Operational Commander of the NT Emergency Response on 27 February.

Ms Macklin announced on 2 March that former CEO of the ACT Department of Territory and Municipal Services Mike Zissler would take over as the Operational Commander of the NTER Operations Centre.

"Mr Zissler comes to the role after extensive experience in several state governments, particularly in health, education and government services," she said. "He has experience working with remote Indigenous communities. (His) experience, knowledge and commitment will assist in moving the NTER to a sustainable development phase, including engagement and partnership with Indigenous communities in the NT."

Minister Macklin also announced the Government had finalised the boundaries for all 64 five-year leases acquired as part of the NTER.

"A comprehensive survey of the lease areas has allowed the Government to accurately assess lease boundaries and exclude areas which are not essential to support the delivery of services as part of the NTER," she said.

"These revised lease boundaries more accurately reflect the areas being targeted for improvements to living conditions and delivery of government services."

"This was recommended in the NTER Review released in October 2008. The boundary changes, which will come into effect on 1 April 2009, will reduce the overall leased area by more than 50 per cent." - with AAP

# Land council leaders meet

## Talks focus on forecasts, new land claim manual



A NEW manual to help Aboriginal land councils lodge land claims, the latest Aboriginal population forecasts, and a draft bill to amend land rights legislation have been launched at a gathering of NSW Aboriginal land councils.

More than 250 delegates from 121 local Aboriginal land councils met in Cessnock last week for their State conference.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the new Land Claims Manual, would prove a vital tool for land councils.

Cr Manton said that since the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act* was introduced in 1983, the number of claims lodged had risen to more than 17,000. Of these, only 1633 had been granted.

"This manual tells land councils how to lodge a claim, guides them as to what land can be claimed as well as guiding them on what land generally is unclaimable," she said.

"It also shows them where to go for advice from various key agencies."

An electronic version of the new manual is available on the NSWALC website, [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

Hard copies could be obtained by contacting NSWALC on (02) 6989 4444.

Meanwhile, NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch released a draft bill to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*.

He said written submissions were being sought on the proposed amendments, which cover land dealings provisions.

"The amendments will align all dealings with land, other than acquisition, with community and business plans," he said.

"As well, the amendments will require local Aboriginal land councils to pay a community development levy on certain land dealings."

"This levy will be paid into a new Community Development Fund that will be used to acquire further land and to distribute loans and grants to local Aboriginal land councils. Under these amendments, the NSW



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**— NSWALC Chairperson  
Bev Manton**

**'The (Land Rights Act) amendments will require local Aboriginal land councils to pay a community development levy on certain land dealings'**

**— NSW Aboriginal Affairs  
Minister Paul Lynch**



Aboriginal Land Council, as the peak body for land councils, will pay matching amounts to the Community Development Fund."

Mr Lynch said the proposed amendments would also regulate processes, providing certainty for third parties to enter into consultancy or partnership agreements with land councils.

The draft bill is available for viewing at [www.legislation.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) under 'Consultation Drafts', and at [www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au)

Another development was the release of a new information publication called *Indigenous Populations Projects 2006-2021*.

The publication contains the most up-to-date statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and will help Aboriginal

land councils develop policies and programs for Indigenous people.

Key findings of *Indigenous Populations Projects 2006-2021* include:

- That between 2006 and 2021, the Aboriginal population of NSW will increase by 38 per cent – from 152,685 to 211,265;

- A significant increase over the same period in those 60 years and older category – a jump of up to 8 per cent – with consequential considerable implications on new demands for a variety of services such as health, housing and social welfare; and

- More than 60 per cent of the Aboriginal population will live on the east coast of NSW – the vast majority in Sydney and Newcastle.

Copies of the report are available from NSWALC's website at [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

## Millions to support NT ranger activities



THE Australian Government will provide \$15.7 million over two years to support 22 Indigenous ranger

groups, working on land and sea management activities in the Northern Territory.

The funding will support the development of ranger groups in a number of regions across the Top End including the Darwin/Daly, West Arnhem, East Arnhem, Katherine, Ngukurr, Victoria River and Borroloola/Barkly.

It also supports accommodation for seven ranger co-ordinators, storage for 21 chemical facilities, the purchase of six vehicles, 20 quad bikes and spray units.

Environment Minister Peter Garrett said providing funding for employment, training and operational support was crucial to ensuring successful management of ecosystems, including wetlands in the Northern Territory.

"The work undertaken by this project, including protecting species and heritage values and controlling pests, weeds and fire, is fundamental to sustainability of our country," Mr Garrett said.

"These projects contribute to the Government's goal to engage with Indigenous people to manage our land and seas and attain greater independence through employment."

Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon said land and sea rangers played a valuable role in preserving country and culture and were also community role models. "We are committed to assisting Indigenous rangers to protect the Territory's pristine environment," he said.

More than \$9 million is committed through the Working on Country NT program delivered by the Department of the Environment, Water and Heritage to create 61 new ranger jobs. The remaining funding of \$6.5 million will be provided by the Aboriginals Benefit Account.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the joint funding initiatives would help make progress on the Government's aim of halving the employment gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a decade.



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# Gurrumul wins again



IT SEEMS that Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu can't go wrong. Multiple ARIA and Deadly Awards and

commercial success came his way last year. This was topped off by his selection as the 2009 Northern Territory Australian of the Year, and his performance at New York's Carnegie Hall in January.

Now, the notoriously shy Yolngu singer and guitarist's success has even started to rub off on his associates ... in a big way.

On Friday, painter Guy Maestri took out the \$50,000 major award in the Archibald Prize for Portraiture with a huge painting of the Elcho Islander.

The 200cm x 168cm close-up work had been Sportingbet Australia's favourite to win and has even managed to rise above the contention and controversy that often surrounds the Archibald Prize with apparent general industry consensus that the judges got their top pick right.

Mudgee-born Maestri's masterpiece was created after the pair spent just 40 minutes together at Sydney Airport earlier this year. The painter repeatedly sketched and studied Gurrumul's face before taking more than a month to finish the work, mostly while listening to Gurrumul's music.

"I made sure to read the lyrics and understand the meaning of



Archibald Prize for Portraiture entries 'Brandon' (young Australia actor Brandon Walters) by Vincent Fantuzzo, and Marcia Langton (academic Professor Marcia Langton) by Sam Leach.



each song. The whole process became quite an emotional experience," Maestri said.

Gurrumul, who has been blind since birth, wasn't in Sydney for Friday's announcement but sent along a short prepared statement, in the event that the painting won.

"I would like to congratulate Guy for his painting and for the recognition he deserves in winning the Archibald," the musician's note read.

"I'm very proud that he asked me to paint my portrait and am

very pleased for his success."

And then a cheeky, or perhaps wise, disclaimer: "I would also like to tell everyone that I didn't win this money so please don't call me asking for some of it."

The Archibald Prize is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards. Since its inception in 1921, it has been won by some of the country's most important artists, including William Dobell and Brett Whiteley.

This year, 708 entries were submitted for the Archibald Prize.

Of the 39 finalists, six depicted Aboriginal people:

- Maestri's Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

- David Paulson's Michael Nelson Jagamara and Singing Rain Story

- Mike Chauvez's Portrait of a bad motha\*\*\*a (depicting artist Richard Bell in boxing pose)

- Vincent Fantuzzo's 'Brandon', a portrait of 14-year-old actor Brandon Walters.

- Sam Leach's painting of academic Marcia Langton holding

what appears to be blindfolded ram's head

- Jan Williamson's Nancy Kunoth Petyarr

The hotly-contested Packing Room Prize went to Paul Jackson's portrait of quirky performer 'Fiacco'.

The finalists will now be exhibited at the Art Gallery of NSW until 24 May. During that time, votes will be cast for the Archibald People's Choice Award, due to be announced on 14 May.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER

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# NT taps into Tassie logging know-how



**NORTHERN** Territory Aboriginal leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu is skipping 'all the talk in Canberra' and partnering with

Tasmanian timber industry know-how to solve his people's lack of housing.

More than 800 hectares of timber in Arnhem Land will be harvested after Mr Yunupingu, on behalf of the Gumatj Corporation, and Forestry Tasmania (FT) Director Bob Gordon signed a memorandum of understanding in Hobart last Wednesday.

Mr Gordon said FT was training local people to harvest logs and process them with a mobile mill, providing timber to build houses and fuel for wood stoves that would also heat

water, reducing electricity and diesel demand.

He estimated that local timber would reduce the cost of housing by 50 per cent when it replaced the transport, production and energy costs of

the houses," Mr Gordon said.

Mr Yunupingu, in co-operation with Tasmania's Fairbrother building company and University of Tasmania architecture expert Gregory Nolan, is working on house designs following the

Alcan bauxite lease near the mining town of Nhulunbuy.

Mr Yunupingu represents the traditional owners of the Gove Peninsula.

"We say skip all the talk in Canberra. Go and cut some

people who have been taught and skilled by Forestry Tasmania."

Mr Yunupingu said this opportunity was long overdue.

"It comes at a critical time when our national Government can't even decide whether to build one house, two houses or three houses or no houses."

Mr Yunupingu said he saw no cultural clash in adopting the ways of the timber industry.

"It is a cultural thing to cut a log and to use the timber in a modern sense to build a modern home, utilising your own resources for your own needs," he said.

The timber harvesting and construction of an as yet unknown number of Gumatj Corporation houses will start after this wet season. — AAP

**'It is a cultural thing to cut a log and to use the timber in a modern sense to build a modern home, utilising your own resources for your own needs' — Galarrwuy Yunupingu**



steel and concrete.

"What better way is there to house those communities than using a local, sustainable timber resource, training the local men to cut the timber, and training the local communities to construct

successful construction of a communal 'bunk house' using local timber.

Under the terms of the memorandum, forestry workers will harvest hardwood from 850 hectares of land on the Rio Tinto

timber and build your own homes. That is my process," he said.

"It gives me all the opportunities to cut timber and build my own houses, to the liking of our own people, using our own

# ORIC warns on rules deadline



IAN TRUST

By GEOFF VIVIAN



**ABORIGINAL** corporations unable to update their governing rules or constitution by mid-year to comply with legislative changes will have the job done for them.

Staff from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) will redraft the rules of such Aboriginal corporations, which will still legally exist and own their assets.

"If corporations have not adopted a new set of rules before 30 June, the Registrar has the power to change their rules," ORIC spokesperson Lisa Donnelly told *The Koori Mail* last week.

"Nothing will happen to a corporation's assets if it hasn't transitioned by the deadline.

"It would mean the corporation's rule book (constitution) is inconsistent with the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*, and where there is inconsistency, the CATSI Act prevails.

"There is no power under the CATSI Act to deregister corporations for not changing their rules."

The assurance has been welcomed by some Kimberley community organisations whose members had been feeling anxious about the transition from the old *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act* to new Act, which came into effect on 1 July 2007.

Changing the rules that govern how a corporation is run — from members, meetings and directors to records, funds and dispute resolution — normally requires agreement from a corporation's members at a general meeting.

Despite an advertising campaign by ORIC, it appears some affected corporations were unaware of ORIC's support under the two-year transition.

Annabelle Cox works as a teacher's aide in her home town of Halls Creek, in the East Kimberley of WA, and is public



Milba Community Aboriginal Corporation public officer Annabelle Cox ... "It's me trying to do everything at once, with my job and my (poor) health."

officer for Milba Community Aboriginal Corporation just outside the town.

When *The Koori Mail* spoke to her early last week, she said she was nowhere near completing the requirements and had no idea what would happen to the corporation's houses and land if they missed the Government deadline.

"It's me trying to do everything at once, with my job and my health,"

said Ms Cox, a heart patient.

Not having her own vehicle, she said she was unable to live in the small community set up by her late father, and often felt out of touch with the day-to-day running of the group, which had held no meetings about the re-incorporation.

Ms Cox said ORIC staff visited her when they came to Halls Creek, 460km south of their temporary Kununurra office, and gave

her a set of draft rules to work on.

These would then have had to be passed at a general meeting of her corporation.

Ian Trust, who is public officer for his family's Wuggabun community, 55km south of Kununurra, said it was hard for community members to relate to government requirements, conduct annual general meetings and so on.

"Most small organisations are corporations in name only," he said.

Mr Trust said ORIC staff had spent some time in Kununurra visiting groups and conducting workshops.

"They had a couple of people stationed here in the ICC office going around and seeing people," he said.

"I know they probably dealt with most of the larger organisations, but the smaller to medium ones? I am not sure.

"The lady only came to see us (at Wuggabun) the day before she went back to Canberra."

Ms Donnelly said any 'Registrar-initiated' rules could be changed if and when affected corporations wanted.

"Even if a corporation is given a Registrar-initiated set of rules, there is nothing to stop them replacing them the very next day, or at any time that is convenient to them," she said.

Ms Donnelly said ORIC still strongly encouraged corporations to update their rules themselves.

"This is the best way for a corporation to modify some of the rules to suit their own circumstances and needs," she said.

Affected Aboriginal corporations that still want to redraft their rules themselves should contact ORIC by phone or go to the website at <http://www.oric.gov.au/Content.aspx?content=publications/ruleBook.htm&menu=start&class=start&selected=Rule%20book>

ORIC has also been conducting free workshops and interviews to help Aboriginal Corporations through the process.

# Bad taste as family denied Dubbo home

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A DUBBO Aboriginal family with eight children will have to stay living in overcrowded accommodation – for a while at least – after non-Indigenous residents successfully lobbied the NSW Government to cancel the planned purchase of a home in their street.

The Aboriginal Housing Organisation (AHO) had planned to buy a five-bedroom house in Beveridge Crescent, South Dubbo, for the family, but was told the house, with a price tag of around \$400,000, was 'outside of standards' for public housing and not to proceed.

On 24 February, local newspaper the *Daily Liberal* reported Beveridge Crescent residents' fears that Aboriginal public housing would lower the values of their surrounding properties.

"We have seen what happens to homes purchased and we are saying not in our street," said one resident, who asked to remain anonymous.

"We would like the value of our homes to remain as they are and rise again when times get better."

"We are all hard-working, honest people, many of us built our homes here and many more made the decision to purchase and stay in this great street."

The home in question had five bedrooms, three bathrooms – one with a spa – a rumpus room, air-conditioning and a paved patio.

The residents indicated they felt the purchase of such a home would be an abuse of taxpayers' funds. Dubbo MP Dawn Fardell undertook to speak to NSW Housing Minister David Borger about the issue.

The day after the newspaper report, Mr Borger told AHO to look elsewhere or to look at building extensions onto existing properties.

The affair has left a bad taste in the mouth for many Aboriginal locals, and some non-Indigenous people, who say racism is alive and well in the Western Plains city.

"Where, if not your street?" New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Central Region representative Stephen Ryan asked of Beveridge Crescent residents.

"AHO doesn't control the price of housing but does abide by certain guidelines relating to age of dwellings and market price etc."

"As far as I'm aware the NSW Government hasn't confined Aboriginal housing to any specific sections of any towns, nor have local councils."

Cr Ryan said he had a sickening feeling that 'some of those tenants, a minor portion of them I hope, just don't want Aboriginal people living in their area'.

AHO Regional Manager – Western Tony Flick echoed Cr Ryan's observation that Aboriginal people, too, were taxpayers.

"What people don't realise is that we are investing taxpayers dollars and when we do, something that will still be a good investment in 20 years," he said.

"But they won't come out and say 'we are racist, we don't want these people here'. They are saying it's a waste of



AHO Regional Manager – Western, Tony Flick, in front of the Beveridge Crescent house: "I think people are tarring all blackfellas with the same brush and that's just not fair."

● Inset: NSW Housing Minister David Borger

taxpayers' money and we're not spending our money properly."

Mr Flick said the street's residents were saying 'we have seen what happens to houses purchased for blackfellas', but the stereotyping could not fairly be applied to the family for whom AHO had planned to buy the home.

"I know the family we were going to house there and they're a great family. They keep a nice, tidy house and they

"Why should someone be entitled to a \$400,000 home when they have never had to save or work hard to afford it," one blogger posted. "Arguing that the people who move in could actually be hard-working and employed is a joke – otherwise why would they need public housing?"

Another said she'd had the 'unfortunate luck to live next door to an Aboriginal housing commission home'.

to be so narrow-minded in this day and age," they wrote.

And another: "Clearly racism is alive and well in Dubbo. Just because someone has a different skin colour doesn't mean they shouldn't be able to live in South Dubbo."

Some Aboriginal people, who also asked for their names to be withheld, told *The Koori Mail* it was obvious that the street's residents believed 'blackfellas shouldn't get nice houses'.

"They're only happy if we're living in cockroach-infested hovels," said one local father.

*The Koori Mail* contacted Housing Minister Borger's office on Friday and was told there'd been a breakthrough in finding accommodation for the family of nine.

"I am pleased to report that we have found this family another property," Mr Borger said.

"There's no doubt that we have an obligation to house people who are in need, especially in these tough economic times, and it's also important to note that communities need a healthy mix of all types of people," he said.

However, no details were given on the size, the specifications or the address of the new property. Or when the sale might go through.



**'As far as I'm aware the NSW Government hasn't confined Aboriginal housing to any specific sections of any towns, nor have local councils' – NSWALC's Stephen Ryan**

would have fitted well into this street," he said. "I think people are tarring all blackfellas with the same brush and that's just not fair."

Mr Flick said five-bedroom houses were as rare as hen's teeth, with just two amongst Dubbo's current public housing stock of 500 properties.

Blogs recorded on the *Daily Liberal's* website were blunt, with about half of the comments in favour of the planned purchase and half against.

"The lawns are dead, the house is trashed, and their children wander the streets without supervision," she said. "They don't take care of the property anyway, they don't work and rap music blares from their house nearly 24/7."

Another asked: "Why would they need a spa, a rumpus room?"

From a different perspective, one blogger said the residents had effectively turned the hands of time back 70 years.

"I feel sorry for their children and them

# Kids' centre victory

## Risdon Cove relocation is welcomed

Story and photo by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



AFTER five years of pleading, lobbying and protesting, the Aboriginal community in Tasmania is celebrating the news that the State Government will fund the relocation of the Aboriginal Children's Centre to Aboriginal land at Risdon Cove.

Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett made the announcement last Tuesday.

The centre, currently in the suburbs of Hobart, has been limited by the size and deterioration of its premises.

Centre Director Alison Overeem said she felt disbelief when she heard the announcement.

"We've been disappointed so many times, let down so many times, it will feel real when the building starts," she said.

"Although it is good news that the funds are going to be made available, it is only the beginning of the fight, as I see it, in making sure this is exactly what the community wants and needs."

Ms Overeem assumed ongoing funding would be provided.

"We do welcome that the State



Aboriginal Children's Centre Director Alison Overeem: 'Nayri nayri mapali luwutina muna (this is very very good for our children)', speaking of the funding announcement which will enable the centre to be moved to Aboriginal land.

Government has made a gesture of acknowledgement of the needs of Aboriginal children," she said. "It's awesome for the community and it's a true testament to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's ongoing fight with this and putting it to the streets and not giving up."

And, pointing to the plans for the new centre, Ms Overeem said 'we are ready to rock and roll'.

She said she was looking forward to the day when she could walk out the door with the day-care children for outings on the land at Risdon Cove; a bush setting only

15 minutes' drive from Hobart, which was returned through legislation in 1995.

"It doesn't get any better than that," said Ms Overeem. "The move over there will give the organisation the capacity to have more services."

Current services which will come together under one roof include long day care, after school and vacation care, an Aboriginal language program, child health program, speech therapy, play group and parenting groups.

Considering all the memories, Ms Overeem said she expected tears when it came time to move.

"When we opened 20 years ago we always said, 'you won't see the benefits of this centre for another generation' and we've had the honour of seeing that," she said.

"Parents like to say 'this is where I went', but the feel-good stuff will never leave the centre. We'll take that with us."

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) congratulated Premier Bartlett 'for showing leadership' on the issue.

"We look forward to meeting with him next month to discuss ways we can further work together to bridge the gap between blacks and whites," said State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna.

"We are so happy to have finally received funding for our children's services centre so that we are able to expand our service to accommodate the full range of services for Aboriginal children and families."

"This has been a real struggle over at least five years to get the Government to see the extent of our community's need. After many false starts and raised hopes, now we can finally celebrate."



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  - 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

For further information please contact Chris Bonney on 02 9215 9167 or toll free 1800 226 912 or email [c.bonney@australiacouncil.gov.au](mailto:c.bonney@australiacouncil.gov.au)

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

# Child care shake-up

## NSW reforms set to give Aboriginal communities greater involvement

**NSW** AN overhaul of the New South Wales child protection system will reduce the role of the Department of Community Services (DoCS), and increase the involvement of Aboriginal communities in decision-making.

Under the \$260-million, five-year reform process, DoCS will only respond to cases where children are deemed to be 'at significant risk of harm'.

Other cases will go to Child Welfare Units, which will be set up in government departments such as health, police, education and disabilities by 2010.

Premier Nathan Rees and Community Services Minister Linda Burney said last week the reforms contained in the Government's *Keep Them Safe* report were in response to Justice James Wood's 2008 inquiry.

That inquiry by the former Supreme Court judge followed the deaths of at least two children known to DoCS in 2007.

The Government also announced that out-of-home care would gradually be transferred to the non-government sector, with the Government providing \$100

million to make the transition. Ms Burney said the Government valued the contribution of community organisations in providing services for children and their families.

"We are pleased to allocate over \$100 million to the non-government sector in Stage One and in line with Justice Wood's recommendation, the Government commits to a gradual transfer of responsibility for most out-of-home care services to the NGO sector," Ms Burney said.

"A five-year program will be developed in partnership with peak bodies, unions and government agencies to develop strategies to recruit, train and retain front line workers."

### Aboriginal caseworkers

She said more than \$7 million would be spent on Aboriginal caseworkers, and there would be an Aboriginal Impact Statement attached to each of the actions in the reform plan.

Mr Rees said that everyone who worked with vulnerable children deserved the community's support.

"Justice Wood highlighted the complex factors that can lead to child abuse,

including domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, mental health problems, and intergenerational disadvantage," the Premier said.

Other measures include:

- More than \$31 million for an expansion of an early intervention program which provides case management, parenting programs, childcare and home visiting to families with children aged 0-8 years;

- \$27 million for services that work intensively with families that are facing the removal of their children;

- More than \$10 million for home school liaison officers and out-of-home care co-ordinators to be expanded so that more families are able to receive early support;

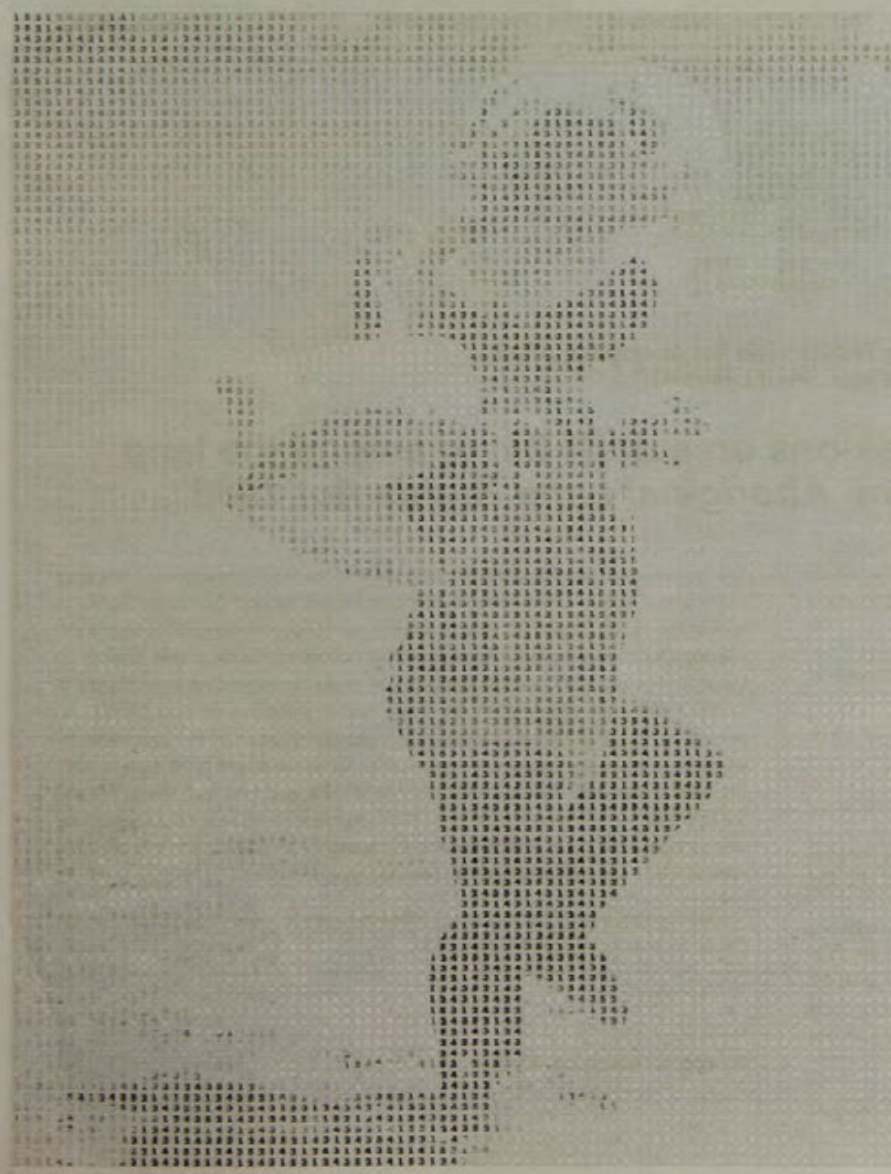
Mr Rees said the reforms were in line with 106 of the 111 recommendations put forward by Justice Wood.

"We need a cultural change, and a change in mind-set, both in government and in non-government agencies, that the safety and well-being of children is not only for DoCS, but for police, education, health and other agencies," Mr Rees said.

"It should be a responsibility for us all to keep our eyes out for kids."



NATHAN REES



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# Bay of Fires anger

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN  
Aborigines are not  
happy with last  
week's  
announcement that  
the Bay of Fires, on

Tasmania's north-east coast, is to  
become a national park.

Tasmanian Premier David Bartlett  
announced the Government's  
intention in his 'State of the State'  
address last Tuesday.

"This is a stunning part of  
Tasmania that deserves to be  
protected for future generations," he  
told Tasmanians.

"We will begin consultations  
immediately with the community,  
with stakeholders and with the  
Aboriginal community."

Tasmanian Aboriginal  
Centre State Secretary Nala  
Mansell-McKenna said she was  
angered by the announcement.

She said it should not be the  
Government consulting, rather the  
Aboriginal community being given  
ownership of their homelands and  
then consulting.

"As all Tasmanian Aborigines are  
descendants from this area, it is  
basically the most important area to  
our community," she told *The Koori  
Mail*.

"In 1999 the State Government  
agreed in principle to give Mt  
William National Park and  
Eddystone Point (in the same  
vicinity) back to the Aboriginal



The Bay of Fires ... National park or the next area of land to be returned to the Aboriginal community?

community. We hope that the  
Premier can show his leadership  
from following on with that  
agreement."

Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and  
Sea Council Manager Jim Everett  
said he was disappointed but still  
optimistic.

"We welcome the Premier's  
intention to establish the Bay of  
Fires as a national park and we  
would expect that the Bay of Fires  
would be returned to the Aboriginal

community before the next election,"  
he said. "I am disappointed the  
Premier has seen fit to take that  
process and marginalise the  
Aboriginal community after the  
positive discourse we've had with  
him. The Bay of Fires is the essence  
of a living culture and community. It  
presents the opportunity for the  
whole of Tasmania to preserve and  
celebrate the local Aboriginal  
community and its culture."

"The Government should ensure

that the Tasmanian Aboriginal  
community is pre-eminent in  
determining any future use of  
this land."

The area has been the subject of  
land return claims for many years.

Tasmanian Aboriginal leaders  
renewed the calls last year when  
conservation of the area became a  
hot topic, as a result of the Bay of  
Fires being named a 2009 top  
international holiday destination by  
the *Lonely Planet* guide.



NALA MANSELL-McKENNA



JIM EVERETT



New South Wales  
Government

Open Letter from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs,  
the Hon. Paul Lynch MP

## Invitation for written submissions on a draft Bill to amend the land dealings provisions of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983*

The NSW Government is seeking written submissions on the *Aboriginal Land Rights  
Amendment Bill 2009* (Draft Bill) which is a Bill to amend Division 4 of Part 2 (the land  
dealings provisions) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA).

Written submissions on the Bill are requested on or before 8 April 2009 addressed to:

Director General  
NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs  
Level 13, Tower B  
Centennial Plaza  
280 Elizabeth Street  
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To access the Draft Bill in full go to <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/> - consultation  
drafts, or the website of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs ([www.daa.nsw.gov.au](http://www.daa.nsw.gov.au)).

The proposed amendments incorporate the changes to the land dealings provisions  
that were recommended by the NSW Government Task Force. Many of the Task  
Force recommendations have already been enacted as amendments to the ALRA  
which commenced operation in 2007. The proposed land dealings amendments  
represent the second and final phase of the Task Force recommendations for ALRA  
amendments.

I intend to introduce the Bill into the NSW Parliament for passing during the Budget  
Session of 2009.

The proposed land dealings amendments are also the NSW Government's response  
to recommendations of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to  
amend the ALRA. The ICAC has recommended ALRA amendments to: review the  
oversight function of the NSW Aboriginal Land Council in relation to land dealings by  
Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs), and make corresponding amendments to  
sections 40B- 40D of the ALRA; lay down clearer guidelines for how LALCs can  
pursue commercial land development, including regulation of the processes by  
which they enter consultancy or partnership agreements with third parties, and;  
establish proper roles for LALC staff, elected officials, and the LALC membership in  
the land dealing approval process. The 2007 amendments addressed some of these  
recommendations by strengthening the transparency of governance and clarifying  
roles of LALC and NSWALC staff and elected representatives.

I invite written submissions from all interested persons and organisations at the  
above address on or before 8 April 2009.

Yours sincerely

Paul Lynch MP  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs

## Immigration officer quits after deaths



AN immigration official criticised over the deaths of five people lost aboard the patrol boat Malu Sara in the Torres Strait has resigned from the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC).

Queensland's Coroner condemned police and the immigration department for the 'totally avoidable' loss of five lives when the Malu Sara sank on 15 October 2005. In particular, the coroner chastised immigration department regional manager Garry Chaston, who had refused monitoring officer Willfred Baira's request to remain on Badu Island for another night until bad weather cleared.

Mr Chaston also failed in his duty to ensure his staff were provided with a seaworthy vessel, the coroner said.

The DIAC said Mr Chaston resigned on 23 February and a code of conduct investigation had 'immediately ceased'. Mr Chaston had been suspended without pay.

DIAC Secretary Andrew Metcalfe said if Mr Chaston secured work with another government agency 'the (code of conduct) investigation would normally be expected to continue'.

Coroner Michael Barnes found those on board the Malu Sara stood no chance of survival after police waited eight hours to launch an air search for the vessel, which was shoddily built but allowed to enter service anyway.

On board the 6.5-metre vessel with Mr Baira were fellow immigration officer Ted Harry and three others who hitched a ride, including Mr Harry's girlfriend Valerie Saub and another local woman, Flora Enosa, travelling with her daughter Ethena. The Malu Sara and those aboard were never found, except for Ms Enosa, whose body washed up 10 days later in Indonesia. - AAP

# Dodson plans schools tour



AUSTRALIAN of the Year Mick Dodson has made the first of many school visits in an effort

to realise his dream of having every child enrolled by 2010.

The Indigenous leader and academic plans to use his profile as Australian of the Year to focus on education.

At a speech to the National Press Club earlier this month, Prof Dodson said he wanted every Australian child - Indigenous and non-Indigenous - ready for the start of the 2010 school year.

At Wanniasa School in Canberra last Wednesday, he said he'd already received 'dozens and dozens' of invitations to visit schools and was planning a national three-month tour mid-year.

A number of State and Territory governments had been in touch regarding his project, Prof Dodson said.

"The Northern Territory Chief Minister (Paul



Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson with Matilda Dickmen, Ethan Brazel, Samantha Marotzek, Casey Gough, Talei Faithfull, Jacklene Storen and Aleshia Thornton from Wanniasa School in the ACT at the launch of the Reconciliation Action Plan.

Henderson) is keen for me to visit there," he said. "I'm going to try and get a visit in."

"Probably June, July, August we'll do a series of school trips around the country and talk to people."

Prof Dodson said he wanted to learn how some

communities were succeeding 'and how we might adapt programs for other places where we aren't doing so well'.

Early feedback indicated the key to success was getting communities behind schools.

But Prof Dodson admitted he was no education expert

and 2009 would involve a sharp learning curve.

"I'm still finding my feet in a sense," he said. "I'm a bit of an L-plater at the moment."

While at Wanniasa, Prof Dodson launched the school's Reconciliation Action Plan. - AAP

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# Fears held over WA compensation plan

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



GRAVE fears have been expressed over the outcomes of a West Australian compensation scheme for people abused while wards of the state, while others say it is unfair on members of the Stolen Generations.

Applications for compensation from the \$114 million Redress WA fund close on 30 April, but it is believed that most Stolen Generations members have not applied because of the limited compensation on offer and the disqualification from pursuing other legal avenues.

Many former child migrants have applied to the scheme and also many Aboriginal people who were made wards of the state but were not necessarily removed from their families under Stolen Generations policies.

Senior academic and former public servant Craig Somerville said any member of the Stolen Generations who accepted an offer

from the Redress fund would have to sign away their rights to seek other compensation that may flow from legal proceedings.

"What will typically happen is that they are made an offer of compensation on the basis that they make no further claim against the State," he said. "But what is the definition of no further claim?"

Mr Somerville cited an example of somebody who might want counselling in five or ten years time.

"Potentially the Government can turn around and say 'no, you had your compensation and how you used it was your business and we're not going to afford you'."

The Yamatji man said he also had doubts over whether the Government could force Stolen Generations members to sign away any such rights because abuse was the consequence of the act of removal.

He said that the Government could also be leaving itself open to massive legal action from people who are barred from seeking further compensation.

"The State has a responsibility to operate programs that don't in



Yamatji academic Craig Somerville holding up the so called 'dog tag' identification papers that Aboriginal people had to carry.

themselves cause damage. What happens when a person's claim is rejected?" he said.

"People are already depressed where they are, and to have some government agency say 'no, nothing bad really happened to you'... That's going to devastate people."

Dumbartung Aboriginal

Corporation is one of the Perth Aboriginal agencies commissioned to help Redress applicants with the paperwork. Manager Robert Eggington said the scheme might be the only chance for some people to receive compensation.

He said state wards who were in foster placements, rather than missions stood to benefit most from Redress.

However many members of the Stolen Generations who grew up as state wards in missions, especially those who were older, believed this was their only viable means of obtaining compensation for the abuse and neglect they suffered.

"Because some of them are so old now that any class action could be basically rendered well after their death," he said.

Mr Eggington said the perpetrators of sexual and physical abuse in foster homes and missions and other institutions should be tried as war criminals.

"The severity of the holocaust which our young children faced here in terms of mission life was just as severe," he said.

Perth counsellor Philippa White

said people applying to the Redress fund could request legal action against perpetrators of abuse.

"People can elect to either have their information passed on to the police or to have it kept entirely confidential," Dr White said, adding that the only time a decision would be overridden was if the alleged offender still worked with children, in which case the police would automatically be informed.

Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Mark Bin Bakar said the organisation had also been approached to provide access to clients within the community who feel that they have a right to apply for the Redress scheme. However not many had taken up the offer.

"The sentiments of a lot of Stolen Generation people is that they don't want to go through all that suffering and pain for limited funds," Mr Bin Bakar said.

"And it's not about the money. It's about what they've been through, and having to repeat what they've been through for menial returns."

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- a *Traditional Wisdom and Knowledge* workshop with Uncle Jimmy Little and Aunty Pam Pederson; and
- the launch of the *Victorian Young Indigenous Entrepreneurs Program*.

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# Mona Mona group vows to fight decision



Andrew Duffin and Rhonda Brim spoke about Mona Mona at Brisbane's Invasion Day rally earlier this year.

## 'We will find way forward'

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A COMMUNITY action group has vowed to protect a former Aboriginal mission in far north Queensland after a State Government decision to create a reserve there, but not replace housing or build infrastructure.

The Government announced in December that it would create a reserve for cultural and historical purposes at Mona Mona, near Kuranda.

The Mona Mona Action Group met in Kuranda last week with representatives from the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (ATSIP).

Group members, including Glenis Grogan, Andrew Duffin and Judith Enoch, said that while both parties agreed to find a way forward, they were worried the

Queensland election could delay their requests for a change to the five-year strategy.

They requested a reversal of the Cabinet decision and that tenure of 1610 hectares be given to a soon-to-be incorporated body responsible for Mona Mona.

The original proposal included the transfer of 100 hectares for cultural, historical and heritage purposes to the trusteeship of the Mona Mona people, with the Government retaining 1510 hectares as national park or a reserve for conservation purposes, with the Environment Protection Agency taking on the management of this area.

With 60 residents still living in Mona Mona, including Elders raised on the mission, the action group said the current proposal under which all residents will have to leave, was unacceptable.

They said what while poor living conditions and health of the

residents had been raised as a major issue, regular outreach clinics to Mona Mona meant many of the residents had better access to health care than town dwellers.

Mona Mona residents have insisted they weren't effectively consulted before the Government handed down its decision, and this was reflective of past practices against Indigenous people in Australia.

They said the new arrangements could affect significant sites in Mona Mona, including two cemeteries.

The action group said connection to country and land was paramount to Aboriginal people's social and emotional well-being, and removing this cultural link would have a negative impact.

"The Government won't consider it to be a real community and are not prepared to put the money and infrastructure to maintain it, and do not want any

responsibility towards it," said Ms Grogan.

"We are saying hand the land back to the community and let us look after it, but support us to do this."

"We want land handed back to the community to manage, and will continue to fight against the Government's decision. Our resolution remains the same. We will not accept it."

A spokesperson for Qld Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Lindy Nelson-Carr said the Government 'would continue to work closely with the people of Mona Mona to reach a mutually beneficial result, and current residents would not be forcibly removed'.

The spokesperson said ATSIP had begun implementing the five-year transfer strategy, including investigating and offering residents alternative accommodation in surrounding areas of Kuranda,

Mareeba and Cairns, among others. The community would also be assisted to adjust to the process gradually over the next five years, but with the Queensland election being called and the Government in caretaker mode, no major changes would be made to the existing plan in the short term.

Under the strategy, the Government has also committed to creating jobs and other local enterprise opportunities.

The strategy required establishment of a local incorporated body so the community could meet obligations under the *Land Act 1994*, as well as the involvement of a host of government departments including Communities, Housing, Health, Natural Resources and Water and Environment.

The existing Mona Mona area was established as a Seventh Day Adventist Mission in 1913. The mission closed in the 1960s.



### Aboriginal Heritage Camden Valley Way upgrade Cowpasture to Narellan Roads

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to upgrade Camden Valley Way between Cowpasture Road, Homingsea Park and Narellan Road, Narellan.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to the Camden Valley Way upgrade.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

**Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted must be received by phone or in writing by Friday 27 March 2009.**

To register your interest, please contact:  
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PO Box 973  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124  
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## Community Heritage Grants 2009

Applications close 5 June



Community Heritage Grants of up to \$15 000 are available to assist in preserving cultural heritage collections of national significance.

Not-for-profit community organisations are eligible to apply for funding.

Applications close Friday 5 June  
Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from:  
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Printed copies of the form are available from:  
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Qld hosts a variety of community, religious and multicultural groups in 2002 the Golden Dragon Museum in Brisbane received a grant for a 'twelve thousand' workshop. The museum is the traditional Miao Long, the world's longest Chinese folk festival, dragon, which is a vital part of the annual festival. The museum is also a repository for the Golden Dragon Museum.

## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



### Quote



**'I don't want to go to another footy game and see a young woman with a love bite on her neck and a black eye watching her partner play'**

— NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney at the launch of the 'Tackling Violence' anti-domestic violence campaign

● See report page 6

### Unquote

## A week of difference

What a difference a week can make, especially in politics. Who knows what conversations were had behind closed doors at the 'house on the hill' but Home Affairs Minister Bob Debus must be smarting if reports that the Prime Minister intervened to overturn the Minister's decision not to fund the Australian Crime Commission's National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Taskforce beyond June are true.

Not that such a decision was ever being admitted to. Rather, there was a non-committal 'we'll just see what happens in the normal budget process'.

We're not surprised that this got Marcia Langton, Warren Mundine, Bess Price and others worked up. Notwithstanding the need for governments at all levels to save shekels in times like these, it would have been a curious decision.

The few million dollars needed to run the Alice Springs-based taskforce each year is fairly small potatoes, compared to other far more contentious areas of the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER) or intervention.

Yes, the taskforce was established before the intervention was even a glint in the former Howard Government's eye. But it was a good fit for the intervention and its focus on the welfare of children in particular.

It was interesting to read reports that Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin had denied suggestions that the government was 'listening to anti-interventionists'. We'd be concerned if any government would ever stop listening to



### OUR SAY

what is undeniably a large chunk of the community, even if its view did not accord with the government's.

We get the fact that most high-risk actions will result in some collateral damage but we also know that many a government program or policy has been improved through community lobbying.

Neither the pro nor anti-interventionists are served by denying certain realities. For example, that violent crimes are committed against Aboriginal women and children sometimes. Or that it is more than inconvenient to be told that, based on postcode rather than behaviour, you will have your income controlled by Big Brother.

Now that the government has committed to continued funding for the taskforce, attention should still be given to how effective the body actually is.

The taskforce maintains that statistics on its performance cannot be released publicly and, besides, it is the police who decide whether or how to pursue intelligence once passed on by the taskforce.

But surely information flow can be a two-way street, with police advising the taskforce and the taskforce in turn advising the parliament and the people generally what is and is not proving a good investment of public funds.

## A Yarn With...



**JOHN DUNN**  
Mildura, Victoria

Project Officer,  
NSW Aboriginal  
Housing Office

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Fish.

**Favourite other food?**  
Roast lamb.

**Favourite drink?**  
Guinness.

**Favourite music?**  
Country. I like The Mavericks.

**Favourite movie?**  
Star Trek.

**Favourite sport?**  
Rugby Union. I'm a NSW Waratahs fan.

**What are you reading?**  
VW (as in Volkswagen the car) Magazine. I used to work for VW.

**What are you watching?**  
Rugby Super 14s – when I can.

**What is the greatest highlight in your life?**  
My family.

**What do you like in life?**  
Doing my job and supporting my family.

**What don't you like?**  
Negativity.

**Who would you most like to meet?**  
I'd like to meet some of our Elders who have inspired me and many others over the years.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
John Ah Kit, a good friend of mine from the Northern Territory.

**What can be done to better the situation of indigenous people?**  
We need to have good role models to inspire our people. And we all need to have a go!

# Recession-driven rise in xenophobia

Jessie Jackson, Snr, (born October 1941), American civil rights activists and Baptist minister, once said: "No one should negotiate their dreams. Dreams must be free to fly high. No government, no legislature, has a right to limit your dreams. You should never agree to surrender your dreams."

**L**ATE last year Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan grappled publicly with the dreaded 'R' word in response to questions from the media about the state of the economy. So difficult was the public relations task for the usually unflappable treasurer that he chose to evade saying the word 'recession' for fear of being labelled susceptible as the nation's principal finance manager.

Treasurer Swan took the more popular 'glass half full' approach to talking up the economy to allay public unease after releasing an impressive stimulus package of \$10.4 billion in December for pensioners and low-income families. Last month the Treasurer was a step further to thwart a recession by announcing a supplementary community sweetener of \$42 billion for all salaried workers, due next month.

Despite well-paid social commentators' doom-and-gloom forecasts about the first hand-out of welfare recipients spending money like drunken sailors on oversized plasma television sets and poker machines at their local club, most beneficiaries hastily disposed of their windfall within their community, and in so doing injected life into the economy.

For a change Indigenous people, not by design, featured prominently in the category of pensioner or low-income earners who received the maximum grants on offer and gladly paid outstanding bills or acquired essential household appliances to replace those that had seen better days.

The one saving grace for the public at this crucial time is that we didn't have then Shadow Treasurer Julie Bishop in the Treasury driver's seat as she irresponsibly prescribed a 'wait and see' approach, with 'no action' to the approaching fiscal storm as the official Opposition policy as the sky darkened.

If the Government had followed Ms Bishop's lead they would now be seeing more foreclosure signs on homes and businesses around the nation, not to mention the thousands of retail and small business employees who would've been laid off before Christmas.

Fortunately we didn't have to 'wait and see' for too long into the new year to see Ms Bishop

relieved of her prominent shadow Treasurer portfolio to the less threatening foreign affairs post.

However, from a global perspective, our \$42 billion incentive package pales into insignificance besides US President Barack Obama's finance rescue plan of \$US1.5 trillion that many commentators say may rise to US \$3 trillion over coming years, to restore the US economy to its pre-recession glory.

Sadly for the Australian Government, the national account figures released last week showed the gross domestic product dropped 0.5 per cent in the December quarter – the first negative result in eight years. Technically, a recession occurs when there are successive quarterly drops, that is six successive months of costs outstripping income. The official recession declaration is expected after the next quarter.

As boring as these national account figures may appear, they will play a major part in shaping the destiny of many Indigenous Australians in the months and years ahead.

When the economy is strong and unemployment is low, the broader community feels less threatened by Indigenous people and their demands for a fair go. At times some civic leaders are even overcome with empathy – some might argue past guilt is more apt – to the extent where benevolence to the Indigenous cause is a practical consequence.

However, when the economy is in decline and the job queues get longer, mainstream society assumes a less tolerant stance towards minority groups and their plight – irrespective of merit in the wider scheme of things.

**'As boring as these national account figures appear, they will play a major part in shaping the destiny of many Indigenous Australians in the months and years ahead'**

In light of the unforeseen global economic crisis and devastating Victorian bushfires that claimed more than 200 lives on Black Saturday (7 February), two contrasting Indigenous public issues in recent weeks signalled to me the end of any hope of the current Government following through with its promise of injecting significant resources into Closing The Gap strategies, after the historic Apology address by the Prime Minister on 13 February 2008.

Last week, the Federal Government made an



Stephen Hagan

## HAGAN'S VIEW

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unconscionable decision to shut a key Australian Crime Commission task force carrying out ground-breaking investigations into Indigenous violence, child abuse, drug trafficking and alcohol-related crime.

The 30-strong task force, which

that captured my attention has more sinister implications for our people, as it highlights the ugliness of racial intolerance at its worst.

The *Daily Liberal* reported anonymous residents of Beveridge Crescent in Dubbo, western NSW, had complained about the prospect of the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) buying a \$400,000 property in their street.

The Dubbo newspaper reported the following day that NSW Housing Minister David Borger had ordered the purchase be cancelled, citing the fact the five-bedroom property did not suit the profile of what should be bought for public housing purposes.

That decision was questioned by the NSW Aboriginal Land Council representative for the central region, Stephen Ryan, who asked in what Dubbo streets the AHO would be able to house its clients?

The debate took an ugly turn when Beveridge Crescent residents awoke to offensive graffiti – quickly erased by the local council – daubed on the roadway.

Dubbo Mayor Greg Matthews was reported as saying he was phoned by a resident and told of the graffiti.

"I was told there was a racist remark painted on the road and I was immediately disappointed," he reportedly said.

"Obviously this is a delicate matter, but everyone is entitled to have an opinion. It's just up to people to control their emotions."

I suspect there will be more acts of racial intolerance around the nation as mainstream society starts to feel the global economic

she made derogatory comments about Aborigines.

I'm also mindful of the unsavoury conduct by about 5000 'patriotic Aussies', draped in the Australian flag, who turned on anyone of colour on 11 December 2005 on Cronulla beach in Sydney.

I sense the closeted racist Aussie is more prone to raise his ugly head when the going gets tough.

In these times of economic decline I feel sorry for our mob who are not confident or assertive enough when waiting in line to be served at a grocery or retail shop; real estate office seeking rental accommodation; at a public hospital waiting to be attended; or in line to get into a nightclub or footy match. In fact I'm concerned for Indigenous people at any public place where they're outnumbered and placed under the gaze of intolerant Aussies competing for speedy access to the same service.

The Government may be sincere in its commitment to Indigenous people and genuine in its endeavours to provide practical outcomes to age-old problems. But when hit with recent twin tsunamis – the scale of the global economic crisis and Victorian Black Saturday bushfires – it is hard to compete for limited resources from the Treasurer's coffers, more frustratingly when they are committed for Indigenous projects but remain unexpended.

To say these two unforeseen catastrophes changed the political landscape for our people is an understatement. And I condone for a moment the focus of government to these emergencies in the immediate future. However, I would like our Indigenous leaders to remind them of their obligation to our mob at every political opportunity.

That opportunity will begin today when 100 Indigenous leaders meet in Adelaide to discuss the structure of the national Indigenous representative body. I look forward to taking my place at the table to offer my views on this important debate.

I will also stress to the national assembly of prominent leaders their role to meet the challenge posed by the global financial crisis, continued government inaction and predicted rise in racial intolerance in their communities by keeping their dream alive in much the same manner as Jessie Jackson kept his dream alive when he said: "No one should negotiate their dreams. Dreams must be free to fly high. No government, no legislature, has a right to limit your dreams. You should never agree to surrender your dreams."

# Qld icons poll open

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



QUEENSLANDERS are being asked to vote for the State's top 150 quintessential icons as part of this year's celebrations marking 150 years of independence from New South Wales.

For some, it's gotta be the thong tree in far north Queensland. A lone tree you would only happen to pass by chance, ordinary enough except for the hundreds of mismatched, broken, colourful thongs that line its branches.

It's not on the list to choose from, but there are plenty of others – 300 in fact – that will bring a smile to your face, like the 'Typically Queensland' category, featuring Bowen mangoes, Bundaberg Rum and the bunya tree.

'Defining Moments' will have you recalling exactly where you were on that historic day – like the High Court of Australia Mabo decision or the welcoming of Australia's first Aboriginal parliamentarian.

Many important Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander events, people and places made it onto the short list. The far north Qld Laura Dance Festival

was listed as an iconic event, while Deborah Mailman, Kev Carmody, the Mills Sisters, Oodgeroo Noonuccal (Kath Walker) and Tracey Moffatt made the influential artists list.

Eddie Mabo was named as one of the state-shapers to have made a significant contribution to Qld, with sporting legend Cathy Freeman appearing alongside other stars such as Mathew Hayden, Mal Meninga and Grant Hackett.

More than 700 nominations were received last October after residents were invited to put forward nominations to their local MP. These were then short-listed to 300 by a panel chaired by Parliamentary Secretary Phil Reeves.

Online voting began on 2 March, and spans ten categories: Defining Moments; Events and Festivals; Influential Artists, Innovations and Inventions; Locations; Natural Attractions; Sports Legends; State-shapers; Structures and Engineering feats and Typically Queensland.

Voting ends on 30 April and the official Q150 list will be announced during Queensland Week from 6-13 June. To vote for your favourite Queensland icons, go to [www.q150.qld.gov.au](http://www.q150.qld.gov.au)

## It's just the place to have a gay ol' time

I've been trying to get out of the house and meet new people and a man.

I've been saying it for so long that I've become a broken record.

So last weekend I finally got out of the house and went to a dance party called The House of BlackSTAR. It was right up my alley: close to transport (I'm lazy and HATE walking), a flash black event (music, sequins and chocolate skin) and I'd roped a few friends into coming along with me. So I tarted myself up and hit the town.

I don't know if you have heard of The House of BlackSTAR dance party, but it was an event of the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras season.

Some people may think 'now why would you go to a gay and lesbian event to find a straight man'. I'd answer a la Mrs Forrest Gump style and say 'well, you never know what you're gonna get'.

The way I see it, I'd have more of a chance of meeting a man at a gay event than staying at home staring at my



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four walls!

Plus you never know, a straight brother may be the handbag for the night. In this day and age I have faith that straight brothers be supporting their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters during heaps of Mardi Gras events.

So anyways... I was a swain' and a rockin' on my bar stool (I'm a stool dancer not a dancefloor

dancer) having a gay ole time when I realised, through the smoke machine and laser lights, the sheer number of straight women in the club.

Now don't get me wrong, there were heaps of gay men, lesbian women, tri-sexuals (try anything once!) and a decent whack of straight men (no luck for me though!).

It's just that there were many more straight women than I would have guessed would be there.

I can only guess why that was.

Maybe they were just like me and were attracted to flashing it up on Oxford Street.

Maybe they were their gay boyfriends' handbags for the night. Absolutely possible.

Maybe they just wanted a good night out. Who could blame them, I'd like to see anyone have a sour face with a bunch of drag queens in it!

The moral of my little yarn is this: Maybe a gay place isn't the spot to find a man, but it sure is the place to find straight women.

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Responding to a previous letter that lamented the absence of an Indigenous sportsman/woman as leader of a national team, Alex Amon, from ABC Radio, (NSW mid north coast) points out on Page 24 that Jade North (pictured), a Biripai man from the NSW mid north coast, captained the Australian Socceroos last year in a friendly international against Singapore.

# Discrimination against region

THE alcohol restrictions set for Cherbourg community, beginning on 13 March, will discriminate against people of the broader region also.

Hoteliers in the district will be forced to abide by State regulations that don't affect other alcohol outlets throughout the rest of Queensland, thereby affecting trade and loss of income not imposed on those outside the sanctioned area.

This is discrimination.

Residents in the surrounding district will be monitored as to large individual liquor sales.

With a view towards stemming black market trade, people wanting to stock up for weddings, birthday parties and the like will be gauged on how often they visit the drive-thru at the local.

They will be identified and monitored by the publicans and the police.

Failure to ask for detailed information by the liquor licence holder will result in possible loss of said licence and expensive fines.

This is discrimination.

The ceremonial wine used in Catholic Mass will be no more at places like Cherbourg. Cooks who use wine to create sauces and marinades will be affected by the prohibition.

Forget about breaking open the champagne for a new arrival or a well-earned retirement as it will be against the law.

This is discrimination.

These laws are 50 years in the past and in the past is where they belong.

If responsible drinking is the adage that's applied to the rest of the nation, then why is one area/region and its people being treated differently?

I have never stated that the AMP is a racial issue, as some have suggested. The matter that faces us as a community, a region, a State and a nation, is: Why have we strayed so far from the promise of the 1967 Referendum?

Those who voted for change gave a voice to the voiceless and that should be the primary lesson that all people in leadership must not only learn, but be fully equipped and able to teach from.

To meet the needs of the people, for the people.

If 'closing the gap' is to become a reality, the first place to start is closing the gap between the ears of most influential people.

No matter what colour, pointing the finger means nobody's working for a better tomorrow. Pulling splinters from moving the soapbox is not putting your hand to the plough.

Policies like the AMP can't be sanctioned without the people's consent and because of 1967, that means all of us.

**SAM MURRAY**  
Mayor  
Cherbourg, Qld



Cherbourg Mayor  
Sam Murray.

## Poetry

### Our Children

Their eyes are open wide, as they look up to the skies  
Big brown, blue beautiful no one knows what belies  
Their carefree ways, which they take each day, amazes one and all  
Respectful to their elders, I can still recall.

I see them swimming in the creeks, full with flooded waters  
Never a worry if anything happens, they know all the laws  
Loved by one and all and not just their kin  
For our loving, caring nature comes from the community within.

Now it is sad to see where our children are now going with this new education They have forgotten where they have been  
We need to tell our children, once more of the days long ago  
How we obeyed and listened to our Elders of yesterday.

Give back our children, our stories and culture  
That we once knew  
For we do not want our culture to die  
So it's up to us 'the Chosen Few'.

**MARGARET ARMSTRONG**  
Via email

### Celebrate, Commemorate

Celebrate! Celebrate!  
Australia Day  
Celebrate, celebrate,  
Our historical way

Remember, remember,  
Australian history we know  
Remember, remember,  
How it all goes...

Think about, think about,  
How we are so fine  
Think about think about  
It's now two thousand and nine.

Identify, identify,  
Who came to this land with greed?  
Identify, identify,  
How killing became a need.

Reflecting, reflecting,  
Upon the convicts all on board  
Reflecting, reflecting,  
Upon the system they endured.

Wondering, wondering,  
How cruelty and fear prevailed  
Wondering, wondering  
Why so many systems failed.

Remembering, remembering  
That greed is a disease  
Remembering, remembering  
Its justice and its peace

**Z QUAKAWOOT**  
Mackay, Qld

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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# North a trailblazer

I AM writing in response to Steve Lacey from the Nyoongar Sports Assoc in Malaga, WA (Koori Mail, 11 February).

While I agree with all you say about having a dialogue about raising sporting participation rates Steve, it hurt to read your letter.

Jade North captained the Australian Football team (the Socceroos for those oval ball types) last year in a friendly international against Singapore. He was handed the armband by Harry Kewell.

Jade is a Biripai man from NSW mid north coast. He was the first Indigenous man to captain any premiership winning team in a national sporting competition.

Credit where credit is due. The Koori Mail acknowledged his achievement I'm sure.

Jade is now contracted to a Korean club, but was very active with school and community visits when with the Newcastle Jets.

ALEX AMON  
ABC Radio Mid North  
Coast Sport  
NSW



Jade North of Australia battles with Sebastian Quintero of Qatar during a 2010 FIFA World Cup qualifying match between Australia and Qatar at the al Sadd stadium in Doha, Qatar, on 14 June 2008.



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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 artist 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

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  - 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
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# Blanket message 'wrong'

I AM writing in response to the article 'Don't sleep with bub. Indigenous baby deaths over-represented' (Koori Mail, 25 February 2009).

Co-sleeping happens when a committed adult caregiver, usually the mother, sleeps in close proximity to her infant so that they can respond to each other's sensory signals and cues.

Unfortunately, the terms co-sleeping, bed-sharing and couch co-sleeping, are used interchangeably by medical authorities.

I'm dismayed that a blanket message is being sent out to 'not sleep with bub' as per *The Koori Mail* article because the message that 'co-sleeping is dangerous' does not guarantee a reduction in the deaths.

Was it co-sleeping that resulted in the deaths?

Or a lack of information on safe co-sleeping practices?

Room-sharing is a form of co-sleeping and can (as at least three epidemiological studies show) reduce an infant's chances of dying by one half (J McKenna, 2007).

Bed-sharing is another form of co-sleeping which can be made safe. Couch co-sleeping is always dangerous, as babies can get pushed against the back

of the couch and suffocate (J McKenna, 2007).

There are forms of co-sleeping, including bed-sharing and side-caring (taking down one side rail of the cot and pushing it up against the bed for easy access to the baby), that are great options for tired mums.

One of the most important reasons bed-sharing occurs, and the reason why simple declarations against it will not eradicate it, is because sleeping next to bub is biologically appropriate, unlike putting bub in a room on his/her own, particularly when you are breastfeeding (J McKenna, 2007).

It is not surprising that Aboriginal people in Australia who continue family practices in child-rearing also continue to co-sleep with their children. The important issues that should be highlighted are when it is OK to co-sleep and how you can do so safely.

When done safely, co-sleeping saves lives and contributes to infant and maternal health and well-being, having bub sleeping in a room with a committed adult caregiver (co-sleeping) reduces the chances of death from SIDS or from an accident by one

## 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

"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, cotcover, face sheets and baby monitors.

"The Safer Sleeping kit is a wonderful tool to help parents understand the importance of having a separate place for baby to sleep."



half (J McKenna, 2007).

Whether using cots or adult beds, sleep practices leading to infant deaths are more likely to occur when parents lack access to safety information. Public health messages contribute to this when giving simplistic warnings saying 'just never do it'.

Such recommendations ignore the true function and biological significance of co-sleeping (J McKenna, 2007).

Health messages to Aboriginal

communities can miss vital opportunities to address unsafe sleeping practices if they do not share appropriate health information.

Yes, there are times when you should not co-sleep (illness, drinking or drugs). However, not all Aboriginal people fall into these categories, and being able to make informed decisions on the best sleeping arrangements for carers and babies is vital in preventing further deaths.

I'd like to urge parents to do a little research and arm themselves with information so they can make the best decisions for their own families.

Your readers might find Elizabeth Pantley's Checklist for Safe Co-sleeping helpful (<http://babyparenting.about.com/o/d/sleeping/a/cosleep.htm>).

**K CHUA**, a proud co-sleeping breastfeeding mum  
Perth, WA



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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!

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# Letty's fight for justice

LETTY Scott was many things to many people, but it was perhaps her youngest child who best summed them up at the 55-year-old's funeral service in Alice Springs on 28 February.

"She was a mother, a daughter, a sister, a friend, a lover, a fighter, a peacemaker, a painter, a singer, a dancer... an activist," said proud Monica Dow, 15.

Letty was born to an Irish father and an Anmatyerre woman at Ragetts Well, Glenn Helen Station, in the Northern Territory.

Her World War I veteran father Bill Gibson died when Letty was five and she and her sister Linda were stolen away from their mum Lucy and put into a Catholic convent home, where she suffered greatly.

Later, she would work in a dress shop, as a drug and alcohol worker, as a taxi driver, and for the NT Department of Education.

It was the fighter in Letty that brought her to prominence amongst her people and made her a thorn in the side of many a politician, for her dogged pursuit of justice for her husband Douglas.

The pair married in 1983 and had their son Nathan, but within

**'What I did is what I ought to have done'**

— Letty Scott  
(nee Gibson)  
3 May 1953 –  
14 February 2009



two years, Douglas was found hanged in a Darwin prison cell.

He had been jailed for breaching bail conditions after a charge of using indecent language at a Darwin hotel.

An NT pathologist found no suspicious circumstances and the Coroner found in 1987 that Douglas had committed suicide, a verdict which Letty simply could not accept.

Aboriginal witnesses had told

her they had seen four prison officers enter his cell on the night of his death and heard him scream.

In 1998, she told a Women United for Justice and Native Title gathering: "We had a Royal Commission that cost \$50 million and spent \$50 million of taxpayers' money on nothing but cover-up and fraud."

A subsequent study of Douglas' autopsy report saw

American pathologists conclude that his death was more consistent with 'manual neck compression than with the hanging mechanism'.

In the end, Letty fought a 20-year battle, succeeding in having her husband's body exhumed in 2005.

The same year, the NT Supreme Court arrived at an open verdict on the cause of Douglas' death.

Exhausted, Letty and Nathan subsequently chose not to pursue further proceedings against the four prison officers.

"She had a real tragic life. She suffered so much pain, agony and a broken heart," said Letty's daughter Monica.

"Because of the existence of racism and injustice, my mother is not still alive this day. But she cared, loved and fought for the downtrodden, the broken hearts and shattered spirits. The oppressed people (is who) she fought for."

For all the trauma she experienced, indeed partly because of it, Letty later took up art and developed a reputation as an accomplished painter. The National Museum of Australia

acquired one of her works on deaths in custody for \$10,000. She also wrote songs and poetry.

A committed Jehovah's Witness, Letty Scott succumbed to cancer at home in Sydney, surrounded by family members, friends and pets, including her beloved dog 'Rocky'.

She had been a loving wife to Douglas and later to Daniel Taylor; mother to Michele, Dianna, Nathan and Monica; grandmother to Soraya; sister to Linda and Rhubee (Suzie) and their kids, daughter to Lucy and Bill; and aunt, niece, friend and inspiration to many.

For her memorial service and funeral, Letty requested that no one wear the black of mourning, but to wear happy colours as she loved all the colours of the rainbow and all the colours of the family of mankind.

"Life's too short for fighting each other, anger and hatred," she told her children. "Do what makes you happy... do what you know is right."

● Compiled from tributes from Letty Scott's family. The family wishes to thank Link-UP NSW for assistance with Letty's funeral.



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Caring for our Country National Coordinator -  
Indigenous (non - ongoing, Identified position)  
Executive Level 1

Reference: 19250

Location: Canberra

Salary range \$74,983 - \$87,525 pa

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# Aboriginal historian says colonial wars cannot be ignored, and it's...

## 'Time to face up'

By DARREN COYNE



A BATTLE is being fought to have the colonial war against Aboriginal people recognised by the Australian War Memorial.

Gordon Briscoe, an Aboriginal historian at the Australian National University, told *The Koori Mail* it was time for Australia to face up to its past.

Prof Briscoe appeared on the 7.30 Report on 26 February arguing the case, and more recently Australian author Kate Grenville raised the issue at the Perth Writers Festival.

Prof Briscoe told *The Koori Mail* that Aboriginal people in general had been dissatisfied with the way early colonial wars had been ignored.

"The War Memorial doesn't recognise that in this age of inclusion, the long history of exclusion is a story that needs to be told," he said.

"It begins when the British first came here with an army. They made promises to the Aboriginal people that they never kept and any interference with British activities was followed up with massacres.

A spokesperson for the

Australian War Memorial said a more appropriate place for such a display was the National Museum.

But that's not good enough, according to Dr Briscoe.

"The War Memorial wants us to go to the National Museum, but the War Memorial is where wars are recognised," he said.

"The people who run it have taken money from the Government and the Australian public and they don't recognise Aborigines as Australians."

"While ever that is the case, they'll have trouble from being excluded."

"This issue needs to be negotiated with the War Memorial on a new and equal basis."

The issue of proper recognition has been brewing for some time.

Following last year's Apology to the Stolen Generations, the Federal Government's National Memorials Committee is considering a proposal to erect an official memorial in Canberra commemorating Indigenous

GORDON BRISCOE



Australians killed by white settlers.

The Canberra Institute, a think-tank headed by former Hawke Government adviser Peter Conway, put forward the plan after Aboriginal groups approached him in the lead-up to the 2007 Federal election.

Mr Conway said last Monday that he understood objections by the Returned Services League and authorities to establishing a memorial alongside existing statues and sculptures to Australia's war dead on Anzac Avenue, leading to the Australian War Memorial.

"My view is to put it... on the other side of Lake Burley Griffin, on the access between Parliament House and the War Memorial," he said.

"It could be erected where Reconciliation Place is now located."

Mr Conway said he also believed the war could be commemorated in an annexe within the War Memorial, despite its policy of commemorating only post-federation conflicts.

Meanwhile, author Kate Grenville said any resistance to recognising the early battles involving Aboriginal people and British forces was holding back the tide of reconciliation.

"The long, long guerrilla war between Indigenous and non-Indigenous ought to be acknowledged and

commemorated and honoured in a way that it never has even been acknowledged in our culture," she said.

"We've tried for 200 years to pretend that really didn't happen and some people still deny it happened." — With AAP

## Final resting place for local hero



MORE than 170 years after his death, the Noongar warrior Yagan will finally rest in a public memorial park to be built in his honour.

The West Australian Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) last week handed the City of Swan a cheque for just over half a million dollars to develop the park in Perth's eastern suburbs.

Both organisations have been working with Noongar people through the Derbarl Yerrigen Committee (DYC) on the reburial of Yagan's kaat (head).

It is generally accepted that Yagan was killed in 1833 at a site now delineated as Lot 39 West Swan Road, Belhus, and that his remains are there. However, upon his death, Yagan's kaat was severed, preserved by smoking and later sent to Great Britain as a curio and artefact.

After many years of negotiations, it was returned to WA, and all that remains is to bury his head according to local lore and tradition.

DIA Director General Patrick Walker said last Thursday that the park was a fitting memorial to one of Western Australia's truly local heroes.

"The creation of the Yagan

Memorial Park is a dignified end to a chapter of history that caused much pain to the Noongar people," Mr Walker said.

"The Memorial Park represents a very real and authentic act of reconciliation between WA's Indigenous and non-Indigenous people."

Mr Walker congratulated DYC Chairperson Richard Wilkes and all the members of the DYC for their perseverance and commitment to the matter, and thanked the City of Swan for their partnership.

Mr Wilkes said he was pleased the State Government recognised the importance of a proper burial for Yagan.

"Yagan was a leader, a warrior and a man of his people. He is honoured as a hero not only by the Noongar people, but people from all of the Indigenous nations in Western Australia," Mr Wilkes said.

City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino said the Council was committed to reconciliation and keen to progress the park development.

"This park will be open to all so people can come and enjoy the surrounds as well as use it for remembrance and contemplation," he said.



In front, from left, DIA Director General Patrick Walker, DYC Chairperson Richard Wilkes and City of Swan Mayor Charlie Zannino, surrounded by members of the DYC, City of Swan staff and councillors and DIA staff from the Midland Office.



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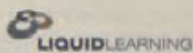
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# Buddy's blues train comes in



TAMWORTH blues singer Buddy Knox's star is truly on the rise.

Late last year, after nearly three decades playing guitar for some of Australia's greatest musicians, he released his first solo album *Got Da Blues*.

And last month he was named Best New Talent in what are widely regarded as the most prestigious awards in the Australian blues arena.

The Australian Blues Music 'Chain' Awards were announced at Goulburn, near Canberra, on 12 February as part of the official opening of the 13th annual Australian Blues Music Festival.

Buddy was also a finalist in the Producer of the Year (with Gareth Hudson) and Male Vocalist of the Year categories so his win with his song *Talkin' Woman Blues (Honey Hush)* was really the icing on the cake.

"The award was a big deal to me," he told *The Koori Mail*. "I've never won anything ever, in music anyway, so hopefully,

this will be the first one of many. We didn't have a lot of money to do our CD so what we've done proves that we've got something going on here.

"I've been around for a while but, as a blues man, I'm new."

Buddy's band does have a few young fellas on board though, in his 22-year-old son Teangi Knox on guitar and harmonies and his 20-year-old twin nephews Barega on bass and Bareki on drums.

"It's all about experience so I want to bring them through with me," said the 'old hand' dad and uncle. "Oh, and, the twins can dance too!"

Perhaps ironically, Buddy said the blues made him feel good.

"For me, they're not about sad or bad times. I just like the blues," he said. "I've been playing with my father (the legendary Roger Knox) and other people in the country scene for years, but I just couldn't feel it like I can feel the blues."

"I'm a blues man but a good man. And I think good

things come to those who wait."

Competition for this year's Chain Awards was fierce, with a total of 139 nominations received across all categories.

"We congratulate all the winners and finalists on their awards and finalist nominations," said the Awards administrator Sarah Dawson. "There is no doubt that the blues is alive and well in Australia."

The annual Chain Awards are named after the only blues band in the world to have had a number one hit on the Australian Music Charts (*Black 'n' Blue*), as well as a number two (*Judgment*).

They are based on recorded product only, with a panel of judges from across Australia.

Buddy paid tribute to his manager Fiona Peters, who he said had played a big part in his success.

The Buddy Knox Blues Band will perform at the Byron Bay Bluesfest over the Easter long weekend and at The Dreaming festival mid-year.



Buddy Knox back home in Tamworth with his Australian Blues Music 'Chain' Award for Best New Talent.

# SBS launches Indigenous TV Mentorship Award



SBS is calling for applications for a mentorship award that will offer support, guidance and opportunities to emerging Indigenous talent in the Australian film and television industry.

The winner of the annual SBS Indigenous TV Mentorship Award will receive sponsorship to travel to local and international festivals, conferences or markets, mentorship from experienced SBS television executives as well as legal advice from a firm specialising in entertainment law. In addition, the winner will be exposed to influential industry contacts.

SBS Managing Director Shaun Brown said the award was testament to SBS's commitment to fostering Indigenous talent and dedication to telling more Indigenous stories on SBS.

"From the only prime time Indigenous current affairs program *Living Black* to the most

significant documentary series ever produced on Indigenous Australia *First Australians*, SBS has time and again demonstrated its commitment to telling Indigenous stories," Mr Brown said.

"But more than just reflecting that commitment in our content, we walk the talk as an organisation by offering Indigenous cadetships in our legal and news and current affairs departments and by supporting Indigenous talent in our productions."

The initiative is one of a range of outcomes from SBS's Reconciliation Action Plan which was finalised last year and aims to foster relationships and build respect with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Applications must be received by email or by mail by close of business, Friday, 27 March. For more info including selection criteria and terms and conditions, visit [www.sbs.com.au/IndigenousAward](http://www.sbs.com.au/IndigenousAward)

# Call to cull rogue croc

By ALF WILSON



**INDIGENOUS** fisherman Meshek Gray wants authorities to relocate a troublesome crocodile that stalked him and his cousin while they were fishing at night.

The 20-year-old said the crocodile could be found near the Evans Landing beach at Weipa, on Queensland's Cape York.

Mr Gray first spotted the huge reptile around 8.30pm on 1 March.

"My cousin was with me and it was ten metres away and we could see its eyes - we kept an eye on it and it was waiting for a chance to strike," Mr Gray said.

The keen angler said he was aware many crocs lived around beaches near Weipa, Napranum and other nearby places.

And while normally he would not bother making his concerns public, he reckons the crocodile that stalked him was same as one photographed a few weeks before.

"It was eating a stingray in the picture and is the same croc - it is big and dangerous and could get a human soon or a dog," he said.

Mr Gray said the crocodile slithered up the bank and stole a small shark he had caught just as they were packing up for the night.

"Earlier on, it swam over to near where somebody was rowing a small dinghy and was following the boat so it is comfortable around people," he said.

Mr Gray hails from Yarrabah, near Cairns, and realises that crocs are an integral part of the marine environment.

But he said with so many people fishing near Evans Landing, it was time for authorities to trap and relocate this one.

"It may be as big as five metres long, and was lurking around and must be removed," he said.



Mary Mye and daughter Nazareth Mye near the spot where the croc has been spotted.



This croc (circled) eating a stingray, is believed to be the same one that stalked Meshek Gray near Weipa.

Rangers will only relocate crocs troubling humans and a spokesman said it would only be hunted down if complaints were received.

The Koori Mail visited the area and saw Elder Mary Mye and her daughter Nazareth Mye fishing.

"I am casting for bait and already have some mullet and sardines in the bucket," Mrs Mye said.

Not far away was 32-year-old

daughter Nazareth, who was armed with a fishing reel with heavy breaking strain line.

"We have caught some very big trevally and grunter here, and live bait is the best," she said.

Both said they had heard about the croc, but hadn't seen it, but were respectful and wary of such reptiles.

"There are a lot around at Napranum waters," Mrs Mye said.



Mary Mye casting for bait.



Croc warning signs near the Evans Landing beach at Weipa.

## Business Support

Relief staff: Management & Finance  
Business Plans, Mentoring, Marketing  
Funding Submissions & Acquittals  
Accounting & Bookkeeping off-site

Information & costs: [business.works@hotmail.com](mailto:business.works@hotmail.com)  
or Elissa on: 0458 977 440



## Darug Small Grants Program

The NSW Government has allocated funding over 4 years for developing co-management programs between the Darug Aboriginal Community and the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) to act cooperatively as partners for Darug Country and culture.

The Darug Small Grants Program aims to provide funding for one to four years to Darug people for projects that assist with delivering the priority issues outlined in The Darug Peoples Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for park and cultural heritage management.

Guidelines and applications for the Darug Small Grants program are available from <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/comanagement/darugsmallgrants.htm> and close on **FRIDAY 17th April 2009**.

For more information contact the Strategic Programs Coordinator on 9695 7578 or the Aboriginal Co-management Officer on 4784 7309.



## Call For 2009/2010 Grant Funding Applications

### Aboriginal Employment, Training and Enterprise Development

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

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

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

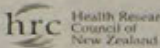
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[www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)



Canadian Institutes of Health Research  
Instituts de recherche en santé du Canada



## Expressions of Interest for International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) on Chronic Diseases

Proposals for research into the impact of chronic disease on Indigenous communities are sought from multi-disciplinary, multi-institutional and multi-sectoral research teams working in collaboration and involving Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

Registration of interest: 11 April 2009, 5pm (NZ time)

Expression of interest: 11 May 2009, 5pm (NZ time)

Further information [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)  
[www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/strategic/icihrp.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/strategic/icihrp.htm)



The gathering at Rottnest Island to witness the launch of the plan.



Fred Chaney and Cedric Jacobs embrace after the launch of the action plan.

# Some peace for Rottnest



Gidja leader Mark Bin Bakar speaks at the launch.

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



AFTER more than two decades of negotiations with the West Australian Government over cultural claims to Rottnest Island off Perth, the Rottnest Island Authority has unveiled a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The plan gives recognition to the Aboriginal prisoners held on the island between 1838 and 1931, and will include a memorial for the 400 prisoners buried on the island, some in mass graves.

The Reconciliation Action Plan was officially received on 25 February by Whajuk (Nyoongar) Elder Cedric Jacobs, who said that the proper history of Rottnest could now be told, including the methods the British used after they colonised Western Australia from the Swan River settlement in 1829.

"The English, wherever they went, in order for them to colonise foreign nations they went out purposefully and apprehended the warriors, Elders and the leaders of every tribe and clan," Mr Jacobs said.

Wongatha anthropologist Kado Muir said the colonial government used Rottnest to incarcerate Aboriginal tribal leaders from all over WA.

"This place is probably the same as Robben Island if you think of South Africa and the prison that held Nelson Mandela," Mr Muir said.

"The men who stayed here should have names similar to Sitting Bull and Geronimo and all those Native American heroes, because the Aboriginal men who were imprisoned here were heroes. They were the leaders, the people who resisted the



Nyoongar Elder Noel Nannup and WA Tourism Minister Liz Constable shake hands after the launch of the cultural bus tour.

colonisation."

Mr Muir spoke of his people's stories of a man called Coyle.

"In my country I know of a waterhole called Coyle's rockhole, and that was his hideout when he was resisting the settlement into our lands," he said.

"That poor old fella was sentenced here when he was about 45-years-old and released in his 80s, so he spent something like 40 years in the prison for standing up for his rights and for his people."

Mr Muir said the last Aboriginal prisoner on the island was a man called Lumbia, whose actions in the East Kimberley in the 1920s led to reprisals known as the Forrest

River massacre in 1926, the last massacre of Aboriginal people in WA.

Gidja (Kimberley) leader and Chairman of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Aboriginal Corporation Mark Bin Bakar gave the keynote address to those attending the ceremony.

"This island is a jigsaw of our State; it is a jigsaw of Aboriginal people in WA, this island has a history that belongs to all Australians, particularly in WA," Mr Bin Bakar told those gathered.

"But most importantly part of its history tells the sad story of our Aboriginal men who had been rounded up and incarcerated in this place, sometimes for the most petty

of crimes, living in harsh, cold conditions. "I am not here to make anyone feel guilty, but this history belongs to us all – black and white."

Also launched on the same day was a Nyoongar cultural bus tour of the island especially tailored for tourists, and headed by Nyoongar Elder Noel Nannup who said the tour would take in the whole history of the island dating back to the last ice age.

"We have stories that go back 18,000 years according to science, so what we do is we tell people there's layers of this history," he said.

"There's layers of knowledge that Aboriginal people have about this history. We need to portray that to the general visitor so that they can go away understanding that not only was this island a place of hurt, angst, frustration, we also tell them there's a deeper knowledge than that."

The action plan also calls for a proper memorial to be built near the burial ground. One is expected to be completed by 2013.

Reconciliation Board member and former Federal Government Minister Fred Chaney praised the action plan, which he hoped would develop as the island itself was further developed.

WA Tourism Minister Liz Constable said the reconciliation plan was an important document for everyone in WA.

"In seeking reconciliation with Aboriginal people today, this plan will provide structure and form for the intent to bring about healing and spiritual cleansing for the island," she said. "It is a first step to ensure that future actions and decisions are informed, culturally appropriate, and provide economic opportunities for Aboriginal people through tourism and related activity."



Pictures of Aboriginal prisoners on Rottnest Island off Perth around the turn of the 20th century. Photos from the Angela collection courtesy Rottnest Island Authority.

# Pat Dodson takes on University of NSW role



**PROMINENT** Aboriginal leader Pat Dodson has been made a professor at the University of NSW (UNSW), heading up a new Indigenous unit.

Known as the 'father' of reconciliation, Professor

Dodson will head the university's Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit.

His role will focus on fostering dialogue among all Australians on issues affecting Indigenous people.

The unit's work will start with research in the Kimberley region of Western Australia

before moving across the country.

"We will begin this process at the regional level, where too often local communities feel excluded from policies and decisions that directly affect their daily lives," Prof Dodson said in a statement on 27 February.

"This is not a talk-fest. It's about developing an interface between industry, governments, Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

UNSW Dean of Arts and Social Sciences James Donald said he was delighted that someone of Prof Dodson's

standing had joined the university. "This will bring a new dimension to our social policy research and contribute to a vital national debate," Prof Donald said.

"I am especially excited by Pat Dodson's emphasis on the philosophical underpinnings of that debate." - AAP



One of Kooljaman's Aboriginal workers helps visitors into a dinghy before showing them top spots to fish and sharing local stories.

## Aboriginal-run WA tourism business takes top honour



**WEST** Australian Aboriginal accommodation operator Kooljaman, located at Cape Leveque north of Broome, has been awarded one of the Australian tourism industry's top honours.

The Aboriginal community-owned business was announced as the national winner of the Indigenous Tourism section in the 2008 Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Melbourne on 27 February.

For more than two decades, a Bardi Aboriginal board of directors - three from One Arm Point community and three from Djarindjin - have managed Kooljaman, which is on the tip of the Dampier Peninsula 220km north of Broome.

Brian Lee, of Djarindjin community, has been on the board for 12 years and is now in his second year as the venture's chairman.

He said ownership by Aboriginal people, with their inherent knowledge of the land, had ensured commercial success while retaining cultural ties.

Many local Indigenous people were employed at Kooljaman, including some who were completing Certificates I, II and III in Hospitality and Tourism and others who were doing traineeships.

### Aboriginal guides

Mr Lee said satellite businesses were also operating from Kooljaman, offering visitors the opportunity to experience mud crabbing, bush tucker walks and boomerang and spear throwing from local Aboriginal guides.

Another popular venture was 'fish poisoning' offered by one of the company directors, where guests were offered the opportunity to experience traditional fishing methods through the use of bush shrubs and roots.

Mr Lee said in the coming tourist season from April, Kooljaman hoped to employ more local Aboriginal people. However, the board had always utilised the community's knowledge and ideas through its annual general meeting, where community members participated, raising suggestions and voicing concerns.

He said promotion of culture was an important aspect of Kooljaman, including the sale of artworks and Indigenous publications about the area, Bardi information boards, signage trails and displays with traditional names given to all beach shelters and safari tents.

Mr Lee said he would be representing Kooljaman management and board when he toured far north Queensland to attend the 2009 Australian Indigenous Tourism Conference in Townsville later this month and to visit other Aboriginal tourism operators.

## Torres Strait police urged



**TORRES** Strait authorities are demanding a police station to protect their communities, citing rising crime and delays of up to three days for police to respond to triple-0 calls.

Torres Strait's regional council says international drug smuggling, illegal immigration and increased crime - and the lack of a police station for more than 200km - have added to the insecurity of many communities in the region.

Currently, no Queensland police officers are stationed in the Torres Strait Island Regional Council area, which has a population of more than 4400.

While the region has police liaison officers, they have no power to arrest and detain people.

Mayor Fred Gela said his constituents were accustomed to being the eyes and ears of the north, but now they needed back-up from the Government.

"We have a situation up here where there are 30 Queensland police officers stationed on Thursday Island, which is in the southern part of the region, and nowhere else in the Torres Strait."

Mr Gela said.

"This means it can take Queensland police six hours, a day or three days to respond to an emergency call, depending on boat and aircraft resources."

The Torres Strait Island Regional Council is the northern-most district of Queensland and is only 2km from the Papua New Guinea border.

There are more than 100 Torres Strait islands, 20 of which are inhabited.

Mr Gela said police liaison officers and Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander police had been asking for more training and more powers but had received little response from the State and Federal governments.

"These community police officers cannot arrest anyone. There is nowhere to put a person under arrest, anyway. They can't charge a person or even detain them," Mr Gela said.

The mayor said there had been a lot of talk but no action on the issue.

"Customs, quarantine, immigration, water police and Federal police are all active here, but we still do not have police on the ground capable of dealing with crime in a timely and effective manner," he said. - AAP

**'We have a situation ... where there are 30 Queensland police officers on Thursday Island, which is in the southern part of the region, and nowhere else in the Torres Strait'**

# Red, black and yellow



Jade Santo and Hannah Micu, from Sydney.



Charles Prouse, from the Kimberley listens to Peppermint.



Buddy Love, from Tamworth.



Paul Ishiguchi, from the Kimberley leading the First Australians float.



Our flags greet the First Australians float during the parade in Sydney.



Have flag, will party...



All the colour and and spectacle from the 2009 Sydney Mardi Gras.  
Photos by MAHALA STROHFELDT



James Saunders and Luke Carpenter, from Sydney.

# at Sydney Mardi Gras



Housing NSW's Samantha May and Gwenda Darling. Photos by MAHALA STROHFELDT



Peppermint adorns her hair with flags during her performance.



A section of the Mardi Gras parade.



Clifford Connors on his way to the parade with Kim Kennedy, Danielle Hancock and Mitchell Stanley.



Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma was there to lend his support with fellow colleagues Stephen James and Vanessa Lesnie holding their 'same sex same entitlements' banner.



Bec Johnson, from Brighton in Queensland, waits for the parade to start.



ABOVE: Crowd shot around the First Australians parade entry featuring Peppermint and her dancers.



LEFT: Some supporters give the First Australian entry a huge cheer as it goes past.



Brown Shuga mid-boogie.



## QUEENSLAND RUGBY LEAGUE 2009 INDIGENOUS U/16 STATE TEAM

The QRL is seeking interest from qualified persons to fill the following positions for the 2009 Indigenous U/16 State team for the Annual Koories v Murries match.

Positions:	Qualifications:
• Head Coach	Senior Club Coach (Level 2)
• Head Trainer	Level 2 FAO
• Assistant Coach/Trainer	Senior Club Coach (Level 2)
• Assistant Trainer/Strapper	Level 1 FAO

Successful applicants will have current accreditation in their respective positions and must have a positive and professional attitude, towards their role and provide leadership and direction in line with the QRL's values and philosophies.

Applications including resumes, copies of current certificates and any other relevant material are to be sent to the following address: Robert Moore, Manager, Education and Development, r.moore@qrl.com.au

Applications close Wednesday March 25th, 2009.

Any inquiries please contact Ricky Wallford on 02 9237 0731 or Robert Moore 07 3367 6000.

# James' future is taking off



James Mills in his QantasLink uniform.

By DARREN COYNE



JAMES Mills has graduated from watching planes take off and land near his home in Perth, to being

at the controls himself.

The young man of Torres Strait Islander heritage has just started flying as a first officer with QantasLink, after completing his pilot's training.

He told *The Koori Mail* that he had always had a passion for flying, and jumped at the opportunity of a scholarship while he was half-way through Year 12 at Trinity College in Perth.

The 20-year-old saw an ad in the paper for an initiative being set up by the Western Australian Department of Education and Training, and Swan TAFE in Perth.

Mr Mills finished his Year 12 and then completed a Certificate IV in Transport (aviation – pilot) and a Diploma in Aeronautics, while undertaking training for a commercial pilot's licence at Jandakot Airport.

Early last year he was accepted into the Qantas Cadet Pilot Program, and began training at Flight Training in Adelaide in May, graduating in the top half of his class. He was the first Indigenous person to graduate from the program.

Last November he started Dash 8 ground school training with QantasLink in Sydney, where he is now based, and began flying on 24 February.

His first flight was to Wagga Wagga, but he has since flown all around New South Wales as a first officer.

"It's going really well. I'm really enjoying it after all the simulator work and school," Mr Mills said.

"From a young age I liked to watch the planes take off and land."

"We lived close to the airport in Perth and then the opportunity for the scholarship came up and that sealed it, because flying is pretty expensive. I've loved every minute of it."

During his training, Mr Mills was mentored by Captain Andrew Bishop, an Indigenous pilot with Qantas.

## Explore

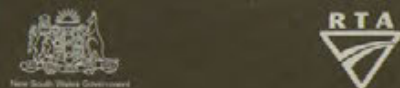
And while one day he would like to be at the controls of jets flying the international routes – like his mentor – Mr Mills is happy to be exploring the regional routes.

"In QantasLink there's more hands-on flying, with lots of take-offs and landings, and you also get to see a bit of the countryside," he said.

"It's good to get your skills up, especially flying into smaller rural airports."

Mr Mills gave a particular thank you to Robert Somerville, Director of Aboriginal Education and Training in WA.

Mr Somerville established the Indigenous Aerospace Initiative and is building up links across the airline industry to provide similar opportunities for young Indigenous people.



## Aboriginal Heritage Great Western Highway Upgrade Proposal: Mount Victoria to Lithgow

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) is investigating options for a feasible route to upgrade the Great Western Highway from Mount Victoria to Lithgow (see diagram below for study area and surrounding areas).



### The proposal

The proposal is at a preliminary stage of investigation. The RTA has identified several corridors across a large study area. These corridors are currently being considered and the next step is to confirm whether we proceed with them. The RTA will then investigate feasible routes within these corridors over the coming months with the community.

If feasible routes are identified, further investigations and consultation will take place before a preferred route is selected.

Should the proposal proceed to the approvals stage, formal and detailed environmental and cultural heritage assessment would take place in accordance with the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*. Depending on whether the project is assessed under Part 3A or Part 5 of that Act, the project may also require section 87 permits and/or section 90 consents under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

### Aboriginal heritage investigations

The RTA seeks to engage with Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people wishing to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters for the Mount Victoria to Lithgow proposal.

Registrations from Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people must be received by phone or in writing by Monday 30 March 2009.

To register your interest, please contact:

**CAMERON SLABB**  
RTA Aboriginal Programs  
27-31 Argyle St Parramatta NSW 2150  
Cameron\_Slabb@rta.nsw.gov.au  
(02) 8849 2107



## The NSW Government's Environmental Trust invites applications to the Protecting our Places Aboriginal Grants Program

This program supports Aboriginal community groups and organisations to protect land that is significant to Aboriginal people and run education projects about the environment and its importance in Aboriginal life.

Grants of between \$2,000 and \$35,000 are available.  
(Total program \$500,000)

Applications open on 21 March 2009 and close at 5pm on 5 June 2009

Information Workshops will be held to help applicants prepare a quality grant application and provide information on managing projects.

The information workshops will be in Yamba (23 March)  
Port Macquarie (24 March) Sydney – La Perouse (31 March) Newcastle (7 April)  
Wagga Wagga (16 April) Brewarrina (21 April) Glen Innes (28 April)  
Cobar (4 May) Narooma (5 May) Narramine (12 May)  
Coonabarabran (13 May) Parramatta (15 May)

To register for workshops phone Trust Administration on (02) 8837 6093.

For more information about the program and support with filling out your application contact the Aboriginal Programs Officer,  
Jackie Puckeridge, on (02) 8837 6399.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the Trust website:  
[www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au](http://www.environmentaltrust.nsw.gov.au)



New South Wales Government



## NSWRL ACADEMY 2009 INDIGENOUS U/16 STATE TEAM

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• Assistant trainer	
• Assistant trainer	

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Applications including resumes, copies of current certificates and any other relevant material are to be sent to the following address: Martin Meredith Coaching and Development Manager,  
[martin@nswrlacademy.com.au](mailto:martin@nswrlacademy.com.au) or post to NSWRL Academy, PO Box 533 Narrabeen NSW 2101.

Applications close Wednesday March 25th, 2009.

Any inquiries please contact Martin Meredith on 02 9971 0877 or Steve Hall on 02 8116 9853.

# Ti Tree gets own store



FRESH fruit and vegetables are now on the menus of Ti Tree residents with the opening on 26 February of their own community store.

About 200 people, including 20 pupils from the local school, attended a community barbecue to mark the occasion.

The store began operating in December with a limited range of goods, but has since undergone a transformation with Outback Stores installing shelving, refrigeration and retail hardware.

Central Desert Shire President James Glenn, who grew up in Ti Tree and still lives there, said the opening marked an important day for the community.

"People have been talking about this store for over a decade, but nothing ever came of it," he said.

"My home town is a growing community and needs a store with good food at reasonable prices.

"I'm really proud of this outcome

● **RIGHT:** Margaret Nelson and Hazel Presley, both of Ti Tree, enjoy the community event held to mark the opening of the store.



and how quickly Central Desert Shire and Outback Stores achieved it for our residents."

The store – which is receiving at least one delivery of fresh fruit and vegetables a week, sometimes two because it is proving so popular – is located in the former Red Sands Gallery in Spencer Street.

"We are very proud to have been able to help make this happen," Outback Stores Chief Executive John Kop said.

"The community will no longer have to order groceries in from Alice Springs and can enjoy the benefits of a fully-stocked store, just like people who live in towns and cities."

Mr Kop said Outback Stores was committed to local employment and would seek the support of the Central Desert Shire to recruit and train local Indigenous people to work in the store.

Ti Tree is on the Stuart Highway roughly half-way between Alice Springs and Tennant Creek.



John Kop, Chief Executive Officer of Outback Stores, and James Glenn, Central Desert Shire President, outside the new store.

## \$10 million in bush grants, but school bus purchase irks



A NEW community store and a transport service for remote Indigenous communities are among 20 successful applicants to share in almost \$10 million in funding from the Aboriginal Benefit Account (ABA).

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and the Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon last week announced a range of projects supported by the Federal Government and the ABA Advisory Council.

The grants provided 'essential services to improve the lives of Indigenous people and help develop remote Indigenous communities and include improvements to food security in remote communities, access to education and employment and better management of land and sea resources', they said in a statement.

Ms Macklin and Mr Snowdon said the Government understood that economic and employment opportunities were critical to turning around Indigenous disadvantage.

The Robinson River community, about 150km south-east of Borroloola, in the Northern Territory, will receive \$1.6 million for a new community store.

The Katherine region, in the Northern Territory, will receive \$2.79 million to develop and run a three-year pilot program providing transport to Indigenous communities around the Katherine region. The pilot will test the viability of an ongoing transport service for this region.

Yipirinya School Council will also receive a grant of \$170,000 to purchase two buses to support children attending school from Jay and Burt Creek.

Northern Territory Shadow Indigenous Policy Minister Adam Giles welcomed the funds for Yipirinya School, which is located in his electorate of Brailling.

However, he queried why the buses weren't being provided under Territory education funding.

"I'm pleased the children from Jay Creek and Burt Creek should finally be able to get to school," Mr Giles said.

"Getting children to school is one of the most important things we can do to improve children's lives.

"But one question that must be asked is why the Aboriginal Benefit Account is being used and not normal education funding.

"Education is a Territory Government responsibility and the Chief Minister has indicated he will be doing everything in his power to get kids to school and that should include funding these buses."

### Money 'for other purposes'

Mr Giles said ABA money was meant to be used for things such as university scholarships, funding for economic development or business opportunities, 'not subsidising Territory Government neglect'.

He said the ongoing cost of running the two buses was unresolved, but should be picked up by the NT Government given it had saved money on the purchase of the buses.

Under the ABA grants, the Laynhapuy sea rangers will receive \$237,508 for a new sea vessel built to survey requirements to enhance coastal marine maintenance; the Mwatj health service at Nhulunbuy will receive \$5365 for a sevens rugby tournament, and the Mt Theo Aboriginal Corporation at Yuendumu will receive \$400,000 for a house for its pool manager.

The ABA was established under the NT Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1976 (ALRA). Its Advisory Council is made up of a chairperson appointed by the Minister and 14 other members elected by the four NT land councils established under the ALRA.

It receives financial compensation from the Commonwealth equivalent to the value of royalties paid in respect of mining interests on Aboriginal land.

## US gives Aust human rights a broad tick



AUSTRALIA'S human rights record has been given a broad tick by the United States, but violence against women and children and Indigenous discrimination are still seen as issues.

The United States' 2008 human rights report – an annual assessment produced by the State Department – judged Australia as having an effective system of law and order for dealing with cases when rights were abused.

"The Government generally respected the human rights of its citizens, and the

law and judiciary provide effective means of addressing individual instances of abuse," the report said in reference to Australia.

"Problems were reported in a few areas, including domestic violence against women and children, and societal discrimination against Aboriginal people."

In the preface, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the promotion of human rights was an essential piece of US foreign policy.

"Not only will we seek to live up to our ideals on American soil, we will pursue greater respect for human rights as we

engage other nations and people around the world," she said.

"Some of our work will be conducted in government meetings and official dialogues, which is important to advancing this cause.

"But we will not rely on a single approach to overcome tyranny and subjugation that weaken the human spirit, limit human possibility, and undermine human progress."

On political representation, the report noted Indigenous Australians were 'under-represented among the political leadership'.

"There were no Aboriginals in the Federal Parliament," the report said.

It also noted there was only one Asian-Australian in Federal Cabinet, a reference to Climate Change Minister Penny Wong.

Violence against women – particularly in Aboriginal communities – remained a problem although it was prohibited by law, the report said.

"Domestic violence was believed to be widely under-reported in Indigenous communities – among reasons cited for this were cultural factors and the isolation of many Indigenous communities," the report said. – AAP

## Community Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an ordinary meeting of the Karuah LALC:

DATE: 24/03/09  
TIME: 11.00 AM  
PLACE: Karuah Aboriginal Community Hall, Murrumbidgee Road, Karuah  
BBQ Lunch Provided

## AGENDA:

1. Election of Board Vacancies
2. Approval of KLALC's Community Land & Business Plan
3. General Business

A voting member of a LALC is not entitled to vote in elections for Board members if the

member has not attended at least 2 meetings of the Council in the preceding 12 months as a voting member.

In accordance with section 84(3) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 members will be made available on request a full copy of the proposed Community Land & Business Plan during business hours at the KLALC office.

All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the CEO, Dave Feeney of the KLALC during business hours 8.30am to 5.00pm.

AUTHORISED BY:

Carl Simms, KLALC Chairperson

## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

### Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Dhudhuroo Waywurru Nations Aboriginal Corporation

Date received: 2nd March 2009  
Public Comments due: 27th April 2009

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Dhudhuroo Waywurru Nations Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to: Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat, GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001

Email: [vhc@dpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:vhc@dpc.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR AN INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT

The Roma Clay Target Club Inc. hereby gives notice that the Department of Natural Resources has made the Roma Clay Target Club Inc. an offer to purchase a part of Lot 192 on CP897183, County of Waldegrave, Parish of Roma, Title Reference 49005728 consisting of approximately 14.1 hectares of land which is the subject of the Roma Clay Target Club Inc.'s Permit to Occupy number 233002. The subject land is located on Geoghegan Road, Roma in the State of Queensland and is detailed in the shaded area of the below map. A condition of the Department of Natural Resources' offer to purchase the subject land requires the Roma Clay Target Club Inc. to address the issue of native title over the land. In accord with this condition the Roma Clay Target Club Inc. hereby invites those persons who claim to hold native title for the subject land to contact the Roma Clay Target Club Inc.'s solicitors with a view to entering into negotiations for an Indigenous Land Use Agreement in respect of the subject land.



Any persons who claim to have a native title interest in this land are requested to contact the Roma Clay Target Club Inc.'s solicitors within 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to obtain further information about the Roma Clay Target Club Inc.'s proposal.

A.K. Pack & Co. Solicitors

98 McDowell Street

P.O. Box 182

Roma Q 4455

Telephone 07 4622 1944 Facsimile 07 4622 1956



PICPAH dancers performing at Hawaiian Spa Resort at Iwaki in Japan.

# Townsville dancers perform in Japan

Story and photos by  
ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL dancers from Townsville's Cultural Centres undertook a whirlwind six-day tour of

Japan as part of recent Townsville Sister City Committee promotions.

PICPAH Dancers (Pride In Culture, Performers At Heart) consisted of four Aboriginal dancers.

Jai Cummings and Russell Barney, who have been long-time dancers with the Cultural Centre in Townsville, were accompanied by Townsville traditional owner descendant Ashley Saltner (Jnr) and Michael Masso.

Cultural Centre General Manager Scott Anderson said the dancers were invited to Japan and left on 11 February.

"It was great to see a culture other than our own really hungry to get a feel for what is truly amazing about Indigenous Australian culture," Mr Anderson said.

"We had packed crowds at every venue we performed at and it was really inspiring for



Meeting with the members of the Ainu people (traditional custodians) of Japan are manager Scott Anderson, back left, and PICPAH dancers, front from left, Jai Cummings, Ashley Saltner Jnr, Michael Masso and Russell Barney.

the dancers to see how much the Japanese people love our culture."

Jai Cummings, the troupe's songman and didgeridoo player, said PICPAH was able to promote Aboriginal culture as well as Townsville and the heritage of the region.

"It was great to showcase the oldest living culture in the world to the people of Japan," he said.

He said the dancers had been ambassadors for

Townsville and took much pride in showcasing the 'true' Aboriginal culture to the people of Iwaki, one of Townsville's sister cities.

Mr Anderson said the trip organisers in Iwaki took care of the group's needs.

"Even though we spoke different languages, it was easy for the dancers to respond in kind and to share the very essence of our beautiful culture through song and dance," he said.

# Former judge wins praise



AN Aboriginal community leader has praised Marcus Einfeld at the former Federal Court judge's sentencing hearing for perjury and perverting the course of justice.

Giving evidence in the NSW Supreme Court on 25 February, Madeline McGrady referred to Einfeld's continuing work with disadvantaged Aborigines in Toomeah and Boggabilla, in the State's far north.

"He was always there for us when we needed support," said Ms McGrady, who was one of 31 people to provide the court with

character references for Einfeld.

The 69-year-old retired judge had pleaded guilty to knowingly making a false statement on oath in Sydney's Downing Centre Local Court on 7 August 2006. He also has admitted making a false statement in Sydney on 23 August 2006, with intent to pervert the course of justice.

The offences relate to claims he was not behind the wheel of his car in January 2006, when a speed camera snapped his silver Lexus travelling 60km/h in a 50km/h zone at Mosman.

Ms McGrady said that before Einfeld visited the Toomeah community as a Human Rights

Commissioner, the locals did not have proper sewerage, water or housing despite years of complaints to governments.

"Mr Einfeld was the only one who showed us he cared and listened to our problems," she said, adding his visits had led to improved conditions.

Wayne Roser, SC, for the Crown, has called for Einfeld to receive a custodial term for the two offences he has admitted.

Justice Bruce James will sentence Einfeld on 20 March. Granted conditional bail, the former judge had to surrender his passport and must report regularly to his local police station. —AAP

# Kieran slams skate comp



Kieran Reilly in action and (inset) on the cover of Slam Skateboarding magazine.



A KEMPSEY 15-year-old Aboriginal boy is blazing a trail in skateboarding.

Kieran Reilly has been skateboarding since the age of five, and has his sights set on a career as a professional.

And with his most recent success, that might not be too far away.

He has just walked away with a \$7000 cheque after winning the Mountain Dew Battle for Supremacy skateboard competition held at Monster Skatepark at Sydney Olympic Park.

"I was happy with the result and I'll probably save the money for a car," he told *The Koori Mail*.

In a wrap-up of the contest, professional skater Renton Millar said Kieran was the youngest in the 20-person field comprising the best skateboarders in Australia and New Zealand.

"Despite 40-plus degree temperatures that buckled the railway tracks leading to Monster, the intense heat

didn't slow down the crew, eager to take a share of the \$21,500 prize money and the \$7000 first-place prize in particular," Millar wrote.

"Led by head judge Sasher Steinhart from the World Cup of Skateboarding, judges Andrew Currie, Slam's Trent Fahey and German shredder Juergen Horwarth had their work cut out from the start, with the rider-friendly jam format.

"The closeness of the field made the judging task even tougher, before coming to a semi-finals line-up of Shane Azar, Pat Dandy, Corbin Harris, Jeff 'Skunk' Williams, Jack Fardell, Tommy Fynn, Jackson Pilz, Lewis Marnell, Shane O'Neill, Dane Burman and the ever-destroying and insanely consistent Kieran Reilly.

"The final went through the roof, with the top five riders battling it out in an eight-minute, hardcore jam with not one skater bailing during the first minute. Jeff Williams' cab back lipped the rail, Fardell smashed the course, Tommy Fynn threw down a ballistic flip

nosegrind in what appeared to be slow motion over the box, and Bryce Golder went to town with crailslide fakies over the rainbow block and takedown speeds.

"Then there was the Kieran Reilly show! Reilly smashed it at every stage of the competition and was almost untouchable. From frontside nosegrinds on the vert wall to ollie over the box to back smith on the rail, he was too gnarly for the rest of the field and walked away with the \$7000 prize money in a Kieran Reilly whitewash."

Kieran told *The Koori Mail* that the competition was a lot of fun, and he was now resting up before his next major competition at Monster Skatepark on 21 March, where it is expected that world famous skater Tony Hawk will also be competing. Kieran has already skated with Tony, and his son Riley, after meeting him at an amateur event in Florida. Kieran is a great-grandson of Leeton Smith, one of the last Dunghutti men to have undertaken the tribal initiation.

## Support for disability

THE NSW Government and National Disability Services are joining forces to improve access to disability services for Aboriginal people. Minister for Disability Services and for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch said the Government would provide two years' funding for the Aboriginal Resources and Pathways Project, offering on-going benefits for Aboriginal people with a disability and their families. He said the project would develop practical resources to improve access to services, consult Aboriginal communities in the South Sydney and Illawarra region and establish local networks of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal disability groups.



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## GEELONG

### HAVE YOUR SAY

#### NATIVE TITLE LARA TOWN CENTRE

The City of Greater Geelong is considering a proposal to convert a portion of land within Austin Park, in the township of Lara (located 20 minutes from Geelong), from crown land to freehold title to facilitate the expansion of the Lara Town Centre. This affects crown allotments 9J and 9K Section 11 Township of Lara, Parish of Woollyalook.

People who consider they hold or may hold native title rights or interests in the area are asked to contact Christine Silvestroni at the City's Economic Development unit no later than Friday 27 March 2009 via the below methods:

- **By post:** Christine Silvestroni, Economic Development, City Greater Geelong, PO Box 104 Geelong 3220 VIC
- **By phone:** 03 5272 4884
- **By e-mail:** csilvestroni@geelong.vic.gov.au

Maps showing the location of the land in question can be downloaded from the City's website at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)



## 2010 Graduate recruitment

applications close 20 April 09

[graduates.deewr.gov.au](http://graduates.deewr.gov.au)

# Summit participants tell



The women's summit lunch was held in the Great Hall at Parliament House.



Guest Speaker Nova Peris and her daughter at the lunch.



Tegan Watson, Kayla Weaver and Chrissie Young were there.



Mavis Davis from South Kempsey, NSW and Daphne Yarram from Sale, Victoria.



Elizabeth Garrity from Geraldton, WA and Ruby Hunter exchange goodbyes towards the end of the lunch. Many friendships were forged between the women throughout the three-day event.



Torres Strait Islander Luisa O'Connor, left, with Canberra Elder Matilda House, who gave a welcome to country.



Labor Senator for the NT Trish Crossin (second from right) in her Parliament House office with summit facilitator Professor Anita Lee Hong (second from left) and other participants.



Girl power! MC actress Georgie Parker mixes it with the summit participants after the formal proceedings.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said she likes the 'straight talk' she gets from Indigenous women.



Ursula Yovich with her husband Stewart O'Connell and their daughter Djarla.

# of hardship and dreams



Governor-General Quentin Bryce with Torres Strait Islander women, from left, Luisa O'Connor, Patricia Akee, Roslyn Lui, Elgina Ward and Sonia Townson.



The Governor-General with Sandy Greenwood, originally from Lismore, NSW, and Oxfam's Sunita Bose.

## Women get it straight

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ALMOST 90 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women from across the country attended the national Straight Talk Summit held by international aid agency Oxfam Australia at Parliament House in Canberra last Friday.

The summit followed a two-day workshop led by Indigenous facilitators at Australian National University (ANU) where participants learned about the inner workings of the Australian political process, how to create change, identified common issues and gained the confidence to speak with parliamentarians.

The 88 participants, aged from 18 to 77, were selected from a group of 370 and came from as far away as Geraldton in WA, Batemans Bay in NSW, Badu Island in the Torres Strait and Launceston, Tasmania.

Oxfam summit co-ordinator Jo Pride said all brought stories of hope, hardship and resilience.

Some Elders spoke of their hope and pride in hearing some of the younger participants talk about their commitment to reconciliation and 'closing the gap', and how passionate they were about Indigenous issues.

Many other personal stories of strength came forward, some of which were told by Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin in her summit address at Friday's opening ceremony.

The Minister said that in every community she had visited, she had always relied on the Aboriginal women - who were the natural leaders in their communities - 'not to beat around the bush' when it came to telling her straight.

Deputy Opposition Leader Julie Bishop said she had learned early on that if she could get the women together, she could get solutions. Ms Bishop also said that with the energy and passion she felt in the

room, the women there could change the world.

Such positive sentiments came from a cross section of women who spoke with *The Koori Mail*, but most also observed it would take hard work and dedication from entire communities, including men and other non-Indigenous leaders, to bring about real and lasting change.

Northern NSW woman Vicky Bardon, who successfully lobbied the former Lismore Mayor to apologise after he disputed the truth of the film *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, said change for Indigenous people was still a long way off, but if the Prime Minister was open to listening, a lot more might be achieved.

"If we think of it as a monopoly game, we're on start," she said.

As the women gathered at Government House for an afternoon tea hosted by Governor-General Quentin Bryce on Thursday, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was handing down his first 'closing the gap' report card to Parliament.

### Positive change

When the Governor-General spoke to *The Koori Mail*, she said she had seen positive change in Aboriginal communities since the Apology. She said that women's role in effecting change was universal, but Indigenous women had an important role within their communities.

"All over the world, we're women together, empowering each other and sharing our experiences," Ms Bryce said.

The summit also gave participants an opportunity to utilise the skills they had learned in the workshops and break into small groups divided up by State and Territory to discuss their local issues and concerns with the relevant Minister. Many of the participants had never been to Parliament House or spoken with a Minister, and said they had valued the opportunity.

Commitments by some parliamentarians were formalised on the

day and included maintaining relationships with the Indigenous women by visiting their communities and workplaces and advising on ways for the women to participate in the political process, such as through contributing to a parliamentary committee enquiry. There was also a commitment to contact the women to obtain views from the grassroots about new policies that could affect them.

Oxfam's Ms Pride said the most profound change she witnessed during Straight Talk was the confidence boost in the women, which created a platform for ongoing relationships between parliamentarians.

"Straight Talk increased the confidence and the capacity of women to engage with the political process. There were women who said they had never understood politics or had always found it boring," she said.

"The summit helped them to better understand the system and now they find it fascinating. They are eager to actively influence the decisions which affect their lives and some even want to run for Parliament."

Ms Pride said the summit had also attempted to challenge the idea that politicians were inaccessible to Aboriginal people based on the historical legacy of past government practices for Aboriginal people and the negative connotations this held.

At the summit drew to a close, participants attended lunch in the Great Hall of Parliament hosted by actress Georgie Parker, with an address by Olympic gold medalist Nova Peris and performances by Ruby Hunter and Clare Bowditch. It was Ursula Yovich, though, who really held the crowd's attention with her version of *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*.

For more information on Oxfam's work with Indigenous communities in Australia and internationally, go to [www.oxfam.org.au](http://www.oxfam.org.au)



NSW women Olga Collis-McAnespie, from Bourke, and Victoria Dennison, from Armidale.



Franchesca Hodges from Cairns and Sharna Petherick from Brinkin, NT.



Ursula Yovich and Ruby Hunter after the afternoon tea at Government House.



AT 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 19TH OF FEBRUARY 2009 AT CATHERINE HILL BAY CEMETERY IN NEWCASTLE, WE LAID TO REST AUSTRALIA'S BEST TRADITIONAL DANCER AND BUSINESSMAN, FAMILY MAN AND BEST FRIEND

"MR LESLIE SCOTT SAXBY"

KNOWN TO US "BUMPY", OR LES AS EVERYONE ELSE NEW HIM, HE WAS A VISIONARY. HE MAY HAVE BEEN SMALL IN STATURE BUT HE WAS BIG IN HEART, MIND AND SOUL. HE ALWAYS WALKED TALL AND HAD HIS HEAD HELD HIGH. HE WAS HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE INDIGENOUS AND NON-INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN AUSTRALIA AND ACROSS THE WORLD. HE ALWAYS HAD TIME TO HELP ANYONE WHO NEEDED HELP. IF THAT WAS PUTTING DOWN A SWAG ON THE FLOOR OF HIS UNIT OR MAKING A CURRY WITH CHILLIES "WHICH HE LOVED SO MUCH" TO FEED EVERYONE, THEN HE DID THAT. HE WAS A HIGHLY EDUCATED MAN WITH A PASSIVE OUTLOOK ON LIFE. HE TRAINED KIDS TO ADULTS ON HOW TO DANCE AND PAINT. MOST OF ALL HE WAS A GOOD FATHER TO HIS DAUGHTER AND 2 SONS. TO CHILDREN WHO DIDN'T HAVE A FATHER HE MET ON THE WAY IN HIS JOURNEY IN LIFE, HE WAS A FATHER TO THEM TOO.

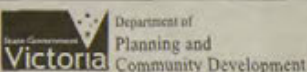
TO ME AND MY SISTER HE WAS OUR BEST FRIEND. YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND YOUR MEMORY WILL LIVE ON MY BROTHER.

IF WE ALL COULD BE 10% OF WHAT BUMPY (LES) WAS, THEN THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE. A GENTLEMAN, HE LIVED LIFE TO THE FULLEST.

REST IN PEACE OUR BROTHER

WITH LOVE FROM

STEPHEN RIDGEWAY JR & NIKITA RIDGEWAY (Keet Keet Keet) XOXOXO



## Victorian Government - Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group Call for Expressions of Interest

The Victorian Government is developing policies and programs across Government that will ultimately bridge the 17 year life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non Indigenous Victorians.

One of the Government's key priorities is to improve employment outcomes and economic sustainability for Indigenous individuals, families and communities. To help meet this priority the Victorian Government has established the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group.

Expressions of interest are sought from individuals and organisations with the capacity, experience and availability over the next three to four months, to conduct short projects involving research and consultation, in one or more of the following areas:

- Indigenous enterprise development, including access to investment and venture capital;
- Economic development opportunities arising from increased access to land; and
- Employment strategies.

Expressions of interest are called for by **5pm Wednesday 18 March, 2009.**

The Department of Planning and Community Development reserves the right to convert suitable expressions of interest into contracts. Expressions of interest should be in the form of a letter outlining capacity, experience, availability and cost (daily rate) to:

Gina Hanson,  
Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat,  
Department of Planning and Community Development,  
Level 10, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Victoria, 3000  
Or emailed to: [gina.hanson@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:gina.hanson@dpcd.vic.gov.au)

Expressions of interest from Indigenous individuals and organisations are particularly welcomed. For further information please contact Gina Hanson on Ph: (03) 9208 3329.



Australian Government

Australian Human Rights Commission

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSIONER

The Australian Government is seeking expressions of interest or nominations from suitable persons to be considered for appointment to the full-time statutory position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner in the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The Commission is Australia's national independent human rights institution, located in Sydney. The Commission has a number of functions under the *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Act 1986* and related legislation. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner is a member of the Commission and contributes in a managerial, strategic and professional sense to the proper performance of the range of functions of the Commission (in particular those functions that relate to the enjoyment and exercise of human rights by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders).

The position is expected to become available for filling in August 2009. The period of appointment is negotiable but is likely to be for five years. The successful appointee may also be required to perform other statutory roles or functions under Commonwealth human rights legislation.

#### Information for applicants

An information package about the position is available at [www.ag.gov.au/socialjusticecommissioner](http://www.ag.gov.au/socialjusticecommissioner), by telephoning (02) 6250 5597 or emailing [anna.yang@ag.gov.au](mailto:anna.yang@ag.gov.au). The information package describes qualifications, remuneration, description of the role and selection criteria as well as information on how to apply. Information about the Commission is available at [www.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.humanrights.gov.au).

After considering this information, enquiries about the position should be directed to Mr Ian Govey, Deputy Secretary, Attorney-General's Department on (02) 6250 6012 or [ian.govey@ag.gov.au](mailto:ian.govey@ag.gov.au).

Expressions of interest and nominations are requested by close of business on Monday 20 April 2009.

# New Director joins reconciliation body

RECONCILIATION Australia Co-Chairs Mick Dodson and Mark Leibler have announced the appointment of Djapirri Mununggirri to the organisation's board.

Ms Mununggirri replaces former Director Dr R Marika, who passed away last May.

Respecting the wishes of her family, the Board delayed replacing Dr Marika while the community of Yirrkala was in mourning.

Making the announcement on 27 February, Professor Dodson and Mr Leibler said they were particularly pleased to be welcoming a new director who would continue to facilitate Reconciliation Australia's close relationship with the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land.

Ms Mununggirri is the Manager of the

Yirrkala Women's Resource Centre, a board member of the Yothu Yindi Foundation, and is involved in the Women's Healing Centre. She was also instrumental in the establishment of the Yirrkala Women's Night Patrol.

"We are thrilled to have a woman with Djapirri's skill, experience and networks joining us at Reconciliation Australia," said Professor Dodson.

"Djapirri is heavily committed in her own community and across Australia - her enthusiasm to take on this challenging new position is a mark of her determination to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together so that good intentions for reconciliation are translated into meaningful action."

# Mia's designs taking hold

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IT'S early days, but emerging Indigenous designer Mia Brennan is

having fun with her recent bold business move.

With her friend and business partner Bija Nicolson, the 30-year-old opened a clothing and accessories shop four months ago in the northern New South Wales city of Lismore.

Mia said her clothing design label Jemma Dreaming - 'Clothing for Goddesses' had consumed her time for the past six years, but the new shop had taken her 'hobby' to the next level.

She still gets a buzz, she says, when she sees a woman wearing one of her pieces, most of which are one-off designs and created with the idea that clothing should make you feel good - pieces that are wearable but funky.

The retro designs and vintage material sourced from a variety of places - garage sales, local markets and second-hand shops are favourites - are starting to build her a small but dedicated following.

Mia said she first realised she could do something with her designs a few years back while working at nearby Byron Bay and people started, literally, buying the clothes off her back.

Largely self-taught and having spent the majority of her childhood in Sydney's eastern suburbs, Mia moved to the Northern Rivers and worked a variety of jobs, including at Byron Bay's Planet Corroboree, all the while continuing to work on her designs, her first love.

She dabbled in tertiary study, first at Redfern's Eora Centre doing visual arts, and then made a move to design at the University of Southern Queensland.

Ultimately, though, Mia said she had found her way through



Mia Brennan with one of her favourite new dresses she designed.

by growing up as a designer, becoming a mother, finding a partner who challenged and supported her, turning 30 and gaining the confidence to know where it was she needed to be.

These days, when she is not running her share of the business, she works on her designs, 'like a sculptor'.

Like many artists, her creative ideas come in 'obsessive moments' and she uses this impetus to develop and fashion pieces of fabric together. She draws upon friends as real-life mannequins, sewing and fitting together and unpicking and doing it all over again until the sample is at the stage where she can take it to her seamstress who will create the piece ready to hang off the rack in the shop.

Mia tries to work off an ethos of creating new styles by recycling old fabrics, although she sources new material as well.

She said her influences were everyday life and environment. As a working mother, she had to be able to run around and be comfortable, but she said her designs today were vastly different to those she created as a 20-year-old.

Mia is always thinking of the next idea, always designing, scouting around for the next perfect fabric.

The next venture will be, apart from growing the business, to get her designs out to the local markets. Jemma Dreaming designs can be found at Mimi Tree in the Star Court Arcade, Lismore.

● To list your events in our National Calendar of Events, write no more than two sentences with contact details to email [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com) or fax it to (02) 6622 2600.

**Ongoing:** Living Black on SBS Television. Held every Monday at 6pm on SBS. Details: (02) 9430 2828 or 1800 500 727 or email [news@sbs.simplicitycm.com](mailto:news@sbs.simplicitycm.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 [id@bold.net.au](mailto:id@bold.net.au)

**Ongoing:** The Aboriginal Heritage Projects is providing grants of up to \$75,000 to conserve Aboriginal heritage and encourage greater understanding of Aboriginal culture. The program assists in the conservation of culturally significant Aboriginal sites, documents community events and contributes to Aboriginal tourism. Details: Richard Sharpter on (02) 9873 8577 or email [richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au](mailto:richard.sharpter@heritage.nsw.gov.au)

**Ongoing:** Day Club provides social and recreational activities for veterans, their spouses, war widows/widowers and any other members of the community. Details: Margaret Morgan on (02) 9213 7225 or Erica Greig on (02) 9213 7482 or visit [www.dva.gov.au/health/day\\_clubs](http://www.dva.gov.au/health/day_clubs)

**Ongoing:** Certificate IV in Training and Assessment for Aboriginal people who want to become TAFE teachers or workplace trainers. Held in Ballina. Details: Deb Evans on (02) 6681 8911 or email [debbe.evans@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:debbe.evans@tafensw.edu.au) or 131601 or (02) 6586 2249 or email [nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:nci.courseinfo@tafensw.edu.au)

**Ongoing:** Goori Women's Yarnin' Circle. The Yarnin' Circle is a time of sharing, listening and learning for Aboriginal Mothers, Aunts and Sisters. The Circle will enable us to support each other in our parenting and make the things happen that we value and strive for as Aboriginal parents. All welcome with morning tea provided. Transport can be provided. Held every Wednesday at the YWCA, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah from 10am-12.30pm. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email [chrissy@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:chrissy@ywcansw.com.au) or visit [www.ywcansw.com.au](http://www.ywcansw.com.au)

**Until 13 March:** Indigenous Education Scholarships. 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. Details: Marlene McFarlane on (02) 9929 9633 or visit [www.alc.org.au](http://www.alc.org.au)

**Until 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](mailto:info@screenwest.com.au) or visit [www.screenwest.com.au](http://www.screenwest.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](http://www.mardigras.org.au/calendar)

**Until 20 March:** Dirmmu Ngangungime Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition of recent works from the Thamarurr Region. Held at Karren Brown Gallery, 1/22 Mitchell St, Darwin, from 9am-5pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (08) 8981 9985 or email [gallery@karrenbrowngallery.com](mailto:gallery@karrenbrowngallery.com) or visit [www.karrenbrowngallery.com](http://www.karrenbrowngallery.com)

**Until 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](mailto:visualarts@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**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](http://www.ourbrisbane.com)

**Until 30 March:** Salt Water Murrin Quandamooka. 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. Fee and all welcome. Held at Salt Water Murrin Quandamooka, 3 Ballow Road, Dunwich from 10am-3pm. Details: (07) 3415 2373 or visit [www.swmq.net](http://www.swmq.net)

**Until 31 March:** Didgeridoo and Aboriginal Dance Show. The Didgeridoo Show, you can listen to the unique tunes 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](http://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

## Brisbane's Coolamon Calendar launched

ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander cultural performances will be held in Brisbane's Queen Street Mall every Tuesday morning until the end of June as part of the city's first-ever 'Coolamon Calendar'.

Brisbane Mayor Campbell Newman said the council was proud to support the 2009 Coolamon Calendar, which had been developed to promote all Indigenous community events happening in and around Brisbane in 2009 – many organised by the Indigenous communities themselves.

Other featured events included cultural performances, children's bush craft activities, music festivals and exhibitions.

"Queensland is home to the second largest Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Australia and approximately one third of this population live in South East Queensland," Cr Newman said.

"Brisbane has the largest number of Indigenous citizens of any local government area in Queensland, and the Coolamon program is a powerful way to raise awareness of the importance of this community."

He said the free weekly performances were an opportunity for residents and visitors to experience the richness of Indigenous culture.

The 2009 Coolamon Calendar is available through Brisbane City Council libraries,

ward offices and Brisbane Marketing. The weekly performances will be held at 10.30am.

The calendar will be published in two parts with the first publication listing events through until 30 June and the second covering event listings from 1 July to 31 December.

For further information visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au) or phone Brisbane City Council on (07) 3403 8888.



The Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal dancers performed during the 24 February Queen Street Mall launch of the 2009 Coolamon Calendar, which features weekly Indigenous performances.

Queen Street Mall, Queen Street, Brisbane City, from 10.30-11.30am. Details: (07) 3006 6200 or visit [www.queenstreetmall.com](http://www.queenstreetmall.com)

or (0449) 901 024 or email [kitchen@ywcansw.com.au](mailto:kitchen@ywcansw.com.au) or visit [www.ywcansw.com.au](http://www.ywcansw.com.au)

**Until 6 April:** National NAIDOC Week Poster Competition. The annual NAIDOC poster competition is open for entries from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The winning artwork must be based on this year's theme – Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth – and will be reproduced on the 2009 NAIDOC Week poster. Prize \$5000. Details: Email [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://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](mailto:deb.grant@dsr.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 9 April:** Business Planning Seminars. This seminar will lead a group of young people through the process of transforming a business idea into action plans. These seminars will be hands-on, with excursions, cooking, surveying and problem solving. Ages 15-24 years. Dates: 25-26 March, 1-2 and 8-9 April. Held at YWCA Northern Rivers, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah, from 10am-2pm, with morning tea provided. Details: Louise Collins on (02) 6625 5806

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**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](mailto:roseg@ewon.gov.au) or visit [www.goodservicemob.com.au](http://www.goodservicemob.com.au)

**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 Tai 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](mailto:visualarts@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**17 March:** Celebrating Seniors Week 2009 – Aboriginal Information Day. Guest speakers from Centrelink, Community options, AMS, Respite and Carelink Centres, ACAT and more will give presentations and also be available to answer questions on respite, home care, aged care, costs involved and more. Morning tea and lunch provided, with some entertainment and lucky draw prizes. All welcome. Held at St Andrew's Care Facility, Bentinch St, Ballina, from 10am-2pm. Details: 1800 052 222.

**21 March:** Sports massage course. This is a two-hour workshop that combines theory and hands-on exercises for injury prevention and treatment. The workshop will cover general principles of sports massage, types of massages and techniques, injury prevention, and more. All welcome. Cost \$35 per person and bookings are essential. Held at the Saunders

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Co-organiser Ruth Langford said the festival was 'just so perfect'. Even the unpredictable Tasmanian weather delivered a clear, still, moonlit night.



Bernard T Williams visits the land around where he grew up for the first time in 40 years ... "Beautiful, peaceful land."



Annika Scott swings through the air in the 'kids village' at Cloudy Bay.



Elder Ros Langford hopes the festival, which is set to become annual, stays 'fairly small'.



Elder, Gwen Wheatley gives a welcome to country.

# Good time at Cloudy Bay

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



THE Nayri Niara (good spirit) festival held in southern Tasmania recently is set to become an annual event.

Aboriginal couple Ruth Langford and Michael Paxton hosted the festival on their Cloudy Bay property on South Bruny Island.

Ms Langford said it was about Nayri Niara (good spirit), good vibe, good food, good music and good yarns.

She estimated about 300 people enjoyed the goodness, which featured a welcoming smoking ceremony, a healing circle, a vegan feast, kids village complete with a double bed mattress trampoline and an array of music from talented Aboriginal, non-Aboriginal and international musicians.

"It was so fantastic. It was just perfect, it's always deadly when you bring people together with good music," Ms Langford reflected after the event.

"We've had awesome feedback."

Ms Langford told *The Koori Mail* there would 'absolutely' be another festival next year.

Her mother Rosalind had quipped during the opening that she hoped it would not grow to become as big as the annual Falls Festival in southern Tasmania, which attracts sell-out crowds of more than 16,000 and has adopted a number of innovative measures to allocate tickets.

However, Ms Langford was adamant the Nayri Niara festival, which offered entry by donation to cover costs for Elders' transport and accommodation and the Bruny Island Environment Network, would stay small.

"It's a family event, small, little, organic roots, blackfella-style, come share; that's just our way. It will grow a little bit more, but there's no way on Earth we'll ever be some big, flash-style thing," she said.

Ms Langford said the gathering was also about creating a safe place for people to come and learn about Aboriginal mob and a safe place for Aboriginal mob to share.

Another important element of the festival was emotional, spiritual and physical healing.



Anita Mabb and Janice Ross joined Elders Pat Green and Nan Mabb for a yarn around the campfire.



A host of talented musicians joined Broome's Lorrae Coffin on stage.

"You've got to think of a whole person, a whole being. If somebody is sick with heart disease then not only have you got to look at lifestyle, whether it's food or smoking or whatever, but has that (person) got a broken heart?" said Ms Langford.

"We as individuals carry trauma, grief, sadness, pain and sorrow."

"Traditionally, our mob has used plant medicines, healing hands and spirit to help us to move through that and heal."

"Unfortunately, nowadays most of our mob use alcohol and drugs to suppress

our pain and grief or we use pills, and so the idea is to bring people together and just start to replant the knowledge."

"We can heal ourselves when we're on good country that is really strong."

Ms Langford said the property which hosted the festival was rich in strong Aboriginal spirit.

"It's an old gathering ground with all the scarred trees and all the other stuff that's on that country. It's where the fresh water meets the salt water, and the oral history is that Truganini was born just up river," she said.

# College's new home

By MARGARET SMITH



One of the Descendence performers.



Graduate Peter Harris with his wife Josephine at the opening.



SYDNEY'S Aboriginal Health College has a new purpose-built home. The college had operated out of temporary premises in Redfern since 2003 but now has a Koori-designed three-storey building at Little Bay overlooking the sea at La Perouse.

The new building was designed by Aboriginal architect Dillon Komkumerri from the NSW Government Architects' Office. He told *The Koori Mail* the project had three key ingredients: "A client with foresight and inspiration; a stunning site; and hard work, hard work, hard work."

Mr Komkumerri said the building had been designed to maximise the free flow of air where students could learn in the best environment.

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) of NSW has been the driving force behind the college, supported by Landcom, the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, and the Institute for Eye Research who all contributed millions of dollars.

The Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations assisted with \$300,000 to fit out the new premises.

The college aims to increase the number of Aboriginal health professionals; develop professional skills of managers and supervisors; strengthen the governance of elected Aboriginal community controlled boards/committees; and support development opportunities to non-Aboriginal health professionals.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir, a patron of the college, opened the new building after a welcome to country by Les Davison and a performance by the Descendence dance group.

Professor Bashir praised the endeavour to a 400-strong audience.

"Closing the gap in Aboriginal health can best be done by culturally sensitive programs such as those run by this college, by people trained specifically for this work," the Governor said, adding she was sure the college's graduates

would 'serve the nation well'.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch also spoke at the opening, telling those gathered that national targets would also have to be met in water, sewerage, and housing, "because otherwise the bones of the country will never be right".

Journalist Ray Martin MCed the event, next introducing Brian Layland, after whom the college's main theatre/auditorium has been named. Professor Layland's Institute of Eye Research has supported the college, as well as funding 98 eye clinics for Aboriginal clients throughout NSW.

The AH&MRC's Christine Corby and Sandra Bailey gave heartfelt speeches.

Ms Bailey recalled the number of people who had helped over the years, and the Aboriginal trainees who worked on the building.

"This college is a living entity to all those who participated in its work, and is a story of triumph," she said.

## Issues

"Education is power," Ms Bailey later told *The Koori Mail*. "At the college we're addressing the underlying issues found by the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission all those years ago."

The event also marked the graduation of more than 50 Indigenous students who received certificates in courses on sexual health, drug and alcohol, primary health care, community health care (and social and emotional well-being), management, and workplace assessment.

Rob Monaghan, from the Department of Health in Grafton, told *The Koori Mail* the department now had 45 sexual health workers throughout the State.

Graduate Annette Slater said the college had provided 'a great opportunity to do further study'.

The day left many people optimistic about the future. In the words of the college education and training manager Terry Smith: "What a day, what a moment, and what an opportunity - onwards to the future."



NSW Governor Marie Bashir at the opening.



Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council CEO Sandra Bailey.



Ray Martin with graduates Katrina Kelly and Kylie Lonsdale, from Katungui AMS, and Angela Frail, from Thubbo AMS.

## Does your doctor go that extra mile for patients?

Rural Health West is seeking nominations for two special awards to be presented at the Rural Health West Annual Conference on 5 April 2009 by His Excellency Dr Ken Michael AC, Governor of Western Australia

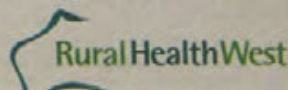
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# How to win the fight against chlamydia

THE average healthy person has an interest in things outside of themselves, including relationships and sex. Sex happens. It is normal and it is no shame job. In this column, I'd like to share some information about a really common sexually-transmitted infection (STI) that can have very serious consequences. It's called chlamydia and it can affect men and women. If you're squeamish, look away now...

**C**HLAMYDIA (pronounced klay-mid-ee-uh) is one of the most common STIs in sexually active people, but especially among people aged 14-25.

## What are the symptoms?

Chlamydia is silent in most people. About 70 per cent of females and 50 per cent of males with chlamydia may have no symptoms, so people may pass an infection on without knowing they have it. The way most people find out they have chlamydia is when they go for a health check or from an infected sexual partner. If left untreated, chlamydia can lead to complications such as infertility in both men and women.

## How do you catch it?

It's spread through unsafe sexual contact. That is, sex without a condom.

## How can I get tested for chlamydia?

Testing for chlamydia is easy. You only need to provide a urine sample.

## What's the treatment?

If you have the infection, it can be easily treated and cured with two pills of antibiotics that you take once.

It is important to remember that your partner/s will also need testing and treatment. Recurrent infections with chlamydia can increase your risk of infertility.

## Women's business

Women and girls with chlamydia may notice cramps, pain below the belly button, changes with their periods, a change in vaginal discharge and pain when passing urine.

Chlamydia is an STI that is passed between partners during unprotected sex or when you don't use a condom.

Chlamydia can spread upward and infect the urethra, which is the thin tube that connects to the bladder through which urine passes.

It can also infect the cervix and without treatment can spread to the uterus, or place where a woman carries her baby.

The infection can then spread to the fallopian tubes that connect the uterus to the ovaries, where a woman's eggs are stored.

When an STI is detected by the body, the immune system tries to destroy the invader. The immune response to infection causes the area to become swollen, red and sore.

As the bugs that cause an STI are killed, dead immune system cells mixed with the bugs are released to form a discharge (pus) at the opening of the vagina.

The swelling and soreness



## Doctor's Advice

A column from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

with Dr David Brockman\*

which occurs, whether in the cervix, uterus or fallopian tubes, is called Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID). If left untreated PID can cause scarring.

In the fallopian tubes this scarring can lead to the tubes becoming narrow and blocked. The blockage prevents the male sperm from travelling to and fertilising a woman's eggs.

Scarring from infection with chlamydia can still cause damage in other ways.

A normal pregnancy begins when sperm travel up the uterus through the fallopian tubes to fertilise an egg released by the ovary. Chlamydia can damage the fine hair-like projections (cilia) that beat together guiding the fertilised egg along the fallopian tube.

If the hair cells lining the fallopian tube are damaged by an infection with chlamydia, they will not be able to transport the egg through the tube. The egg may attach itself to the fallopian tube and begin to grow - this is called an ectopic pregnancy and can be very serious.

## Men's Business

Guys with Chlamydia may notice a discharge from the penis, swollen/sore testes or testicles and pain when passing urine. Mostly though, infection with chlamydia has no noticeable symptoms.

Chlamydia is passed between partners during unprotected sex or when you don't use a condom. Chlamydia enters the body during sex and travels up the urethra, which is the thin tube that that passes through the penis, allowing urine to get out.

When Chlamydia enters the lining of the urethra and is detected by the body, the immune system tries to destroy the invader. The immune system fighting the infection causes the area to become red, swollen and sore.

As the bugs that cause chlamydia are killed, the dead immune system cells and chlamydia bugs are released as a discharge (pus) at the opening of the penis.

The discharge is often clear and may go unnoticed. If left untreated the swelling and redness can continue into other parts of a man's reproductive system, especially the fine tubes that make and transport a man's

sperm. Chlamydia can also spread to the testes where sperm are made.

Continued redness and swelling in the tubes that carry sperm results in scarring. As a result, the tubes can become narrow and blocked which then contributes to reduced sperm numbers and infertility.

## What to do?

Although Chlamydia is common, it is easily diagnosed and treated. In this way, the harm that chlamydia causes to the health and fertility of our people can be removed.

For advice, see your local Aboriginal medical service, family planning or sexual health service.

● For those readers out there who might be thinking about becoming doctors, we really want to hear from you! Write to us c/- The Editor, Koori Mail, PO Box 117, Lismore 2480 or email editor@koorimail.com

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Applications are now open and will close on **1 May 2009**. Please visit [http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/government\\_scholarships](http://www.rcna.org.au/scholarships/government_scholarships) for more information or contact the Fund Administrator, Royal College of Nursing, Australia on 1800 112 240.



## NSW HEALTH Working as a Team

### NSW Health 2009 Aboriginal Health Awards Nominations now open

Closing date 30 April 2009

The Centre for Aboriginal Health, NSW Health, is pleased to advise that nominations for the NSW Health 2009 Aboriginal Health Awards are now being received.

The Awards, established in 2004, acknowledge the contribution of individuals, teams and organisations to the improvement of the health outcomes of Aboriginal people in NSW.

This year's Awards ceremony will take place on the evening of 6 July 2009 to mark the start of National Aboriginal Islander Observance Committee week.

Nominations are invited from individuals, Area Health Services, Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services/Aboriginal Medical Services and Non-Government Organisations delivering health services to Aboriginal people living in NSW.

The Australian Resource Centre for Healthcare Innovations (ARCHI) is handling this year's nomination process. Instructions for nominating can be viewed at: <http://www.archi.net.au/e-library/awards/2009-nsw-aboriginal-awards>

Further enquiries should be addressed to: Sabina Evans Zanardi, ARCHI Event Management, Tel: (02) 8907 1454, e-mail: [sabina.evans@hss.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:sabina.evans@hss.health.nsw.gov.au)

Nominations must be received by  
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## New laws on misbehaviour



DOCTORS and other health professionals will soon be bound by law to do in colleagues suspected of misbehaviour including sexual misconduct and practising

while under the influence of drugs.

Currently, doctors are professionally and ethically bound to report misconduct.

New South Wales enshrined this obligation in law last October.

A meeting of Commonwealth and State ministers in Melbourne announced mandatory reporting would be enshrined in law nationally.

Hospitals and health professionals would be bound by law to report conduct that puts patients at harm.

Health professionals registering for the first time in Australia will also have to undergo mandatory criminal and identity checks.

All other registrants would be required to make annual declarations on criminal history matters when they renew their registration. - AAP

# Time to yarn up on trauma



A NEW booklet that urges greater communication about trauma experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people has been launched in Victoria.

Victoria's largest independent child and family welfare organisation, Berry Street, launched *Yarning Up on Trauma* under its 'Take Two' program and in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA).

Berry Street Director of Services and Deputy CEO Marg Hamley said the booklet was designed to assist Indigenous community groups that work with vulnerable children and families to understand historical and present-day trauma.

"It attempts to assist those workers to recognise and deal with traumas of their own, as well as those of the children and families with whom they work," she said.

VACCA CEO Muriel Bamblett said her organisation was pleased to be part of the governance arrangements for Berry Street's Take Two program, which is a mental health service for children and young people who have suffered abuse and neglect.

She said VACCA saw its partnership with the program as important in delivering 'culturally informed therapeutic responses that are based on an understanding of trauma and its pervasiveness within the Aboriginal community'.

"Take Two provides a critical service response to our vulnerable and at-risk children and young people," Ms Bamblett said.

"It is important that Aboriginal services and community service organisations are able to work together to deliver the best possible outcomes for those Aboriginal children and young people who most need it."



Pictured at the launch of the *Yarning Up on Trauma* training booklet are the Koori Youth Will Shake Spears, who performed at the event, along with, from left, Shaun Coade from Berry Street, VACCA CEO Muriel Bamblett and Department of Human Services Executive Director Paul McDonald.

# Research efforts of NT men honoured



DARWIN'S Menzies School of Health Research has recognised two respected Indigenous Northern Territory men for their ongoing support for the school's research projects.

Frank Djirrimbilwuy, manager of the 'Chooky Dancers' made famous by YouTube last year, was one of those honoured.

Menzies Director Jonathan Carapetis presented Mr Djirrimbilwuy with his Community Honorary Appointment Award at Galiwinku in East Arnhem last week.

The award recognised Mr Djirrimbilwuy's work promoting healthy lifestyles among Indigenous people, and for promoting Menzies projects to the general community.

A few days earlier, NT Administrator Tom Pauling presented Marius

Puruntatameri, of the Tiwi Islands, with his award in a formal ceremony at Menzies School of Health Research.

Mr Puruntatameri has worked with Menzies School of Health Research since the early 1980s and is a strong advocate for improving health and living conditions in Indigenous communities. He said being

recognised was important for the people of the Tiwi Islands who had a good working relationship with Menzies, looking at ways to improve diets, lifestyles and health.

"I'm honoured to be recognised on behalf of all Tiwi Island people," Mr Puruntatameri said.

"Although we are making some significant inroads to better health, there is always room for more improvement."

"We're happy that Menzies continues to support us with health research on the Tiwi Islands."

**'Although we are making some significant inroads to better health, there is always room for more improvement'**



Marius Puruntatameri receiving his award from NT Administrator Tom Pauling.



Menzies Director Professor Jonathan Carapetis presenting Frank Djirrimbilwuy with his Award at Galiwinku.

## Bursary boost for Canberra students



TWO students undertaking the foundation program through the University of Canberra's Ngannawal Centre have received bursaries named after a former employee of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). The foundation program assists

Indigenous students who have come late to tertiary studies or are improving their qualifications before undertaking a degree.

The Roni Ellis Indigenous Study Award of \$1000 was launched in 2001 in memory of Roni Ellis, an Indigenous DFAT employee who died of leukaemia the previous year.

Thirteen awards have been made so far

to Indigenous students from the University of Canberra. This year's recipients were Kiyah Missen, who received the award for the 2008 first semester and is studying for a Bachelor of Arts degree, and Shane Kim, who received the second semester award and is studying a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture.

Roni Ellis joined DFAT in 1991. She was responsible for managing the promotion of Australia's Indigenous culture and art abroad.

She was instrumental in building understanding of Indigenous culture and history among her many friends and colleagues in Australia and overseas.



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Dubbo College scholarship recipients Nyoaka Shipp, Penny Dunn and Angel Towney with family members Bernadette Skinner holding Joseph Haluk, Sonja Towney and Lloyd Robinson holding Jymari Robinson.

## Youth leaders get help with school costs



FIVE Year 11 and 12 students at Dubbo College

Senior Campus have received Commonwealth Indigenous Youth Leadership Scholarships, which will allow them to focus on academic, sporting and cultural goals in their remaining time at school.

Year 12 students Nyoaka Shipp, Angel Towney, Penny Dunn and Darrell Kemp, together with Year 11 student Eric Fernando, were recognised during a recent luncheon at the college's senior campus.

Penny said the scholarship would help her mother considerably.

"Mum is single and supporting four children, so the financial help will take some of the pressure off," she said.

### Resources

"I'm in Year 12 so there will be quite a few resources I will need to get through to university next year where I hope to study exercise science. We'll use the money for some of the basics like school uniforms, text books, a laptop computer and printer."

Angel's mother Sonja said the scholarship would

help the family by allowing Angel to be largely independent. "Angel is going for her black belt in karate and she hopes to attend the world championships in the United States later this year," she said.

"As well as providing support for her Year 12 studies, the scholarship gives us more flexibility to provide some assistance to her sporting life."

Co-ordinator of Aboriginal programs Charlie Newman said the scholarships would help students in a range of areas including excursions, tutoring and technology.



Hilda Ngalmi, from Numbulwar, an Aboriginal community of about 1200 in East Arnhem Land signs her scholarship papers with the assistance of NT Department of Education and Training Scholarship Officer Patricia Chisholm, right.

## 13 rise to challenge

**NT** THIRTEEN Indigenous student teachers at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Education have signed up for teacher training scholarships under the NT Department of Education and Training's More Indigenous Teachers initiative.

Batchelor Institute Vice-Chancellor Jeannie Herbert said the initiative was a positive way of addressing the challenges faced by many Indigenous students. "The majority of our students are mature-aged students with family responsibilities and full-time jobs," she said.

"Some of them have not completed secondary school and some speak English as a second language. Full-time study on top of this is quite simply not an option."

Dr Herbert said the scholarships provided income support to enable the students to complete their studies and become teachers in NT schools.

Upon graduation, the students will be employed by the Education Department in public schools around the NT, subject to them meeting their Teacher Registration Board requirements.

The teaching scholarships generally cover four years of study and include a six-week practical placement for each year of study.

"This marks the start of an exciting journey for these students. By assisting and encouraging them to become teachers we are also contributing to the overall improvement of Indigenous education, a vital need in our community," Dr Herbert said.



Minister Rod Welford with scholarship recipients Christine Kaden-Grohn, Amanda Nimmo and Ebony Pitt.

# Trio awarded scholarships



THREE Education Queensland staff were among the winners of this year's Pearl Duncan scholarships.

Christine Kaden-Grohn, of Goomeri, Ebony Pitt, of Wonga Beach, and Amanda Nimmo, of Mackay, received their scholarships at a ceremony at Parliament House in Brisbane on 11 February.

State Education and Training Minister Rod Welford said the Pearl Duncan scholarships were awarded to Indigenous people who aspired to become teachers.

The scholarships honour Pearl Duncan, who in 1951 became Australia's first tertiary trained Indigenous teacher.

One of the winners, Christine Kaden-Grohn, told *The Koori Mail* the

scholarship would help her complete her honours program.

She has been working as a teacher's aide since 2003 and is in her third year of training at James Cook University.

If she completes her first semester next year she will progress to writing her thesis, before taking over her own classroom in about two years.

### Community school

"I started down at Woodridge Primary School in Brisbane, and then I began working at Cherbourg school, which is an Aboriginal community school," she said.

"The school's been very supportive of me, 100 per cent all the way. I work there as a teacher's aide and then cut back when university starts," she said.

"I've been helping to teach all children

from prep to Year 7, and really don't have a preference. I enjoy teaching them all but what I've noticed is that you really have to be on your game when you're working across the different classes."

Meanwhile, Mr Welford said the Pearl Duncan scholarships ensured Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders were well represented in the State's teaching ranks.

"Dedicated and inspirational teachers who reflect the cultural backgrounds of all Queenslanders are essential to delivering a quality education," he said.

Mrs Kaden-Grohn received the two-year post-graduate scholarship, which provides \$10,000 towards an education degree. After completion of their studies, scholarship holders are guaranteed employment at a Qld State school.

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## 'All people, at all times, in all places, on all lands' Focus on cultural safety

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AROUND Australia, universities are realising that the culture and environment of their institutions play as much of a role in enriching

communities as academic rigour and performance.

Along the way, notions of cultural safety and cultural competency are gaining impetus, with university staff encouraged to interrogate what they can 'bring to the table' and what they need from the process.

Last month, executive staff from Southern Cross University (SCU) at Lismore, in northern New South Wales, grappled with those questions with help from one of Australia's leading Indigenous thinkers.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma led the group of about 35 participants through key issues in the rapidly changing Indigenous affairs environment, from the campaign to close a range of gaps between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, moves towards a national representative body, and human rights protections.



● LEFT: Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma (second from left) with SCU Vice Chancellor Prof Paul Clark, Head of SCU's Gribi College Prof Judy Atkinson, Head of Gribi's School of Indigenous Studies Glenn Wood, and SCU Human Resources Manager Ruth Levy. Seated is Gribi's Executive Officer Tjanara Goreng Goreng.

"A big issue in Indigenous affairs is the sheer level of change," he told the group. "I believe we need to let programs and policies bed down more than we currently are."

Mr Calma said much of the work of SCU's Gribi College of Indigenous Peoples was addressing the legacies of past policies and the historical trauma and mental anguish that many Indigenous people felt in having less control over their lives.

"We know that having a good education is essential to accessing employment and a good income," he said. "Having a university level education can make a great difference in this regard."

"If we're talking about jobs, we're talking about feeders into those jobs. Universities need to ask themselves 'how do we attract and retain Indigenous staff, and how to we make our courses respond to the needs of Indigenous students through both support and curricula'?"

Mr Calma spoke of the need for everyone to address human rights, from individuals to the Federal Government currently under pressure to formally endorse the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"Human rights is for everybody, everywhere, every day," he said.

Mr Calma's words were echoed by the

Head of Gribi College Professor Judy Atkinson, who told *The Koori Mail* that cultural security and cultural competency was about 'all people in all places on all lands knowing who they are and how we can relate to each other'.

"And to make the way we live, internationally, nationally, locally, regionally safe and secure," she said.

Prof Atkinson said the College was working beyond SCU's campus boundaries to places like Western Australia's Kimberley region, into Queensland and in Timor.

She said the workshop was aimed at helping SCU's senior staff come to a deeper understanding of what the university could do to progress human rights.

"They want to help but they're not sure how to help," she said. "What we want today is for the university's executive to find out what they can do to make it happen. Not just the talk, let's make it happen."

"A university has to be safe for all people. It is about making this place a secure place and understanding that it is about individual safety as well collective safety, it's about individual rights as well collective rights."

"We're all in this together."

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# Perth exhibition highlights divergent styles



AN exhibition in Perth this month brings together artworks from two divergent modes of contemporary Indigenous art practice.

On the one hand, *Ochre and Rust* presents paintings from the artists of Injalak Arts and Crafts at Gunbalanya, in the Northern Territory, steeped in the rock art heritage of the stone country of western Arnhem Land.

On the other, it features the contemporary forms of Victorian artist Lorraine Connelly-Northey, which use the detritus of Western life to comment on the complex position of Indigenous knowledge in contemporary society.

Since 1990, Connelly-Northey has worked with found materials including rusted wire mesh, galvanised iron, chicken wire and fencing wire, as well as feathers, shells and

other organic objects, to respond to her environment and to traditional Aboriginal culture.

The very different works in the exhibition present a dialogue on the role of art and alchemy in the process of identity creation and cultural exchange.

The exhibition pays homage to Philip Jones, who said in his 2007 study *Ochre and Rust* that Aboriginal artefacts not only evoked another culture and another time 'but also carry substantial traces of encounters between their original makers or owners and their collectors'.

"Having brushed against both cultures, they wear a double patina of ochre and rust," Jones said.

**Narrbong (String Bag) by Lorraine Connelly-Northey (Rusted thunderboxcan and ploughing metal, 2008).**

Mossenson Galleries in Subiaco tonight, and will run until 28 March.



**Kings and Namarddacka by Bardayal 'Lofty' Nadjamerrek (Natural Ochres on Arches Paper, 2007).**

Images courtesy of the artists and Mossenson Galleries

# Townsville hotel commissions local artwork



THE purchase of the Holiday Inn Townsville has allowed Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) to

involve Indigenous groups in various aspects of the hotel re-development.

IBA General Manager Ron Moroney said one of the outcomes that IBA wanted to achieve was to generate and support employment, training and business development opportunities within the region.

"IBA approached Umbrella Studio, a Townsville-based not-for-profit contemporary arts organisation, to commission artwork for the recently purchased 200-room Townsville icon," Mr Moroney said.

The commission involves the production of a series of about 276 limited edition works on paper that will be installed as part of the refurbishment process of the hotel.

Umbrella Studios brought together eight Indigenous artists for a series of printmaking workshops to develop ideas and produce works that met the design brief.

## Highly regarded

Umbrella Studio Director Vicky Salisbury said the participating artists were highly regarded for their artistic potential and commitment to professional practice.

"The project has expanded the level of arts practice for Indigenous artists who live and work in the region," Ms Salisbury said.

"The majority of participants exceeded far beyond their own expectations, reaching a new benchmark in productive capacity and artistic expression."

"These artists proudly share their stories on paper soon to be showcased in a high visibility mainstream location."

The final production includes lino-prints and screen-prints to be displayed in the rooms and monotypes for placement in prominent areas throughout the hotel foyer and bar.

The copyright of the artwork will remain with the individual artist who will also receive re-sale royalties should the artworks be sold by IBA.

The Holiday Inn is undergoing extensive renovations with the artwork expected to be on display in the hotel from July. An exhibition is planned for July.



**Charters Towers artist and IBA client Marilyn Kepple at work.**



**Townsville artist and IBA client Shirley Collins.**

## Alison and Rachel off to Bluesfest

THE lucky winners of *The Koori Mail* 2009 Bluesfest competition are in! Alison Conaty and Rachel Keed will each receive a three-day double pass to the festival and will be able to enjoy the festival's inaugural InDIG stage, with performers including Saltwater Band, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Stiff Gins,

Dan Sultan and many more.

The 2009 Bluesfest is lining up to be another huge event with international acts such as Ben Harper and Relentless 7, Michael Franti and Spearhead and Jason Mraz announced in the line-up. Other festival favourites include John Butler Trio, Augie March, Xavier Rudd, Tim Finn

and Missy Higgins.

The five-day event runs over the Easter long weekend, from Thursday 9 April to Monday 13 April, and is celebrating its 20th birthday with the first dedicated Indigenous stage.

Keep an eye out for our special Bluesfest coverage in our April 22 edition.

# Musical smorgasbord

## Oka's style a blend of countless elements

By PETER PURDON

OKA are making a name for themselves, not just in Australia, but also overseas.

And it's a name that says 'ochre', not 'ocker'.

So far, it's been a word-of-mouth, underground thing. The lucky ones who catch them live or hear the music through other means can't help but pass the word on.

They've been a crowd-pleaser at the Murri Tent at Woodford Festival for a few years and last year's performance was good enough to get them signed up early for this year's festival.

Although Oka's line-up might change from performance to performance, its core is always Stu Boga Fergie and Chris Lane.

Stu Boga Fergie comes from the Yakin Andu people from Eastern Cape York. His parents were missionaries so Stu's childhood involved travel all over Torres Strait and the Pacific.

He grew up with music 'all round me' and when you hear him blowing hard and full, it isn't hard to understand how he got his nickname 'DidgeriStu'.

### Telescopic didge

His didge is telescopic; it slides in and out to vary the key, something like a trombone, and he also plays keyboard.

Chris Lane is from a very different background, having studied jazz in Melbourne and classical bamboo flute in India.

He plays four kinds of flute, a saxophone and a very cool slide guitar. It may be impossible, but sometimes it seems like he's playing slide guitar and flute at the same time. Chris also has a bit of saltwater in his blood - he's an avid surfer.

In fact, there's a lot of saltwater and country in their music, so it's no real surprise that last year the pair worked on the soundtrack for a radical new surf movie *Life Like Liquid*.

There's spirituality there too, with Stu's didge and Chris' flute(s) soaring around each other, weaving and

meshing like wedge-tails in flight.

Describing Oka's music is hard because there are so many elements; they're simply outside all the boxes. Keen listeners will hear Indigenous (didge/yidaki), jazz, electronic, Indian, reggae, feral, folk, hip-hop, world music and a lot more that it's hard to put a name to.

So when the opportunity came up, this writer went straight to the source and asked them to describe their music.

### Mullumbimby return gig

The opportunity arose at the Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club in northern NSW at the end of February. The band had impressed when they played at the Mullum Music Fest in November 2008 and the place was crowded.

"We just call it Oka Music. It's a fusion of us as individuals," said Stu.

"We've come from different backgrounds so our music is an eclectic combination. 'It's our journey of life. We've gone into so many different places, cultures and countries that have influenced the music."

"Ultimately for Oka, we just try to keep it close to our heartspace at the time and the place, keeping it fresh and improvising in the moment. We don't really have anything completely planned; our tracks are skeletons that we improvise on."

"The idea is that it picks up the energy that's there and that's the journey, a musical journey. It's being able to breathe in music. Everybody moves together in the journey, that's the most important thing, I reckon."

Chris added that Oka's music all went back to 'those ancient cultures - the one from Australia and then there's the one from India - where all the wisdom is brought through'.

"They're bound to mesh when you let the music do its thing. It just seems to work somehow," he said.

Both of the fellas were happy with their reception at Woodford, especially



Oka's Chris Lane (front) and Stu Boga Fergie.  
- Photo courtesy of the Woodford Festival

the Murri Tent, and the warm welcome from the Elders.

"They've invited us back to play three years in a row," said Chris. "It was good to be sort of giving something back in getting all those people into the venue - sharing something with all the Elders there."

people in their cultural ways.

"It's good to be able to sing without bringing politics into it, even though there are issues that need to be addressed or need to be worked on, stuff to be done there."

"But to forget about all that for an hour or an hour and a half and just to

celebrate, to get back to the essence, to the joy where everything came from. That's straight up. There's reconciliation through that joy."

Oka spends time around Queensland's Sunshine Coast, but Stu said he and Chris were essentially 'nomads, basically travelling to the next spot'.

"A big thing in our music has been the simplicity of things, your simple connection with the water or the sunrise or something like that - they're the things that inspire you when you're creating music," he said.

### Textures

"With our music we haven't wanted a front person necessarily. It's equal music where you create textures and layers over each other."

Until Woodford, Oka are working on recording a new CD. There have been four so far: *Half Lazy Half Crazy*, *Music Makes me Happy*, *One talk* ('Wantok') and the seminal elements released in 2002.

Stu's artwork features on the covers.

Oka have a website where new fans can get

a taste of their music, at [www.okamusic.com](http://www.okamusic.com)

Oh, in case you want to know, my favourite track is *Music Makes me Happy*. I hope it does the same for you.

'DidgeriStu' during Oka's recent Mullumbimby show.



## MARRICKVILLE council

### MARRICKVILLE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER ARTS STUDIO PROGRAM

Marrickville Council is seeking applications for the Marrickville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Studio Program at Council's studio space located within the Addison Road Centre, Marrickville, NSW.

The aim of the Marrickville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Studio Program is to provide support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and craftspeople living in the Marrickville local government area and/or contributing to Marrickville's artistic and cultural life. Applications from emerging and mid-career artists and craftspeople are welcomed.

For enquiries, to organise a viewing, or if you require assistance with the application, phone Marrickville Council's Cultural Development Officer on 02 9335 2280 or email [odo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:odo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au).

# Book celebrates region

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A NEW book featuring 26 Aboriginal artists living in the New South Wales

Northern Rivers region was unveiled at Byron Bay last week.

The Australia Council's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Unit Program Manager Chris Bonney launched *A Special Kind of Vision: Contemporary Indigenous Art from the Northern Rivers*, the latest offering by Arts Northern Rivers.

A related three-week exhibition will run at Byron's Retrospect Gallery until 27 March and paintings, sculpture and prints will be available for sale along with the book, which offers not only insight into the local artists and the inspiration behind their pieces, but a glimpse into the Aboriginal art culture of the region.

Well-known local artist Digby Moran joins the likes of Arts Northern Rivers Indigenous

Development Officer Frances Belle Parker, Peter Robinson, Jacqui Williams and Robert Appo amongst a group short-listed from 70 artists from Grafton to Tweed Heads.

The process began after a successful bid for funding from the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) allowed Arts Northern Rivers to conduct a survey of local Indigenous artists and document the findings.

Over a period of three weeks, Frances Parker and a journalist and professional photographer travelled throughout the region to record the stories and artworks of almost 70 Indigenous artists.

The final 25 selected from this group feature in the 84-page colour publication, with an opening essay by Bundjalung man and arts curator Djon Mundine.

Copies of the book are being sold through Arts Northern Rivers, tel (02) 6628 8120 and artwork is available at Retrospect Gallery at Byron Bay.



Chris Bonney (front centre in black shirt) with the Northern Rivers artists.

● RIGHT: Artists Kim Healey and Digby Moran at the Byron Bay launch of *A Special Kind of Vision: Contemporary Indigenous Art from the Northern Rivers*. The artists are featured in the book.



● LEFT: Artist Karla Dickens with one of her artworks, many of which are informed by grief and loss.



● RIGHT: E J Williams with daughter Nirrbi Williams looks at a painting by his wife Alison Williams.



## What drives artists?



FOUR leading Australian Indigenous artists – at a Brisbane festival aimed at promoting debate and fostering

innovation – will explore what drives artists to be advocates and what is required for advocacy to be effective.

The five-day Festival of Ideas will be held at Brisbane's cultural precinct South Bank, from 25-29 March.

On the panel for the 'Art as Advocacy' session at the State Library of Queensland (SLQ) will be painter and printmaker Judy Watson, painter, performer and video-maker Richard Bell, multi-media and visual artist Vernon Ah Kee, and painter Gordon Hookey.

Charleville-born Bell sparked a furore when he wore a T-shirt bearing the words 'White girls can't hump' to accept the 2003 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award. The T-shirt was part of the artist's theorem of Aboriginal art: 'It's a white thing' and his stance on the assimilation and exploitation of Indigenous art in Western art.

However, Bell's fellow festival panellists have all



Richard Bell will be one of four leading Indigenous artists to explore the issue of art as advocacy at Brisbane's Festival of Ideas later this month. This image comes from Bell's 2008 video *Scratch an Aussie*.

pushed boundaries with their work.

Their session will discuss: ● Personal responsibility in issues: Speaking for or on behalf of people and causes

● The engaged public: Investigating the practice of change agents, lobbyists, citizen journalists, and mass media and

● Citizen involvement in democracy, the law and social justice, and creative action: Social entrepreneurship, volunteerism and building social capital.

The free session will be held in Auditorium 2 at the SLQ from 10.30am until 11.30am on Saturday 28 March.

The Brisbane Festival of Ideas was established in 2001 and is about 'new ideas, old ideas in new manifestations and the exchange of ideas across sector, across industry, across generations and across the room'.

International, national and local speakers feature in lectures, panel discussions, debates, question and answer and interview sessions on a broad range of topics.

The five themes to this year's event are: Invention and Innovation; Development and design; Ecology and Ethics; Action and Advocacy; and Self and Society.

For the full program for 2009, go to [www.ideasfestival.com.au](http://www.ideasfestival.com.au)



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### 'Making Solid Ground'

## National Indigenous arts Infrastructure program open!

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts board of the Australia Council for the Arts invites expressions of interest to its national Indigenous arts infrastructure program. The program will support Leading and Building Indigenous cultural and arts organisations with a focus on Cultural Maintenance or Artistic Vibrancy. The closing date for expressions of interest is 10 April 2009.

In 2008 we held national consultations in every state and territory with hundreds of people attending forums, ringing and writing to tell us what they thought. We looked at how we should support arts organisations financially as well as looking at what the key areas should be to develop infrastructure support for art and culture in our communities. This new program is the result of those discussions.

### Call us! Use our website!

A free expression of interest kit is available. Interested organisations can contact the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Division on 02 9215 9170 or toll free 1800 226 912 or download information from [www.australiacouncil.gov.au/makingsolidground](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/makingsolidground)

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KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



Aboriginal actor Tony Ryan, second right, during *The Combination*.

# Ryan wins praise for movie role

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL actor Tony Ryan has played a pivotal role in a controversial new movie about

Australia's Lebanese community. The movie, *The Combination*, was briefly pulled from Greater Union cinemas during its opening week following two violent incidents.

But it was also awarded four-and-a-half stars and four stars on *The Movie Show* for its gritty and original portrayal of the Lebanese gangs in Sydney's western suburbs.

Tony Ryan plays boxing gym owner Wesley, who becomes something of a mentor for the film's leading man, John Morkos (George Basha). John is released from prison intent on a new life away from the gang culture, and finds a job at the boxing gym and a new girlfriend. But he is drawn back into the world of violence as he tries to look after his younger brother, who has become mixed up with a local gang.

Ryan told *The Koori Mail* the film explored issues of racism and alienation – themes to which an Aboriginal man could relate.

He was chosen by director David Field, who had seen him in the film *Blacktown*, which explored Ryan's former life of alcohol, drug abuse and prison.



Actor Tony Ryan in a scene from *The Combination*.

Originally from Cowra in southern NSW, Ryan has spent many years living around Sydney. He admits to having struggled with drug and alcohol addiction.

These days, however, he runs his own consulting company, works as a drug and alcohol counsellor for young people, and is a leader in his community.

## 'Culture shock'

"It was a bit of culture shock at the start being so close to the Lebanese, but I learnt a lot about their culture," he said. "We all know enough about the Aussie culture, but there is a lack of understanding about other cultures in Australia."

During the filming, Ryan had

plenty of time to get to know the Lebanese actors, and the daily trials they face.

"These guys were plucked straight out of the community, they were already in warfare," he said.

"Some good friendships developed and there was a great deal of respect. The boys were asking me questions about how me and my mob handle racism and I ask them if they are proud of where they come from."

"Any Aussie who is proud of being Aussie should understand what Aboriginal people and Lebanese people feel."

For any Indigenous people watching the film, check out the boxing gym scenes as they feature fellas from the PCYC in Redfern.



A scene from *Mah*, a film made by Daniel Teece-Johnson under the Lester Bostock Indigenous mentorship scheme. *Mah* is described as 'a gritty, realistic and dark meditation on domestic violence'.

## Scheme gives a chance to be in movies



NSW film body Metro Screen is offering Indigenous film-makers an opportunity to make short films with the support of mentors.

The opportunity comes under the Lester Bostock Scheme (LBS), which each year supports committed film-makers to produce short films from five to eight minutes in any genre.

Indigenous radio, television and film pioneer Lester Bostock, the patron and founder of the mentorship scheme, will help select participants.

Films can be experimental, documentary or drama and will be screened during a special cinema event and at the Museum of Sydney during NAIDOC Week, as well as other venues around Australia.

Each film-maker will be mentored by an industry professional and supplied with equipment, stock, post-production facilities, and a \$2500 budget. In addition, each is also provided with dedicated producer support, skills training in directing, and development assistance through professional script editor

consultations. Past mentored film-makers have gone on to successful careers. These include Wayne Blair, who has won awards at the Berlin Film Festival and the Deadly Awards, Adrian Wills, who has won the Tudawali Award and written and directed films screened on the ABC and SBS, and writer Anita Heiss, who is currently working on an Indigenous TV series with the assistance of Screen Australia.

LBS graduate Mellissa Abrahams said the opportunity to tell Indigenous stories on film was just an extension of the oral story-telling tradition.

"Aboriginal people have been master story-tellers since the Dreamtime," she said. "The chance to tell our stories on film is just an extension of our oral story-telling history. Now we can finally let the truth be known and let our imaginations soar."

The LBS is supported by the NSW Film and Television Office and is open to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander screenmakers.

Applications close on 9 April. For more information, contact Metro Screen on (02) 9365 1818 or visit [www.metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metroscreen.org.au)

# Graduation music to their ears



A SMALL but dedicated group of Aboriginal students have graduated from a new TAFE study scheme where some modules were completed during this year's Tamworth Country Music Festival Cultural Showcase.

They completed the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment through

Tamworth TAFE, northern NSW.

Musicians Roger, Buddy and Johnny Knox were amongst the graduates, along with Marc Sutherland, Barega Knox, Bareki Knox, Athol Munro, Terry Allen and Mark Atkins.

The qualification will allow them to run professional workshops and training in traditional dance, Aboriginal fine arts and performance skills for

musicians in the school and TAFE system. Some group members have already arranged work in these areas as a result of the program.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch congratulated the nine students, saying such programs were vital in closing the gap in Indigenous health and education.

"This partnership between the

Cultural Showcase and TAFE is a great avenue for Aboriginal people to safeguard their culture and gain invaluable training," he said.

The event, supported by the NSW Government, includes a range of dance, art, traditional tool and didgeridoo-making.

The partnership is set to continue next year.



Back row from left: Rosemary Allen (TAFE), Bareki Knox, Athol Munro, Mark Atkins, Buddy Knox, Terry Allen, Pam Morgan (TAFE Institute Director), Len Waters (TAFE), Joanne Stead (Department of Aboriginal Affairs) and Roger Knox. Front kneeling are: Archie Tanna (DAA), Barega Knox, Marc Sutherland and Stephen Blanch (Tamworth Youth Centre). Absent: Johnny Knox.

# Grants putting shows on road



NETS Victoria has been granted \$80,000 to tour the first major museum survey of the work and practice of internationally

acclaimed Indigenous artist Trevor Nickolls. The project was one of 15 touring cultural exhibitions to share in \$1 million through the latest funding round of the Federal Government's Visions of Australia program, which supports not-for-profit organisations and public collecting institutions to develop and tour exhibitions of Australian cultural material across Australia.

This way art: Trevor Nickolls, a survey, will go to venues in Victoria, Canberra, South Australia and the Northern Territory. Born in 1949, Nickolls is considered a seminal figure in Australian contemporary art. He has exhibited nationally and

internationally for more than 30 years.

Curated by Michael O'Ferrall, the touring exhibition includes self-portraiture and urban landscapes from the early 1980s to the present, and explores themes of alienation, identity and Aboriginality in Australia.

The works are drawn from private and public collections in Australia and Europe. Also successful in the latest funding round was the Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery which received \$85,887 to develop an exhibition called *Women with Clever Hands: Gapuwiyak Miyalkurruwurr Gong Djambatjaml*.

The exhibition will explore the weaving and fibre traditions of the women artists of Gapuwiyak in Arnhem Land, NT. The artists involved hope it will encourage younger Indigenous women to become involved in fibre practice as a means of

artistic, economic and cultural growth.

The exhibition, to be developed by guest curator Dr Louise Hamby, aims to highlight the skill and innovation of individual makers past and present through the development of baskets, mats, bags, sculpture and body wear and the Gapuwiyak artists' concern with the revival and continuation of fibre traditions and forms.

In announcing the funding, Arts Minister Peter Garrett said the Visions of Australia program had proved successful in encouraging the development and touring of exciting and innovative exhibitions to metropolitan and regional communities across Australia.

Touring exhibitions in this round will go to 87 venues across all Australian States and Territories, including 56 venues in regional locations.

# Free space in Marrickville



INDIGENOUS artists are being encouraged to apply for the Marrickville Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Studio Program, which will provide them with free studio space in the inner-city Sydney suburb of Marrickville.

The program allows Indigenous Australian artists to use Marrickville Council's studio space at the Addison Road Centre for 12 months.

The council will provide the space as part of the residency, and the artist will be responsible for furnishing and maintaining it.

Marrickville Mayor Sam Islander said Indigenous communities contributed greatly to the culture and art of the Marrickville local government area.

"The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Studio Program aims to enhance this contribution by providing practical support for artists," he said.

Applications are invited from emerging and mid-career artists and craftspeople working in all art forms.

For more information or an application form, phone the council cultural development officer on (02) 9335 2280 or email [cdo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cdo@marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

Applications close on Wednesday 18 March.



# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



The course participants at left, and right, Steven Adams, from Alliance People Solutions which is delivering the IPRC training, Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson, who welcomed the trainees on the first day, Paul Callinan, from Alliance People Solutions, and Warrant Officer Class One Colin Watego.

FOR 26-year-old Amy Miller from Newcastle, NSW, the end of the first week of the Defence Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course has left her feeling 'inflated'.

"Every day I walk away feeling a little bit bigger and my head is held a little bit higher," she said.

"The training that you go through, you know you've achieved something at the end of each day."

Amy is one of 20 Indigenous Australians who embarked on specialist pre-recruitment training in Newcastle last week, aimed at giving participants a head start in understanding job opportunities in the Australian Defence Force (ADF).

During the course, participants undertake training in motivation, discipline, physical fitness, communication and skills to live away from home. They also visit a number of Defence sites, including Garden Island in Sydney, the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Kapooka in Wagga Wagga, Singleton Army Base and RAAF Base Williamtown. They will also attend a five-day Indigenous leadership course in Canberra.

The pre-recruitment course is one of the early initiatives to be rolled out as part of the ADF Indigenous Employment Strategy. It was held for the first time last year in Townsville.

Federal Employment Minister Brendan O'Connor said the Townsville course had been a great success.

# Sights set on career in Defence

"Two participants from the original course are now Army recruits currently training at Kapooka, and another seven are in the recruiting process," he said.

"I am confident the Newcastle IPRC will result in similar positive employment results."

With a five-year-old daughter, Amy said her goal for the end of the course was to enter the Army Reserves part-time and then enlist full-time next year.

"I'd love to show other single mums that they can do it as well," she said. "I'd like to get posted somewhere far away like Darwin. I'd like to experience being in a different community with my daughter."

Meanwhile 26-year-old John Wilson, from Canberra, said he had enrolled in the course because he wanted to achieve goals and have a successful career.

"I'd like to represent Aboriginal people getting somewhere in life," John said. "Not only doing something for yourself, but helping the community when needed, like in severe storms."

John said the highlight at the end of the first week had been the bonding between trainees.

"We're making a good team," he said.

"We're supporting and helping each other out and the fitness

training is getting a lot better.

"I haven't met any of these people before, but we're pretty much already best mates in just five days."

Accompanying the trainees on their eight-week journey is Warrant Officer Class One Colin Watego, an Aboriginal man who has spent 34 years in the Australian Army.

WO1 Watego is a military mentor for the participants, answering questions and assisting with some of the training.

Speaking personally, he said joining the Australian Defence Force was the best decision he had ever made.

"It's offered me opportunities I couldn't possibly have gotten anywhere else," he said.

"Like anything of value, you've got to work for it, but the Defence Force supports you while you achieve your short-term and long-term goals."

Steven Adams, of Hunter-based Alliance People Solutions, which has been contracted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to deliver the Newcastle course, said the diverse group of young people (15 males and five females) came from the NSW far south coast through to Kempsey and were aged from 17 to their mid-20s.

"Even those participants who do not gain acceptance into the Australian Defence Force will have acquired considerable confidence, skills and fitness for other employment," he said.

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Note: Classification of all positions currently under review.

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Web Search No: 00000075 Level / Salary: Class 1 - \$134,177 pa

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#### Executive Director Regional Services

Web Search No: 00000154 Level / Salary: Class 1 - \$134,177 pa

Working in regional partnership with industry and Local, State and Commonwealth Governments, the challenge of this position is to ensure that positive outcomes are achieved with Indigenous communities around the State.

#### Executive Director Land & Heritage

Web Search No: 00000093 Level / Salary: Class 1 - \$134,177 pa

This position leads a team of experts in the promotion and protection of heritage and the use, management and transfer of land to Indigenous people. It provides the administrative support to the Aboriginal Lands Trust and Aboriginal Cultural Material Committee to facilitate social, economic and cultural benefits for Indigenous people.

#### Executive Director Corporate Services

Web Search No: 00000043 Level / Salary: Class 1 - \$134,177 pa

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#### Assistant Director Heritage

Web Search No: 00000114 Level / Salary: Level 8 - \$102,876 - \$111,740 pa

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#### Principal Legal Officer

Web Search No: 00000028 Level / Salary: SC Level 6 - \$125,241 pa

Leading the Legal Branch of the Department, the position is responsible for providing legal services and policy advice in relation to legal matters including the preparation of discussion papers and reports on complex matters relating to legislation.

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Web Search No: 00000079/00000081 Level / Salary: Level 7 - \$90,727 - \$97,241 pa

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For specific job related information: Please contact Barbara Macnish on 0417 919 707 for the Executive Director positions or Darlene Gould on 0423 977 078 for the other positions.

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DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS



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## Regional Consultant, Aboriginal Education and Engagement Senior Education Officer 2 (ETS)

**Temporary Full-time position - Position Number: 137586, South Western Sydney Region, Total remuneration package valued to: \$115,093 p.a. (Salary \$104,298 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

Providing high level support and advice to regional staff and schools in all aspects of Aboriginal education and training and the implementation of Aboriginal Education policies and strategies in the context of regional needs and priorities.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Demonstrated high level experience in and deep understanding of Aboriginal education with expertise in initiating and implementing programs that achieve improved educational outcomes for Aboriginal students.

Demonstrated high level leadership and organisational skills with the capacity to lead and build effective teams. Proven highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to establish and maintain constructive relationships with a broad range of people, including Aboriginal communities. Demonstrated communication skills at the level required for negotiating and liaising with senior officers and the preparation of reports, submissions, presentations, briefings and speeches.

Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education.

Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

**Inquiries:** Cheryl Best (02) 9408 8900 Email: Cheryl.Best@det.nsw.edu.au

**Information Packages:** Carmen Lipovic (02) 9408 8999 Email: Carmen.Lipovic@det.nsw.edu.au

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Cheryl Best, School Education Director, Department of Education and Training, Riverwood Office, 11 Union Street, Riverwood NSW 2210.

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**Closing Date:** 27 March 2009.

## Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer Community Liaison Officer

**Permanent Full-time position - Position Number: 123213, Bourke, Total remuneration package valued to: \$58,847 p.a. (Salary \$53,328 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

Supporting and developing consultative links between the Aboriginal community and the department at school, regional and State Office levels.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Proven ability to work collaboratively in teams. Knowledge of Aboriginal education programs, Departmental communities and external agencies. Skills to facilitate change. Understanding of Aboriginal Education Consultative Group role. Effective interpersonal, oral and written skills.

Driver's licence or willingness to obtain one. 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:** Allan Hall (02) 6841 3852

**Email:** Allan.Hall@det.nsw.edu.au

**Information Packages:** Joy Rich (02) 6883 6364

**Email:** Joy.Rich@det.nsw.edu.au

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Mr Allan Hall, Indigenous Engagement and Quality Teaching Consultant, Western NSW Regional Office, Arthur Street Campus, Arthur Street, DUBBO NSW 2830

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**Closing Date:** 27 March 2009.

## Consultant, Aboriginal Education Senior Education Officer 1 (ETS)

**Temporary Full-time position - Position Number: 123429, Sydney Region, Total remuneration package valued to: \$106,190 p.a. (Salary \$88,884 - \$96,230 p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

Providing advice and support to schools across the region on the organisation and implementation of Aboriginal education policies and programs.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Teaching qualifications and recent school based experience. Demonstrated ability to develop and implement programs and initiatives that contribute to improving Aboriginal student learning outcomes. Experience in implementing Aboriginal education/studies, professional development activities and providing support to personnel in schools and across the region. Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team, effective communication and interpersonal skills. Demonstrated commitment to the values of public education. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal education policies.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment up to 26 January 2012. Administrative hours and conditions apply. It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Recent school-based experience is that which has been undertaken within the last three years. Recent school-based experience may include experience in providing direct classroom support to teachers and students in schools.

**Inquiries and Information Package:** Carol Green (02) 9582 5853

**Email:** Carol.Green1@det.nsw.edu.au

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Ms Carol Green, Consultant Aboriginal Education, Sydney Region, St. Peters Office, Church Street, ST. PETERS NSW 2044.

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## Career opportunities at JCU

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To be considered for selection it is essential that you:

- Are aged between 17 - 24 (17 - 28 for individuals in particular targeted groups)
- Have satisfactorily completed the requirements of the South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE), or equivalent
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It is also desirable if you:

- Have undertaken a minimum 2 weeks formal work experience placement in amenity horticulture at an appropriate establishment
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Goodman Building, Adelaide Botanic Garden; telephone 08 8222 9311

Mount Lofty Botanic Garden; telephone 08 8370 8370

**Deadline for Applications: 5:30pm Friday 27th March 2009**

Send completed applications to:

Assistant Consultant

CareerStart SA

GPO Box 320

ADELAIDE SA 5001

For further information or enquiries contact Penny Beumer (08) 8370 8370

(Mon - Wed): [beumer.penny@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:beumer.penny@saugov.sa.gov.au)

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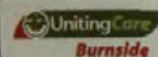
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

### Aboriginal Education Assistant

Clerk Grade 3/4, Sydney Western Suburbs, Mount Tomah, Casual

Vacancy Ref :DECC09-041

**Salary:** \$29.49 - \$32.29 per hour plus applicable casual loadings and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Deliver educational activities with an indigenous theme for the general community or components of educational lessons with an indigenous theme for students.

#### Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the position.
- Experience in delivering education programs in an outdoor setting, scientific or cultural institution.
- Demonstrated skills in delivering interpretation programs to people of all ages and from a diverse range of cultural backgrounds.
- Demonstrated understanding of Indigenous community groups and an understanding of the Indigenous perspective on plants and the environment.
- The capacity to develop a general knowledge of plants and the environment and an understanding of the role of a botanic garden.
- Demonstrated written communication, presentation and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to set priorities and work within a team environment.
- Current driver's licence with the ability to drive manual vehicles and a current Senior First Aid Certificate or willingness to gain a Senior First Aid Certificate prior to commencement of employment.

**Job Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a casual position for up to 12 months with possible extension with work based on demand. There is no public transport. As this position is considered Child - Related Employment under the provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening. Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Rusty Worsman (02) 4567 3015, 0429 673 015 or [rusty.worsman@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rusty.worsman@rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Sandra Richards (02) 4567 3012

**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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

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Chris Bonney

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- Experience in organisation wide cultural awareness raising;
- Strong communication and influencing skills;
- Strong administrative and coordination skills;
- Experience in internal and external stakeholder management, including government agencies and other Indigenous support agencies and programme providers;
- Previous experience in hospitality or customer service industry is preferred but not essential.

The successful candidates will be required to obtain a National Police Clearance.

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**Closing Date: 20 March 2009**



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Executive Level 2

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Some positions are currently vacant and others are expected to become available in the future. The order of merit derived from this selection process will be used to fill vacancies in these locations.

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They are an integral part of FaHCSIA's own regional operations, and work within a State-wide 'remote areas' team. They work closely with and/or coordinate the efforts of staff from all relevant Australian Government agencies, state and local government agencies, Indigenous organisations, communities and the corporate/business sector.

Applicants need to demonstrate experience in working collaboratively with Indigenous people to achieve change and overcome barriers. They will have a very strong understanding of government programs and processes relevant to this work, with the ability to generate creative and effective solutions. Strong people skills and communication across a range of settings is also required. Above all, we are looking for people with the drive and determination to make a difference.

Successful ongoing APS employees will be offered temporary movement for a period of up to three years. For successful non-ongoing employees the position/s will be offered for a specified term of 18 months with the possibility of a further 18 months.

An attractive remuneration package will be offered, and in most locations additional remote locality assistance allowance and subsidised housing is provided.

Applicants are invited to specify a preferential or exclusive interest in one or more locations

If you would like more information on the advertised locations and surrounding regions you can visit:  
<http://wa.gov.au/aboutwa/allaboutwa/>

### How to apply

For further information contact Roger Barson, State Manager WA, on (08) 9229 1504, visit 'Careers in FaHCSIA' at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au) or contact our Recruitment 24-hour answering machine on (02) 6244 6036.

We welcome applications from Indigenous Australians, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via the department's TTY number on 1800 260 402.

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian citizens or willing to apply for Australian citizenship.

Applications close COB WST Friday 20 March 2009.

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## Administrative Trainee

- People & Learning
- Ultimo, Sydney
- \$32,346 - \$43,550 + super

The ABC currently has a vacancy for an Administrative Trainee to develop and apply administrative knowledge and skills acquired during the course of the traineeship to support a range of Human Resource functions and activities.

This role will see the successful applicant attend and complete relevant training courses to meet requirements for AQF qualifications in administration and perform a range of routine administrative functions including acting as a point of contact to ensure professional handling of calls and visitors, dealing with phone enquiries, maintaining confidentiality, assisting with the organisation of meetings and functions, processing invoices, the preparation and formatting of spreadsheets or presentations, maintaining filing systems and office equipment and overall performing general administrative duties.

The successful applicant will also develop co-operative working relationships with colleagues along with learning and applying relevant ABC policies and practices including Equity & Diversity, OH&S and Risk Management.

### Selection Criteria:

1. A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples essential.
2. Basic computer skills including email, word, excel, internet.
3. Demonstrated administrative and clerical aptitude.
4. Demonstrated motivation and enthusiasm for performing work with ability to manage own workload and complete task in a timely and accurate manner.
5. Proficiency in written/oral communication skills, together with the ability to interact with clients in a positive manner.
6. Willingness to work as part of a team and establish effective working relationships with colleagues.
7. Willingness and ability to handle sensitive matters and maintain confidentiality of information.
8. Broad understanding of and interest in the role of the ABC.
9. Awareness of and commitment to ABC policies and practices including Equity & Diversity, OH&S and Risk management.

This vacancy is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people only which reflects the objectives of the ABC's Equity and Diversity Plan and the Equal Employment Opportunity (Commonwealth Authorities) Act 1987.

For further information contact Paul Brant on (02) 8333 1089 or Vanessa Murray on (02) 8333 5144.

Applications quoting reference KNH909084 should be sent to Recruitment, ABC GPO Box 9994, Sydney NSW 2001 or email [recruitment@your.abc.net.au](mailto:recruitment@your.abc.net.au) by COB 27 March 2009.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. For information on how to apply visit [abc.net.au/jobs](http://abc.net.au/jobs)

The ABC is an equal opportunity employer. The ABC invites Indigenous Australians to apply for this position.

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## 5 x Team Quality Managers

VPS-5: \$71,671 - \$79,193 p.a. + Super

Victorian Bushfire Case Management Service (VBCMS)

Location: Hume Region - North East Victoria

4 x Full Time, 1 x Part-Time (0.5): All Fixed Term - 12 Months

The VBCMS was established on 13 February in response to the devastating bushfires in Victoria. The key purpose of the Team Quality Managers is to oversee quality and consistency of the case management system within the Hume region.

We would like to hear from you if you have the skills to deliver a service that helps the people affected by the fires. You need to be enthusiastic and flexible, able to work in a complex and demanding environment and committed to delivering a high quality service.

For further information, please ring Paul Knowles on 03 5722 0913.

Please quote reference no 163417 (4 x Full Time) or 163421 (Part Time role)

Applications close on Sunday 15 March 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers)

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)



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## BATCHELOR INSTITUTE OF INDIGENOUS TERTIARY EDUCATION

### Course Coordinator - Construction & Carpentry

Position No.: 14692

Fixed term appointment commencing April 2009 to Dec 2012  
- Batchelor, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is responsible for the delivery of approved VET training programs in General Construction and Carpentry. This position requires the development of culturally appropriate teaching and learning outcomes, student assessment and maintenance of student files. Liaison with other training staff, remote Aboriginal communities and with industry partners is also required. Travel and working throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

### Course Coordinator - Family Wellbeing

Position No.: Supn

Fixed term appointment commencing April 2009 to Dec 2011  
- Alice Springs, NT

Remuneration Academic Level B - \$67,006 - \$79,570

This position is responsible for the delivery of an accredited Vocational Education and Training program in Family Wellbeing. This position includes teaching, coordination of culturally appropriate teaching and learning activities, student assessment, maintenance of student files and monitoring of student learning outcomes. Travel throughout the Northern Territory is an essential requirement.

Applications close Friday 20 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](http://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](mailto:recruitment@batchelor.edu.au)

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

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

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

## World Vision

### Pilbara Early Childhood Project Project Manager and Project Facilitator Newman, Western Australia

World Vision is Australia's largest overseas aid and humanitarian organisation. Our mission is to engage Australians in the effort to eliminate poverty and its causes. World Vision's Australia Program works to alleviate disadvantage among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Owing to rapid growth of the Australia Program, we are seeking to appoint a Project Manager and Early Childhood Project Facilitator to develop our Pilbara Early Childhood Care and Development Project in remote Indigenous communities in the Pilbara. Both positions will be based in Newman.

#### Early Childhood Project Manager

As an experienced Project Manager you will lead project design and implementation. You will have demonstrated strategic skills in project management, leadership and strategic partnerships in cross-cultural settings.

#### Early Childhood Project Facilitator

This is an operational role providing specialist field support to the Project Manager. You will have demonstrated experience in early childhood care and development, and project implementation in a cross cultural context.

We strongly encourage people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to apply.

To obtain information about our Core Values and to obtain a copy of either position description, visit the employment page of our website: [www.worldvision.com.au](http://www.worldvision.com.au)

Please send a resume, with a covering letter addressing the selection criteria, to Nathan Callaghan at: [careers@worldvision.com.au](mailto:careers@worldvision.com.au)

Applications close: Friday March 20, 2009

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES



## Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Health and Families in the Northern Territory.

The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and Australia's National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care, child protection and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

### HEALTH PROTECTION

#### ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER FEMALE (CLINICAL)

AHW4 (\$58 918 - \$62 060)

Temporary vacancy to 4 March 2011

Centre for Disease Control - Darwin

Quote vacancy number: 16191

#### ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER MALE (CLINICAL)

AHW4 (\$58 918 - \$62 060)

Temporary vacancy to 4 March 2011

Centre for Disease Control - Darwin

Quote vacancy number: 1997

We are seeking two Aboriginal Health Workers with an interest in Sexual and Reproductive Health to join our dynamic team of health professionals.

You will be working with our team of nurses, doctors and health workers to provide clinical care, education and support for clients and community groups at risk of a sexually transmitted infection or blood borne virus.

For further information and to discuss the flexible working opportunities in more detail, contact Belinda Davis on (08) 8999 2678 or email: [belinda.davis@nt.gov.au](mailto:belinda.davis@nt.gov.au)

Closing date: 20 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](http://www.nt.gov.au/jobs) Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247 or email [recruitment@nt.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@nt.gov.au)

Information on the Territory and it's great lifestyle is available at [www.theterritory.com.au](http://www.theterritory.com.au)

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.

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[nt.gov.au/health](http://nt.gov.au/health)



North Australian  
Indigenous Land &  
Sea Management  
Alliance

NAILSMA - The North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, was established to build capacity by facilitating knowledge generation and implementation across the north's Indigenous estate. It does so by fostering collaborative arrangements between Indigenous Knowledge and western science experts to benefit Indigenous people.

## Communications Officer

Vacancy number: 7098/070

Up to 12 months fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin  
Remuneration Package - HEW Level 6 - \$57,106 to \$60,960 per annum

You will be expected to promote and communicate issues directly relating to the NAILSMA's Carbon Abatement Project, specifically to Indigenous communities and the broader Australian community. You must have the demonstrated ability to develop communication materials (brochures, pamphlets, booklets, media releases and reports) in a creative, effective and culturally appropriate manner. Ideally, you will possess effective communication skills both oral and written, be able to work unsupervised, meet competing deadlines and work as part of a team in a challenging environment. A relevant qualification in communications, science or similar, coupled with computer literacy will be highly regarded.

## Indigenous Water Communications Officer

Vacancy number: 7099/071

Up to 2 year fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin  
Remuneration Package - HEW Level 6 - \$57,106 to \$60,960 per annum

You will be required to support two water projects funded by the National Water Commission in an effective and culturally appropriate manner. This will entail developing, refining and creating material for improving communication to NAILSMA partners and indigenous communities; liaising with partners and relevant stakeholders and coordinating media releases. A high degree of communication and interpersonal skills coupled with experience working with Indigenous people and competency in the use of computer applications preferably, Adobe PageMaker and publishing software will be looked upon favourably.

## Administration Officer

Vacancy number: 7100/072

Up to 12 months fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin  
Remuneration Package - HEW Level 4 - \$44,374 to \$47,267 per annum

A professional and enthusiastic person is required to fill the role of the Administration Officer within NAILSMA located at the Casuarina Campus of Charles Darwin University. You will act as the support person for the staff who are working directly on the Carbon Abatement Project, namely, the Carbon Manager, Operations Manager, Finance Officer and the CEO's. Duties include coordinating travel arrangements, drafting correspondence and managing the filing system. It is envisaged that you will have demonstrated experience working in administration, be able to manage and prioritise your workload with minimal supervision.

Applications Close: 18 March 2009

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For further information, please visit

[www.cdu.edu.au/pmd/vacancies.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/pmd/vacancies.html) or phone (08) 8946 6284.

Applicants should address the Selection Criteria.

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## Program Manager (Specified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

[This position is a "Specified Position" because a significant proportion of the duties involve policy and program development, direct communication and support services for Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons]

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$81 140 - \$87 005 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/IR27/09

**Key Duties:** Conduct high level research, analysis and review of complex employment and training policy issues, proposals and legislation. Contribute to the development and review of employment and training policy options, guidelines, initiatives and the implementation of policy decisions. Evaluate and provide expert advice on policies and policy options relating to employment and training initiatives in Queensland.

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

[jobvac.detr@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.detr@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 23 March 2009

## Program Support Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing

(Two positions available. Temporary full-time until 30 June 2010)

Housing

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/HO31/09

**Key Duties:** Involves property inspections and collecting annual data on the condition of approximately 4100 properties on 34 Indigenous communities.

**Skills and Abilities:** Possession of well-developed organization skills/strong team work ethic/ability to work with diverse cultures, experience/willingness to learn Department of Housing data collection methods.

Enquiries: Sue Saunders (07) 4046 3028 or

E-Mail: [jobvac.hog@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hog@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 23 March 2009

## Native Title Research Officer

(Identified)

Negotiations Unit, Indigenous Services

[Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent]

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Wollongabba

REF: QLD/NRW018/09

**Key Duties:** Assist in the negotiations by undertaking research for Indigenous Land Use Agreements, Right to Negotiate processes and other native title matters; Assist in the preparation of submissions, briefs, and advice

Enquiries: Beverly Coleman, Senior State Negotiator (07) 3406 2963

Closing Date: Monday, 23 March 2009

## Ranger (Indigenous Specified)

Queensland Parks and Wildlife

(Specified - Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons are encouraged to apply)

Environmental Protection Agency

Salary: \$49 569 - \$54 534 p.a.

Location: Chillagoe

REF: QLD/ENR341/08

Enquiries: (07) 4057 3310 or E-Mail:

[recruitment.cns@shareddeservices.qld.gov.au](mailto:recruitment.cns@shareddeservices.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Friday, 13 March 2009

## Cultural Liaison Officer (Identified)

Custodial Operations Directorate

(Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Woodford

REF: QLD/CS52/09

Enquiries: Ann Buckler (07) 5422 5297

Closing Date: Monday, 16 March 2009

## Cultural Liaison Officer (Identified)

Custodial Operations Directorate

(Two positions are available and applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$46 120 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Wacol

REF: QLD/CS53/09

Enquiries: Jennifer Rose (07) 3274 9746

Closing Date: Monday, 16 March 2009

## Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

(Two positions available)

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 622 p.a.

(\$23 204 - \$35 077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Mackay

REF: P080/09

Enquiries: David Murray (07) 4968 3460

Closing Date: Monday, 16 March 2009

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Support Officer - Education (Identified)

Central Office

Contract Part-time  
30 hrs per week  
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For further information contact  
Jan Cullen on 3552 5307 or  
email [janc@candk.asn.au](mailto:janc@candk.asn.au)

Application closes: 20th March 2009

For more information or  
to apply on-line please visit:  
[www.candk.asn.au](http://www.candk.asn.au)

NOTE: It is an offence for a 'disqualified person' to sign a blue card application form. For more information visit: [www.slsauand.qld.gov.au](http://www.slsauand.qld.gov.au)



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## Assistant Director, Aboriginal Education and Training

(Job reference number: 137792)

The NSW Department of Education and Training is seeking an outstanding Aboriginal person who is committed to achieving positive change in Aboriginal education and training, and to better meet the needs of students in the framework of current government policies and community expectations.

You will lead, manage, develop and implement the operations of specific strategic initiatives and projects relating to Aboriginal education and training in schools and TAFE colleges by working collaboratively across the Department.

You must have proven high level expertise and experience in schools and TAFE in the areas of Aboriginal education and training. You will be able to demonstrate high level skills and understanding in relation to the successful management of organisational, program and cultural change in Aboriginal communities, coupled with detailed knowledge and awareness of contemporary strategic issues impacting at both State and Commonwealth levels.

The position is a Senior Officer, Grade One located at 1 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst NSW. Total remuneration package valued to \$146,562 per annum (Salary: \$123,260 - \$132,816 per annum) including employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

For further information including the selection criteria, position description and contact details please see: [www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/recruit/seniorpos/index.htm](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/employment/recruit/seniorpos/index.htm)

Applications close: Friday 27 March 2009.

\*The term 'Aboriginal' also includes Torres Strait Islander people.

Note: In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.



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CHARCOAL LANE

Due to start in June, Charcoal Lane is an innovative and exciting new 120 seat Indigenous cafe and catering business located in fashionable Gertrude Street, Fitzroy, Melbourne, and will also provide training and work experience for Indigenous and non-Indigenous youth to enable them to transform their lives, as a social enterprise.

This is a unique 'green field' opportunity to establish a leading and renowned business and experience at an iconic site.

We are currently looking to fill four positions

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- Program Coordinator
- Restaurant Supervisor

Contact Vicki Maughan at [maughanv@missionaustralia.com.au](mailto:maughanv@missionaustralia.com.au) for further information and a position description.

Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 18th March 2009.

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## Business Facilitation and Development Manager

(Initial 12 month position)

Kooma Traditional Owners Association Incorporated (KTOAI) has a Property Management Plan ready to be launched and implemented.

The KTOAI own the adjacent pastoral lease properties of Murra Murra and Bendee Downs, 130 km east of Gunnedah, Western NSW. They comprise 87,000 hectares including a 23,000 hectare nature refuge and Indigenous Protected Area. The properties have high biodiversity and cultural heritage values, including significant wetlands. Development potential includes eco-tourism, carbon farming, wildlife and bush foods harvesting, conservation management and as a hub for training, education and social programs. The KTOAI is a progressive Traditional Owner organisation looking to partner with business, government and the community for innovative, profitable and sustainable development.

Duties for the position include but are not limited to, managing business viability and business case consultancies, preparing applications for funding, assisting in negotiations with government and businesses including in the establishment of partnerships to, implement the PMP.

The successful applicant's budget includes a generous travel/vehicle allowance and office support costs. Salary range, negotiable with the successful applicant, is \$65,000-\$72,000 plus superannuation. Location of the position is open to negotiation.

The position may be contracted as a consultancy agreement rather than as an employee. The position will require a full-time (40hrs per week) commitment. Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.

Expressions of interest with current curriculum vitae should be emailed to [tm@globaltraining.net.au](mailto:tm@globaltraining.net.au).

Enquiries should be directed to Shane Botting on 07 5445 2468.

Applications close 13 March 2009.

## NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

### MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

**Aboriginal Mental Health Worker - Female**  
Maroubra Community Mental Health Service  
Health Education Officer Graduate/Non-Graduate

Perm Full Time Position No: CN/144/180256

**Aboriginal Mental Health Worker - Male**  
Maroubra Community Mental Health Service  
Health Education Officer Graduate/Non-Graduate

Perm Full Time Position No: CN/145/180256

### FOR ABOVE POSITIONS:

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Eng: Helen O'Leary, (02) 9366 8711.

Closing Date: 20 March 2009

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

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### Senior Health Worker

State-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program, Clinical Support and Rehabilitation Services, Spring Hill, Children's Health Services District. Remuneration value up to \$78 367 p.a., comprising salary between \$65 408 - \$68 685 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) [007] (Temporary position until 15 March 2010. Previously advertised as H09RCH01633). Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy. JAR: H09RCH02767.

**Duties/Abilities:** Responsible for assisting in the promotion of ear health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children within Queensland. This will be achieved through a close working relationship with others working within the Deadly Ears State-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program and the communities. A combination of community development, primary health care, direct clinical service delivery and education of other service providers will be used. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000 requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

**Enquiries:** Stephanie Button (07) 3250 8506.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3636 1646 or (07) 3636 0380 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 24 March 2009.

### Health Worker Advanced

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Community Health Services, Cherbourg, Darling Downs - West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$64 546 p.a., comprising salary between \$51 305 - \$56 572 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) [005] (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SB02491. **Duties/Abilities:** Assess the needs in Cherbourg community in relation to alcohol and drug abuse to develop and implement strategies to respond to these needs by using the primary health care methods. This will involve the coordination and development of preventative and education activities, rehabilitation and support programs, including communication with clients. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

**Enquiries:** Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 23 March 2009.

### Psychologist or Social Worker (Counselling Specialist)

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Service, Community Health Services, Cherbourg, Darling Downs - West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$84 093 p.a., comprising salary between \$50 145 - \$73 704 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) [HPI] (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SB02341. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide psycho-social therapeutic counselling and interventions to assist Indigenous clients in addressing causative factors behind their substance abuse, primarily in support of (but not restricted to) clients of the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (ATODS). Provide psychological and social support to clients of the ATODS service.

**Enquiries:** Christine Stewart (07) 4169 8900.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 23 March 2009.

You can apply online at [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the successful person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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### Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences with relevant life and/or work experience with children and families.

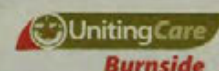
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## BOURKE ABORIGINAL HEALTH SERVICE POSITIONS VACANT

The Bourke Aboriginal Health Service recently restructured and expanded their services therefore we have several positions vacant.

Are you looking for challenging, exciting and rewarding careers in Aboriginal Health, working with a supportive, progressive and welcoming team, we may have the job you're looking for.

### Administration Team Deputy Chief Executive Officer

An opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal person to be employed, as the Deputy Chief Executive Officer. The successful applicant will work in close consultation with the Chief Executive Officer in achieving the health service outcomes and monitoring the day-to-day management and operations of the service.

**Qualifications:** Certificate, Diploma or Degree in management, preferably health management. Qualifications or experience in health would be an advantage.

### Health Team

Three (3) full time ABORIGINAL HEALTH WORKER positions are now available in our Social and Emotional Wellbeing (SEWB) and Primary Health Teams in Bourke.

1. Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Social and Emotional Wellbeing (gender specific - male) (SEWB)
2. Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Sexual Health (SEWB)
3. Aboriginal Health Worker with a Focus on Public Health (PH)

**Qualifications for all AHW positions:** Certificate, Diploma or Degree in Health or qualifications as a registered or enrolled nurse with experience in relevant field.

### EYE HEALTH WORKER / COORDINATOR

We are looking for a person with qualifications as an Aboriginal Health Worker or a Nurse who would be interested in working in Eye Health Care, in partnership with the Prince of Wales Outback Eye Team and the Bourke Hospital; Eye Health Care training based in Sydney is an essential component of this position.

**Note:** Although this is not an Aboriginal identified position 'Suitably qualified Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply'.

### Information relating to the positions:

1. Relevant training available for all positions.
2. An attractive Salary Package relates to all positions including salary sacrifice, five (5) weeks annual leave, a generous personal leave entitlements and a uniform provided.
3. Under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 it is an offence for a prohibited person to apply for these positions.
4. Criminal Record Check will be carried out on all applicants.
5. All positions require the applicant to hold a current NSW Driver's License.
6. With the exception of the Eye Health Coordinator all positions are Aboriginal Identified. (An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 NSW).

To apply for any of the above positions, please obtain the relevant 'Employment Application Package' and ensure that you follow the guidelines outlined and address all criteria as requested, incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

**Inquiries to:** Judy Johnson or Rose Gordon. Ph: (02) 68 723 088  
Bourke Aboriginal Health Service  
PO Box 362  
Bourke NSW 2840

**Email:** [judyjohnson@bahs.com.au](mailto:judyjohnson@bahs.com.au)  
[rose@bahs.com.au](mailto:rose@bahs.com.au)

Applications close: 4pm on Friday 20th March 2009



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## Careers @ Justice

### PROJECT OFFICER, INDIGENOUS POLICY AND SERVICES UNIT

Division and Traditional Services Group, Corrections Victoria

\$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No 2781, Fixed Term until February 2010

Opportunity to help reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the corrections system.

As Project Officer within the Indigenous Policy and Services Unit, you will be part of a small team and play an active part in supporting Aboriginal Wellbeing Officers (AWO's), Aboriginal Liaison Officers (ALO's), Indigenous Community Corrections Officers (ICCO's) and Indigenous Service Officers (ISO's). The successful applicant will be capable of working with the Koori community and relevant government and community agencies to identify and contribute to Corrections Victoria's responsibilities of Indigenous prisoners and offenders.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement's Identified Position Policy.

For further information please contact Marie Marlet on (03) 8664 6528.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 27 March 2009  
[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)

### Regional Coordinator - Indigenous Family Violence

Eastern Metropolitan Region  
Community Care

\$62,116 to \$70,477  
Full time ongoing

Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to Community and influence change.

Are you interested in playing a major role in supporting the ongoing operation of the Regional Indigenous Family Violence Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities?

We are looking for someone who enjoys developing partnerships with people at all levels and has good interpersonal skills.

An exemption A255/2004 under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 has been granted to employ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Robyn Bourke on 03 9843 6670. To apply online and view the job description, visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on Vacancies.

Please quote reference no Reference Number DHS/EAS/65541  
Closing date 26 March 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit  
[www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers)

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

## Careers @ Justice

### KOORI JUSTICE WORKER

Neighbourhood Justice Centre  
Collingwood

\$50,175 - \$60,922

Position No DJ721

The Neighbourhood Justice Centre (NJC) Koori Justice Worker (KJW) operates in a community-orientated environment, participating in local community engagement activities and is pivotal in opening up local networks with both the Koori and non-Koori service providers.

This position will have a focus on both project work and direct client care, providing advice to the NJC Court, staff and agencies, with a key objective towards assisting Koori people who have criminal and civil matters before the Court or other justice related issues that bring them into contact with the Centre.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with DOJ policy.

### THE ASSISTANT KOORI JUSTICE WORKER

Neighbourhood Justice Centre  
Collingwood

\$38,235 - \$49,101

Position No DJ7214

The Assistant Koori Justice Worker (AKJW) will operate together with the Koori Justice Worker (KJW) in a community-orientated environment, participating in local community engagement and education with both the Koori and non-Koori community.

This position will include components of both project work and direct client care, providing advice to the NJC Court, staff and agencies, with a key objective towards assisting Koori people who have criminal and civil matters before the Court or other justice related issues that bring them into contact with the Centre.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with DOJ policy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW

### Regional Programs Officer

Environment Officer Class 9, Sydney Southern Suburbs, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref : DECC09-039

Total remuneration package to \$97,217 p.a. including salary \$79,084 p.a. to \$88,099 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. The position provides expert cultural heritage support, advice and direction to the Regional Managers and project managers of individual regional Return & Renewal (R&R) Program conservation projects including multi-disciplinary teams from across the Region, Division and DEC.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality, and detailed knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures and Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues.
- Well developed understanding of the workings of Government at State and Local level, and knowledge of relevant legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection in NSW.
- Demonstrated extensive project management and financial management experience and computer skills, including demonstrated ability to utilise and access information from databases and analyse data to interpret trends and make recommendations for improvements.
- Demonstrated experience in undertaking targeted research, assessment and planning for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage values.
- Superior written and verbal communication skills, liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills.
- Experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues.
- Demonstrated effective analytical skills and ability to produce high quality written material, policy and management recommendations.
- Current Drivers Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Kathleen Schilling (02) 9585 6546 or 0447 224 460 [kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** (02) 9585 6546

**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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Friday 20 March 2009

## NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

**Applications are welcome from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability.**

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

### ABORIGINAL INTERAGENCY LIAISON OFFICER

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 3/4, Temporary Full - Time  
Suburb: Wagga Wagga Local Area Command - Wagga Wagga

**Vacancy Ref:** 09/017

**Salary Package:** \$65,072, Salary \$53,855 - \$58,969

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The main purpose of the Aboriginal Interagency Liaison Officer (AILO) is to establish interagency partnerships by assisting and supporting the Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO). The AILO will maintain a consistent approach in the implementation of strategies in the Aboriginal Strategic Direction.

#### Job Notes:

- Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months.
- Applications are encouraged from both females and males.
- This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture.
- Ensure the objectives of the Aboriginal Strategic direction are being met or complied with.
- Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal victims of family violence (domestic violence and sexual assault).
- Understanding of the respective roles of other external agencies and community groups in responding to complex issues that are affecting Aboriginal communities associated to family violence and Aboriginal crime involvement.
- Effective verbal, written and computer skills.
- Demonstrated Project management skills.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision and prepared to work shifts on a 24 hour rotational basis.
- Current driver's licence with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

**Inquiries and Information Packages to:** Detective Inspector Rod Smith (02) 6922 2603 or [smith2rod@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:smith2rod@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Local Area Manager, Wagga Wagga Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, PO Box 474, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

**Closing Date:** 27/03/2009

In 2007, the Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority was recognised as one of Australia's 23 best employers in the annual Hewitt Best Employer Awards. It was also announced as the Inaugural Best Employer in the Public Sector.



## Employment Opportunity

### 2 CASUAL ABORIGINAL GUIDES

Roster: Across a 7 day week

Hourly Rate: \$33.50

Location: The Rocks, Darling Harbour, Pyrmont and Sydney Harbour

The Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority is looking for 2 dynamic Casual Aboriginal Guides who are committed to making our educational programs fascinating, interactive and fun.

Guides will be trained in Aboriginal cultural programs as well as non Indigenous programs.

If you think you can maintain a consistently outstanding level of live interpretation across a range of programs and audiences, we want to hear from you, and look forward to your application in relation to the selection criteria attached.

#### Essential selection criteria

1. Passionate and knowledgeable about Aboriginal, contemporary and historical Sydney.
2. Aboriginality.
3. Demonstrated experience as a guide implementing informal education programs or similar experience in teaching or tourism.
4. Excellent customer service experience and interpersonal skills.
5. Ability to 'think on your feet'.
6. Formal guide qualifications or relevant experience.

For more information on programs please check the Sydney Learning Adventures website at: [www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/sla](http://www.shfa.nsw.gov.au/sla)

Applications should include your resume as well as a 1-2 page submission addressing all essential selection criteria and an outline of your experience supporting this application.

This position is exempt under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For more information please contact James Manser on (02) 9240 8801.

#### Please submit your application to:

[recruitment@shfa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@shfa.nsw.gov.au)  
or post to Human Resources, Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority, PO Box N408, Grosvenor Place NSW 1220  
by close of business on Thursday 19th March 2009.



## Government of South Australia

Department for Environment and Heritage

## Ranger

Desert Parks District, Outback Region  
Innaminka

Permanent

Vac No: 1559/2009

\$48,102 - \$51,504 p.a. (OP33)

This position is based at Innaminka in the far north east of South Australia, 730 kms from Port Augusta.

The Ranger, working closely with the Senior Ranger, will contribute to the day to day management of Innaminka Regional Reserve and Coongie Lakes National Park.

You will work in partnership with key community stakeholders and contribute to the ongoing development and maintenance of partnerships and co-management arrangements with Aboriginal communities and key stakeholders.

Applicants must have the ability to undertake a range of tasks including: visitor management works, wildlife and pest management works, land management strategies and works that contribute to the protection of Aboriginal and European heritage assets.

A commitment to living in a remote area and participating as part of the local community is essential. The position requires an understanding of the Aboriginal community aspirations for land management and protection.

The position is based at Innaminka and Government housing may be available.

**Special Conditions Apply:** Refer to Job and Person Specification.

**Enquiries to:** Mr Darren Wilson by email: [wilson.darren@sa.gov.au](mailto:wilson.darren@sa.gov.au) or ph: (08) 8675 9909.

**Application Information:**  
[www.environment.sa.gov.au/deh/vacancies](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/deh/vacancies)  
or e-mail [deh.jobs@sa.gov.au](mailto:deh.jobs@sa.gov.au) or ph: (08) 8204 1898.

**Applications (4 copies addressing the Person Specification and stating where you saw the position advertised):** To Recruitment and Selection, HR Services, Department for Environment and Heritage, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001, or email to [deh.jobs@sa.gov.au](mailto:deh.jobs@sa.gov.au)

Please quote vacancy number on application.

**Applications Close:**  
5:00pm Friday 27 March 2009

[www.environment.sa.gov.au](http://www.environment.sa.gov.au)



MACARTHUR DIVISION OF  
GENERAL PRACTICE LTD

## Aboriginal Health Education Officer/Health Service Manager

(Grad/Non Grad)

Permanent Part Time for 15 months  
(Salary Range - \$34,34/hr to \$42,77/hr depending on  
skills and experience)

The Macarthur Division of General Practice in  
collaboration with Sydney South West Area Health  
Service (SSWAHS) is looking for a dynamic Aboriginal  
Lifestyle Officer to work with the local community in  
providing a specific Lifestyle Modification Program.

The program is called the Sydney Diabetes Prevention  
Program, where you will be working with a team of  
Indigenous and Non Indigenous staff recruiting up to 100  
Indigenous community members. The work includes  
conducting individual and group sessions, supporting  
General Practitioners to recruit members, teach health  
staff culturally appropriate lifestyle interventions and  
conduct evaluation of your program with the support of the  
Institute of Obesity Nutrition & Exercise.

Your office will be based with the Macarthur Division of  
General Practice in Campbelltown, with support from the  
Director Aboriginal Health SSWAHS

To apply, please send your resume to  
admin@macdivgp.com.au

by close of business Friday 3rd April 2009  
or contact Rene Pennock on

02 4625 9522

for a position description.



## CDEP Managers NT & QLD

We are currently seeking expressions of interest for these  
Challenging positions

### You will possess:

- Finance Skills
- Management skills
- The ability to drive program outcomes
- Proven skills in written and oral communication
- Ability to liaise and communicate well with a diverse  
range of stakeholders
- An understanding of Government service delivery  
particularly CDEP & CDEP reform agenda
- Knowledge of Job Network \*Prior experience working  
with Indigenous people, organisations and regional  
businesses
- Ability to write detailed action plans

Terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance  
with CEA's Individual Transitional Employment Agreement  
(ITEA)

### Interested?

Email a current resume to  
application@cealtd.com.au

Applications close COB 30/3/09  
and will be acknowledged on receipt

## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE



## EXECUTIVE OFFICER, EASTERN REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAJAC)

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716

Position No: DJ4091

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations  
and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the  
Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and  
justice system.

This is a new position and we are seeking an Executive Officer for the Eastern Regional  
Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) to provide secretariat services to the  
committee. The occupant will provide leadership and assist in the development and  
implementation of the Regional Justice Plan.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community  
and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively  
with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position  
policy.

The Department encourages applications from Koories and other Indigenous Australians.  
For specific enquiries please contact Antoinette Gentile on 8684 1742.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 22 March 2009

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## Domestic (2 positions)

### Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged  
APS Level 1  
\$28,867 - \$33,123 pa, plus  
superannuation

### Duties

- Ensure that a high level of  
cleanliness is maintained  
throughout all areas of the  
Home
- Preparation of all rooms
- Stock control of all linen  
including the changing and  
washing
- Food preparation, cooking and  
service

### Want to know more?

Contact Deb Lyons on 08 8952 5811.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone  
Celeste Bray on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

Send your written application  
addressing the selection criteria  
to Regional Manager, Aboriginal  
Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945,  
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 27 March 2009.

This is an Aged Care home.

## Administrative Support Officer

### Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged  
APS Level 3  
\$38,089 - \$46,018 pa, plus  
superannuation

### Duties

- Screen and re-direct incoming  
calls to the Home
- Provide administrative  
assistance in finance procedures
- Prepare and co-ordinate  
administrative tasks associated  
with payroll
- Provide secretarial support to  
the Director and Nursing & Care  
Services Manager
- Other duties as required

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ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

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## Handyperson/ Gardener

### Alice Springs

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APS Level 1  
\$28,867 - \$33,123 pa, plus  
superannuation

### Duties

- Ensuring that the Home  
grounds, gardens and perimeter  
are kept neat, clean, tidy and  
safe at all times
- Performing minor building  
maintenance as required
- Transportation of residents
- Ensure Home vehicles and log  
books are maintained

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### Application Documents

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Celeste Bray on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

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addressing the selection criteria  
to Regional Manager, Aboriginal  
Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945,  
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 27 March 2009.

This is an Aged Care home.

## Registered Nurse

### Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged  
APS Level 4  
\$45,049 - \$53,908 pa, plus  
superannuation

### Duties

- 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  
Celeste Bray on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

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addressing the selection criteria  
to Regional Manager, Aboriginal  
Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945,  
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 27 March 2009.

This is an Aged Care home.

## Physio Assistant

### Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged  
APS Level 1  
\$174.75 - \$200.51 per week, plus  
superannuation

### Duties

- Part time 12 hours per week
- Carry out programmes  
under the direction of the  
Physiotherapist
- Facilitate and evaluate  
programmes for the residents
- Provide feedback to the  
Physiotherapist
- Maintain records and statistics

### Want to know more?

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### Application Documents

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Celeste Bray on 08 8952 6544.

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addressing the selection criteria  
to Regional Manager, Aboriginal  
Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945,  
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 27 March 2009.

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### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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# Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia and adjoining waters.

Notification day: 25 March 2009



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

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, Federal Court, GPO Box A30 PERTH WA 6837 on or before 24 June 2009. After 24 June 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwth) 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: Wajyl Kaip - Dillon Bay

Federal Court File No: WAD33/07

Date filed: 19 February 2007

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has **not accepted** this application for registration. Although this application has not been registered, it may still proceed to mediation in the Tribunal and/or determination in the Federal Court.

Location: The area subject to this application covers about 54.5km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 130km north-east of Albany in the vicinity of Dillon Bay and Cape Knob as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Jerramungup.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact the National Native Title Tribunal on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



## 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
38/544	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	791.83ha	40km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/989	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	599.91ha	40km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°55' Long 122°36'	Laverton
38/1129	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	75.86ha	11km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°28'	Laverton
38/1133	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	27.34ha	9km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/1134	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	80.11ha	14km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/1149	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	47.37ha	21km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°33'	Laverton
39/520	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	532.39ha	47km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 122°26'	Laverton
39/545	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	96.15ha	49km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°04' Long 122°26'	Laverton
39/647	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	91.71ha	51km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°26'	Laverton
39/653-5, 39/667-8 & 39/649	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	3893.21ha	56km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°05' Long 122°35'	Laverton
39/669-70	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	1198.9ha	64km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°32'	Laverton/Menzies
39/901	Saracen Gold Mines Pty Ltd	1.07ha	66km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°12' Long 122°20'	Leonora
57/333	Troy Resources Ltd	44.02ha	10km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°02' Long 119°13'	Sandstone
57/334	Troy Resources Ltd	0.03ha	4km SW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°16'	Sandstone
57/335	Troy Resources Ltd	11.56ha	5km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/338	Troy Resources Ltd	10.85ha	4km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°19'	Sandstone
57/340	Troy Resources Ltd	21.63ha	8km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
57/345	Troy Resources Ltd	19.86ha	9km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°03' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
57/431	Troy Resources Ltd	18.01ha	21km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°29'	Sandstone
57/515	Troy Resources Ltd	96.87ha	12km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°25'	Sandstone
57/516	Troy Resources Ltd	25.66ha	13km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°01' Long 119°25'	Sandstone
57/519	Troy Resources Ltd	23.75ha	18km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°02' Long 119°28'	Sandstone
57/554	Troy Resources Ltd	47.43ha	10km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°58' Long 119°23'	Sandstone
57/555	Troy Resources Ltd	2.01ha	10km E'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°23'	Sandstone
57/558	Troy Resources Ltd	59.07ha	24km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
57/559	Troy Resources Ltd	23.22ha	26km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°06' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
57/568	Troy Resources Ltd	19.23ha	12km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°05' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
77/1058	Polans Metals NL				
	Western Areas NL	11.14ha	25km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°46' Long 118°59'	Yilgarn
77/1163	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	69.5ha	124km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°42' Long 119°24'	Menzies
77/1164	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	68.37ha	121km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°43' Long 119°23'	Menzies

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day:** 11 March 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 **11 June 2009**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 11 July 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.

## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE



### PROJECT OFFICERS, COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No: DJ6196

Grade 3, \$50,175 - \$60,922

Position No: DJ5542

The Indigenous Issues Unit is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The primary responsibility of the Project Officers are to administer and monitor a number of community funded grant programs of the AJA2 to ensure compliance with contract specifications and timelines.

The incumbents will have demonstrated experience in project and contract management and the ability to communicate effectively with community members, senior officers and other stakeholders.

The position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

For specific enquiries please contact Antoinette Gentile on 8684 1742.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 20 March 2009

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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Centrelink  
giving you options



Centrelink is part of the Human Services Portfolio working with other Human Services Agencies to deliver Centrelink services to 6.5 million Australians. We employ people in a wide variety of challenging and interesting jobs around Australia. Merit based selections ensure we have a talented and diverse workforce with a broad range of skills and abilities. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

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Successful applicants may negotiate an attractive and competitive remuneration package.

## Indigenous Services Officer

APS Classification 5

Centrelink Band 3

\$55,170 to \$58,502

Positions available in Illawarra Region, and Liverpool/Fairfield/Cabramatta  
Job Reference No: 0809/53

There are great opportunities across One Sydney for highly motivated and enthusiastic people to perform the role of the Indigenous Services Officer. Successful applicants will thrive in an environment where they can create partnerships with internal and external stakeholders to enhance service delivery to Indigenous Australians.

**Duties will include:**

- Assisting Indigenous Customers to access programs and services which support them in returning to the workforce, as well as negotiating and facilitating service options
- Networking in local community with different service providers (government agencies, Customer Service Advisors, business and community) to enable appropriate referrals for Indigenous customers
- Exploring opportunities for partnerships and programs with the different service providers and within Centrelink to assist with service delivery
- Representing Centrelink in the communities in each region and updating service providers and communities on Centrelink programs and services available

Applicants must be Australian Citizens.

This is an identified position at the APS 5 level. Successful applicants must have a knowledge and understanding of Australian indigenous cultures and issues, and be able to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people

Driver's licence would be highly desirable, as successful applicants will be expected to travel in order to provide a service across their respective region.

**Contact Person:** Carin Wills on 0438 453 734

To apply, please e-mail your resume to: [people.area.sydney.east@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:people.area.sydney.east@centrelink.gov.au) quoting ref no 0809/53. For more information visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) under careers index.

**Closing date:** COB: Thursday 02/04/2009

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) and click on Careers

## Get Set for Work – Support Officer

The Kalwun Get Set for Work program provides employment assistance to indigenous and non-indigenous 15-17 year olds who are at-risk or who have disengaged from school. The role will entail facilitating a weekly employment program for target groups. It will also include individual case management of clients seeking employment. We are seeking to appoint a full-time person with experience working with the target group and delivering training programs.

Please send a cover letter and detailed resume to  
All Summers, PO Box 2123 Nerang Q 4211 or [pdre@kalwun.com.au](mailto:pdre@kalwun.com.au)

Closing date for applications:

4pm 13 March 2009

This program has been funded by Department of Employment and Industrial relations through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative

## Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS)

## Receptionist

Location: Brisbane

\$30,000-\$33,746 p.a.

## The Job

Provide front line point of contact for all office visitors and phone callers. Undertake a range of office support tasks. Use a range of office equipment. Manage incoming and outgoing mail. Managing stationery supplies.

## The Person

Should have receptionist experience. Be familiar with general office procedures. Be able to work to and manage own deadlines for tasks. Have a familiarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and cultures. Must have a drivers licence.

## Documentation &amp; Enquiries

A job description, including selection criteria is available from Ms Jennifer Jones, ph: 3224 1200. QSNTS is a Public Benevolent Institution and offers attractive salary sacrifice arrangements.

Please send a written application addressing the selection criteria and including a current resume and referees to:

Manager, Corporate Services  
QSNTS, PO Box 10832 Adelaide St,  
Brisbane QLD 4000

Applications close at 4.30pm  
Friday 20 March 2009.



Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

## Assistant Hostel Manager

## Tamworth

Tamworth Hostel  
APS Level 2  
\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

## Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

## Want to know more?

Contact Rebecca Greer on 02 9310 2777.

## Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

## How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 1012.

## Closing date

By 5pm 27 March 2009.

This is a Medical Transient/Transient hostel.

## Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

## Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.  
A probationary period applies.

This is an identified position.

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## 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
25/345	Kariki Energy Ltd	302074	65.25ha	34km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1783	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	305905	38.13ha	60km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°31' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/532	Montrose Resources Ltd	295886	30.28ha	33km SWly of Leonora	Lat 28°07' Long 120°25'	Leonora
38/1800	South Boulder Mines Ltd	311532	12.97ha	92km NWly of Leonora	Lat 27°36' Long 122°04'	Leonora
38/1861	Crescent Gold Ltd	310840	74.08ha	14km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°29' Long 122°25'	Leonora
		310841	285.97ha	10km Nly of Leonora	Lat 28°31' Long 122°24'	Leonora
57/641	Troy Resources NL	309140	21.62ha	27km SEly of Sandstone	Lat 28°06' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
57/703	Troy Resources NL	309175	47.2ha	33km SEly of Sandstone	Lat 28°12' Long 119°31'	Sandstone
		309176	96.51ha	20km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°10' Long 119°21'	Sandstone
		309177	98.97ha	26km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°12' Long 119°23'	Sandstone
		309178	68.71ha	28km SEly of Sandstone	Lat 28°12' Long 119°25'	Sandstone

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 11 March 2009

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 11 June 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. 11 July 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

Northern Territory

Notification day: 25 March 2009



D12009/001 Lily Hole Creek CLA ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement is described as NT Portion 6774 being 2km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 40km north-east of Elliott.

The agreement falls within the Barkley Shire Local Government Authority.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Northern Land Council  
45 Mitchell Street  
DARWIN NT 0800

Northern Territory of Australia  
C/- Solicitor for the Northern  
Territory  
68 The Esplanade, DARWIN NT 0800

The Applicants (DC01/8)  
C/- Northern Land Council  
45 Mitchell Street, DARWIN NT 0800

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

Clause 3 Consent and Compensation

3.1 The Land Council and the Native Title Parties consent to the doing of the Agreed Action, whether or not the Agreed Action is a future act.

3.2 The parties acknowledge and agree that Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act does not and is not intended to apply to the Agreed Action.

3.3 The parties agree that the non-extinguishment principle set out in section 238 of the Act applies to and in relation to the Agreed Action.

"Agreed Action" means the acquisition from the relevant pastoral lease and the grant of an estate in fee simple in the Approved Application Area for a community living area in accordance with the provisions of Part 8 of the Pastoral Land Act (Northern Territory) and section 46(1A) of the Lands Acquisition Act (Northern Territory).

"Approved Application Area" means the area of land the subject of the approval by the Minister administering Part 8 of the Pastoral Land Act of the application and described in Item 3 of the Schedule.

[Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Act refers to the Right to negotiate]

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified**

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Northern Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Darwin NT 0801 by 25 June 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Gordon Chalmers on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



## NOTICE OF CLAIM GROUP CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT (NTPC) MEETINGS

The North Queensland Land Council Native Title Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation (NQLC) invites all persons who are members of the claim group of the following native title determination applications to one of the below mentioned meetings:

GROUP	DATE	VENUE
Gia	Tuesday 24 March 09	Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Rd, Mackay
Yulbera	Wednesday 25 March 09	Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Rd, Mackay
Jangga	Thursday 26 March 09	Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Rd, Mackay
BBKY#3	Tuesday 31 March 09	Shamrock Hotel, 165 Nebo Rd, Mackay
Wanamarra	Tuesday 7 April 09	NQLC, 3/37 Anderson St, Manunda, Cairns
Gudjala	Wednesday 8 April 09	RSL, 8 Prior St, Charters Towers
Gugu Badhun	Tuesday 21 April 09	Pimlico TAFE, cnr Hugh St and Fulham Rd, Pimlico, Townsville
Yirendali	Wednesday 22 April 09	Pimlico TAFE, cnr Hugh St and Fulham Rd, Pimlico, Townsville
Biri	Thursday 23 April 09	Pimlico TAFE, cnr Hugh St and Fulham Rd, Pimlico, Townsville

Please note: all meetings are scheduled to commence at 9.30am and finish at 2.30pm.

### The purpose of the meeting is:

- to discuss the Exploration Permit process and the Expedited Procedure regime;
- to explain the Native Title Protection Conditions (NTPC) regime (developed and implemented by the State) and the alternative agreement called the Native Title & Heritage Protection Agreement (NTHPA) (developed by the NQLC);
- to give practical advice in dealing with explorers particularly regarding your rights and obligations;
- to clarify the requirements regarding invoicing for annual administrative payments;
- to discuss with you what, if any assistance, you require from North Queensland Land Council in relation to the exploration process.

Further information is available by contacting Elizabeth Dodd, NQLC Mining Coordinator on Free Call 1800 508 538 or (07) 49 400 800. If you require assistance to attend the meeting please contact Elizabeth Dodd at least 7 days prior to your meeting date.

## NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy.

Applications are welcomed from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability.

Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our website at [www.police.nsw.gov.au](http://www.police.nsw.gov.au)

## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (ACLO)

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 3/4, Permanent Full - Time  
**Suburb:** Lake Illawarra Local Area Command - WARILLA  
**Vacancy Ref:** 09/013

**Salary Package:** \$65,072, **Salary:** \$53,855 - \$58,969  
Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is as a member of the Local Area Command (LAC) with the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the LAC.

### Job Notes:

- This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.
- In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.
- The ACLO is required to wear a uniform.
- Applications are encouraged from both females and males.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture. Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel.
- Knowledge of issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Effective written and oral communications skills.
- Experience in word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies. Experience in program development /management.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Prepared to work shifts on a 24hr rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

**Inquires:** Greg Mahon (02) 4295 2648, Mobile 0429 993 622 or [mahog1@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mahog1@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Jan Dowell, (02) 4295 2631

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Local Area Manager, Lake Illawarra Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, 3-15 Lake Entrance Road, Warilla NSW 2528

**Closing Date:** 27/03/2009



Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd is an organisation that provides health, housing and social support services for the Indigenous Community in the Greater Shepparton area. The Co-operative is located two hours north of Melbourne and is accessible to local wineries, the Murray and Goulburn Rivers and the Victorian ski fields.

Suitable applicants are sought for the position of:

## DENTIST

Full Time or 2 x Part time (negotiable)

This position may involve supervision of 5th year under-graduates as well as clinical procedures.

The clinic's emphasis is on preventative programmes.

For a Position Description please contact Jacinta Ladgrove, telephone: (03) 5825 2111 or email: [jacinta.finance@racimltd.com.au](mailto:jacinta.finance@racimltd.com.au)

Applications including resume and addressing the key selection criteria in the position description are to be addressed to:

**Human Resources**  
**Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-Operative**  
PO Box 614, Mooroopna Victoria 3629

Applications to be received by 5.00pm Friday 20th March, 2009

"We encourage applications from members of the Indigenous Community"

All applicants will be required to undergo a Victorian Police Check/Working with Childrens Check.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 25 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicants ACN
ML50229 Wandoan No.1	Approx. 22 Km North West from Wandoan Local Government Area Dalby Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 18 on SP127560 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 21 on FT493 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 1 on SP210618 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 2 on SP210618 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 28 on FT467 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 29 on FT467 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 29 on FT490 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 30 on FT468 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 30 on FT491 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 36 on FT493 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 37 on FT494 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 37 on FT575 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 39 on FT503 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 4 on FT758 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 42 on FT505 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 44 on FT507 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 45 on FT507 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 47 on FT508 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 48 on FT573 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 50 on FT508 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 51 on FT507 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 54 on FT504 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 55 on FT503 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 55 on FT826 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 72 on FT590 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 59 on FT556 - Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 40/1593 (mining only) Lot 20 on FT464 - Perpetual Lease 40/1536 (mining only) Lot 25 on FT481 - Perpetual Lease 40/1564 (mining only) Lot 34 on FT480 - Perpetual Lease 40/1596 (mining only) Lot 34 on FT490 - Perpetual Lease 40/1572 (mining only) Lot 35 on FT575 - Perpetual Lease 40/1596 (mining only) Lot 35 on FT987 - Perpetual Lease 40/1571 (mining only) Lot 36 on FT575 - Perpetual Lease 40/1602 (mining only) Lot 38 on CP899702 - Perpetual Lease 40/1595 (mining only) Lot 40 on FT503 - Perpetual Lease 40/1548 (mining only) Lot 41 on CP857459 - Perpetual Lease 40/1559 (mining only) Lot 43 on FT506 - Perpetual Lease 40/1539 (mining only) Lot 52 on FT830 - Perpetual Lease 40/1569 (mining only) Lot 53 on FT505 - Perpetual Lease 40/1550 (mining only) Lot 58 on FT556 - Perpetual Lease 40/1607 (mining only) Lot 40 on CP899702 - Reserve for Local Government (mining only) Lot 56 on FT987 - Reserve for Water Supply (mining only) Lot 1 on RL5110 - Road Licence 40/5110 (mining only) Lot 1 on RL5111 - Road Licence 40/5111 (mining only) Lot 71 on FT503 - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Roads (mining only)	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702 (75%) ICRA Wandoan Pty Ltd 106 260 619 (12.5%) Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited 061 524 249 (12.5%)
ML50231 Wandoan No. 3	Approx. 11 Km West from Wandoan. Local Government Area Dalby Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 1 on RP123884 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 16 on FT1012 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 41 on FT496 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 43 on FT495 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 44 on FT495 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 45 on FT497 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 48 on FT573 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 49 on FT826 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 50 on FT573 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 52 on FT614 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 55 on FT826 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 9 on FT384 - Freehold (mining only) Lot 10 on FT949 - Agricultural Farm 40/1421 (mining only) Lot 1 on AP13219 - Permit to Occupy 0/220902 (mining only) Lot 34 on FT490 - Perpetual Lease 40/1572 (mining only) Lot 58 on FT1013 - Special Lease 40/49934 (mining only) Wandoan Creek - Unallocated State Land (mining only) Roads (mining only)	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702 (75%) ICRA Wandoan Pty Ltd 106 260 619 (12.5%) Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited 061 524 249 (12.5%)

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# Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

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**Nature of the acts:** Grant of 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), for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding thirty-five (35) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that 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, Queensland, 4002.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

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, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 25 March 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

FutureForce

## CAREERS in AVIATION FREIGHT

A reputable Aviation Freight company based at Tullamarine in Victoria wishes to provide permanent office-based and warehouse employment opportunities to Indigenous applicants. These positions will initially be permanent part-time with a minimum of 25 hours per week on a rotational roster. When available and based on individual performance, roles may be converted to full-time.

These quality opportunities are rare and they come with intensive training, with nationally-recognised qualifications available after completion of probation.

Long-term income and career security is assured for those willing to work hard and achieve.

Experience in office administration or warehousing and logistics may be useful. For warehouse roles, a forklift licence and an ability to work in a physically demanding environment would be advantageous.

Please send application and resume to:  
tricia@futureforce.com.au, or call

**Future Force on 03 93753100**



This is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and experienced individual to join the Community Development Team.

## Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Reference: 09/08  
Salary: \$42k to \$46k + Super + RDO  
(4 days per week, for 2 years)

### Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and ability to develop networks and build partnerships within the local community.
- Demonstrated understanding of, and ability to articulate, the relevant issues, culture and protocols of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, at least at Diploma level.
- Ability to undertake community projects and organise community events.
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work effectively with a wide range of stakeholders including community groups, service providers and government.
- Demonstrated high level written and verbal communication skills, including conflict resolution skills.

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.*

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For information including full selection criteria please visit our website at [www.auburn.nsw.gov.au](http://www.auburn.nsw.gov.au) or contact Louise Reece on 9735 1274 or Marie Wilson on 9735 1302 to obtain a candidate information package. Enquiries about the position may be directed to Merry Howell on 9735 1235.

### APPLICATIONS

Please send your written applications (quoting relevant reference number) to John Burgess, General Manager, Auburn Council, PO Box 118, AUBURN 1835 by no later than 4.00pm Friday 27th March 2009.

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17463	Part 1: Approx. 79 km WSW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°30'S Long.146°35'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 70 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 22 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1255 p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1256 r, s, v, w, x 1327 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p 1328 l, m	Circle Resources Pty Ltd 129 855 714
	Part 2: Approx. 67 km WSW from Mount Coolon Centred at approximate Lat.21°31'S Long.146°43'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 2: 64 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1° lat x 1° long) Block Number Sub-blocks 1257 v, w, x, y, z 1329 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u	

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

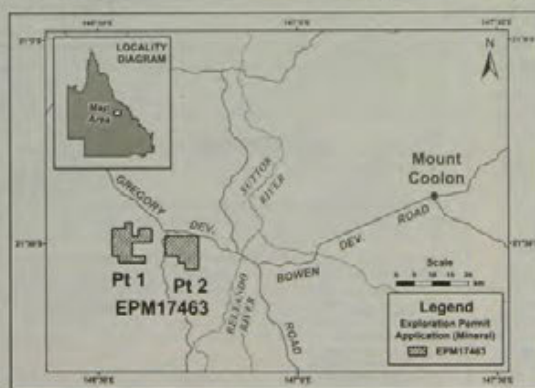
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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:** 1 April 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW

## Aboriginal Liaison Officer

Clerk Grade 7/8, Newcastle, Permanent Full-Time  
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-038

Total remuneration package to \$88,249 p.a. including salary \$72,247 p.a. to \$79,972 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Provide constructive engagement with Aboriginal communities to fulfil DECC obligations for service delivery in regards to integrating Aboriginal perspective's and values into planning, policy and compliance activities and ensure Aboriginal culture values are included in DECC policies.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a strong understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and demonstrated ability to work with the regional and local Aboriginal community.
- Proven ability to deal with cross-cultural issues and high level conflict resolution skills.
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills.
- Knowledge of Government frameworks including guidelines & processes in relation to NRM, planning, policy and compliance.
- Proven expertise in working with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops.
- Demonstrated expertise in project management.
- Current Driver's licence.

**Job Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position will involve frequent country travel and may involve attending meetings outside of normal working hours. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Hilton Naden (02) 6659 8259 or 0402 149 303 [hilton.naden@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hilton.naden@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Information Packages contact: (02) 6659 8259

**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](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au).

**Closing Date:** Friday 20 March 2009

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# Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant ACN
MDL392	Approx. 18 km South South East of Collinsville Local Government Areas within the area: Whitsunday Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenure</b> Lot 618 on plan PH2106 – PDH5/618 Lot 1 on plan SP100844 – Freehold Jack Creek – Unallocated State Land Road Reserve  Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 1579 ha	QCoal Pty Ltd 010 911 234

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s. 194AAA of that Act.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence 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 each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, QLD 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

**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 Mineral Development Licence. 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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Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 10, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 1 April 2009



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# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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EPM15920	Approx. 36 km NW from Monto Centred at approximate Lat. 24°39'S Long. 150°52'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 12 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Brisbane <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1 Lat x 1 Long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks:</b> 515 E, S, W, W	Goody Investments Pty Limited 066 933 597

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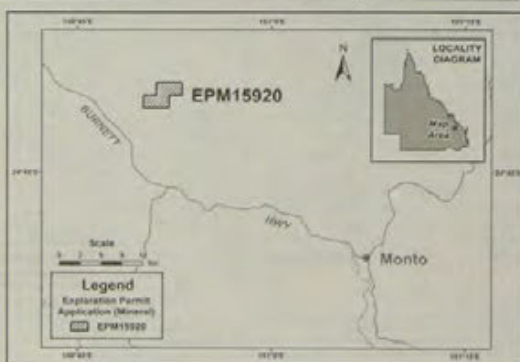
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## WEE WAA ABORIGINAL HACC ACCESS WORKER

The Wee Waa & District HACC Association Inc. is seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced persons for this part time position of 33.5 hours per week based in the HACC Centre in Wee Waa. The HACC Association is an equal employment opportunity organisation.

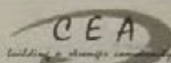
The position will work with Elders, younger disabled persons and their carers in the Narrabri Shire to organise group and social activities and to ensure they have access to the support services they require.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Informal enquiries can be directed to Marlyn Gailaher on 67954265.

Applicants MUST obtain an Information Package from the Wee Waa HACC Centre, 48 Cowper Street. Applications MUST address the selection criteria.

Applications close at 4pm on Friday 20th. March 2009.



## STEP ERS Project Managers QLD Expression of Interest

We are currently seeking Expressions of interest for these Challenging positions

You will possess:

- Budgetary monitoring skills
- Management skills
- The ability to drive project results
- Proven skills in written and oral communication.
- Ability to liaise and communicate well with a diverse range of people
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- Knowledge of funding and finance sources
- Prior experience working with Indigenous people, organisations and regional businesses
- Ability to write detailed action plans

Terms and conditions of employment will be in accordance with CEA's Individual Transitional Employment Agreement (ITEA)

## Interested?

Email a current resume to applications@ceald.com.au

Applications close COB 20/3/09 and will be acknowledged on receipt

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW Aboriginal Community Projects Coordinator

Clerk Grade 3/4, Illawarra/Southern Tablelands/South Coast, Nowra, Temporary Part-Time.  
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-053

**Salary:** 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. Work with local Aboriginal communities to identify and implement minor work projects to protect places of cultural importance on DECC managed land. Networks between the Aboriginal communities, local officers of land management agencies, DECC and local government. Promotes an appreciation of local Aboriginal culture and knowledge within DECC and other Government land management agencies.

## Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Experience in working with local natural and cultural heritage issues.
- Demonstrated organisational skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision and work as part of a small team.
- Highly developed written and verbal communication and computer skills in data-processing, word processing and spreadsheet applications.
- Ability to maintain and develop positive working relationships with local Aboriginal Community groups and local Area and Regional staff.
- Understanding of materials conservation requirements and techniques, and the handling and storage of historic, fragile and rare materials, in particular items of cultural heritage significance.
- Current drivers licence with the ability to operate manual vehicles and, safely operate and maintain minor plant and equipment.
- Ability to implement minor works projects to protect places or items of cultural significance.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary position for the period up to 30 June 2011 subject to ongoing project funding. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Greg Tedder phone 02 4428 6300 or greg.tedder@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Information Packages:** Kathryn Sarris phone 02 4428 6300

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Closing Date:** Friday 20 March 2009



## A clean way to make a living Employment and training opportunities in the Cleaning Industry

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The role of a Cleaner has grown significantly over the last ten years. Cleaning is now a profession involving high level machinery skills, security and a commitment to detail and professionalism.

### Essential requirements:

- Punctual;
- Physically fit;
- Attention to detail;
- Ability to work unsupervised and/or in a team environment;
- Willingness to learn; and
- Ability to take direction.

Flexible work hours and accredited on the job training provided.

For further information: contact Mick Coombes, Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator on 02 9437 4000 or 0434 607 697.

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## INDIGENOUS FAMILY & CHILD SUPPORT SERVICE IS RECRUITING IN 2009

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FOR FULL TIME, PART TIME AND RESPITE CARE

We welcome your interest in looking after our children whilst they are under the "Care and Protection System" of the Dept of Child Safety.

We support you in meeting the Placement and Alternative Care Support needs for our children.

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- We schedule monthly Home Visits.
- We Network with both Government & Non Government Organisations to provide support for children in out-of-home care and their Carers.

The Alternative Care Support Workers can be contacted at:

Indigenous Family & Child Support Service  
17 Overend Street, East Brisbane Q. 4169  
Phone : 3217 4112 Fax : 3392 4703

For Expressions of Interest please contact



Free call on 1300 550 877

Email: [forecruit@childsupport.qld.gov.au](mailto:forecruit@childsupport.qld.gov.au)

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### ABORIGINAL LIFESTYLE ADVISOR - (ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOCUS)

Country Health SA, Eyre Peninsula  
Total Indicative Remuneration: \$75,476.72 - \$83,508.93 -  
ASOS: \$77,534.64 - \$85,390.27 - PD2: \$83,827.19 - \$89,915.20  
- RN2 - Perm P/T (0.5FTE)

Using a clustered risk factor approach, you'll work with individuals and with groups of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to reduce/prevent/delay the onset and severity of preventable chronic disease. For appointment at Professional Level, you'll hold the appropriate degree or diploma in the relevant allied health profession. You'll have previously worked in a client centred and multidisciplinary environment providing health orientated goal setting to improve health outcomes in practice.  
Job Ref: 1463

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## NEW SOUTH WALES RECONCILIATION COUNCIL

The NSW Reconciliation Council is the leading independent, not-for-profit organisation working to advance reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in NSW. We are looking for an enthusiastic and committed Administration Officer to join our team. You will provide administrative support to the organisation, & assist in the coordination of projects and events. You will be working as part of a small dedicated & proactive team and will need to have the ability to work in a dynamic, demanding environment with minimal supervision.

## Part-time Admin Officer

12 month contract - 14hrs/wk • Peak Reconciliation Organisation  
Central city location, above award conditions

### Salary:

From \$14,429 per annum + super (14 hrs/wk)

### Enquiries & Application Packages:

Contact Joanna Lunzer on (02) 9219 0719 or  
[nswwc@daa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nswwc@daa.nsw.gov.au) or download from [www.nswrecon.com](http://www.nswrecon.com)

### Applications Close:

5pm Tuesday, 31st March 2009

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

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EPM17168	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 59 km NNE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°47'S Long.143°41'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 53 km NNE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°51'S Long.143°45'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 47 km NNE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°54'S Long.143°44'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council  <b>Part 4:</b> 52 km NNE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°50'S Long.143°41'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council  <b>Part 5:</b> Approx. 43 km NNE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°56'S Long.143°45'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 46 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1581 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, k, o, t 1582 a, f  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 13 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1653 c, k 1654 a, f  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 13 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1653 t, u, y, z  <b>Area of Part 4:</b> 7 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1653 a, b  <b>Area of Part 5:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1725 k	KS Mining Pty Ltd 120 136 754
EPM17472	Approx. 67 km E from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°24'S Long.144°10'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 10 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2018 u 2019 q, v	KS Mining Pty Ltd 120 136 754

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Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

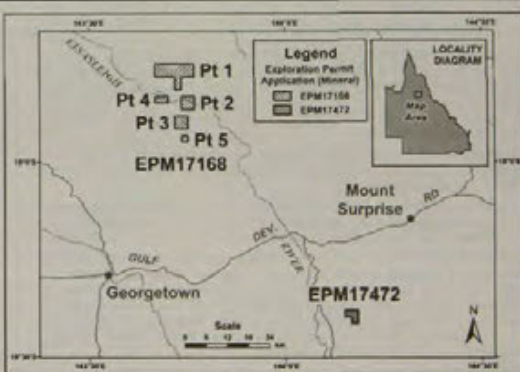
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**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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: 1 April 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water

## Northern Health (Epping, Victoria) HARP-CDM ATSI Officer

RN Div 1 Gr 3 or Gr 2 Allied Health (preferred)  
(Will consider applicants with other relevant experience)  
0.6 EFT

An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced ATSI Officer to work with the Northern Alliance HARP-CDM program to support the ATSI community attending the Emergency Department. You will also be working closely with the Care Coordinators, to assist with coordinating the community into the HARP CDM programs and other relevant services as required.

Demonstrated previous experience in working in the ATSI community, an understanding of the impact of chronic disease in this community and an understanding of the services that are available in Melbourne's north to support the care of the ATSI community are requirements of the role.

### Enquiries & Position Description:

Louise Shanahan-McKenna, ph: 0419 304 724  
or email: louise.shanahan\_mckenna@nh.org.au

Applications quoting Ref. No. 067 may be emailed to jobs@nh.org.au or forwarded to Human Resources, The Northern Hospital, 185 Cooper Street, Epping, Vic. 3076 by 21 March 2009.

Applicants are required to undergo a Police Records check.

Lake Macquarie  
City Council

## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY WORKER

Flexible working hours  
9 day fortnight  
Salary: \$55K to \$60K pa

You will be responsible for identifying the needs of Aboriginal residents of the City. In this role you will develop and implement services, programs, and strategies to meet these needs.

As the Aboriginal Community Worker, you will enjoy the challenges of working in a multi-disciplined team. You will also work closely with community, government and other stakeholders.

Closing date: 9am Monday 30 March 2009.

Information: Visit [www.lakemac.com.au](http://www.lakemac.com.au) for a complete application package or telephone Steve McAlister on 02 4921 0262.

To be considered for the position, applicants must address the selection criteria.

## 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
EPM17270	Approx. 74 km NE from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.11°26'S Long.142°18'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Area: 335 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1° lat x 1° long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2788 a, p, t, u, y, z 2789 l, q, v 2860 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 2861 a, f, l, q, v 2932 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2933 a, f, l, q, v 3004 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 3005 a, f, l, q, v 3076 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, a, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3077 a, f, l, q, v 3148 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3149 a, f, l, q	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17278	Approx. 59 km ENE from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.11°47'S Long.142°25'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 90 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1° lat x 1° long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3293 u, v, w, x, y, z 3294 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17279	Approx. 56 km ENE from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.11°45'S Long.142°22'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	Area: 335 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1° lat x 1° long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 3149 v 3220 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3221 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 3222 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3292 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3293 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143
EPM17499	Approx. 16 km E from Mapoon Centred at approximate Lat.12°05'S Long.142°02'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Mapoon Shire Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River and Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1° lat x 1° long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks Mitchell River 49 b, c, g Torres Strait 3433 x	Cape Alumina Pty Ltd 107 817 694

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woollongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

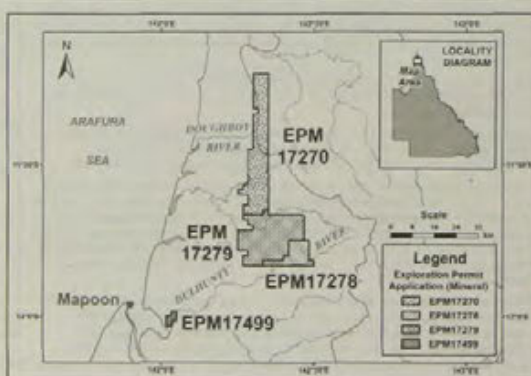
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Notification Day: 1 April 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## MAGISTRATES' COURT OF VICTORIA

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic person. The Aboriginal Liaison Service forms part of the Court Integrated Services Program (CISP).

CISP provides a multi-disciplinary team approach to the service and treatment of defendants.

### ABORIGINAL LIAISON OFFICER

Ongoing - Full Time  
VPS Grade 3 (\$50, 175 - \$60, 922)

The Aboriginal Liaison Officer Service addresses the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

This is an Identified Indigenous position, which will involve the development and delivery of programs and services which impact on Indigenous people.

To apply or for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au) or contact Jo Beckett on 9628 7981.

Applications close 23 March 2009

## BUGALMA BIHYN Formerly Lismore Aboriginal Women's Refuge

### MANAGER

(Permanent part-time 30hrs pw, SACS (NSW)  
Award Grade 5-6, (\$26.27 - \$31.46 ph)

To ensure that the service provides a culturally appropriate response to women and children who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Previous management experience and supervision of staff is essential.

**CLOSING DATE:** 5 pm, Tuesday 14 April 2009. All applications must address the selection criteria to be eligible.

**ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATION PACKAGES CONTACT:**  
Felicia Collier 02 6621 8473

To be an Aboriginal woman is a genuine requirement for these positions under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with children's check" and a Police criminal record check.

## Kalwun Development Corporation CHILD PROTECTION OFFICERS

Kalwun AICCA is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Child Care Agency located at Burleigh Heads on the beautiful Gold Coast.

We are seeking to employ 1 permanent full-time and 1 temporary full-time for a period of 5 months with the possible view for an extension.

The primary function of this position is to provide support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families who come in contact with the Queensland Department of Child Safety. This position works in conjunction with Department of Child Safety to ensure all policies, practices and procedures in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their families are culturally appropriate and in line with the Child Placement Principle and the Child Protection Act 1999.

**Enquiries and Selection Criteria**  
Contact Vanessa on 07 55208 600.

**Applications close:**

**4.30pm Friday 13th March 2009.**

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

## Queensland South Native Title Services (QSNTS)

### Para Legal Officer

**Location:** Brisbane

**Full Time**

**Salary based on qualifications and experience.**

Under the direction of a qualified legal practitioner assist with the provision of legal services through records management, preparation and filing of court documents, drafting and preparing routine correspondence, maintaining court date diaries, taking minutes for client conferences when required and general clerical assistance within the legal section of QSNTS.

#### Documentation & Enquiries

A job description, including selection criteria is available from Ms Jennifer Jones, ph: 3224 1200. QSNTS is a Public Benevolent Institution and offers attractive salary sacrifice arrangements.

**Please send a written application addressing the selection criteria and including a current resumé and referees to:**

Manager, Corporate Services  
QSNTS, PO Box 10832 Adelaide St,  
Brisbane QLD 4000

**Applications close at 4.30pm  
Friday 20 March 2009.**



www.dhs.vic.gov.au

## Regional Coordinator - Indigenous Family Violence

**Eastern Metropolitan Region**

**Community Care**

**\$62,116 to \$70,477**

**Full time ongoing**

Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to Community and influence change.

Are you interested in playing a major role in supporting the ongoing operation of the Regional Indigenous Family Violence Action Group and in undertaking community development and education activities?

We are looking for someone who enjoys developing partnerships with people at all levels and has good interpersonal skills.

An exemption A255/2004 under section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 has been granted to employ an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person

**If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Robyn Bourke on 03 9843 6670. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on Vacancies.**

**Please quote reference no Reference Number DHS/EAS/65541**

**Closing date 26 March 2009**

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit  
**www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers**

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.vic.gov.au



## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of WA

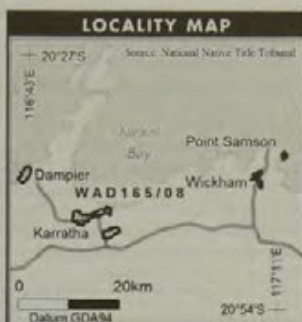
**Notification day: 25 March 2009**

National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

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, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 24 June 2009. After 24 June 2009 the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) 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:** Violet Samson & Ors on behalf of the Ngarluma People v the State of Western Australia

**Federal Court File No:** WAD165/08

**Date filed in the Federal Court:** 31 July 2008

**Registration test status:** The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

**Location:** The area of land or waters within the outer boundary of this application covers a total area of about 21.5km<sup>2</sup> and is located within the town sites of Dampier, Karratha, Wickham and Point Samson as shown on the locality map.

The application area covers selected parts of the town sites that were not included within the determination of native title made on 2 May 2005 for WAD6017/96 Ngarluma/Yindjibarndi (WC99/14). The application area does not cover areas previously determined or areas where native title is otherwise extinguished e.g. private freehold.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Roebourne.

**Data statement:** claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of Landgate WA.

**For assistance and further information contact Asha Sackville 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
09/1508-9	Edel Resources Pty Ltd	1221.48km <sup>2</sup>	57km N'ly of Kalbar	Lat 27°13' Long 114°22'	Northampton/Shark Bay
09/1560	Edel Resources Pty Ltd	608.59km <sup>2</sup>	86km N'ly of Kalbar	Lat 26°57' Long 114°25'	Shark Bay
09/1561	Encounter Resources Ltd	112.2km <sup>2</sup>	155km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°26' Long 117°03'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1563	Raisama Pty Ltd	185.19km <sup>2</sup>	154km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°39' Long 115°13'	Camaron
09/1580	Eagle Nickel Limited	61.16km <sup>2</sup>	179km N'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 20°48' Long 116°07'	Murchison
29/710	Heron Resources Ltd	50.89km <sup>2</sup>	102km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°19' Long 120°04'	Menzies
31/834	Vicki Noeline Hooper	11.9km <sup>2</sup>	123km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°44' Long 122°19'	Menzies
36/695	Montrose Resources Ltd	12.1km <sup>2</sup>	34km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°08' Long 120°28'	Leonora
37/994	EGF Nickel Pty Ltd	60.79km <sup>2</sup>	89km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°32' Long 121°29'	Leonora
38/1997	Bruce Robert Legendre	18.24km <sup>2</sup>	112km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°26' Long 121°56'	Laverton
38/2178	Mega-Min Resources Pty Ltd Mark Gareth Cressy Regis Resources Limited Endera Mines Ltd	12.08km <sup>2</sup>	83km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°09' Long 123°43'	Laverton
38/2222	Rubicon Resources Ltd	9.01km <sup>2</sup>	13km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2225	Rubicon Resources Ltd	21.17km <sup>2</sup>	18km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°29'	Laverton
39/1401	A1 Minerals Ltd	312.85km <sup>2</sup>	190km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°39' Long 123°51'	Menzies
39/1408	Rubicon Resources Ltd	110.48km <sup>2</sup>	89km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°25' Long 122°26'	Leonora/Menzies
39/1416	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	116.77km <sup>2</sup>	56km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°19'	Leonora
39/1428	Camuco Pty Ltd	62.93km <sup>2</sup>	109km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°02' Long 123°24'	Laverton/Menzies
40/256	Rubicon Resources Ltd	95.7km <sup>2</sup>	45km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°20'	Menzies
45/3234	Pandell Pty Ltd	224.03km <sup>2</sup>	98km SE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°53' Long 120°50'	East Pilbara
45/3325	Gondwana Resources Ltd	66.81km <sup>2</sup>	46km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°54' Long 119°40'	East Pilbara
47/1631	Warwick John Flint	15.93km <sup>2</sup>	68km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°39' Long 117°08'	Ashburton
47/1870	United Iron Pty Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	82km S'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°56' Long 118°36'	Ashburton
47/1871	United Iron Pty Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	93km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°57' Long 118°48'	East Pilbara
47/1872	United Iron Pty Ltd	3.15km <sup>2</sup>	82km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°55' Long 118°39'	Ashburton
47/1873	United Iron Pty Ltd	6.31km <sup>2</sup>	87km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°54' Long 118°48'	East Pilbara
47/1874	United Iron Pty Ltd	8.3km <sup>2</sup>	86km S'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°58' Long 118°38'	Ashburton
47/1875	United Iron Pty Ltd	40.98km <sup>2</sup>	90km SE'ly of Tom Price	Lat 23°01' Long 118°36'	Ashburton
47/2027	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	63.3km <sup>2</sup>	83km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°22' Long 117°03'	Ashburton
51/1291	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	39.89km <sup>2</sup>	69km W'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°24' Long 117°50'	Meekatharra
52/2283	Warwick Resources Ltd	62.81km <sup>2</sup>	58km S'ly of Newman	Lat 23°51' Long 119°33'	Meekatharra
53/1430	Echo Resources Ltd	3.05km <sup>2</sup>	77km SE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 26°55' Long 120°54'	Wiluna
59/1475	Sunrise Exploration Pty Ltd	27.07km <sup>2</sup>	34km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 29°36' Long 116°52'	Yalgoo
59/1492	Black Peak Holdings Pty Ltd	203.61km <sup>2</sup>	44km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°06' Long 116°26'	Morawa/Perenjory/Yalgoo
59/1504	Frank Hill	3.04km <sup>2</sup>	6km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°23' Long 116°42'	Yalgoo
59/1540	Brenton Anthony Parry Portman Iron Ore Ltd	39.19km <sup>2</sup>	35km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°21' Long 117°43'	Mount Magnet
69/2573	King's Pty Ltd	625.54km <sup>2</sup>	120km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°54' Long 121°08'	Wiluna
80/4143	Panorama Diamonds Pty Ltd	139.07km <sup>2</sup>	118km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°34' Long 127°32'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4173	Gillard Enterprises Pty Ltd	251.55km <sup>2</sup>	123km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°43' Long 127°18'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4182	Panorama Diamonds Pty Ltd	231.71km <sup>2</sup>	114km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°38' Long 127°30'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4184	Paxton Enterprises Pty Ltd	65.4km <sup>2</sup>	99km NE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°28' Long 126°09'	Derby-West Kimberley
80/4189	Murchison Metals Ltd	121.16km <sup>2</sup>	146km N'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 16°54' Long 127°33'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
80/4190	Independence Group NL	210.06km <sup>2</sup>	67km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°20' Long 128°29'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4191	Thunderrun Exploration Ltd	45.69km <sup>2</sup>	102km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°27' Long 128°11'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day:** 11 March 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 11 June 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. 11 July 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



# NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

## NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/3813	Stephen George Argus	9.99ha	86km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°11' Long 123°44'	Laverton
47/1511	Monica Maria Doepgen	85.03ha	75km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°15' Long 118°16'	Port Hedland Town
47/1512	Monica Maria Doepgen	80.44ha	76km SE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°15' Long 118°17'	Port Hedland Town
58/1459	David James Delfante James Attilio Delfante	6ha	9km NE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°01' Long 117°55'	Mount Magnet
63/1707	Zelex Resources Pty Ltd	32.15ha	18km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°06' Long 121°37'	Dundas
63/1720-2	Heron Resources Ltd	364.03ha	44km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°11' Long 121°18'	Dundas
77/3955	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	20.77ha	98km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°58' Long 119°11'	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:** 11 March 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 11 June 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. 11 July 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 Alternative Care Worker

Kalwun AICCA (Aboriginal-Islander Childcare Agency) on the Gold Coast is seeking a part time with the option of an extension Aboriginal Alternative Care Worker.

Application package available by phoning Vanessa on 07 5520 8600.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Applications close:

4.30pm Friday 13th March 2009.

## KALWUN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### Get Set for Work Support Officer

The Kalwun Get Set for Work program provides employment assistance to indigenous and non-indigenous 15-17 year olds who are at-risk or who have disengaged from school. The role will entail facilitating a weekly employment program for target groups. It will also include individual case management of clients seeking employment. We are seeking to appoint a full-time person with experience working with the target group and delivering training programs.

Please send a cover letter and detailed resume to All Summers, PO Box 2123 Nerang Q 4211 or pdre@kalwun.com.au

Closing date for applications:

4pm 13 March 2009

This program has been funded by Department of Employment and Industrial Relations through the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative

## 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
EPM17460	Approx. 35 km NNE from Kowanyama Centred at approximate Lat.15°10'S Long.141°54'E Local Government Area: Kowanyama Shire Council, Pormpuraaw Shire Council and Carpentaria Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 407 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 123 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2638 x, y, z 2639 v, w, x, y, z 2640 v, w 2710 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2711 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 2712 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2782 d, e, k, p 2783 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 2784 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2855 e 2856 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k	<b>Iluka Resources Limited</b> <b>008 675 018</b>

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 7, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate. PO Box 1475, COORFAROO, 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.

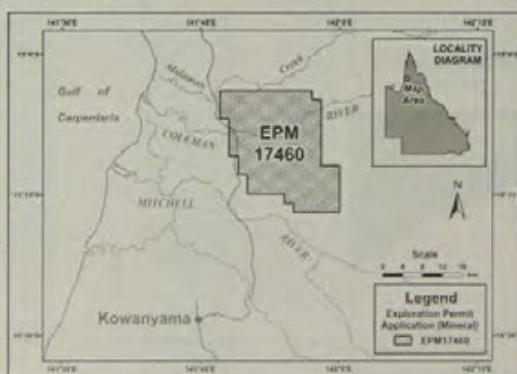
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 1 April 2009



## Centre for Appropriate Technology

The Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT) works with communities of indigenous people to secure sustainable livelihoods through appropriate technology. BUSHLIGHT is a project of CAT that provides renewable energy systems, services, training and support to remote indigenous communities.

### Bushlight is recruiting for a Community Engagement Support Officer

This role involves supporting Bushlight's work in indigenous communities through providing field support and producing resources for education and training purposes.

We are looking for someone with the following skills and experiences to join our small team:

- Experience working in Indigenous communities
- Ability to travel and work in remote areas
- Good communication skills
- Basic computer literacy

This is an Indigenous identified position

Application packages can be obtained from: [www.bushlight.org.au](http://www.bushlight.org.au)

For more information contact: Sal Ward 08 8951 4347 or email: [sally.ward@bushlight.org.au](mailto:sally.ward@bushlight.org.au)

For more information about BUSHLIGHT & CAT go to: [www.bushlight.org.au](http://www.bushlight.org.au) or [www.icat.org.au](http://www.icat.org.au)



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# Calendar

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Oval Clubhouse, Ballina from 2-4pm. Details: Sharyn Anderson on (02) 6618 0407 or (02) 6618 0400 or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.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 urn you have woven. 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](mailto:yarrowarra_womens_network@bigpond.com)

**22 March:** Public Forum: Racism and the NT Intervention. This forum will address the impact of the ongoing suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act by the Rudd Government. Guest Speakers include Clare Martin, Irene Fisher, Valerie Martin, Bev Manton and more. Held at the Guthrie Theatre, University of Technology, Sydney, 702 Harris St, Broadway, from 3pm onwards. Details: Paddy on (0415) 800 586 or email [stoptheintervention@gmail.com](mailto:stoptheintervention@gmail.com) or visit [www.stoptheintervention.org](http://www.stoptheintervention.org)

**22 March:** Tiwi Art Sale and Football Grand Final. Local artists from Jilamara, Munupi and Tiwi Design Art Centre will display hundreds of paintings, carvings, fabric and ceramics for the first time with prints available to purchase followed by the Football Grand Final. Bring: wet weather gear, sunblock, hat, food and water. All welcome. Held at Tiwi Design Art Centre, Nguiu, Bathurst Island from 9am-1pm. Details: Brooke on (08) 8941 3593 or (0408) 640 905 or email [tiwiart@tiwiart.com](mailto:tiwiart@tiwiart.com) or visit [www.tiwiart.com](http://www.tiwiart.com)

**23 March:** Family Drug Support 'Stepping Stones to Success'. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol problems? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at the Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay, from 7-9pm. Details: Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or FDS Office on (02) 4782 9222 or visit [www.fds.org.au](http://www.fds.org.au)

**25-29 March:** Ideas Festival. This is a five-day festival of ideas, innovation and invention which includes international, national and local speakers on a broad range of topics. There will be ideas lectures, panel discussions, debates, question and answer and interview sessions along with a school's program 'Think Do Tank'. Indigenous speakers include Judy Watson, Andrew Bell and Vernon Ah Kee. All welcome and is free. Held at Brisbane's Cultural Centre, South Bank. Details: Graham on (07) 3358 4777 or visit [www.mpc.com.au](http://www.mpc.com.au) or [www.ideasfestival.com.au](http://www.ideasfestival.com.au)

**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](mailto:info@heartofgold.com.au) or visit [www.heartofgold.com.au](http://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](mailto:natalie@ohtraveller.com) or visit [www.castlemainefestival.com.au](http://www.castlemainefestival.com.au)

**1 April:** South Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Youth EXPO 2009. There will be cultural activities, arts and craft stalls, sporting club activities, aboriginal role models (doctors and lawyers, firemen, anthropologists) emergency service vehicles and more. Over the day young Aboriginal groups perform and two young Aboriginal people will MC the event. Held at The Shores Function Centre at Westbeach from 10.30am-2.30pm. Details: Janette on (0416) 875 688.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/75	Pastoral Management Pty Ltd	594.8ha	62km N'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°04' Long 116°15'	Roebourne

The purposes for G08/75 are: for erecting, placing and operating machinery thereon on connection with mining operations; for operations for storage facilities and an explosive magazine; for an electricity distribution system and powerlines, roads, gas pipeline, water sewerage management system and accommodation and; communication facilities.

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 11 March 2009

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on **11 June 2009**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. **11 July 2009**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17335	Approx. 110 km WSW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.23°09'S Long.146°37'E Local Government Area: Barcardine Regional Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2696 T, S, W, X	Waratah Coal Pty Ltd 114 165 669
EPM17488	Approx. 68 km WNW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°29'S Long.147°05'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 114 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 36 (each 1°lat x 1°long)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2125 b, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2126 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2197 c, d, e, h, j, k 2198 a, b, c, f, g, h	Zamia Resources Pty Ltd 110 759 503

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**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

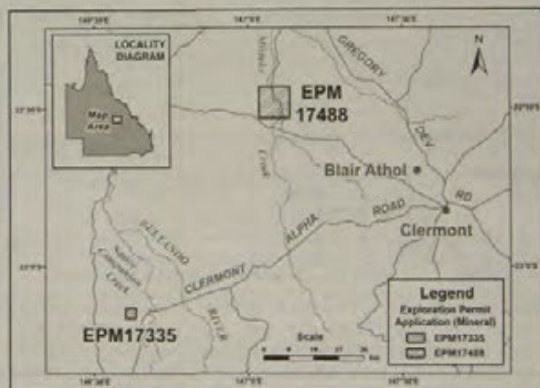
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Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 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: 1 April 2009



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## DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND ENERGY

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS & WATER USE APPROVAL under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

**NSW MURRAY REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE (MURRAY RIVER)**  
Russell Kenneth & Sharyn Joy DREDGE for 1 x 350 mm Pump on Lot 5 DP11618, Parish Puah, County Wakool for stock, domestic and irrigation.  
Colin Gordon WITHERS for 1x50MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 6 DP807831 Parish Wentworth, County Wentworth, for DOMESTIC purposes at Lot 11 DP734520; and 1x125MM CENTRIFUGAL PUMP at Lot 6 DP807831 Parish Wentworth, County Wentworth for existing irrigation. The application is required due to a sub-division of property and proposal to construct additional works. (Application No. 2210)

Applications to AMEND an existing WATER SUPPLY WORKS & WATER USE APPROVAL under Section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

### LOWER MURRAY GROUNDWATER WATER SOURCE

Adrian Damian NIXON for 1 x Bore (additional) on Lot 73 DP752295, Parish Savernake, County Denison for irrigation purposes. (Application No. 50CA504584).

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

PARAWAY PASTORAL CO LTD for an additional BORE to be on Lot 84 DP756458 Parish Walooona, County Urana for IRRIGATION on existing irrigated areas. (Ref.40CA403432)

Applications for a WATER SUPPLY WORKS approval under section 92 of the Water Management Act 2000, have been received from:

### MURRUMBIDGE REGULATED RIVER WATER SOURCE

Keith Kember SYMONS, Christopher SYMONS and Allan SYMONS for a pump on the Murrumbidgee River at/adjacent to Lot 7 DP750841 Parish Ganmain, County Bourke, for a water supply for domestic purposes at/adjacent to Lots 37 & 81 DP750841 Parish Ganmain, County Bourke. (Ref.40WA405445)

### LOWER MURRUMBIDGE DEEP GROUNDWATER SOURCE

MC WILLIAMS WINES PTY LTD for a BORE on 165/751709, Parish JONDARYN, County COOPER for INDUSTRIAL purposes. (Ref.40WA405446)

Any inquiries regarding the above should be directed to the undersigned on (02) 4224 9600. Written objections, specifying grounds, must be lodged with the Department of Water and Energy, PO Box 53, Wollongong NSW 2520, within 28 days of the date of this publication.

Marwan El-Chamy, Manager Licensing South

# National Calendar

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### 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

### 11-13 April: Greg Inglis Inaugural Junior Rugby League Tournament.

This is a coaching and development day open to all junior teams. Ages 11, 13, 15 and 17 years and under teams with matches, challenges and competitions on the day. Drug and alcohol-free event. All welcome. Held at Verge St Sports Complex, Kempsey. Details: Charles Quinlan on (0404) 206 467 or Phillip Hall on (0400) 478 795 or email dunghutbroncos@yahoo.com or visit www.DunghutBroncos.leaguenet.com.au

### 20-22 April: Indigenous

**Employment and Economic Development Conference.** This conference will explore the different ways that government and industry deliver Indigenous employment strategies. Key industry speakers include Warren Mundine, Christine Charles, Bruce McQualter, Andrea Hanson, Alicia Weidman, Felicity Huntington, Les Collins, Tanya Nasir and more. Costs involved. Call before 13 March for a discount special offer and save \$220. Held at Stamford Plaza, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email conferences@tonkincorporation.com

### 29 April-30 May: 'Big Eye'

**Aboriginal Animations: Tour with Canadians.** This is an exhibition of the moving image, including stop-motion, 3D and other animation techniques, from Australia and Canada. Aboriginal Australian screen artists use digital storytelling techniques to bring cultural knowledge and contemporary exploration of country to the fore, with

an original and distinctive voice. Exhibited at QUT Creative Industries Precinct, 'The Block' at Musk Ave, Kelvin Grove, Brisbane, from 2pm onwards. Details: Jenny Fraser on (07) 3138 5495 or email ciprecinct@qut.com or visit www.ciprecinct.qut.com/shows

### 13 May-2 October: 'Community in the Kitchen'

**Hospitality Training Certificate II in Hospitality Operations.** This is a hands-on course including coffee making, food preparation, health and hygiene and customer service. It is a great introduction to a career in hospitality. Ages 15-24 years and not attending school. All welcome and is free. Information and enrolment day 6 May at 10am. Held at YWCA Northern Rivers, 101a Rous Road, Goonellabah. Details: Louise Collins on (02) 6625 5806 or (0449) 901 024 or email kitchen@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.com.au

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## 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 27044 sought by AUVEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 129 087 832 over an area of 115 Blocks (362 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALGAMBA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6253

Exploration Licence 27069 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 77 Blocks (246 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



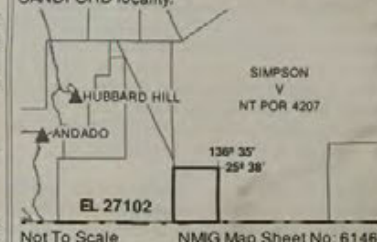
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Exploration Licence 27070 sought by ENIGMA MINING LIMITED, ACN 009 225 558 over an area of 28 Blocks (90 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ANNINGIE locality.



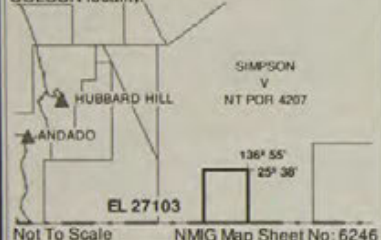
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Exploration Licence 27102 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 440 Blocks (1349 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SANDFORD locality.



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Exploration Licence 27103 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 440 Blocks (1354 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GOLSON locality.



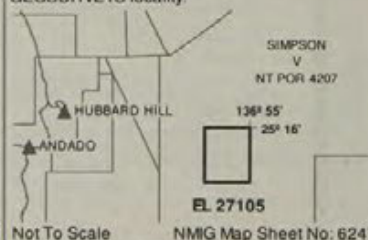
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Exploration Licence 27104 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 440 Blocks (1364 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LUKIN locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6147

Exploration Licence 27105 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 440 Blocks (1365 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GEOSURVEYS locality.



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Exploration Licence 27106 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 449 Blocks (1296 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LUKIN locality.



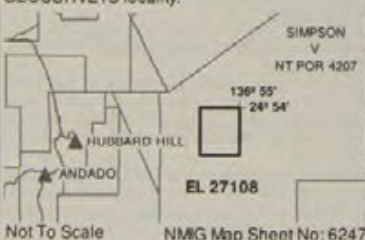
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Exploration Licence 27108 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 440 Blocks (1369 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GEOSURVEYS locality.



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Exploration Licence 27109 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 373 Blocks (1145 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SIMPSON locality.



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Exploration Licence 27110 sought by MERLIN COAL PTY LTD, ACN 134 469 471 over an area of 180 Blocks (562 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the HUBBARD locality.



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**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 and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont 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:** 11 March 2009

## Indigenous basketball team is touring Tahiti

**A**N Australian Indigenous men's basketball team is in Tahiti taking part in a Pacific Islands tournament.

The Australian 'Spirit' team is dominated by Queenslanders.

The Tahiti tournament began on 8 March and will end on 14 March.

Team manager Kevin Alberts said the Indigenous team was invited by the Tahitian Basketball Association.

"We hope to maintain a strong relationship with the Tahitians and the other Pacific islands for future tours," he said.

"Unfortunately, due to a lack of funding, we only took one men's team to Tahiti, but the next tour will consist of men's and women's teams.

"Our next Indigenous Spirit tour will be to Hawaii, where we will be competing against American basketball colleges

such as Chaminade University, Brigham Young University, Hawaii Hilo University and potentially University of Hawaii.

Alberts said the Hawaiian tour would be the start of more tours, creating opportunities for talented Indigenous basketballers where they could compete at an American college level and gain a free education and reach their full playing potential.

The team in Tahiti consists of:

Ahwang, Conrad (Torres Strait Islands), Alberts, Kevin (Mackay), Arnold, Gausa (Cairns), Coe, Leslie (Sydney), Jackway, James (Townsville), Loban, Francis (Torres Strait Islands), Moseling, Mark Cairns, Nagas, Aaron (Gladstone), Paiwan, Michael (Perth), Samuel, Thomas (Torres Strait Islands), Viranatuale, Albert (Brisbane).

## National Calendar

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**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](mailto:events@conferenceworks.net.au) or visit [www.kbconference.vic.gov.au](http://www.kbconference.vic.gov.au)

**5-8 June:** The Dreaming Festival. Australia's International Indigenous Festival. This three day and four night festival will have performing arts venues, bars, ceremony grounds, traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles and a mass of stalls, workshop avenue and food outlets. All welcome. Cost involved. Held in Woodford, Qld. Details: Rhoda Roberts on (07) 5496 1066 or (0419) 492 164 or visit [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com)

**5-8 June:** Words Unplugged at The Dreaming Festival. The Dreaming is looking for dead new talent by providing a place for those closet chameleons to strut their stuff. Dare to bare your talents on our rapturous audience, in this Dreaming of a lifetime chance to take to the stage and get voted as the Popular People's Choice, whereby the winner will be signed for the 2010 Dreaming Festival. Details: Rhoda Roberts on (07) 5496 1066 or (0419) 492 164 or visit [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com)

**29 June-5 July:** NAIDOC Week Celebrations. This is a huge week of activities and events including musicians, artists, performers, exhibitions, fashion parade, celebrities, bands and more. Details: Josie Winsor on (02) 9845 3630 or (02) 9675 5678.

**5-12 July:** NAIDOC Week. Theme 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'. Wherever you live, you can take part in NAIDOC week celebrations. To find out about

NAIDOC Week activities in your area, contact your nearest Indigenous Coordination Centre on free call 1800 079 098, except Nhulunby 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](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://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](mailto: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 Harley Haywood. All teams must have the same coloured uniforms, a team Banner and war cry. 11 years 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.

**27 December 09-1 January 2010:** Woodford Folk Festival. This is an event of international standing. Held over six days and six nights it presents more than 2000 performers and 400 events with concerts, dances, workshops, forums, street theatre, writers' panels, film festival, comedy sessions, an entire children's festival, art and craft workshops and more. All welcome. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email [qtf@woodfordfolkfestival.com](mailto:qtf@woodfordfolkfestival.com) or visit [www.woodfordfolkfestival.com](http://www.woodfordfolkfestival.com)

## Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 25 March 2009



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12007/020 Wuthathi People and Cook Shire Council ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 1,189km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 120km north-east of Weipa, covering Lot 5117 on Plan SP137279, Lot 73 on Plan SP171835, Lot 4 on Plan AP 12185 and the adjoining Esplanade on the eastern side of the ILUA area in the vicinity of Shalburne Bay as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cook Shire Council.

### Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Johnson Chippendale, Moira Macumboy, Douglas Wilson, Phillip Wallis and Jean Mosby on their own behalf and on behalf of the Wuthathi People ('The Native Title Parties'), C/- Cape York Land Council  
Principal Legal Officer, PO Box 2496 CAIRNS QLD 4870

Cook Shire Council ('Council')  
C/- Andrew Kerr, Preston Law  
PO Box 707N  
NORTH CAIRNS QLD 4870

### The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

(Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) deals with the Right to Negotiate)

### Clause 8 Existing Council Infrastructure

8.1 The Native Title Parties will not claim compensation from Council in respect of the extinguishment, diminishment or impairment of Native Title Rights and Interests by the construction or establishment of Extinguishing Infrastructure.

8.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of:-

- (a) the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure;
- (b) the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and
- (c) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

8.3 The Native Title Rights and Interests are suppressed to the extent of any inconsistency between the Native Title Rights and Interests and the operation, use or maintenance of Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

8.4 The Native Title Parties will not claim compensation from Council in respect of the extinguishment, diminishment or impairment of Native Title Rights and Interests by the construction, operation, use, maintenance of Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

### Clause 9 Future Council Works and Activities

9.1 In the event the Council wishes to construct or carry out Works or Activities in the ILUA Area in respect of which it has not already received consent under this Deed, it may seek to obtain such consent by having the act become an Approved Future Act by following the process set out in Schedule 2.

9.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:-

- (a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and
- (b) either-  
i) the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or  
ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2.

(Schedule 6 contains the Proposed Activity Notice, Concurrence Notice and Revised Activity Notice.)

9.3 If requested by Council, the Native Title Parties will provide all reasonable assistance to Council in securing the doing of Approved Future Acts.

9.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts.

9.5 As soon as practicable after any part of the ILUA Area becomes Aboriginal Land, the Native Title Parties will use their best endeavours to ensure that the Land Trust for that part of the ILUA Area executes, in a manner that renders it legally bound, an agreement in the terms set out in Schedule 4. (Schedule 4 contains an agreement for access to and use of Aboriginal Land)

9.6 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where Native Title Rights and Interests have been extinguished or determined not to exist.

### Clause 10 Minor Works or Activities

10.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 3.

10.2 This clause does not apply to any part of the ILUA Area where Native Title Rights and Interests have been extinguished.

### Clause 12 Future Acts by Land Trust

12.1 The Parties intend this clause to operate independently from other Future Act authorisations in this Deed.

12.2 Subject to subclause 12.3, the Parties consent under the Native Title Act to the doing of any Future Act (other than a surrender of Native Title Rights and Interests) in relation to that part of the ILUA Area that is Aboriginal Land.

12.3 The consent in subclause 12.2 is subject to a condition that, at the time a Future Act is done:-

- (a) the Land Trust for the part of the ILUA that is Aboriginal Land has given its written consent for the Future Act; and
- (b) this Deed is registered on the Register.

(Clause 1.1 of the agreement includes definitions of the terms 'Aboriginal Land', 'Approved Future Acts', 'Extinguishing Infrastructure', 'Future Act', 'Land Trust', 'Minor Works or Activities' and 'Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure'. Schedule 2 of the agreement explains how a Future Act may become an Approved Future Act for the purposes of the agreement. Schedule 3 of the agreement describes the Future Acts (consisting of minor works or activities) for which the Native Title Parties have given their consent. Full details of these defined terms and schedules 2 and 3 can be obtained upon request from the National Native Title Tribunal by contacting Louise Doyle at the Cairns Registry on 1800 640 5011)

### Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by 25 June 2009.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS QLD 4870 by 25 June 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, contact Louise Doyle on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

**Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.**

# Boomerangs in PNG



THE Australian Football League's All-Indigenous Flying Boomerangs are in Papua New Guinea on a short tour.

They will play two matches, starting with a game on Friday (13 March) in Port Moresby, and another game two days later at Lae, in the Western Highlands.

The Flying Boomerangs are an all-Indigenous Australian football youth squad selected from around Australia. Last year they toured South Africa.

The PNG tour has been named the 'One Tribe Challenge Tour'. The Boomerangs were picked from the AFL Kick Start Leadership Program for talented Indigenous youth footballers.

They are being coached by former North Melbourne Kangaroos player and Bali bombing survivor hero Jason McCartney.

McCartney also is the AFL youth and high performance co-ordinator.

Also touring with the team are two other AFL 'ambassadors' - Kevin Sheedy and Michael Long - who will attend a welcome dinner on Friday (March 13) at the Grand Palace restaurant in Port Moresby.

Sheedy is a strong advocate of the game's development and empowerment of Indigenous youth.

The PNG 'Kupandas' will be coached by former Richmond player Ray Hall.

Hall, who played 100 games for Richmond, retired last year and is in PNG as a youth ambassador.

AFLPNG national game development manager Walter Yangomina said the tour was a great opportunity for emerging PNG players to make their mark.

"It's also a fantastic opportunity for AFLPNG to be hosting this match as it

shows the confidence shown by AFL in us to host this international match," Yangomina said.

Last month the Flying Boomerangs gathered in Darwin during the build-up to the Indigenous All Stars game against the Adelaide Crows.

The Flying Boomerangs Leadership Program is helping young Indigenous players kick goals on and off the field.

Equipping young football players with leadership skills helps them to be positive role models and boosts their confidence to provide leadership in their communities.

The Government in partnership with the AFL committed \$2.4 million over three years for the AFL All Stars Ambassador Program and AFL Club Fostering Program to benefit Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory and South Australia.



The Australian Football League Flying Boomerangs in South Africa last year.

# Early look at 2009 AFL season

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in the game. The only concern the Hawthorn hierarchy would have, could be second-year blues.

**Jason Roe**  
Brisbane (42 games)

After taking some time to settle in the AFL system, the season with North Adelaide in the SANFL proved valuable. If he can keep his body sound, Roe will be an important component in the Lions' defensive structure.

**Patrick Ryder**  
Essendon (52 games)

Quickly developing into one of the elite young key position players in the AFL, he is learning his trade at centre half back, but many good judges see him as a centre half forward - in the same style as Franklin - further down the track.

**Sam Sheldon**  
Brisbane (0 games)

The son of Carlton premiership player Ken, Sam Sheldon will be looking for a big year in 2009 after a couple of seasons full of injuries. Drafted out of the Oakleigh Chargers in 2006, his third season on the Lions' list will be pivotal.

**Casey Sibosado**  
Fremantle rookie (0 games)

From the Northern Territory, Sibosado is an athletic young footballer who will spend this year developing in the WAFL.

**Brennan Stack**  
Western Bulldogs (0 games)

A third-round draft selection back in 2006, Stack is a medium-sized forward or midfielder who has not won an opportunity to perform at senior level. Turning 21 during this year,



Carlton's Chris Yarran. He could make a big impact this year at the top level.

this is a vital season in Stack's AFL tenure.

**Cameron Stokes**  
Hawthorn Rookie (9 games)

While he is still a rookie at the Hawks, Stokes was upgraded during last season and played nine senior games in the brown and gold colours. A goal-kicking forward who can also be used through the middle, don't be surprised if he is again elevated during the 2009 season.

**Mathew Stokes**  
Geelong (52 games)

Now in the fourth year of his tenure at Sleepy Hollow, Stokes has a premiership medallion and played in the 2008 grand final. The coaching staff will be looking for him to develop his role in the mid field, adding to his goal-kicking ability off half forward.

**Richard Tambling**  
Richmond (75 games)

The number three draft selection back 2004, Tambling in 2008 started to really look at home at AFL level. He has already played 75 senior games and will

be an important part of the Tigers' push towards finals participation in 2009.

**Wade Thompson**  
Port Adelaide rookie (0 games)

From the upper north of South Australia, Thompson has already impressed the Power coaching staff with his pace and skills. Being given a berth in the round one NAB cup pre-season match against Sydney, he impressed with plenty of pace and goal-kicking ability. He should play plenty of senior football in the SANFL with the North Adelaide roosters this year, if not upgraded to the senior list.

**Lindsay Thomas**  
North Melbourne (35 games)

The epitome of the elusive small forward, Thomas now needs to develop other aspects of his game. A noted goal-kicker who came win a game off his own boot, he needs to work on his endurance to force his way into the mid field rotations more consistently.

**Ross Tungatulum**  
St Kilda Rookie (0 games)

A surprise selection in some people's eyes, this rookie is a project player for the Saints.

**Adam Varcoe**  
Geelong rookie (0 games)

The younger Varcoe sibling, Adam played very little football last year and will be seen as a project player by the Cats.

**Travis Varcoe**  
Geelong (34 games)

Travis looks to have added upper body strength to his fame over the off season and this Geelong staff will be looking for a breakthrough year for the young

man they honoured with Polly Farmer's number five jumper. He has all the attributes to add another dimension to the dominant Cats' on ball contingent.

**Andrew Walker**  
Carlton (81 games)

Injury had a devastating effect on Walker's 2008 season and he only returned late in the year. A dashing defender who can also be used in the middle, having him fit and firing only enhances the Blues' finals chances.

**Michael Walters**  
Fremantle (0 games)

"Son, Son" as he is known, Michael Walters Jr is precisely what one would expect from a dynamic small forward. He has pace, great goal sense and great skills. He will be looking to force his way into the Fremantle side with strong performances in the WAFL.

**Sharrod Wellingham**  
Collingwood (12 games)

Elevated to the senior list last year, Wellingham had a successful first year in senior ranks. He now needs to cement a place in the Magpies' line-up.

**Daniel Wells**  
North Melbourne (123 games)

Wells is on the brink of being the next superstar of the game. Now with the experience and having already proved he can dominate games, Wells now needs to find consistency over the course of a season. If he can do that, he is in line for the AFL top individual honour.

**Matthew Whelan**  
Melbourne (140 games)

After an injury-ravaged couple of years, marquee defender

Matthew Whelan is looking to re-consolidate his place in the Demons' defence. Mature and composed, a fit Whelan will be a godsend for Melbourne coach Dean Bailey.

**Mark L Williams**  
Hawthorn (98 games)

A dual club leading goal kicker and member of last year's Hawks premiership team, Williams had had to play second fiddle to Lance Franklin over the past couple of seasons. He was still an asset in attack and should join the 100-club early in the season.

**David Wirrpanda**  
West Coast (206 games)

An Indigenous leader in this competition for over a decade on and off the field, Wirrpanda is the 'senior pro' in the West Coast Eagles' outfit. Able to play at both ends of the ground, he is a valuable asset to the club and although he debuted back in 1996, he is still only 29.

**Austin Wonaeamirri**  
Melbourne (18 games)

Elevated from rookie status early last year, Austin went on to play a majority of the season for the collar-dwellers Melbourne, being instrumental in a victory. He won't slip under opposition coaches' radars this year and will need to continue to refine his game.

**Chris Yarran**  
Carlton (0 games)

With two years of senior WAFL football under his belt, expect Yarran to get his opportunities at senior level with the Blues during the season. If he can capture a place early in the year, expect him to be on the radar for the Norwich Rising Star award for the best first year footballer in the AFL.

# Powering forward

As enjoyable as it was catching up with old mates at the AFL Indigenous Camp in Darwin, I found it really exciting to meet some of the next generation who were on display for the first time.

You could also sense for many of them that this was an opportunity to meet some of their heroes in the flesh.

One young guy who caught my attention was Port Adelaide rookie Wade Thompson. He has also been quick out of the blocks to impress on-the-field in his first pre-season.

He has impressed fans and coaches with his blistering speed and fierce attack on the body and the ball.

At the camp he impressed me with the way he appeared to be soaking up every piece of information and enjoying every experience on offer.

He struck me as the type of person who always wants to learn and improve.

Like a lot of the boys, he was quiet and shy, but when he played the Swans in Canberra, he let his talent do the talking.

To say this rookie was impressive is to understate how easily he left a few of our defenders in his wake with his blistering speed.

Port appear to have found a gun. He obviously needs to fill out and develop physically, but the talent is there for all to see.

I decided I wanted to get to know him better, so I rang my 'Brother Boy' - Peter Burgoyne - and got hold of Wade's number and left a message on his voice-mail.

Wade's voice was so soft I could hardly hear his recorded message, which reinforced my image of a shy Aboriginal kid on the first step of a major journey.

But when I spoke to him, I discovered he had a confidence and resolve which will take him far in our game.

He told me that when he was growing up in Port Augusta, he developed a passion for the game.

"I played for the Wilsden Wolves when I was eight years old and I have always loved playing," he said.

Wade paid a great tribute to his grandmother Pauline Thompson, who has passed on, and his mum for getting him where he is.

"I grew up with my grandma and she always encouraged me and I would like to think she would be proud of what I have achieved so far," he said.

"Mum also was great, taking me to camps and giving me every opportunity to succeed."

Another thing I discovered was that Wade's speed was not just a freak of nature.

As a young sprinter, his personal best time in the 100m sprint - 10.83sec - is less than a second outside the Australian record of 9.93sec set by Patrick Johnson in 2003.

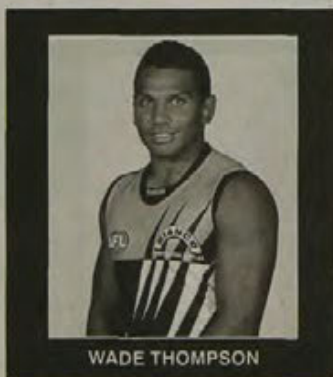
"I was doing some athletics training

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



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WADE THOMPSON

because I was a bit of a sprinter,"

Thompson said.

"But I realised I had too much passion for football and decided to stick with that."

Athletics' loss is definitely AFL's gain as Wade is a natural.

Thompson began to focus his talents on football in 2005 when he joined North Adelaide's U19s for pre-season training.

But it wasn't altogether a smooth transition.

Wade, who was living in Adelaide's northern suburbs, struggled to find the transportation and motivation to become a regular at training on Prospect Oval.

"I went out to my first training session with North and I was off and on. I would go out for a while and then drop out again," he said.

"I was probably a bit slack and I didn't

have that support. I was away from my family and I didn't have anybody here, so some days, I just couldn't get to training."

It wasn't until the dedicated staff at the South Australian Aboriginal Sports Training Academy offered their own time that Wade was able to make a serious go of training with the Roosters.

"The teachers worked out a schedule where I would go home after school, get ready for training and they would come and pick me up as soon as they finished at school," Wade said.

"They would take me to training, watch me train and then drop me home again. Finally, I just stuck at it and stayed out there."

Thompson was rewarded for his dedication and was promoted for nine reserves games during his first season in the U19s.

He played six League games with North Adelaide last season and was invited to train with the Power in the lead-up to the NAB AFL and rookie drafts.

Thompson - nicknamed 'Bullet' by his new team-mates - is hopeful of retaining his place in the Port Adelaide line-up, being elevated permanently to the full-time list.

The solidly-built forward conceded he had to improve his fitness to be a consistent AFL player, but assistant coach Matthew Primus is confident Thompson could have a long future in the game.

"Wade's got speed, the ability to read the play and he can play forward," Primus said.

"We're hoping he's got a bit more growing to do and we'll see the best of him in a couple of years."

Wade concedes he has some work to do.

"If I am aiming to get elevated to the senior list permanently, then I have to learn how to play consistently well," he said.

"I have to get fitter so I can keep chasing and tackling on the field non-stop," he said.

I detected an edge of determination in his voice, so I asked him what he had taken from the camp in Darwin.

"The whole experience was great," he said. "But the leadership course taught me the importance of speaking up."

"Since the camp I have found it easier to speak in front of the team and know that I can have a say instead of being shy."

"Speaking up loud makes it easier for me to learn and feel part of the team."

It was great to hear a young Aboriginal kid speak with such confidence and passion.

There was no misplaced arrogance about him as he knows in his own words that he has to 'step up training a bit'.

But with that training, I believe we have another youngster that will grace the AFL stage for years to come.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!!!

## Torres/Cape league team expects to be competitive

By ALF WILSON



THE combined Torres Strait/Northern Peninsula Area/Cape York will field a strong side when it makes its debut in the expanded Foley Shield rugby league competition at Townsville Sports Reserve on the Easter weekend.



It is one of the most prestigious regional rugby league competitions in Australia and began in 1948.

A squad of 25 players, plus officials, was named following trial games on Thursday Island on Saturday 21 February.

It includes big forwards and a speedy selection of backs from which a highly competitive outfit can be put together.

Weipa enforcer Garreth Smith and Badu Island toughman Danny Mairu are amongst the most feared forwards in the Top End and both played leading roles in the Zenadth Kes carnival held at Thursday Island last November.

Smith won the player of the carnival award even though his side Central Cape Suns failed to reach the semi-finals, and Mairu played on for Mulga Tigers despite having a deep wound in his head.

Inspirational Smith also shone for Kulpiyam, which won the 2008 Island of Origin series grand final on Badu in August.

Veteran and clever forward Jason Nixon hails from Napranum community, near Weipa, and will provide plenty of opportunities from dummy half.

### Six-team competition

Torres Cape, along with Innisfail Eacham, and a combined team from the Mid West and Mount Isa, will compete against established powerhouse sides Cairns, Mackay and reigning champions Townsville in the Foley Shield.

Last year, just Townsville, Cairns and Mackay battled it out in a round-robin competition which had a grand final later in the season.

Rugby league stronghold Badu dominates the Torres Cape squad, with nine players, while Thursday Island has six, Weipa five, Dauan three, while the NPA and Kubin each has one representative.

The squad is:

Aaron Binawel (Dauan), Jerry Savage (Kubin), Horace Baira (Badu), Soki Dau (Badu), Edgar Daniel (Thursday Island), Danny Mosby (Thursday Island), Solomon Daniel (Dauan), Garreth Smith (Weipa), Jason Nixon (Weipa), Walter Nona (Badu), Joe Tamwoy (Badu), Theo Mosby (Thursday Island), Jack Sagigi (Weipa), Denson Misi (NPA), James Binawel (Dauan), Daniel Mairu (Badu), Michael Morris (Thursday Island), Andrew Samson (Weipa), Thomas J Nona (Badu), Edward Ingui (Thursday Island), Weldon Matasia (Badu), Jack David (Badu), Morrison Mosby (Thursday Island), Remus Ishmail (Badu) and Jimmy Baira (Weipa).

### Opening rounds Good Friday

On Good Friday Cairns will play Cape/Torres, Innisfail/Eacham will take on Mount Isa/Mid West and Townsville clashes with arch rival Mackay Sea Eagles.

Easter Saturday pits Townsville against powerhouse centre Cairns, which always boasts quality TSI players who compete in that club competition.

Mackay will meet Innisfail/Eacham and Cape Torres will face Mount Isa/Mid West.

At 12.30pm on Easter Sunday, the third and fourth qualifying teams will meet, followed at 2pm when the Foley Shield grand final will be played between sides one and two.

The Mid West/Mount Isa team will include players from the both those competitions, with the former drawing them from Hughenden, Normanton, Richmond, Julia Creek and Cloncurry.

# An early look at

**A**S the 2009 AFL season fast approaches, football writer PETER ARGENT surveys the Indigenous players who are preparing for the 2009 season. This year the Indigenous numbers in senior AFL ranks has increased to 85 players, or more than 10 per cent of the number of footballers at the top level. Player by player, *The Koori Mail* looks at the pool of great talent for the season ahead.

**Joe Anderson**  
Carlton (9 games)

Having debuted back in 2007 and now in his third season at the Blues, Anderson has an important year in his football development. A quick and skillful defender/on-baller, he is capable of becoming an integral part of a team on the rise.

**Tony Armstrong**  
Adelaide (0 games)

This recruit from the NSW/ACT under 18s in the 2007 national draft played a little senior football in the SANFL in 2008 and is a development player with the Crows, a club which is going through a rebuilding stage. He did show some promising signs in the Aboriginal All Stars game, playing in defence for Adelaide.

**Jarrold Atkinson**  
Essendon (5 games)

A mature aged rookie collected at 23 in 2007, Atkinson was elevated to the senior list during 2008 and finished the season with five senior games. Definitely a gamble from a recruiting perspective, he proved to be an inspired choice for the Bombers. He is definitely a player to watch in 2009.

**Chance Bateman**  
Hawthorn (117 games)

First debuting back in 2000, Bateman is now a premiership player and one of the key midfielders in the Hawks' structure. Showing patience with him has proved fruitful for the club and at 27, Bateman still has a lot of football left in him.

**Liam Bedford**  
West Coast Rookie (0 games)

After couple of season playing with the Cats AFL affiliate in the VFL and being a member of a premiership team at this level, Bedford will enjoy the open spaces in the west. The bigger grounds will suit his pace and do not be surprised if he is elevated to the Eagles' senior list by the end of the year.

**Warren Benjamin**  
North Melbourne (0 games)

The younger brother of Clint, who was on the Blues' list for a couple of years, Warren played a couple of senior games in Perth in 2008. Was a WAFL Colts team of the year

selection as well in 2008.

**Jamie Bennell**  
Melbourne (0 games)

From Bunbury, in the south-west of Western Australia, Bennell has all the attributes you would want in a footballer. With a high leap, he is a strong mark for his size and along with having good vision and plenty of pace. Don't be surprised if he makes an impact.

**Johnny Bennell**  
Collingwood Rookie (0 games)

After playing senior footy with the Thunder in Perth, this small forward will be a project player with Collingwood in the VFL.

**Eddie Betts**  
Carlton (75 games)

Betts, in a Carlton side which looks finals-bound this year, has an opportunity to further enhance his credentials as a crumbing forward, along with becoming a regular part of the midfield rotations during the season. A freakish talent who can kick match-winning goals, he now has the experience to become a senior player in the Blues' line-up.

**Peter Burgoyne**  
Port Adelaide (225 games)

At 31, Burgoyne is in the veteran stages of his career. In form, his rebounding skills and superb reading of the game makes him a linchpin of the Power's defence. A high possession player who uses the ball superbly, he is a key player for Mark Williams.

**Shaun Burgoyne**  
Port Adelaide (148 games)

Now vice-captain of the Power, after leading the side for a few games at the end of last season, Shaun Burgoyne can be used as a goal-kicking option in attack or as a ball carrier in the midfield. A fit and well-performed number eight for the Power is critical for any chances of finals participation.

**Adam Cockie**  
West Coast Rookie (0 games)

In the West Coast's only NAB game, Cockie, who is only a rookie, excelled despite his team going down by a significant margin. The young midfielder who turns 20 in April played 22 senior games for Subiaco in the

WAFL last year and was a member of their premiership side.

**Matt Campbell**  
North Melbourne (35 games)

Lissom in movement and diminutive in size, Campbell has adapted quickly to the rigours of the game at the top level and is developing his game quickly. Originally from Alice Springs, Campbell played league football in South Australia before getting his chances in top company.

**Raphael Clarke**  
St Kilda (41 games)

Now 23 and having been on the Saints' list since his debut in 2004, this is an important year in the development of the younger Clarke sibling. He has the size and pace to a versatile player in defence and attack for his coach Ross Lyon, but must be more consistent. Injury has been too consistent a friend, so it is important Raph's body it right for the 2009 season.

**Xavier Clarke**  
St Kilda (105 games)

A couple years older than his sibling, Xavier is a different type of player, being smaller and lighter. He is freakish on occasions and can give his side an important 'X' factor. He will be expected to display plenty of leadership as well.

**Anthony Corrie**  
Collingwood (53 games)

After an injury-interrupted 53-game career with the

**Aaron Davey**  
Melbourne (97 games)

Now a senior player at the Demons. As they venture further into a rebuilding stage of this traditional club, Davey will be used through the middle of the ground as a part of their on-ball rotations again in 2009. Electrifyingly quick and with superior skills, he should join the 100 club early in the season and is expected to be one of the club's leading players.

**Alwyn Davey**  
Essendon (19 games)

'Froggy' Davey as he is nicknamed, was a revelation after he burst on to the scene in 2007 at the age of 23. For the second year in a row, injury robbed the football public of this dynamo in 2008. He could become a great crumbing option at the feet of Matthew Lloyd and Scott Lucas, along with getting bursts through the middle. His tackling is a feature of his game.

**Leon Davis**  
Collingwood (161 games)

This former West Australian had developed his game from just being in-goal kicking forward, with heightened fitness levels to be on the elite high possession midfielders in the competition. For the Magpies to be successful, Davis is a substantial ingredient.

**Courtenay Dempsey**  
Essendon (10 games)

With the Bombers having a

the way during 2008 and he didn't add any more AFL games to his résumé.

**Nathan Djerrkura**  
Geelong (0 games)

An exceptional junior talent from Darwin, after two years on the Cats' list without a senior game, this is an important season for the young midfielder. Djerrkura needs to grab any opportunity and make the most of it in the Cats' power outfit. Given a chance, he could become a strong asset for Mark Thompson.

**Shane Edwards**  
Richmond (32 games)

As Edwards' body starts to fill out, he should develop into a fleet-footed wingman or half back. He needs to continue to develop his kicking skills and find targets regularly.

**Lance Franklin**  
Hawthorn (81 games)

During the 2008 season Franklin developed into one of the young superstars of the code, redefining the role of a centre half forward in modern football. Athletic, quick and with the ability to change the course of the game, he is the reason spectators pay their money to go through the gate. If he continues to develop his marking, he'll be a complete 21st century footballer.

**Cruise Garlett**  
North Melbourne Rookie (0 games)

A second-year Kangaroos rookie, Garlett was a member of the North Ballarat VFL premiership last year, after forcing his way into the senior team. He will need impressive performances early in the year to be elevated.

**Jeff Garlett**  
Carlton rookie (0 games)

A cousin of Hawthorn champion Lance Franklin, Garlett is a small forward with plenty dash and goal-kicking ability.

**Alroy Gilligan**  
Richmond rookie (0 games)

Another small forward who was in the 2008 WAFL Colts Team of the Year, Gilligan has the attributes one would expect of a small goal-kicking forward.

**Adam Goodes**  
Sydney (230 games)

Another unquestioned superstar of the code, Goodes has coupled durability with versatility and stamina. He can play any key position on the ground, along with pinch hitting as a ruckman or playing as a follower. His more than 200

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Peter Argent says that with 205 AFL games under his belt, Xavier Clarke can be freakish and can give St Kilda an 'X' factor.

Brisbane Lions, the club had enough respect for the 24-year-old to negotiate a trade to Collingwood during the off season. It is important Corrie makes the most of this lifeline.

**Shannon Cox**  
Collingwood (14 games)

A rookie elevated footballer who played his first senior football in 2007 and added another seven games in 2008. Cox is a defender who can stand a tall for small forward.

high opinion of this exciting young talent, he needs to string some matches together over the course of the 2009 season. He debuted back in 2006 after being a round one draft selection the year before.

**Brad Dick**  
Collingwood (6 games)

With the skill and ability to be a dangerous forward, despite his lack of height and bulk, he played six games in his debut season of 2007. Unfortunately, injury got in

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consecutive games and two Brownlow medals and numerous club best and fairest awards are testament to his standing in the game.

**Jonathon Griffin**  
Adelaide (28 games)

This young big man has a titanic season ahead of him leading the Crows' ruck division with Ivan Maric. He started well last year, but the combination of injury and fatigue saw his performances diminish later in the season.

**Antoni Grover**  
Fremantle (146 games)

Unsung in many areas of the media, Grover has been highly regarded by his coaching staff as a tough and reliable defender over the past decade. A vital member of the Dockers' defence, he has dash and good finishing skills.

**Jarrold Harbrow**  
Western Bulldogs (25 games)

This young talent from Queensland really started to make a name for himself in 2007 and added a further 14 games last year. An exciting prospect, he can play across the middle or as a small forward.

**Roger Hayden**  
Fremantle (94 games)

Like team-mate Grover, Hayden is a fixture in the Dockers' defence. Making his debut back in 2002, he was one of the players noted for their run and drive from the backlines.

**Des Headland**  
Fremantle (152 games)

Headland at his best is one of the most creative wingmen in the game. A premiership player with the Lions before moving home to the West in 2003, this is an important season for him, after a frustrating 2008 winter.

**Josh Hill**  
Western Bulldogs (19 games)

One of the young Indigenous excitement machines at the 'Doggies, Hill had a brake-out season in 2008. Whether being an option kicking goals in attack or being used as a wingman driving the ball forward consistently, Hill became an integral part of his team's game plan. He will be expected to further improve on this in 2009.

**Stephen Hill**  
Fremantle (0 games)

After a superb group of under 18 championships performances last year, Hill was elevated in the pecking order and became the third draft selection outright. If he



**Jarrhan Jacky** has three AFL games under his belt for the Adelaide Crows. He will be looking for more opportunities in the coming season.

can break the lines and deliver the ball in the same style as he did at 18s level, the opportunities are endless for this young talent.

**Rhan Hooper**  
Brisbane (39 games)

Debuting back in 2008, Hooper added a further 20 games in 2008 to the 19 from previous years, after having time off in the pre-season due to personal issues. Hooper is a good goal-kicking small forward who is also noted for his tackling and defensive pressure.

**Jarrhan Jacky**  
Adelaide (3 games)

With the Crows' forward line going through extensive changes, there are opportunities for Jacky in his second year of AFL football. He received limited opportunities in three games last year and will be looking for more chances to impress this year.

**Leroy Jetta**  
Essendon (22 games)

An outstanding junior, late in his second season (2008) Jetta was starting to transfer some of these attributes on to the highest stage. Able to do the unbelievable, Jetta needs to find more consistency at this level. If he can do that, he is an exciting long-term prospect for the Bombers.

**Neville Jetta**  
Melbourne (0 games)

A talented half forward and midfielder, his selection in the draft was helped by a 'best on ground' performance in the 2008 WAFL Colts grand final. A cousin of Leroy at Essendon, he played under in the 18s national championships last year.

**Graham Johncock**  
Adelaide (147 games)

After an inconsistent year in 2008, which included a couple of

games with Port Adelaide in the SANFL, Johncock would like to reassert himself as one of the premier small defenders in the AFL. Also he will be expected to have leadership role with the young Crows' combination in 2009.

**Michael Johnson**  
Fremantle (74 games)

A young leader at the Fremantle Football Club, the 24-year-old Johnson got to captain his club during the pre-season and will be looked upon to foster the young talent at the club, as well as continue to improve his already sound game.

He is a rebounding defender and has the ability to drive holes in opposition back halves.

**Liam Jones**  
Western Bulldogs (0 games)

A young key position footballer who, in the longer term, will be looked upon to fill a role at centre half forward or centre half back. Jones is noted as a strong mark and for his impressive decision-making skills.

**Liam Jurrrah**  
Melbourne (0 games)

From the central Australian town of Alice Springs, Jurrrah is a 188cm marking forward who displays athleticism, pace and has a sound kicking skills.

Still only 20, if he can put some bulk on to his frame, he could be a player to watch in 2009.

**Nathan Krakouer**  
Port Adelaide (14 games)

A developing footballer in the Peter Burgoyne mould, Nathan Krakouer needs to make the most of any chances given by coach Mark Williams. So far used mainly as a small forward, he played the half back sweeping role to perfection in one of the NAB pre-season matches, which proved his adaptability.

**Andrew Lovett**  
Essendon (66 games)

A player who provides plenty of dash from half back, along with exquisite ball use, Lovett is expected to be a marquee player in the Bombers' line-up in 2009. He is a key player in Matthew Knights' structure.

**Nathan Lovett-Murray**  
Essendon (85 games)

Not noted for his consistency, Lovett-Murray can still be a game-turner. He has good size (190cm) and all the skills required to become an important part of the Bombers' longer-term plans.

**Malcolm Lynch**  
Western Bulldogs (2 games)

A young left-footed half forward from the NSW/ACT Rams under 18s program, he played two games in his debut year of 2007, but didn't add to that due to injury in 2008.

**Ashley McGrath**  
Brisbane (113 games)

From South Fremantle at the start of this decade, McGrath is a highly-rated footballer who has had his troubles with injuries. He played 15 games in 2008 and is a small forward who locks the ball in attack and is strong defensively.

**Andrew McLeod**  
Adelaide (304 games)

The 'Rolls Royce' of outside defenders, McLeod is now in his 15th year of a stellar career with the Adelaide Crows. Having achieved nearly everything in the game except for a Brownlow Medal, he is again a key to the West Lakes-based club's chances this year.

**Daniel Motlop**  
Port Adelaide (97 games)

Brother of Kangaroos' premiership player Shannon, Daniel produced a number of freakish performances in 2008. A player who can still struggle with consistency from time to time, Motlop can also be an outright match-winner on his day.

**Marlon Motlop**  
Port Adelaide (2 games)

A cousin of Daniel, from this famous family clan, Marlon is still learning the ropes, but it is expected to be a little as any members of his heritage. He had two opportunities late last year, but will be pushing for more senior AFL football in 2009.

**Steven Motlop**  
Geelong (0 games)

Still very young, Stephen actually played as an over-age under 16s player for the Northern

Territory in 2008, kicking five goals in the grand final on the MCG. He is a definite project player.

**Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls**  
Richmond (9 games)

Richmond have been patient with Oakley-Nicholls, but he must make a presence this year. Debuting back in 2006, he is in his fourth year with the Tigers. This will be a 'make or break' season.

**Michael O'Loughlin**  
Sydney (286 games)

Just 14 games away from the magical 300-game milestone, O'Loughlin's start to the 2009 season was been frustrated by injury. Listed as a veteran by the Swans, he is now 32 and is now in the twilight of his career. Still he can change the course of a game as a key forward.

**Danyle Pearce**  
Port Adelaide (71 games)

The 2007 Rising Star winner, Pearce had trouble during last season dealing with the extra expectation, but his superior pace and his goal-kicking ability suggests he is integral to the Power's structure.

**Carl Peterson**  
Hawthorn Rookie (0 games)

Given a second chance on Hawthorn's rookie list, this speedy forward needs to perform for their VFL affiliate. Peterson spent the 2007 season on the Tigers' list, playing for the Coburg at VFL level.

**Jared Petrenko**  
Adelaide (0 games)

Having been an emergency on four occasions last year, Petrenko was one of the few Adelaide Crows players to show promise in the pre-season matches. He can be used at either end of the ground and don't be surprised if he is one of the bright lights for the Crows in 2009.

**Albert Proud**  
Brisbane (9 games)

After plenty of off-field turmoil, this 'in and under' mid fielder will be looking to do his talking on the field. Under a new coach in Michael Voss, Proud will be fighting for a place in the mid field rotations.

**Cyril Rioli**  
Hawthorn (25 games)

After playing all 25 games for the Hawks in his first season at AFL level, culminating in a premiership medalion, Rioli has lived up to the high expectation place on him, due to his heritage

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# Tiwi Bombers celebrate

## Stunning reversal of form



THE Tiwi Bombers Australian football team celebrated their first home game in the Northern Territory Australian Football competition with a stunning form reversal.

The Bombers produced a 200-point turnaround from their previous match to beat the undermanned Darwin Buffalos 24.21 (165) to 10.14 (74) at the redeveloped Tiwi Oval at Wurrimiya Nguiu, Bathurst Island, on 14 February.

The Bombers play in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) competition and thanks to a redeveloped Tiwi Oval, it was the first time the Bombers had played a home game since entering the competition in the 2006-07 season.

In their previous encounter, the Bombers were thrashed by Waratahs.

It was a fine way to celebrate the launch of the \$1.5 million redeveloped Tiwi Oval.

In their newsletter, the Bombers said the form reversal was a way for the players to impress in front of family and friends.

Five goals in the first quarter, six in the second, six in the third and seven in the last quarter gave the 1000-plus crowd what they wanted.

The Bombers reported that Samson 'Mullet' Mungatopi was brilliant in midfield, while Gerard Cunningham (five goals) and Roy 'Killer' Kantina (three goals) were on fire up forward.

They said Michaelis 'Chisolm' Tipungwuti, Edward Darcey and Angelo Orsto controlled the backline.

Coach Brenton Toy said that following the success of the first ever NTFL match at Bathurst Island, the Bombers were looking forward to carrying that form into the semi-finals.

"There are some good signs for the future, with youngsters Alan Kerinalua and Anthony Tipungwuti showing they are capable of making the transition into NTFL senior football," Toy said.

He said the Buffalos struggled to match the pace of small forward Gerard Cunningham.

"However, the day belonged to the small but

clever and very courageous Samson Mungatopi. Perhaps our smallest player, Samson has been our No 1 tackler all year and could be regarded as the best tackler in the competition after taking down players of all sizes," Toy said.

Earlier in the day, Essendon ALF star Alwyn Davey and rookie Rhyce Magin ran an Auskick and training session for youngsters.

Despite a heart-stopping loss to Southern Districts the following week, and Bombers remained in contention as they faced off against Wanderers last Saturday in the sudden-death semi-final at TIO Stadium.

In their final game in the run-up to the major premiership, the Bombers were beaten by Southern Districts 14.9 (93) to 13.9 (87).

The Tiwi Bombers began as a representative club competing in the Northern Territory Football League 2006/07 season on a trial basis. It was the first all-Aboriginal team to play in a major competition.

Wikipedia says the Tiwi Islands has Australia's highest participation rate in the sport of Australian rules football.

The team is affiliated with the Essendon Football Club.

Funding of \$1.5 million was included in a Community Benefits Package negotiated with the Tiwi Land Council in exchange for the traditional owners agreeing to a 99-year township lease over Nguiu.

"This investment in new oval infrastructure, including new lighting, establishment of special purpose grass, fencing, an automatic irrigation system, and equipment for ongoing maintenance, provides significant opportunities for sport development and increased economic opportunities stemming from sport and tourism activities," Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said.

The oval was officially opened by Lingiari MP Warren Snowdon Member and was renamed 'Tiwi Oval'.

The traditional owners requested the redevelopment of the oval as part of the Community Benefits Package and were strongly involved in all stages.

**'Samson has been our No 1 tackler all year and could be regarded as the best tackler in the competition after taking down players of all sizes'**

— Tiwi Bombers coach Brenton Toy

Players go high in search of possession.



Essendon's Alwyn Davey takes the future champions for a run.

Some of the fans at the new-look ground.



# first home game in style



Players from the Tiwi Bombers (red and black) and the Darwin Buffalos (blue) pose before taking the field in the first NTFL match at Tiwi Oval, Ngulu, on Bathurst Island.



Women traditional dancers help celebrate the day.



Samson Mungatopi, one of the Tiwi Bombers' stars, leaves a Buffalo in his wake.



Alan Kerinalua sends the Bombers into attack.



● LEFT, BELOW LEFT AND ABOVE: Some of the action from the 14 February match on Bathurst Island.

● BELOW: Greg Orsto presents the Best on Ground medal to Samson Mungatopi. Looking on is former Minister Jack Ah Kit.

*Pictures: Monica Napper (Seesaw Publishing)*





Jonathan Thurston kicked off the 2009 NRL season by kicking a tethered football from the top of Sydney Tower, 260 metres above the ground.

## View from the top

### RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist JONATHAN THURSTON

IT'S not easy to say that you feel you are on top of the world and have a photograph to back you up.

But that was the case last Friday when I was given the honour of kicking off the National Rugby League (NRL) season.

Some people must have too much time on their hands because the marketing guys came up with the idea of having me kick a football from the observation deck of Sydney Tower – 260 metres above the ground – to signify the start of the season.

I didn't see them up there when the wind was blowing at 60km/h and the tower lifts were slowed down to adjust to the tower swaying up to an

estimated one metre! I'd prefer ten rounds in the ring with our conditioner Billy Johnstone to looking over the ledge again!

Of course I'm only joking because the whole experience was an absolute buzz and an awesome experience.

But in between the rehearsal and the actual event, I was able to reflect on what the start of the season means to me.

On a personal and club level, it is important to the North Queensland Cowboys that we start the season well.

#### Unacceptable

To finish 15th last season was unacceptable to everybody involved, and was an embarrassment to our fans.

Under coach Neil Henry and the already mentioned Billy Johnstone, there is a steely resolve in the squad and we are determined to deliver a first-ever premiership to North Queensland.

It won't be easy – nothing worthwhile ever is.

But there is definitely a sense of excitement up here, with a lot of new faces and some exciting talent.

We have a lot of hard work to do to climb from where we finished last year.

A lot of that work has been done already in the gym, but when the season starts this week it is a matter of continuing the job.

We need 17 individuals every week who are prepared to turn up and give their best performance.

The boys are very committed to doing that and it is up to me to lead the charge.

On a personal level, I'm raring to go and I feel mentally refreshed after having a great break overseas after the World Cup.

A highlight for me was going to New York, where I just became another human being in this amazing city that

offered me the chance just to be myself.

Apart from the normal sights and some sporting events, I was able to visit 'Ground Zero' at the site of the World Trade Centre.

It was a moving experience that certainly makes you think about what is important in life.

It makes you appreciate the life that we have.

I was also able to visit the theatre a couple of times and enjoy another form of entertainment that took me into another world.

It was a great experience and I returned to Townsville raring to go.

Like every other player in the NRL, I cannot wait for the first whistle to blow, especially when we will be playing against the Broncos in front of a packed house at Suncorp.

It will be the perfect start to the season if we can win what has become one of the feature games of the season.

#### Dreamtime Team

Speaking of special games, I was delighted to find out that the NRL is considering a proposal to play a match of a fully representative Indigenous Dreamtime Team and an NRL All Stars line-up. It is proposed that the game would be played at Skilled Park, on the Gold Coast, next January.

It is a proposal that has my full support and also that of Greg Inglis, Preston Campbell, Sam Thaiday and Matt Bowen, who sit with me on the NRL Indigenous Player Advisory Group.

This is a player-driven concept and one that we are all passionate about.

All the other boys I have spoken to would love the opportunity to represent our people, and having witnessed the passion of the Dreamtime Team that played the New Zealand Maori in the

World Cup, it is something I want to be a part of while playing at the top level.

It is a concept that I believe the fans would embrace, and the concept of an NRL All Stars would be something that could rival the Barbarians in rugby union.

I know a number of other high-profile players who would love to support the concept by playing for the All Stars.

Because of the nature of the team, it would almost have a Rest of the World feel, with Australian players being potentially joined by Kiwis, Samoans, Tongans, Maori and all the other nations represented across the NRL.

#### Rival Origin

It is a match that could rival even Origin if the fans embraced the concept.

It would also compliment the international game as all players would be still available to represent their country at the end of the season.

The Dreamtime Team would be a celebration of our people and our culture.

It would also give all the young Indigenous players coming through the game another goal to aspire to as well as being a source of pride for all supporters of Indigenous rugby league.

The Dreamtime Team is a dream for us all.

In the meantime, I have to ensure I come back to earth in more ways than one after the experience at the top of Sydney Tower.

It was pretty exciting and definitely something I'll look back on when I retire and see it as a very momentous occasion.

It was an honour for me, but was also recognition for the Cowboys.

Our fans are second to none and it was great recognition for them as well.

I am sure I am joined by all fans of the game when I say, let the games begin!

# Titans' rugby league boss unveils grand plan: Dream Team v All Stars?



AN annual match between Indigenous Dream Team and a National Rugby League All Stars

representative side is on the drawing board.  
The Gold Coast Titans are behind the move and want the hosting rights at Skilled Stadium for the first five years of the fixture.  
"This will be a yearly, one-off event as big as State of Origin," said Titans managing director Michael Searle, who unveiled the bold new concept to the game's top administrators in Sydney last week.  
"This is a game that will allow indigenous Australians to represent

their people. The All Stars will be the best of the best in the NRL.

"The clash will be held each year on the eve of Australia Day and at stake will be the Reconciliation Cup."

The Gold Coast Bulletin reported that Searle and the NRL's player welfare manager, Matt Francis, had been working on the proposal for about 12 months.

"I have been working on the business model and Matty has been lobbying the players," Searle said.

"This has the potential to bring major new revenue into the game. It is also something that is being driven by the Indigenous players and I have no doubt that the players from

both sides will embrace it."

Searle was part of a meeting of NRL CEOs last Wednesday and said the idea was warmly welcomed at the meeting.

The Gold Coast Bulletin said Searle would now present a formal proposal to the NRL within two months, but was hopeful the Reconciliation Cup would be given the green light for 25 January next year.

He said his blueprint would ask for the match to be held at Skilled Park for the first five years.

"The biggest challenge that we will face will be that the event will be head-hunted by Sydney and Melbourne," said Searle.

"But I would hope that since we have championed this idea that it

will be retained in Queensland.

"I have no doubt Channel 9 would televise the event and the sponsorship and merchandise opportunities would be huge.

"This will be as popular and as sought after as Origin."

The plan is for the Reconciliation Cup to be the culmination of the community carnivals, which are already held throughout Australia by the NRL and promote healthy lifestyles.

The visit to Sydney by Searle and other NRL CEOs coincided with the launch of the 2009 NRL season.

It was "kicked off" by North Queensland Cowboy Jonathan Thurston.

On the Skywalk of Sydney

Tower, Thurston kicked a tethered Steedon ball.

The ball appeared to sail over a crossbar erected between two spires atop the Deutsche Bank building. It was accompanied by an explosion of fireworks.

Down below, in The Domain, players past and present, officials and sponsors rubbed shoulders at the official function, where Manly fullback Brett Stewart declared the start of the 101st season of the premiership, which kicks off on Friday night.

● **Thurston comments:** Guest rugby league columnist Jonathan Thurston gives his thoughts on the sDream Team-All Stars proposal.

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● **LEFT:** The 2008 Indigenous Dreamtime Team that played the New Zealand Maoris at the World Cup opening celebrations at the Sydney Football Stadium last 26 October. Plans are now afoot for an annual match between an Australian representative Indigenous team and an NRL All Stars side.

# Soccer's ten-year Indigenous plan

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Hyundai A-League, the Westfield W-League and the National Youth League as well as FFA's newly appointed Indigenous ambassadors, Warren Mundine and John Moriarty.

"There have been some remarkable Indigenous football players such as Harry Williams and Bridgette Star who have represented their country and their community with distinction, but we would like to see more," said Mr Lowy.

"We believe we have a responsibility to encourage more young people of Indigenous background to play football as a way to improve their life through better health, better education and improved skills.

"Indigenous players from other sports show that success in sport has a very positive effect on the local community and we want football to have the same impact.  
"Of course, we also hope that we will find more talented young players who can go on to play at the highest level such as the Qantas Socceroos and Matildas, as well as the Hyundai A-League and our other competitions."

Mr Lowy said the ten-year aim was to have at least five per cent of players in all national teams and major competitions of Indigenous background.

"We are working to have the FIFA World Cup in Australia in 2018, and in the same year I would like to see Indigenous Australians playing regularly with the Qantas Socceroos," he said.

## Lone Socceroo

The only regular member of the Socceroos who is Aboriginal is Jade North. The captain of Adelaide United, Travis Dodd, is also Aboriginal and has notched up more finals appearances in the Hyundai A-League than any other player after the 28 February grand final, which Melbourne won 1-0.

Buckley said the heart of the Indigenous Football Development Program was an annual Indigenous Football Festival to be held during July in Townsville, home of the new Hyundai A-League team North Queensland Fury.

"The Indigenous Football Festival is an important component of our plan from a long-term structural and development perspective," Buckley said.

"The most effective development method is for people to play the game, and any coach will tell you that development is more enduring if there is a sense of purpose. "The Indigenous Football Festival provides that purpose, and gives young people from communities something to aspire to participate in each year."

In 2009, the Indigenous Football Festival will comprise 16 teams drawn from communities from all over Australia.

The 16 communities will be identified by FFA and member federations, in conjunction with Mundine and Moriarty, and supported by a number of initial coach mentors led by Travis Dodd.

The coach mentors will provide the initial coaching clinics for the 16 communities participating in the Indigenous Football Festival, as well as ongoing mentoring for teachers or individuals managing the teams.

Mr Buckley said that change would also be effected by ensuring that:

- Young Indigenous people continued to play the sport after each annual festival;
- FFA's ongoing talent identification programs incorporated Indigenous communities;

● Accredited coach and referee education programs were made available in communities.

He said that FFA would work closely with member federations in each State and Territory and appoint Indigenous football development officers in key locations.

Buckley said that by 2010, FFA aimed to offer two young people a football scholarship to a senior secondary school or into higher education.

## 'Right program'

"We identified the need for a special Indigenous football program in our National Football Development Plan 15 months ago, and we have been working on constructing the right program for us," he said.

"We're very excited to launch the program and the Indigenous Football Festival.

"All of us at FFA have a strong commitment to contributing to better outcomes for young Indigenous people and we're confident that, with the help of Warren, John, Travis and others, football can help make a difference in this important area for Australia."



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## Flying high, Tiwi style



THE Tiwi Islands' representative Australian football team – the Tiwi Bombers – now have a home ground, which means that from now on they stand a chance of hosting Northern Territory Football League (NTFL) games. This should significantly improve their chances in the competition because, until now, all their games have been away matches. The Bombers celebrated the launch of the redeveloped Tiwi Oval at Nguiu, on Bathurst Island, by thumping the Darwin Buffalos 24.21 (165) to 10.14 (74) on 14 February. There's still more work required before Tiwi Oval is capable of hosting regular NTFL matches, but officials are hopeful that at least a couple of home games will be allocated to Tiwi Oval next season. In this picture, a Tiwi Bomber (left) and a Buffalo player battle for possession in the first NTFL game at Nguiu.

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## Five per cent Indigenous participation rate by 2019

# Soccer's ten-year plan



A TEN-YEAR plan has been launched to have at least five per cent of all players in all national soccer teams and major soccer competitions to be of Indigenous background.

Speaking before the start of the A-League football grand final between Melbourne and Adelaide at Telstra Stadium, Melbourne, on 28 February, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said that in the AFL and NRL, about 11 per cent of players were Indigenous and there was no reason that could not happen in soccer.

### Townsville carnival

This July, an Indigenous Football (Soccer) Festival will be held in Townsville with 16 teams from around Australia playing.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) Chief Executive Officer Ben Buckley said the festival was an important component of the association's plan from a long-term perspective.

"The most effective development method is for people to play the game, and any coach will tell

you that development is more enduring if there is a sense of purpose," Mr Buckley said.

FFA Chairman Frank Lowy believed the association had a 'responsibility' to encourage more young people of Indigenous background to play football as a way to improve their lives.

"We have not had enough players of Indigenous background in football," Mr Lowy said at the launch.

In addition to Prime Minister Rudd, Mr Lowy was joined by Indigenous players from the

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Prime Minister Kevin Rudd launches the Football Federation of Australia's Indigenous Football Development Program at the Telstra Dome, Melbourne, in the lead up to the A-League football final match between Melbourne Victory and Adelaide United on Saturday 28 February. – AAP Image

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