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## Rangers to the rescue

By ALF WILSON



**RESCUING** turtles trapped in ghost nets, monitoring predatory behaviour by feral pests and disposing of syringes and other hazards washed upon beaches. It all sounds difficult and dangerous, but for Queensland land and sea rangers Craig Wheeler, 32, and Nickolas Woodley, 26, it's all in a satisfying day's work.

The pair are based at Mapoon, on the western coast of the Cape York Peninsula on the Gulf of Carpentaria.

The Koori Mail met them as they motored on quad cycles around a bend on a dirt road outside the former mission, 45kms north of Weipa, looking for all the world like they were in an action movie.

Because of the work they do, Mr Wheeler and Mr Woodley are vital members of the 222-strong Mapoon population, and part of a broader project involving Indigenous sea rangers from across northern Australia, including a contingent from the Torres Strait Islands.

The Dugong and Marine Turtle Project is the first of its kind, striving to manage marine turtles on a regional scale that matches the animal's large migratory range.

The project aims to conserve the species across northern Australia, one of the world's few



Craig Wheeler, left, and Nickolas Woodley on patrol at Mapoon on their deadly quads.

remaining strongholds for the animals. It is co-ordinated by the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance, a partnership comprising the Kimberley Land Council, Northern Land Council, Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation,

Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation and the Torres Strait Regional Authority.

Both Mr Wheeler and Mr Woodley were born in Cairns but have lived for many years at Mapoon where they love working on the land and beaches.

"It is our community," Mr Wheeler said simply. Such is their love for the place that even more mundane tasks are attacked with vigour. "We do weeding and patrol the beaches on the quads cleaning up debris and rubbish which have washed ashore and

also check on turtles," he said.

Strapped to one of their quad bikes when we encountered them were two large male buck mud crabs which Mr Wheeler had been given by a cousin and expected would make good tucker that night.

## Leases delayed



**NEGOTIATIONS** over a \$50 million housing and infrastructure package for the Alice Springs town camps have again been extended.

The Federal and Northern Territory Governments say this will allow more comprehensive consultations to be completed. Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin said on Saturday that the leases at the centre of the package must be agreed by 4 May.

"Construction will not be possible this year if leases aren't agreed to by 4 May,"

### Govt extends deadline for town camp talks

she said. "I am concerned about reports from Alice Springs that information on the agreement has not reached the residents of the local town camps. This extension will

give Tangentyere Council time to make sure residents are fully aware of what we are proposing.

"The details of the Government's offer

are clear and the documents are ready to be signed. Lease arrangements are required to secure this major public investment in the camps and to make sure that housing management can be reformed to improve tenancy management, maintenance and repairs.

"We are committed to finalising the agreement so work can begin as quickly as possible on urgently needed housing and infrastructure."

Negotiations for the package have been under way for eight months since the

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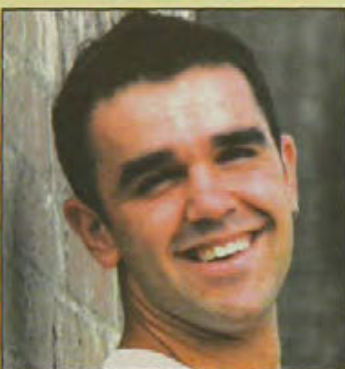


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# My FAMILY LISA CONWAY – Rockhampton, Qld



Lisa Conway with family members Walter Saunders, Fred Conway, Tomika Saunders and niece Helen Geehoy.

**M**Y Family have lived in Rockhampton all our lives. We were born and bred here. In my immediate family, we have my dad Fred and my mum Marion, and I am one of eight children. Mum and Dad have about 44 grandchildren, and possibly more to come.

My dad is from the Kara Kara tribe and my mum is from Ghungalu tribe. My dad has been an Aboriginal Relics Ranger at the Carnarvon Gorge National Park, here in central Queensland, for many years.

Our family usually have a get-together when there is a special family function such as a wedding, 18th or 21st birthday and, sadly, at funerals.

When we get together, we usually have barbecues, a sing-a-long and just enjoy each other's company.

In our family we have a band. It's called The Woungra Band. They are Fred Conway, Walter Saunders, Vanessa Saunders, Greg Saunders, Walter Saunders Jnr and Clayton

Saunders. Vanessa and Wally are married and have 11 children.

The name 'Woungra' means 'One' and my dad named it just that because we are one family.

Last Christmas, Dad had booked out a site at Carnarvon Gorge specially for the family. In the week we were up there, Dad took us on walks through the gorge and told us about our culture. He also made all the grandsons do a corroboree. It was fantastic and they all enjoyed themselves.

Most of our children are talented, either in footy or on the musical side. The boys travel to play in different carnivals, and if we can afford it, we go too.

Greg and Wally Saunders Jnr are representatives of the Comets football team here in Rockhampton.

I am a mum of six children and am a Support Worker at Juwarku Kupu-Lug Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation in Rockhampton.

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## OUR CHILDREN



ABORIGINAL young people were 'front and centre' on stage at the WOMAdelaide 2009 event earlier this month. Here, members of the Kurruru Dance Ensemble perform during the festival's opening ceremony, watched by young members of the Paitya dance group. See pages 36-38 for more from WOMAdelaide 2009.

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Bangarra's Patrick Thaiday last week.  
Photo by David Capobianco,  
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# Bangarra's fire burns brightly

**A**FTER two decades, Bangarra Dance Theatre's fire still burns brightly. One of Australia's most successful Indigenous performing arts companies, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander icon celebrated its 20-year milestone in Sydney last week.

The company's name, Bangarra, translates to the words 'to make fire' in the Wiradjuri language, and it soon became clear at the launch that this element would be an important and symbolic feature for its 2009 season.

Aboriginal actor Deborah Mailman opened the launch by describing her first Bangarra moment.

"I remember seeing my first Bangarra production. I was 18 and I had just hopped off the Greyhound from Mount Isa to study acting. At that time I didn't know what that meant other than I just wanted to do it," she said.

"I saw a performance of *Pray Mantis Dreaming* in Brisbane... and I still remember that night.

"Apart from all the beautiful, gorgeous black bodies on stage... it opened up possibilities of who I can be as an artist and how I can be a part of a strong philosophy that strengthened and celebrated our culture."

Before unleashing a series of mesmerising performances from the dance troupe, Bangarra Artistic Director and Choreographer Stephen Page said

hitting 20 years was a big milestone for any arts company. "Twenty years for any arts company is an incredible achievement," he said. "But for us it's 20 years and 40,000 years and it's the potency in that theory that allows us to thrive and survive."

"The main thing is that uniqueness that we have which sets us apart from most companies."

Mr Page revealed that the program for the second half of the year would centre around the creation of the work *Fire*, featuring the most compelling elements of the company's repertoire during its extraordinary journey.

## Culture, identity

Bangarra board member Larissa Behrendt said she was proud to be involved with the company.

"Bangarra has always been to me the embodiment of my contemporary Aboriginal culture and identity," said Professor Behrendt.

"Through its artistic expression it always seems to say what I feel inside about myself."

To coincide with the 20th anniversary, Bangarra is undergoing a corporate makeover with a fresh new logo and website expected soon.

The company also has a new sponsor, with the Commonwealth Bank signing on as its 20-Year anniversary partner.

# New report highlights health gap



AUSTRALIA'S Indigenous population suffers a higher infant mortality rate and a lower life expectancy than those in New Zealand, Canada and the United States. A new report shows the Indigenous populations of all four countries compare poorly with their broader populations on matters of health.

But Australia has the worst trends of all, the report from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) shows.

"Significant health disparities exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States," the report says. "In all four countries Indigenous people have lower life expectancies, higher rates of chronic and preventable illness,

poorer self-esteem and higher likelihood of hospitalisation."

The report cited data from recent years, but the time period was not always consistent across countries.

Australia rated the worst in terms of Indigenous infant mortality, with 11.5 deaths for every 1000 live births (according

**'Significant health disparities exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations in Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the United States of America'**

to figures from 2002 to 2004).

That compares with 4.1 deaths per 1000 live births for Australia's non-Indigenous population.

Among New Zealand Maori, there were 8.1 deaths per 1000 live births, compared with 5.0 deaths for the non-Indigenous population (from 2000-2004).

Among Canada's First Nations peoples there were 6.4 deaths per 1000 live births (in 2000). The comparable rate for all births in Canada is 5.2 per 1000 live births.

And among American Indians and Alaska native people the infant mortality rate was 8.7 per 1000 live births (from 1995 to 2003), compared with 6.8 for the whole of the United States.

Figures cited in the report also show Australian Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders die 17 years earlier than those in the broader community. In New Zealand the gap is about eight years, in Canada, it's 10 years, and in the US it is under three years.

The figures are published in the AIHW's International Group of Indigenous Health Measurement 2006 report, released on Friday. - AAP



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# Cherbourg makes the cut



Worried? Me? Cherbourg Elder Auntie Lillian Gray before the World's Greatest Shave.



IT'S just a little place, but it has a big heart. The south-east Queensland community of Cherbourg showed its mettle recently, getting behind the World's Greatest Shave to help raise money for leukaemia sufferers and research.

Local event organiser Sonia Minniecon said many residents turned up to colour their hair or, in the case of a few brave ones, shave it off.

Amongst 20 'Cherbourg Champions' who got into the spirit were Elders Auntie Lillian Gray who was one of just a handful of ladies to shave their heads, and Auntie Ada Simpson, who coloured hers.

Between them, they raised more than \$1400 – a big chunk of the overall \$2000 raised by the team for the Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland.

Mayor Sam Murray also shaved his head for the 13 March event.

## Support

Ms Minniecon said locals had thrown their support behind the cause, which had personally affected many in the community.

Among the supporters were a local butcher who donated meat to the sausage sizzle with all proceeds going to the foundation, as well as Black Opal Hairdressers and their trainees who pitched in with their skills, clippers and several cans of bright hair colour.

Ms Minniecon said the event had been a great opportunity for others to see the positive ventures Cherbourg was involved in.

Leukaemia Foundation of Queensland CEO Peter Johnstone thanked the people of Cherbourg community for their support. He said without communities like theirs, the foundation would not be able to achieve its fundraising target of \$3 million to continue providing support to patients and their families, as well as fund research into better treatments and ultimately a cure.



Hair today, gone tomorrow ... Cherbourg Elder Auntie Lillian Gray all smiles after her date with the razor.

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# Leases delayed

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signing of an Agreed Work Plan in July 2008.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the NT Government was working closely with the Federal Government to reach an agreement.

"We have successful agreements in other centres such as Tennant Creek, where work to improve housing has begun, and we look forward to reaching a similar outcome for Alice Springs," he said.

Ms Macklin said the extension of negotiations was proof of the Government's commitment to working with the

people of the town camps to improve the living standards of families and children.

Before Saturday's announcement, ABC online reported that Tangentyere Council Executive Director William Tilmouth's hope of finding common ground with the Federal Government was waning.

Mr Tilmouth said he was disappointed and felt like Labor had gone back on its promise to consult widely with Aboriginal people.

"That was one of Labor's statements in relation to Indigenous affairs and we're finding that ideological prescriptions are still in vogue and that's a carry on from the

previous Federal government," he said.

Meanwhile, representatives from one town camp, called Trucking Yards, have been speaking with native title body Lhere Artepe about breaking away from Tangentyere and negotiating directly with the Territory and Federal governments about housing.

NT Indigenous Policy Minister Alison Anderson said the best method of service delivery would have the Government's support.

"This is one town camp that's taken an opportunity to have a look at other service delivery and we as Government will listen to these people," she said.

# A new approach

## And our thanks and best wishes to Stephen Hagan

REGULAR readers may notice something different about *The Koori Mail* this fortnight; the absence of Stephen Hagan's thoughtful and forthright views on page 21.

From this week, we'll be mixing things up a bit and Stephen's regular column will be replaced by a wider variety of Indigenous viewpoints.

We'd like to sincerely thank Stephen for his invaluable contribution to our paper since 2005 and wish him the very best for the future. Given his ongoing championing of Indigenous rights and keen interest in matters of national interest, we're sure our readers will still hear from and about him in many different forums including, from time to time, *The Koori Mail*.

We're pleased to announce our plans for a new approach – as they say, variety is the spice of life – with a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with their fingers on the pulse, expressing their views in our newspaper on a semi-regular basis. We'll announce most of these new occasional columnists in our next edition. However, one of them, law specialist Megan Davis, writes for us this fortnight on what we can expect if (or when, if reports are correct) the Australian Government endorses the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

For that, turn to page 21. And check out our next edition for more on our new crew. – Editor



# Qld Labor victory

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ALAS, it was not to be. The 2009 Queensland Election has come and gone with none of the four known Indigenous candidates succeeding in their quest to enter parliament.

At the end of counting on Saturday night, with between 60 and 70 per cent of the vote counted and despite predictions of a knife-edge result, Labor appeared to have won between 50 and 53 seats in the 89-seat Parliament (down from 58) to the Liberal National Party's 29 to 33 seats (up from 25).

With 45 seats required to govern, this translated to an outright, if not smashing, victory for Labor.

On a two-party preferred basis, Labor had 51.3 per cent of the vote to the LNP's 48.7 per cent, which represented a 3.5 per cent swing to the LNP.

"You have given me a mandate to protect your jobs and build a stronger Queensland and I am ready for the task," Ms Bligh told a cheering crowd on Saturday night.

Independents had taken out four seats while the Greens were unable to convert solid performances in some key electorates into any wins.

The four known Indigenous candidates who ran were: activist and community worker Sam Watson for the Socialist Alliance against Anna Bligh in South Brisbane; Torres Strait Islander Michaelangelo Newie as an independent in the seat of Cook, which has the largest Indigenous constituency in the State; former Palm Island Mayor Delena Oui Foster, who stood as an independent in the seat of

Townsville, retiring Qld Parliamentary Speaker Mike Reynolds' old seat (see separate story below); and mum-of-two and community development worker Leeanne Enoch who ran for the Labor Party in the newly-created Gold Coast seat of Coomera.

When *The Koori Mail* went to print, few details were available about how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had voted within key electorates and particular polling booths.

However, in South Brisbane Sam Watson had won just 276 primary votes (1.5 per cent) to Anna Bligh's 8849 votes, LNP candidate Mary Carroll's 5055, and Greens candidate Gary Kane's 3181.

Watson had campaigned on policies aimed at supporting the inner-city electorate's more vulnerable citizens, telling *The Koori Mail* before the election that many Aboriginal people felt betrayed by the Labor Government on issues like stolen wages and unemployment.

Michaelangelo Newie garnered 903 primary votes (4.9 per cent) in the Cook electorate compared to incumbent Labor member Jason O'Brien's 8694 votes and LNP candidate Craig Batchelor's 7788.

Campaigning mostly on jobs and infrastructure, Labor's Leeanne Enoch had



Queensland Premier Anna Bligh after winning the State's Election on Saturday.

AAP Image

gleaned 8301 primary votes (43.1 per cent) in Coomera but not enough to stave off the LNP's Michael Crandon who polled 9061 primary votes (47.1 per cent).

Enoch's loss would have been something of a surprise for the Labor Party given that the seat was made up largely of parts of other previously Labor-held electorates.

Delena Oui Foster had secured 730 primary votes (3.8 per cent) in Townsville where Labor's Mandy Johnstone claimed victory with 8621 votes (44.7 per cent) to the

LNP's Murray Hurst on 7515 (39 per cent).

Ms Foster had campaigned, amongst other things, for a new liquor licence for Palm Island's tavern, an issue partly nullified last week when retiring Labor member Mike Reynolds said he expected a decision on the tavern's liquor licence application to be made before the end of the month.

With Anna Bligh now firmly ensconced as the first woman Premier elected in her own right, attention will now turn to what the party elected for a fifth consecutive term can be expected to deliver for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities.

In the lead-up to the election, the Queensland Council of Social Services (QCOSS) approached the Labor Party, LNP

and Greens with 12 questions on how they would deliver a stronger and fairer state.

QCOSS called on any elected government to close the gap on Indigenous health and well-being, and investigate a state-wide Indigenous policy reform agenda.

While neither major party campaigned heavily on Indigenous affairs, Labor went into the election with an agenda centred firmly on closing the gap.

It pointed, amongst other things, to its alcohol and welfare reforms in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, a new Indigenous health strategy, a new state-wide Indigenous advisory committee and the Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation. The latter has been controversial, drawing some of its funds for education scholarships from leftover Indigenous Wages and Savings Repatriations Scheme (IWSR) monies.

The LNP told QCOSS that Labor had 'let down our Indigenous community' but said the LNP was committed to lifting Indigenous health and education standards in consultation with Indigenous leaders.

The Greens promised to re-open negotiations on stolen wages and institute a Royal Commission into events surrounding the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee on Palm Island if the party held the balance of power after the election.

There was one other candidate whose results many Indigenous Queenslanders would have been watching. Pauline Hanson lost out in the southern Qld electorate of Beaudesert, still polling 4933 primary votes or a chunky 21.7 per cent of the primary vote compared to the LNP's winning 37.8 per cent and Labor on 24.5 per cent.

## Spotlight on one of our own

By ALF WILSON



FORMER Palm Island Mayor Delena Oui Foster only nominated as an independent for the north Queensland seat

of Townsville because there were some key issues she wanted action on.

A committed Christian, Ms Foster supported the right of Islanders to have a canteen like most other communities in Australia and also campaigned for an upgrade of the Townsville Mall.

However, on Saturday night, the Labor Party's Mandy Johnstone claimed the seat convincingly after winning 44.7 per cent of the primary votes

then counted, fending off the LNP's Murray Hurst as her main rival.

Mr Hurst was a former North Queensland Cowboys coach and also a mentor of the Dolphins Indigenous team which won the 2004 Townsville Allblacks carnival.

### Popular

The seat of Townsville was formerly held by long serving Labor member 62-year-old Mike Reynolds who retired due to health reasons, but had been popular with Indigenous people. At the 2006 election, Mr Reynolds gained 80 per cent of the vote at the seat's Palm Island polling booth.

Palm Island had long been a bastion of Labor voters, but many had withdrawn support

over the December closure of the local canteen and tough alcohol management laws.

Late on Saturday night, Ms Foster told *The Koori Mail* she wished to congratulate Mandy Johnstone on her win.

"I had a talk to Mandy today and also the retiring Mike Reynolds and told Mandy that if she was elected she would need to look at policy for Indigenous people," she said.

"They must not leave Palm Island people in the lurch and must engage with us before making policies that affect us. That would be vital if they want to get a Labor Party branch on the island again."

Ms Foster said she had only had a few weeks to prepare for the election and would not rule out standing again in the future.



Delena Oui Foster (right) hands how-to-vote cards to Lorna Doolan and Palm Island's Reggie Boyd at Belgian Gardens State School in Townsville on Saturday.

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# 100 give their views at workshop



A group shot of the participants at the National Representative Body three-day workshop this month in Adelaide.  
Photo by Rosey Boehm, courtesy of HRC

## Rep body guide will go national



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin

By DARREN COYNE



A COMMUNITY guide on a new National Representative Body for Indigenous Australians will be sent across Australia for comment in coming weeks.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the guide would include an overview of discussions from a three-day workshop held in Adelaide the week before last.

At the workshop, 100 Indigenous people from around the country gave their views on such a body, as part of a process of consultation which began in July last year following the release of an issues paper.

Mr Calma told *The Koori Mail* on Saturday that an overview of discussions from the workshop was being compiled to present to delegates and others this week for ratification.

He said an eight-page community guide would then be compiled and distributed nationally over coming weeks, and a website was also being developed.

Mr Calma said the Federal Government had made it clear it wanted an interim body in place by July, which would see the process through to finalisation by the end of the year.

"This is, of course, a very short timeframe," he told the Adelaide delegates.

"The consultations that follow this workshop will need to be very targeted and more specific than those which have been held to date, drilling down to the details and particular features of a new representative body."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has said the Government has no pre-determined view on what form the representative body should take, other than ruling out another ATSIC.

It also would not have legislative powers.

In Adelaide, Ms Macklin challenged the workshop delegates to engage in 'robust, challenging debate'.

"It is often put to me that the Government has a pre-determined approach for the national representative body," she told the gathering.

"This is not the case. I am



Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

determined to give Indigenous Australians every opportunity to contribute to the debate on the nature of the new body.

"It's role, structure, functions and operations are matters for Indigenous people to discuss and provide recommendations to Government."

Minister Macklin said the new body could also provide a new platform on which to build new partnerships.

"It offers us an opportunity to build on the impetus of the Apology to work together to overcome the legacy of the past – the entrenched disadvantage and marginalisation of Indigenous people," she said.

Mr Calma said the challenge of creating a new national representative body was complex.

"The responsibilities of a new national Indigenous representative body are two way – to government and to Indigenous peoples," he said. "Many of the failures of the past come down to there being a huge gap between what the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community expects of its representative body and what government is prepared to support."

"If we don't 'close this gap' between the expectations of government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, then a new body may face the same credibility difficulties that have beset previous representative bodies."

On that note of credibility, the Adelaide conference began with some controversy after a speech delivered behind closed doors by former ATSIC chairwoman Lowitja O'Donoghue was leaked to media. Prof O'Donoghue reportedly

issued a 'furious attack' on the disbanded body, saying its male leaders had been preoccupied with drinking, gambling and womanising.

Mr Calma said unless the new body truly represented the wishes of the Indigenous people of Australia, it would not be effective.

"This will limit the ability for the representative body to have influence with government," he said.

"It may limit the representative body's ability to be an effective agent for change for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"A new national Indigenous representative body will be created within the context of rapid advances internationally in the recognition of the rights of Indigenous peoples – developments which the Australian Government has indicated it supports and respects."

Mr Calma said a key to this was fulfilling the human rights standards and obligations identified in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which was internationally adopted in 2007.

Australia has not yet endorsed that declaration.



# Report blasts housing 'inaction'

By DARREN COYNE



A NEW report suggests the Rudd Government is more about talk than action when it comes to building houses for Indigenous people.

It also argues that a lack of private property rights on communal land has made home ownership impossible, even for those who can afford a home.

The report, *From Rhetoric to Reality: Can 99-year Leases Lead to Home Ownership for Indigenous Communities?*, was prepared by Sara Hudson, from The Centre for Independent Studies, and released on 11 March.

Ms Hudson argues that despite spending billions of dollars, governments in Australia have failed to provide decent housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"The lack of private property rights on most Indigenous land is the principal barrier to private

home ownership," she said.

"Some 70,000 Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders live on communal title lands, mostly in the far north of Australia.

"Their housing plight contrasts sharply with the more than 300,000 Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders working and living in mainstream society, who own or are buying or

lease schemes as a way of facilitating private home ownership on Indigenous land. Leases are largely being used to enable more public housing to be built," she said.

"Under amendments to the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976* (the *Land Rights Act*), the Commonwealth Government

program administered by Indigenous Business Australia Homes (IBA Homes)."

Ms Hudson said the chronic shortage and bad design of houses in remote communities had created a vicious cycle.

"In Mowanjum, an Aboriginal community in Western Australia, the community's 350 people live in just 42 houses, most of which

destroy their houses is false," she said.

"Studies conducted over a seven-year period (from 1999 to 2006) found that the major causes of 'house failure' were lack of routine maintenance and faulty construction and design.

"Of the 4343 houses surveyed in 132 communities, only 11 per cent passed national standard assessments for electrical safety. In 50 per cent of houses, there was no tub or bath to wash a child in, and only 35 per cent of houses had a functioning shower."

Ms Hudson argues that instead of putting millions of dollars into more public housing and then selling those houses below cost, the governments should step back and enable communities to decide what form of land tenure arrangements they want in place. "If communities have control of head leases, they can feel secure that their land is still under their control and enjoy the benefits of private home ownership," she said.

**'The lack of private property rights on most Indigenous land is the principal barrier to private home ownership'**

*—Housing report author Sara Hudson*



commercially renting their homes."

Ms Hudson said legislative changes in the Northern Territory and Queensland had enabled 99-year leases to be established on communal Aboriginal land.

"Although the Commonwealth Government has promoted these

has taken control of head leases.

"As a consequence, only a few communities have agreed to 99-year lease agreements, and there has been little progress in implementing HOIL – the Commonwealth's Home Ownership on Indigenous Land

have only three bedrooms," she said.

Ms Hudson also dispelled the myth that Aboriginal people willingly destroyed their houses.

"Although vandalism to houses is evident in some communities, the widespread assumption that Aborigines

# Prison van death inquest stirs anger

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



SECURITY staff have told a Kalgoorlie coronial inquest into the death in custody last year of a Wongai Elder, of errors in prisoner transport procedure that may have contributed to the tragedy.

Warburton man Mr Ward, 46, died soon after arriving at Kalgoorlie hospital on 27 January 2008.

He'd been suffering from heat stroke and burns, following a four-hour trip in a prison transport van in 42-degree heat.

Aboriginal people are over-represented in custodial processes throughout the country, and in Kalgoorlie last week community leaders were left questioning why Mr Ward needed to be transported between Laverton and Kalgoorlie after being arrested and charged with a minor alcohol-related offence.

On Thursday night, concerned members of Perth's Aboriginal community met to discuss issues raised by Mr Ward's death and information coming out of the ongoing inquest.

WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee member and Noongar Elder Ben Taylor said the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody should be made into law to obligate government departments and contractors to ensure proper safety measures are observed when transporting Aboriginal people.

"I am going to go to Kalgoorlie to listen to the proceedings in relation to the death of Mr Ward, a Wongai man from Warburton country who should have been still alive today," he said. "The way they treated that man you wouldn't treat a dog – you wouldn't do that to a dog."



BEN TAYLOR

"That private company that transports my people – mainly they transport blackfellas – they don't seem to care. It's just not on that we've got to see something like this happen."

Mr Taylor questioned why a respected Elder like Mr Ward did not have a minor charge heard before a 'circuit judge', or a magistrate in his own region, or get transported by more appropriate means such as flying.

He also questioned the privatisation of prison transport services, suggesting it could skew the focus of services provided, from best practice in relation to the care of people in custody, to revenue.

A supervisor from custodial transport contractor Global Solutions Ltd told last week's hearing that recommended procedures including regular stops during



MARC NEWHOUSE

long journeys had not been observed, preventing the guards from realising that air conditioning in rear pod of the transport vehicle had failed.

DICWC (WA) Chair Marc Newhouse said privatisation was a growing concern in relation to the conditions in which prisoners were transported and detained.

He said the evidence emerging from the inquest was that Mr Ward's death was 'completely preventable and unnecessary' and that he died in conditions that were 'akin to torture' and a 'gross breach of human rights'.

"Everyone at this public meeting is appalled and outraged by it," Mr Newhouse said. "From the community meeting we have a delegation going to the inquest to meet with the family, get their directions about what they would like us to do."

Mr Newhouse said the committee supported financial compensation for the family and wanted an immediate end to government privatising police and prison services. He said all transport of regional prisoners and detainees 'should be done humanely and by air'.

He said 98 per cent of transported prisoners were Indigenous and the provision of inadequate services amounted to systemic racism. Over the past six years there had been repeated incidents due to poor vehicles.

Mr Newhouse said a review conducted by former Corrective Services Minister Margaret Quirk after Mr Ward's death identified problems with inadequate vehicles, poor maintenance, and that procedures and contractual arrangements needed to be updated, with regard to humane treatment.

The fleet of prison transport vehicles has long been the subject of heavy criticism and recommended changes from the Office of the Custodial Inspector as far back as 2001. Then-Inspector Richard Harding checked the vehicles in view of unique transport needs stemming from the harsh WA climate.

The fleet was also subject to a raft of recommendations by the Custodial Inspectorate in May 2007, with the need for humane and safe transport for people in custody in remote and regional areas identified for urgent attention from the Departments of Corrective Services and Attorney General, and the WA Police Service. In 2007, Professor Richard Harding stressed the need for regular stops on long trips, adequate food and water and communication facilities between the pod and the cab of vehicles to monitor prisoners' conditions.

The inquest is continuing.



# Financial 'issues' bite at Batchelor

## Institute seeks support



THE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) says it is working with the Northern Territory and Federal Governments to resolve 'pressing financial issues' which threaten to

affect its operations.

The Institute last week issued a statement conceding that spiralling costs of education and training had placed it in an extremely poor financial situation.

And Chancellor Professor Yvonne Cadet-James has told *The Koori Mail* that the Institute may need to make changes to the types and number of courses that it delivers and how it does that.

Prof Cadet-James said both governments were assisting with an audit of BIITE's financial and operational performance, with an aim of developing 'a more sustainable model of service delivery'.

She would not be drawn on the extent of any funding shortfall or exactly when it might impact, but said the Institute's Council realised at its meeting two weeks ago that 'we can't continue our operations unless we review the way we work'.

In 2007, BIITE's income was \$44 million – with almost \$31 million from the Federal Government and \$10 million from the NT Government.

Prof Cadet-James said BIITE had issued the statement in an effort to allay any unnecessary fears amongst its 3000 students and especially amongst its staff who worked very hard for long hours because 'they really believe what Batchelor is all about'.

In the statement, she said the Institute had been struggling over the past few years to meet the 'rapidly increasing and diverse education and training needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.

"Batchelor Institute is a unique institution that has served the interests of Indigenous Australians for over 30 years," she said.

"However, the spiralling costs of delivering these essential education and training programs to Indigenous people, the majority of whom are from remote and



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"To this end we are working closely with both the NT and Federal governments to assist in securing our financial future so we can continue to provide nationally recognised education and training qualifications in key areas such as education and health."

Prof Cadet-James told *The Koori Mail* that the audit would give BIITE 'a better idea of what we need to do in terms of the

number of students, and working with communities about what their needs are'.

"Now that we have the economic crisis, there's a change to job profiles and therefore students' demands," she said.

"Hopefully having the business model will help us to move forward. We are concerned, but we are putting things into place."

"Things aren't going to fall over, but we have to be responsible. We have these issues and need to address them."



Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard pictured last November at the opening of BIITE's E-Learning and Research Centre.

Batchelor Institute is Australia's only dedicated Indigenous dual sector tertiary education provider. As well as its main campuses at Batchelor and Alice Springs, it has study annexes in Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy and study centres in seven remote NT communities.

It enrolls more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the higher education level than any other tertiary institution in Australia. Most of its students are mature-aged – between 30 and 45 years – while almost 63 per cent are women.

Prof Cadet-James said the NT and Federal governments had been 'very supportive' in talks so far. Those talks were ongoing, she said.

Last year, while opening a new \$2.86 million E-Learning and Research Centre at Batchelor, Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard said BIITE would play an important role in helping to 'close the gap in Indigenous disadvantage in education in the future'.

"We talk about closing the gap because it's so important for us to have a dedicated focus on making sure we're giving Indigenous Australians the opportunities they want and so richly deserve," Ms Gillard said at the time.

"New buildings, new facilities, new technologies – they're all good things – but the things that bring them to life are the spirit of the people who teach within them and the spirit of the people who learn within them." – By KIRSTIE PARKER

# \$8 million boost for NT art centres



THE Australian Government has announced \$8 million in funding from the Aboriginals Benefits Account (ABA) to expand workshops and upgrade gallery space for artists at 24 Northern Territory art centres.

Two groups of art centres, the Association of Northern Kimberley

Arnhem Aboriginal Artists (ANKAAA) and Desert (the Association of Central Australian Artists) will receive the funding.

Of ANKAAA's 34 art centres operating in such remote north communities as Tiwi Islands, Arnhem Land and Katherine, 18 will receive more than \$5.7 million for infrastructure projects.

Of Desert's 41 art centres servicing remote Central Australia

communities such as Yuendumu, Haasts Bluff and Tennant Creek, 11 will receive more than \$2.2 million to improve infrastructure.

## Upgrade

Elcho Island Art and Craft will receive funding to upgrade its verandah area to provide much-needed space for artists to work in and for training, and as a performance and meeting space.

Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett said it was important to assist Aboriginal communities to be able to practise their art and pass on culture.

"In very remote areas, producing art is one of the few opportunities Indigenous people have to earn income in the mainstream economy," he said.

"Creating art is also central to retaining and passing on cultural

knowledge and pride to the next generation."

The new funding builds on the significant rise of the Indigenous arts industry over the past few decades and addresses one of the recommendations of the Senate report *Indigenous Art – Securing the future*.

The Indigenous art market is now estimated to be worth up to \$500 million a year.



# NT school attendance down



A UNION has blamed a partial ban on local Indigenous languages at remote Aboriginal schools for a drop in attendance, saying 'nazi language police' are enforcing the policy. Attendance rates at remote Aboriginal schools are down on last year, despite the combined efforts of the Federal and Northern Territory governments to get more children into classrooms.

The first school figures for 2009 showed that while more Aboriginal students had enrolled, fewer children were attending school.

There are 243 more Indigenous students enrolled in remote areas outside Alice Springs and Katherine, compared with 2008.

But attendance has dropped by more than two per cent, according to the figures released on Monday by the NT Education Department.

Enrollments and attendance are marginally down in Katherine and Alice Springs.

NT Education Union President Rod Smith said there was 'no doubt' that NT Government plans to effectively scrap bilingual education were to blame.

The Government initially said that by the start of the 2009

school year, it would be mandatory for the region's nine remaining bilingual schools to teach the first four hours of each school day in English.

But it watered down its approach following widespread criticism and announced a year's 'transition period', with the changes to be fully implemented by 2010.

Mr Smith said some schools had already implemented the 'draconian' policy, which was driving children out of classrooms.

"Obviously making them uncomfortable and being unable to converse in their own language isn't going to help. It's just ridiculous," he said.

"The first thing we need to do is to get kids in school ... we need a few carrots."

Mr Smith said there were 'people going around like the nazi language police' at some schools, implementing the change.

"The whole concept has been misconstrued ... there hasn't been a lot of guidance to come out of the powers that be," he said.

About 2000 Aboriginal children in the NT are not enrolled in school, and another 2500 fail to attend regularly.

The Rudd Government hopes a controversial trial program linking school attendance to welfare quarantining will boost attendance.

Under the scheme, parents on welfare will be required to tell Centrelink where their children are enrolled, and if the child fails to attend school the Government can suspend their income support payments.

Mr Smith said it was impossible to determine the impact of the new policy because the latest attendance figures were not broken down by schools.

"We can't draw any conclusions but it creates a poor community spirit where the teachers have to be the ones holding parents accountable," he said. "It sets a dangerous precedent and creates tension in the community." - AAP

# Call to sack mayor

## Kalgoorlie comments spark anger

By KEN BOASE

COMMENTS made by politicians about Wongatha people said to be living on the streets and squatting in abandoned buildings in Kalgoorlie have strained black-white relationships in the West Australian Goldfields city.

The row started early this month when the city's mayor, Ron Yuryevich, appealed through local media for any visitors to Kalgoorlie to make accommodation arrangements. He said people from outlying communities, who were in the city for funerals, were causing disruption and social unrest.

Local activist Pastor Geoffrey Stokes is furious about the comments, which he says are racist and disrespectful to Aboriginal mourners and he wants the mayor sacked.

About 30 people were evicted from the abandoned Glendevon Hotel, which was badly damaged by fire 20 years ago, after complaints from nearby residents that squatters were living in the derelict building.

Cr Yuryevich said Aboriginal funerals in



PASTOR GEOFFREY STOKES

the city were causing chaos because relatives were camping in the streets rather than arranging proper accommodation, thus endangering health and safety.

"If people come into town - and it doesn't matter who they are - they must make arrangements," he said.

"Or if they're coming into town for a very short time, then go back to their accommodation wherever that may be, to ensure that there's not health issues on the streets and in squatter areas. That's just a



MAYOR RON YURYEVIKH

basic human requirement."

Cr Yuryevich said the city council had gone to great lengths to organise a camping area on the outskirts of the city, known as Zone Six, to accommodate Aboriginal visitors who had nowhere else to stay.

"But there are problems there and that's why we went to the next stage - or attempted to - by having managed accommodation so people would come into town and there would not be alcohol allowed on site," he said.

"That's an issue in itself. Where we've tried to make Zone Six alcohol-free, people camp outside of that area and problems occur."

Local MP the Independent Member for Murchison Eyre John Bowler also complained that funeral parlours were taking too long to organise funeral services, resulting in major disruptions in local towns.

"I'm sick of people who take so long to organise funerals, particularly in outlying towns, that by the time the funeral is organised - and it's only something that's happened in recent years - hundreds of people attend, and hotels in those towns are closed down," Mr Bowler said.

"There's a lot of social disruption and disorder, and I'm just saying to the families involved and to the organisers, try and organise the funerals in the normal time line, instead of three and four and five weeks after the death."

Pastor Stokes said the comments were insulting, racist and disrespectful to Aboriginal visitors who simply wanted to mourn the passing of their loved ones.

"It's our culture, you know. We cry for our people. We love our families and because of our culture we've got to respect them," he said.

"And this is our space that they're operating in. We're not trespassing over their land, they're trespassing over our land and they need to respect our culture and our way of life."

"The mayor should be sacked. It's a human rights issue what he's talking about, and we should make him accountable for his attitude and what he said there."

"I do feel insulted by it. Who is he? The space that they occupy; they haven't paid for that. I don't see a bill of sale."



## Time is running out to change your rule book

The law for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations changed on 1 July 2007. The new law requires all corporations registered under the old law to change their constitution to a new rule book before 30 June this year.

**Corporations need to send their rule change documents to ORIC for approval by 31 May 2009 or the Registrar will use his power under the CATSI Act to give you a set of rules.**

This allows ORIC one month to process the documents before the transition period ends on 30 June 2009. Corporations that don't send in a new rule book will be given a rule book based on their current constitution and the requirements of the CATSI Act.

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# Garma goes creative in 2009

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT has been said that all 'balanda' or non-Indigenous Australians should go to Garma, the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land's annual celebration of their traditional culture.

Many people feel the experience would be an intense but rewarding way for the visitors to truly tap into the rich vein of Australian Indigenous knowledge, paving the way for increased understanding of Indigenous viewpoints – the notion of two-way learning from which the festival takes its Yolngu name.

Last year, an estimated 1500 visitors made the pilgrimage to

Gulkula, near Nhulunbuy, joining about the same number of Yolngu people.

Garma organisers the Yothu Yindi Foundation (YYF) say the festival can't afford to grow much bigger on the current site.

Space is one issue, retention of the ambience and intimacy of Garma is another.

Still, there'll be no shortage of applications to attend Garma 2009 from 7-11 August as the festival's reputation continues to grow in its own right, and films like Baz Luhrmann's *Australia* woo tourists searching for unique and meaningful experiences.

Yolngu culture pervades all at Garma, with daily 'bunggul' (dance) and music performances amongst the most popular fixtures on the five-day program.

This will be especially the

case this year when Garma's Key Forum focuses on the theme of 'Indigenous Creative Industries'.

The Key Forum traditionally attracts a mix of policy-makers, corporate and government representatives, arts practitioners, academics and students alike and will take place this year from August 8-10.

## Explore issues

It will explore issues like cultural rights and integrity and commercial rights and opportunities in such creative industries as the visual and performing arts, music, film, design, and electronic and new media.

The place of traditional art, and economic development opportunities – including cultural

tourism – afforded Indigenous Australians through training, development and practice in creative industries will also be discussed.

Garma founder and YYF Deputy Chairman Mandawuy Yunupingu said traditional knowledge systems and cultural traditions and practices – especially in dance, song, art and ceremony, and their practice, preservation and presentation – were vital for Indigenous Australians' cultural identity, social cohesion, and community and personal well-being and development.

"That... makes this a very important Key Forum for us," he said last week.

As well as the Key Forum presentations and discussion sessions, Garma features art

exhibitions and projects, a youth forum, and the popular cultural tourism program with separate men's and women's streams.

One of the organisers, Simon Balderstone, told *The Koori Mail* that Yolngu people liked to think Garma, now in its 11th year, brought Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians together in an unprecedented way.

"The Yolngu people share their culture confidently and with their cultural rights intact," he said.

"It's not some secret and mystic society; the Yolngu are generous and they want to share. It's the confidence that comes from knowing they have something unique and vital."

● For details on Garma and how to attend, visit [www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com)



The gargoyles at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.  
Photo: ABC online  
- Damien Larkins

## War Memorial cops more flak

By DARREN COYNE



THE Australian War Memorial (AWM) in Canberra is again coming under fire from Indigenous people.

The *Koori Mail* reported last edition that the AWM had been criticised for not recognising early frontier battles between Aboriginal people and invading colonialists.

Now the AWM has been attacked for its depiction of Aboriginal people because of two Aboriginal faces included in a series of 26 gargoyles depicting native animals. The gargoyles line the commemorative courtyard and were installed in 1940.

Ngambri Elder Matilda House told *The Koori Mail* that while there was nothing offensive about an Aboriginal statue, the context or placing

of that statue must also be considered.

She said if Aboriginal people were being displayed among gargoyles depicting animals then it was 'absolutely atrocious'.

Since the apology to the Stolen Generations from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd last year, Ms House said it was time to resolve any tensions.

"The best thing the War Memorial can do is to make an effort to commemorate the first wars between Aboriginal people and newcomers," she said.

"Real history has to be dealt with. The wars between black and white and the brave men and women who went out and fought alongside white people ... and then came back and got nothing.

"Come on Australia, be proud of the people who are the true people of this land. Why keep a statue up

there from 1940? Have some respect and have a conversation with the community and get their views.

"When people still think we are part of the flora and fauna it's time for Australia to start thinking about the quality of the education system."

The AWM said it had no plans to remove the stone sculptures. A spokesman encouraged people to view the sculptures, and if they had any concerns, they would be taken on board.

She said, however, that the sculptures were part of the original design of the building and were not the only representations of Aboriginal people in the AWM.

Veterans' Affairs Minister Alan Griffin has encouraged people with concerns to contact the AWM or his office. He has also sought a briefing from the War Memorial on the issue.

## Tribunal backs change



A NEW report by the National Native Title Tribunal shows that claimant applications for native title take an average of about six

years to resolve by agreement, but the NNTT still says progress in the resolution of claims during the second half of 2008 has been 'steady'.

The report was released by the Tribunal last Tuesday and renewed suggestions that the existing arduous process for resolving native title claims could be improved and sped up if parties changed their approach.

NNTT President Graeme Neate said the Tribunal supported a Federal Government call for a behavioural change to ensure a 'more timely' resolution of native title claims.

"One of the main reasons resolutions are delayed is the time it takes to prepare and assess the 'connection' material needed to show claimants' links to their traditional land or waters," he said.

"The Tribunal has been developing a range of strategies to enable this material to be processed more quickly. These include research projects, and conferences to bring parties together before the connection material is submitted, to sort out what information the parties need.

"Resolution of disputed overlapping claims, identification of tenures where native title is extinguished, and clarifying the interests and number of respondent parties are some of the other critical tasks the Tribunal has identified which may help improve the speed of claims resolution."

The Tribunal's report includes national and state/territory statistics,

## New report highlights task ahead

graphs showing applications and trends since the Tribunal began operating in 1994 and commentary explaining the Tribunal's approach to future native title resolution.

Nationally, the report states there have now been 117 determinations of native title (82 that native title exists), which relate to 11.6 per cent of Australia's land mass and large areas of sea.

A total of 477 native title applications were current, with 260 referred to Tribunal mediation with an average 93 months since filing.

And 49 ILUAs were registered in 2008, bringing the total to 359.

The longest average periods for current native title applications since filing were 115 months (or nearly ten years in South Australia), and 107 months in New South Wales.

The shortest were in the ACT with 79 months (although just one application was current) and 86 months in Queensland. There had been no native title activity – determinations or ILUAs registered – in Tasmania.

The report is available online at the Tribunal's website at [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)



# Shopping for jobs



A \$25 million shopping centre will be built in Nambucca as a joint venture between Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council.

Nambucca Shire Council approved the development, which will be built on land owned by the Land Council in Bellwood Road, on 5 March.

Plans for the shopping centre include provision for a full-line, national brand supermarket, a major brand discount department store and a range of specialty retail outlets.

Once operational, the shopping centre is expected to generate around 370 full and part-time jobs.

The construction phase will provide around 140 positions, comprising direct employment and contract opportunities for local tradespeople.

IBA General Manager Ron Morony said that the joint venture provided an exciting prospect to create significant employment opportunities for Indigenous communities in the Nambucca area.

"This commercial project is a landmark development for an Indigenous organisation and we are pleased to have passed one of the most important milestones in the project in getting it

## Land council, IBA in \$25 million venture

approved," Mr Morony said.

"IBA is delighted to be working together with the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council to provide them with an opportunity to become a mainstream corporate company and allow them to address the many cultural and social issues they are faced with."

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton described the venture as 'not only courageous' but as an example of the willingness of Aboriginal land councils to enter into joint business ventures that offer significant economic gains for their communities.

Ms Manton, who is the elected representative for the Central Coast Region, of which Nambucca forms part, said once the request had been made, NSWALC, had immediately approved the transfer of land as required under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act to enable the joint venture to proceed.

Nambucca Heads Aboriginal Land Council Chair Terry Marshall said they had spent years working

towards achieving a joint venture that would gain wide-spread support – including support from the local Shire Council.

"We regard it as a great achievement, an achievement that will have significant benefits for Aboriginal people in our region."

"But it isn't a development that singularly benefits Aboriginal people – it benefits the whole community," Mr Marshall said.

"It will create hundreds of new jobs."

Ms Manton said the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council deserved congratulations for having the courage and the business acumen to enter into the partnership.

"I know they and their joint venture partner are determined that this venture will succeed," Ms Manton said.

Mr Marshall said he believed the vast majority of residents in the Nambucca Region were solidly behind the proposal.

"It is in everyone's interest that it succeeds", Mr Marshall said.



Artist's impression of the approved \$25 million shopping centre.



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# UN letter a disguised attack: Malezer



A UN committee's letter to the Australian Government detailing its concerns with elements of the NT intervention is a

'disguised but unmistakable attack' upon racist government and a reprimand, an Aboriginal leader says.

The UN Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination said it had noted 'with concern' action taken by the Government to roll out some of the more controversial measures to combat child sexual abuse.

The letter said there had been constructive dialogue with the Federal Government, and the

committee welcomed its commitment 'to building a new relationship with Indigenous Australians based on mutual respect, mutual resolve and responsibility'.

But it requested a report by 31 July on plans to reinstate the Racial Discrimination Act, suspended by the Howard Government in 2007 to allow for measures such as compulsory welfare quarantining.

The letter was written in response to a complaint made to the UN last month by a group of Aboriginal communities.

Queensland Aboriginal leader Les Malezer, Chairman of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), said the letter was evidence the UN

found the NT intervention to be in breach of international law.

"The committee have adjudged the NT intervention laws to be a farcical exercise," he said. "In a disguised but unmistakable attack upon racist government in Australia, the committee has requested the Government of Australia report back by July."

Mr Malezer said it was an embarrassment to the Australian people that the Government had been reprimanded on the international stage.

"There is no excuse for the Government, which has continued to subject the Aboriginal community to an official position of racial discrimination," he said.

Sydney-based human rights lawyer George Newhouse, who took the case to the UN, described the development as a win.

"I think these are very positive responses and that's probably all we could have asked for in the circumstances," he said.

"The Australian Government is going to have to respond to the complaints formally."

The Government is also required to report on its International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) compliance every five years.

Government officials were due to appear before the UN committee as *The Koori Mail* went to print. - AAP



LES MALEZER



Some of the South Australian comedians who made *Nunga Funny* this year.

## Funny business at Adelaide's Fringe



WHAT'S an Adelaide Fringe Festival without some truly black humour from our mob?

This year's

festival, which ended on Sunday, included the highly competitive South Australian finals for the Melbourne International Comedy Festival's Deadly Funny Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Comedy Competition, and two further great nights of comedy presented by Kurruru Youth Performing Arts under the banner of *Nunga Funny*.

The Deadly Funny SA finals at Palace Nova on 9 March revealed a new crop of comedians in the winning form John Packham, Aaron Lester and Philip Saunders. The next

two nights, the third *Nunga Funny* series including Kevin Kropinyeri, Warren Milera and Natasha Walsh, drew plenty of laughs at the Tandanya Theatre with cheeky routines encompassing everything from

2008 Deadly Funny National Championships, said *Nunga Funny* gave the community a chance to come together on a positive note.

"It creates a path for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to gravitate towards comedy," he said.

Warren Milera, who was a finalist in the recent 2009 State Raw Comedy Competition, said: "*Nunga Funny* nights are an opportunity to express ourselves and show off our humour. We always have a good laugh when we get together."

John Packham will now compete in the Deadly Funny national finals in Melbourne on 18 April.

● WOMAD coverage on pages 36-38



Deadly Funny Producer Jason Tamiru with SA finals winner John Packham, Aaron Lester (second) and Philip Saunders (third).

questionable relationship advice and tenacious head lice to Michael Jackson impersonations and some impressive dance moves.

Kropinyeri, who won the



IF the Rudd Government is serious about closing the gap between white and black living standards it can't neglect

Indigenous Australians living in urban areas, new research shows. Only 25 per cent of Aborigines live in remote areas, and conditions in some suburbs of western Sydney are now on a par to those in impoverished outstations, Nick Biddle from the Centre for Aboriginal Economic Policy Research (CAEPR) says.

On 13 February last year Prime Minister Kevin Rudd promised to halve gaps in Indigenous 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.

He also vowed to close the 17-year life-expectancy gap within a generation.

Dr Biddle, from the Australian National University, says the Government can't meet those targets unless it invests in urban areas.

"When you look at employment, education, income and housing there are parts of western Sydney that look more or less like (remote) outstations across those measures," he said.

Blacktown and Campbelltown, in particular, are home to some of the most disadvantaged Indigenous Australians.

Dr Biddle's research paper, released last Wednesday, used employment, education, income and housing Census data from 2001 and 2006 to rank 531 Indigenous areas across the country.

Overall, the large capital cities were the most advantaged in socio-economic terms, with remote regions in the Northern Territory, the Kimberley and Cape York the worst

off. There was 'no doubt' remote Australia had the poorest outcomes 'on average', the CAEPR research fellow said.

However, because most Aboriginal people live in non-remote areas, that's where the Government will get the 'best bang for its buck'.

"We're trying to identify areas of the greatest needs and, in terms of closing the gap, identify areas where jobs, houses and education places need to be provided," Dr Biddle said.

"Because 75 per cent of the Indigenous population lives outside of remote Australia, and the outcomes of those outside remote Australia are still substantially worse than the outcomes of the non-Indigenous population, in order to close the gaps there's no way you can ignore urban Australia."

### Employment

Previous research showed that to halve the Indigenous employment gap, governments should focus on Sydney, the north coast of NSW, Brisbane and Perth.

"That's purely because of the size of Indigenous populations in those areas," he said.

Dr Biddle said there was a high degree of 'continuity' in the rankings from 2001 to 2006, with some notable exceptions.

The greatest improver over the five-year period was Weipa, in Queensland. Redfern also jumped up the rankings of advantage, but that could be due to inward migration to the increasingly 'gentrified' suburb.

The region surrounding Wagga Wagga, in south-western NSW, was the worst performer to 2006.

Alice Springs also went backwards 'off the back of a large inflow of Indigenous Australians with lower levels of education', Dr Biddle said. - AAP



# Residents want trees spared

By DARREN COYNE



CHERBOURG Mayor Sam Murray has defended plans to remove bunya trees to make way for a heli-pad alongside Cherbourg hospital.

Some residents were outraged recently to learn that the bunya trees were to be removed, and managed to stop contractors who were in the process of chopping them down.

Resident Norm Hegarty told *The Koori Mail* that while he managed to get a 'stay of proceedings' from Queensland Health, he was unsure what would happen next.

Mr Hegarty said about ten trees, including banyas and eucalypts, were being chopped down to make way for the heli-pad. "People here are really outraged about this. One old lady I spoke with wants to chain herself to a tree," he said.

Mr Hegarty said he was not convinced that the council and Queensland Health had explored other options, such as relocating the heli-pad.

But Cr Murray said there was no other appropriate site with the required 35-metre radius needed to ensure the safety of emergency helicopters.

He said only four banyas would be removed, dismissing some claims that up to 40 trees were facing the chop.

And he said the removal of the trees was necessary because they affected the flight path of emergency helicopters landing at night. The council had spoken about and supported replanting trees, as did a majority of traditional owners.

Michael Aird, the project director of the Ration Shed Museum in Cherbourg, said the trees were planted by Superintendent Semple in the 1920s and therefore had European, as well as Indigenous, heritage attached to them.

"Also that would make the trees around



Beryl Gambriel, Norm Hegarty and Sandra Morgan, from Cherbourg. In the background is the area where the helicopter lands and the windsock.

80 to 90-years-old. This means they are very young. A bunya tree can live for many hundreds of years," he said.

"The Bunya tree is as ancient as the Wollemi pine, and yet receives less recognition."

Co-ordinator of a festival called Bunya Dreaming Beverly Hand said she was concerned about the proposed removal of trees.

She said the bunya pine was of cultural, historical, social and financial

significance to the whole of Queensland.

A further consultation process is under way before a final decision is made on the future of the banyas. That decision was expected soon after last weekend's Queensland election.

# US President urged to intervene over NT

By DARREN COYNE



OPPONENTS of the Northern Territory emergency intervention have written to US President Barack

Rudd when they meet this month. The letters follow an announcement this week that the United Nations has condemned aspects of the Federal Government's approach in the Northern Territory (see page 12).

And the lobbying continues on Australian soil, with campaigners Barbara Shaw, of Mt Nancy Camp, and Valerie Martin, of Yeundumu, travelling to Lismore in northern NSW last week to speak at Southern Cross University about how their lives have been affected.

Among the letters to the US President, Dr Djinyini Gondarra, a traditional owner of Elcho Island, appealed to Mr Obama as 'a fellow black citizen of the world'.

"I am writing ... to express my

concerns about Australian Government policy, both past and present, which has suppressed Aboriginal culture, languages, land, law and its people since invasion over 200 years ago.

"In summary, my people are treated with neither the rights of sovereigns or citizens of this country.

"We have been abandoned, and left somewhere in between, dying of diseases only found in third world countries and fighting for rights that so many other countries have enshrined in their constitutions."

Barbara Shaw has also asked President Obama to raise concerns with Mr Rudd, and she extended an invitation for him to visit Australia and meet with Aboriginal people on their homelands.

"I will also be making a presentation on racial discrimination at the Durban Review in Geneva between 20-24 April, focusing on how the Australian Government used the rights of the child as a special



BARACK OBAMA

measure to roll-out the NT Intervention without any consultation with our people," Ms Shaw told the gathering of about 100 people in Lismore.

"How can taking our land by five-year compulsory land acquisition be a 'special measure'? How can seizing our

land assist in child protection?

"The Intervention is not protecting our children. Instead it is pushing Aboriginal people further below the poverty line, and the Rudd Government has not made any positive changes to the Intervention.

"We have assimilated as far as we can go and we will not hand over our land because it belongs to us. The Aboriginal struggle is an ongoing fight between grassroots and governments."

Aboriginal Elders in north-west NSW are also trying to get the attention of President Obama over the Northern Territory Intervention.

Michael Anderson, representing Elders of the Euhalyi Nation, has sent an open letter to the White House and two major newspapers, *The Washington Post* and the *New York Times*, asking the US President to help.

"We would find it absolutely disturbing if you would tolerate this type of political leadership anywhere in the world," he wrote.

"As Aboriginal people we would expect that the mode of change

that was being promoted during the US electoral campaigns with its theme 'Change can happen' could spread throughout the world and that you would take a leading role in calling for that change to occur. In our case, in Australia, we desperately need change."

Meanwhile, the intervention has copped another setback, with news that accommodation for some intervention staff is unusable.

Last year, shipping containers being used to house Intervention staff were found to be contaminated by formaldehyde and other chemicals.

Tests have now revealed air quality problems with the replacement demountables in nine communities, according to ABC online.

They are Robinson River, Galiwinku, Palumpa, Pirlingimpi, Nguiu, Waruwu, Minjilang, Yirrkala and Daly River.

Intervention officials have said the cause still is not known, but staff will not be allowed back into the houses until the problem is fixed.



# Focus on NSW Seniors Week



Millie Ingram accepting the award.



Neita Scott, from Narromine.



Sylvia Scott, of Glebe in Sydney.

## Elders honoured



THREE Aboriginal Elders were among more than 60 New South Wales seniors honored last week for their achievements and community contributions during Seniors Week.

State Minister for Ageing Paul Lynch presented Millie Ingram (for the Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Centre), Sylvia Scott and Neita Scott with their NSW Seniors Week Achievement Awards at a ceremony at City Recital Hall in Sydney.

Mr Lynch said the awards were an opportunity for the Government to acknowledge the inspiring efforts and leadership shown by the State's seniors.

Neita Scott, from Narromine, is Chairperson of the Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council, where she has been a member since its inception in 1983.

Her award recognised her work to raise the profile of Indigenous issues in rural areas so communities were not disadvantaged by distance.

Sylvia Scott, of Glebe, is a founding

member of the Murawina Aboriginal Child Care Multipurpose and the Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program. Together with TAFE, she has developed training programs for homeless Indigenous people in Redfern.

### Care for Elders

Millie Ingram represented Redfern-based Wyanga Aboriginal Aged Care Program, which operates out of an Aboriginal controlled non-government organisation providing care for Aboriginal

Elders in their homes and community.

The award recognised the centre's ongoing commitment to bridging the gap in life expectancy for Aboriginal Elders.

Minister Lynch said the awards highlighted the wisdom and experience of the elderly, and the week-long celebration – including a series of gala concerts – spoke of the benefits of living life to the full at a senior age.

Seniors Week was organised by the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care.

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## Seafood on menu

THE NSW Carwoola Council of Elders celebrated Seniors Week in style with its tenth annual seafood luncheon.

The event, held the weekend before last at the University of Western Sydney's Hawkesbury campus, created a social gathering as well as an opportunity for the Elders to attend 'Yarn Up' sessions on such issues as access to health care and referral criteria for services. Uncle Greg Sims gave a welcome to country and the Windsor High School's Badanami Allowah Dancers opened with a dance performance, with Sean Choolburra



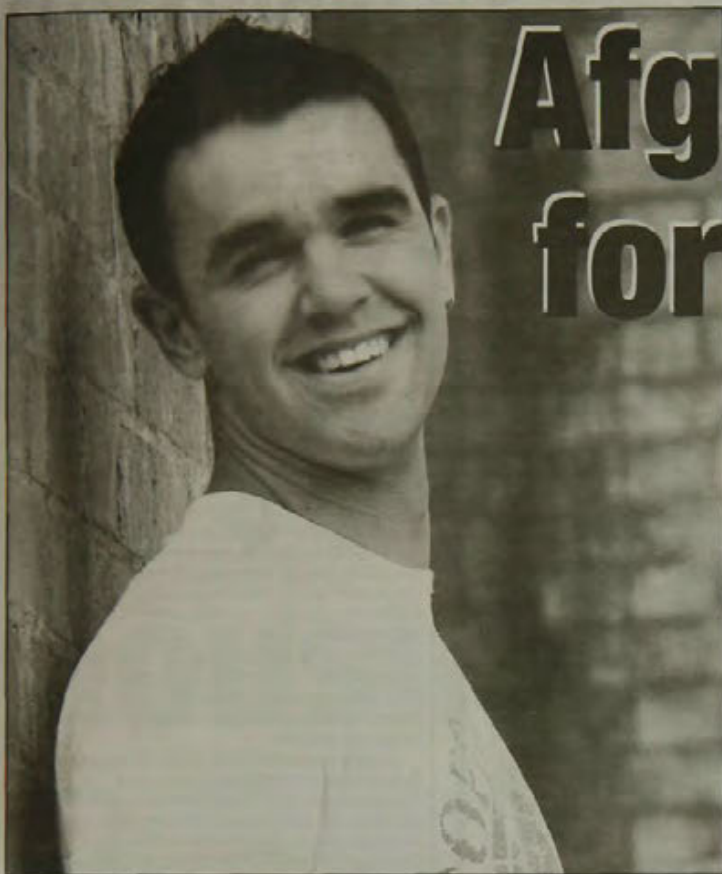
The Carwoola Council of Elders gather at the Seafood Luncheon to celebrate NSW Seniors Week.

Photo courtesy of SALLY TSOUTAS

on hand to lend a few laughs. Event organisers said a mini-Olympics combining fun and physical activity was among the highlights. Australian Hearing, NSW Health and Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care were among the agencies and services to provide information throughout the weekend.



**'I guess it's not everybody's ideal destination for a first trip, to travel to a war-torn country, but to me it's an honour to perform in front of those brave men and women who are doing a great job on behalf of their countries' – Blake Ralph**



# Afghanistan gig for brave Blake

By DARREN COYNE

**W**AR-TORN Afghanistan is probably not a destination most people would choose for their first trip overseas. But that doesn't faze Indigenous musician Blake Ralph, pictured, who is about to travel to the Middle East to entertain Australian and Coalition forces.

Sydney-based Blake told *The Koori Mail* he was excited about the impending journey.

"I guess it's not everybody's ideal destination for a first trip, to travel to a war-torn country, but to me it's an honour to perform in front of those brave men and

women who are doing a great job on behalf of their countries," he said.

The tour will cap off a string of recent successes, which include picking up an Artist of the Year award at this year's Yabun Festival.

## Musical talents

The 25-year-old runs a music studio in Sydney and also works with Indigenous young people in south-western Sydney, developing their musical talents.

He also regularly performs around Sydney, and has appeared on a number of television programs, including *Mornings with Kerri Anne*, and Bert Newton's *Good Morning Australia*.

"I've been performing since I was 11," Blake said.

"Dad was a singer and it all started when me and a mate were sitting around and I picked up dad's guitar and started playing a few chords.

"I was hooked and now music is all I'm doing. Gigs, gigs and more gigs. I've got a recording studio and I teach singing and guitar."

Since those early days, Blake has notched up an impressive list of supporting gigs, playing with artists such as Diesel, Billy Thorpe, Pete Murray, Joe Camilleri, Kate Cebrano, Human Nature, Guy Sebastian and Marcia Hines. He has also released a self-titled EP, which is available from his website at [www.blakeralph.com](http://www.blakeralph.com)

# Cherbourg Mayor lashes out over grog restrictions

By DARREN COYNE



**CHERBOURG** mayor Sam Murray has slammed new alcohol restrictions in his community, saying residents are being unfairly

targeted. Cr Murray said the bans, which came into force on 12 March, have been imposed with little regard to the wishes of the community.

"The council has said from day one that if you want to address alcohol problems then you must address the underlying issues of unemployment, health and housing," Cr Murray told *The Koori Mail*.

His comments follow reports that about a dozen Cherbourg residents had already run foul of the bans, receiving notices to

appear in court where they face fines of up to \$37,000 each.

"It's got to be understood that it's a spiritual problem. Many people who have experienced heartache and grief and loss turn to the bottle and drugs," he said.

"Simply slapping an alcohol management plan on the

go to nearby centres to drink the alcohol of their choice, and that the bans would create a black market.

He said signs placed in the community already had been ripped down in protest against the alcohol restrictions, which allow only one carton of light or

restrictions in Indigenous communities.

Board chairman Lt-General John Sanderson said alcohol restrictions needed to be part of a broader strategy developed in consultation with communities.

"The board has made recommendations to the

The statement says that decades of alienation and dispassion were the major causes of alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.

"Without addressing these complex issues, the Board believes that progress to address the resultant problems will be limited," it says.

The Board said alcohol restrictions in WA had usually been implemented 'without adequate complementary strategies and interventions which helped build capacity and resilience in a community'.

"Supply reduction strategies on their own will not achieve sustainable change because they do not address the underlying social determinants of the cycle of alcohol abuse," the Board said.

**'It's got to be understood that it's a spiritual problem. Many people who have experienced heartache and grief and loss turn to the bottle and drugs. Simply slapping an alcohol management plan on the community will not solve those issues' – Mayor Sam Murray**

community will not solve those issues."

Cr Murray maintained the bans were discriminatory, saying other hotspots in mainly white communities were not subject to bans.

He warned that some people in the community would simply

mid-strength beer per person to be brought into the community.

Wine, spirits and full-strength beer are now banned.

Meanwhile, in Western Australia, the State's Indigenous Implementation Board on Friday released a position statement on the use of alcohol

Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC) to monitor and evaluate the results of existing restrictions," he said.

"It has also called on the AACC to provide reports on the performance of programs delivered in locations where restrictions have been imposed.



Cherbourg Mayor Sam Murray



# Award deadline nears



THERE'S just a few days left for Indigenous artists to enter the 26th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

Entries for the prestigious award close this Friday, 27 March.

Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) Acting Director Apolline Kohen said the Telstra Art Award attracted more than 300 entries last year for its silver jubilee, and organisers were looking forward to seeing some quality Indigenous artworks this year.

"We always look forward to the arrival of entries; it's the first step towards another exciting year for the Telstra Art Award," Ms Kohen said.

"The Telstra Art Award is the first and longest-running Indigenous art award in the country and gives Indigenous artists from all around Australia a fantastic opportunity to gain significant exposure for their artworks."

## Relevance

General Manager of the Telstra National Indigenous Directorate Georgia Symmons said the telco remained dedicated to supporting Indigenous artists and their communities, and the increase in award entries each year cemented the importance and relevance of the award to Indigenous people across the country.

The Telstra Art Award of \$40,000 and the other four media categories will again be non-acquisitive in 2009, meaning the winning artists can retain their entry and gain further financial benefit from the sale of the work.

Last year, the five winning artworks were valued at more than \$110,000, with the combined value of artwork in the 2008 exhibition exceeding \$2 million.

Makinti Napanangka, from Kintore in the NT, won the \$40,000 Telstra Award for her untitled artwork, in synthetic polymer paint on linen.

To view the online gallery go to [www.magnt.nt.gov.au](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au)



The winner of last year's Telstra Art Award, Makinti Napanangka.

# Cover-up claim on death in custody

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



AN expert investigator who gave evidence at the inquest of an Aboriginal man who died in custody at Kirkconnell

Correctional Centre in May 2007,

has made claims of a cover up by the NSW Department of Corrective Services (DCS), after his original report was replaced.

Glebe Coroner's Court in Sydney heard this month that when the 36-year-old NSW prisoner Adam Shipley died he was serving time after breaching parole, had recently ceased taking medication prescribed for schizophrenia, had a history of self-harm, and had attempted suicide just two days earlier.

The original death in custody investigation report by the former chief investigator for DCS, William Beale, threw doubt over the adequacy of the management plans available for at-risk inmates.

A spokesperson for the NSW Corrections Department confirmed last week that Commissioner Ron Woodham had referred the cover-up allegations about the DCS report on Mr Shipley's death to the Independent Commission Against Corruption for review.

However, last week a spokesperson for the NSW corruption watchdog would not confirm an investigation into the matter was under way and said standard procedure prevented discussion of any investigations that might be taking place unless or until public hearings were scheduled.

The spokesperson said Commissioner Ron Woodham had written to ICAC after William Beale gave evidence that his report had been replaced in order to water down indications of dangerous systemic flaws in the care of vulnerable inmates.

## Damning report

The claims of more flaws in deaths in custody checks and balances come hot on the heels of a damning Australian Indigenous Law Review Report (AILR) last month from Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW) lawyers and University of NSW researchers, showing government departments often ignored coronial recommendations.

The DCS spokesperson said the department would not comment on the startling evidence presented at the inquest into Mr Shipley's death, as it had been adjourned until next month and was still ongoing.

She said DCS has made no information available to the public on the circumstances surrounding the death of the prisoner, and added that the department never issued public statements in the event of a custodial death, supplying information solely to the Coroner's office.

Though Mr Beale's original report was subpoenaed from DCS, it was not supplied.

A statement given to the Coroner's Court by Mr Beale's former superior, John Crawford, who is set to give evidence when the inquest resumes next month, suggested that flaws such as subjectivity in Mr Beale's report meant it did not conform to departmental protocols and had to be replaced.

The DCS spokesperson confirmed Mr Beale, who has 40 years' experience as an investigator for both DCS and ICAC, had opted to leave his role at DCS not as a result of any adverse opinion of his work, and that 'one of the reasons he resigned was because he was unhappy with the way his report on Mr Shipley's death had been handled'.

The spokesperson said Commissioner Woodham had queried why Mr Beale, as a former ICAC investigator, didn't himself forward any concerns he had at the time to ICAC.

The inquest into the death in custody of Adam Shipley resumes next month.

# Govt urged to 'come clean' on dump plan



THE Federal Government is being asked to 'come clean' on plans for a nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory, after it voted down a motion to scrap Federal powers to force the issue.

Last week, the Government scuttled a bill in the Senate calling for the repeal of the Commonwealth Radioactive Waste Management Act (CRWMA).

The Howard Government passed the law in 2006, giving the Commonwealth the power to impose a nuclear waste dump on the Northern Territory.

The move angered the NT Government, Indigenous land owners and green groups, and Labor promised to scrap the laws.

But, after almost 16 months in office, the Rudd Government has yet to act.

Natalie Wasley, from the Beyond Nuclear Initiative, said on Friday that it

was time for Labor to 'come clean'.

"It was an election commitment to repeal this legislation, yet the Government is blatantly flouting its commitments and ignoring deep community concern," she said.

"The vote shows clear disrespect for the communities targeted for the radioactive dump, who been waiting over a year for the Government to come good on its promise."

## Discriminatory

Last December, a Senate committee recommended the controversial legislation be scrapped and replaced with better laws, finding they were unfair and discriminatory.

The committee said the laws should be replaced with new legislation to address the ongoing problem of nuclear waste; should emphasise voluntary engagement rather than coercion; and should be grounded in sound science.

Mitch, an Arrernte woman who has family living near the proposed Harts Range site, said it was not the first time the Government had missed a chance to make good on its promise.

"The Government thinks the NT communities, the Greens and the average Australian citizen will be treated as ignorant puppets," she said in a statement released by the Beyond Nuclear Initiative.

"The Australian community will not allow this Government to increase uranium mining or have a waste dump forced on communities on this continent because it is morally, ethically and scientifically wrong."

The coalition short-listed Harts Range, Fishers Ridge and Mount Everard as possible sites for a dump.

Muckaty Station, about 120km north of Tennant Creek, was later controversially nominated as a possible site by the Northern Land Council. -AAP



# Minister warns over funeral funds



**INDIGENOUS** Australians are being warned against unscrupulous funeral salespeople who arrive unannounced and use emotional tactics to get people to sign up to a funeral fund, which they may then have to pay off over many years.

Virginia Judge issued the warning while speaking earlier this month at this year's National Consumer Congress in Adelaide.

Ms Judge said unwanted debt and targeting by unscrupulous salespeople were ongoing issues for Indigenous Australians.

"People signing a funeral contract can end up paying for something over many years and paying much more than the

funeral is worth," she said. Consumers are also often encouraged to include their children in the agreement.

Ms Judge said families needed access to relevant information and advice to clearly understand the differences between funeral funds, pre-paid funerals and their role in planning a funeral.

"Good funeral cover may help ease financial pressure on

families during a difficult time, however, not all types of cover are the same," she said.

Before signing an agreement for a funeral fund, all consumers should:

- Make sure they know what they are signing up for
- Read the product disclosure statement (PDS)
- Understand the refund policy

- Ask what happens if you miss a payment
  - Know what the funeral fund covers
  - Not rush the decision.
- For more detailed information about issues relating to funeral funds and other Indigenous-specific consumer protection measures, visit the websites [www.nics.org.au](http://www.nics.org.au) or [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au)

# Mixed reaction to \$396m NSW housing boost



A \$396 MILLION investment in housing for remote Indigenous communities in New South Wales would improve

living standards for families, according to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

But the NSW Opposition has warned that consistent failures and waste in the past should make the Federal Government concerned about the NSW Government's ability to deliver on its promises.

Announcing the funding earlier this month, Ms Macklin said the allocation was central to the \$1.94 billion Council of Australian Governments' commitment to remote Indigenous housing.

She said the NSW share of the Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership would fund the construction of new houses, major upgrades to existing houses and ensure the reliable and consistent management and maintenance of housing.

"This funding builds on the significant \$6.4 billion social housing component of the Rudd Government's Nation Building and Jobs Plan," she said.

"This special funding will be spent over four years on social housing construction, repairs and maintenance."

Ms Macklin said it was expected that a substantial proportion of the \$6.4 billion would be invested in social housing in urban and regional New South Wales.

She said existing social housing dwellings would be upgraded and new houses, incorporating design features to improve living standards and reduce living costs, would be built.

But Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Affairs Senator Marise Payne said the Federal Government must explain 'the failure of past programs'.

"In 1998, the NSW Labor Government launched the \$240 million Aboriginal Communities Development Program, which it said would deliver major improvements in health and living standards for Aboriginal communities in

NSW. Government gladly handed over taxpayers' money to developers for poorly constructed houses at well above market rates – sometimes more than \$100,000 above the asking price for better constructed houses'.

"Now the Rudd Government is preparing to give the NSW Labor Government \$396 million in new funding for Aboriginal housing, but cannot say how it will hold NSW to account," she said.

"Millions of dollars in funding for Aboriginal housing have been wasted in NSW over the last decade – (Prime Minister Kevin) Rudd needs to explain why he thinks directing more money at this chronic problem is going to work in the absence of clear explanations for the current appalling state of affairs and clear targets and objectives for the new funding."

Despite those concerns, NSW Housing Minister David Borger welcomed the new funding, saying the State Government would work closely with the Commonwealth to ensure it was invested in the right areas.

"We believe that good housing

is a health need and so this new investment from the Commonwealth is very welcome," he said.

"We will be working closely with the Commonwealth and Indigenous community housing organisations to ensure that Indigenous people in NSW receive the full benefit of this funding."



**'We believe that good housing is a health need and so this new investment from the Commonwealth is very welcome'**

**– NSW Housing Minister David Borger**

**'This special funding will be spent over four years on social housing construction, repairs and maintenance'**

**– Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin**



New South Wales," she said.

"Ten years later, apparently all we have to show for the program are unliveable houses in some 'lucky' communities, no houses at all in others and a record of broken promises."

Senator Payne said a report in the Sydney Morning Herald had indicated 'the



ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington says the WA Government is taking the wrong approach to Indigenous housing.

## WA housing plan racist – Eggington



ABORIGINAL Legal Service of Western Australia (ALSWA) chief Dennis Eggington has described the State Government decision to scrap plans to repair houses in remote communities as racist, saying it is a further erosion of

first nation rights.

WA Housing Minister Troy Buswell claimed recently it would cost more than \$200,000 to repair each house in dozens of tiny community outstations in remote areas of the State, and a new approach was needed to solve the crisis.

But Mr Eggington said people in remote areas had a right to live on their traditional country, and the Government's attitude would cause more problems than it was allegedly trying to solve.

"I would hate to think that some of those people who have moved away from large communities and rural towns and places where there was problems with overcrowding, alcoholism and abuse and all kinds of things are forced back into those situations because the Government doesn't want to spend money on Aboriginal people," he said.

"Aboriginal people are not accessing the economy. They have to rely on State Government housing as a last resort and are not getting a fair deal from state housing."

"I've been working with a colleague who has clearly identified communities in the Pilbara where houses have been torn down and pulled apart – including the infrastructure – to rebuild, the plumbing and sewerage."

"And people have now got nowhere to live."

The Australian Greens have called on the Federal Government to follow up its \$2 billion support for the construction industry with an equally significant package for public housing.

Greens Senator Scott Ludlum said such a measure would mean more than 6000 homes would be built for low-income families.

– By KEN BOASE in Perth





## Expressions Of Interest



The NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for:

1. **Helping Hands Indigenous Housing Support project:** providing support services to Aboriginal people over 18 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in the Lismore / Casino areas.
2. **Jarjum Preschool:** providing a preschool service for 20 Aboriginal children (3-5 years old) in the Lismore area.
3. A single auspice is being sought to provide after school and school holiday activities for Aboriginal children from Jubullum and Tabulam. **Tabulam Children & Youth Activities project** for 6-9 year olds, **Jubullum Kids Lifestyle & Enhancement project** for 10-16 year olds.

Applicants need to obtain an information package for each project at [www.community.nsw.gov.au/EOI](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/EOI) or contact Reese Roma on (02) 6883 5623.

Applications close 5pm, Friday 8 May 2009

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Nyoongar Elder Theresa Walley giving the welcome to country address at the FECCA Migrant and Refugee women's conference in Perth.



Government of South Australia

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Call for Nominations to the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, The Honourable Jay Weatherill MP is calling for nominations to the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council.

The Council comprises ten (10) members appointed by the Minister, and meets quarterly.

The role of the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council is to:

- Provide the Government with advice on existing programs and policies as they affect Aboriginal people.
- Identify and inform the Government of emerging issues that will affect Aboriginal people from both metropolitan and regional perspectives.
- Provide the Government with advice on the development and implementation of future policies and services concerning Aboriginal people.
- Provide advice to Government agencies about appropriate consultation processes with Aboriginal communities.
- Maintain links with other relevant advisory bodies.

The Minister will be considering Aboriginal people who possess a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, who have standing within the Aboriginal community, who have policy and service delivery experience, and who are able to strongly contribute to the Council.

Application packs are available from the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet by telephoning 8226 8900 during office hours. Alternatively, you may contact Ms Laura Najjar on email [najjar.laura@dpc.sa.gov.au](mailto:najjar.laura@dpc.sa.gov.au)

All Aboriginal people who fit the criteria are invited to apply. Younger Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Nominations must be received by Friday 10 April 2009.

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# Leaders told: Don't ignore urban people

By Perth correspondent KEN BOASE



NYOONGAR academic Professor Colleen Hayward has called on governments at all levels to stop ignoring urban Indigenous populations.

Professor Hayward, who was recently appointed the head of the Kurongkurl Katitjin Centre at Edith Cowan University in Perth, made the call at an Aboriginal workshop in the lead up to International Women's Day on 8 March.

The event was part of the Migrant and Refugee Women's Conference in Perth, organised by the Ethnic Communities Council of WA under the banner of the Federation of Ethnic Communities Councils of Australia (FECCA).

Nyoongar Elder Theresa Walley gave the official welcome to country at the conference, putting a firm Indigenous stamp on what is believed to have been the first formal migrant and refugee gathering ever held in Australia.

The conference theme was social inclusion, and although the meeting was for migrant and refugee women, Indigenous Australian women made a valuable contribution.

Prof Hayward spoke about what social inclusion meant to the Aboriginal women especially, and explained how the White Australia Policy had affected Aboriginal people generally.

She said the forerunner to the White Australia policy took form in state legislation, including the *Queensland Sugar Act* of 1901 paying a bounty to businesses that employed white labour, and the *WA 1905 Act*, which controlled every aspect of Aboriginal lives.

Prof Hayward said the 1967 referendum, which resulted in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being counted in the national census for the first time, was the first real sign that the offensive policy had been relegated to the



Professor Colleen Hayward addressing a workshop at the Perth conference in the lead up to International Women's Day.

past, but she ventured that full social inclusion was still out of reach for Indigenous people.

"I don't have the police making random checks on my living arrangements as my parents suffered before me, and to my knowledge I do not appear on any police files simply because I'm Aboriginal," she said.

"(But) we still have our young people being stopped by police when they've done nothing wrong, and this is even more the case if they're driving a flash car, the apparent assumption being that it must be stolen.

"We have far too many of our children trying to succeed in an educational environment that doesn't tell the truth about our history, the Aboriginal history of Australia.

"We are not very visible in the media, unless it's via an allegation that the person suspected of a crime was Aboriginal which is an interesting observation from people who mostly wouldn't know us if they fell over us."

Prof Hayward also related a story about the ignorance of some bureaucrats employed by government departments with the direct welfare and interests of Aboriginal people supposedly as their core responsibility.

"It was during NAIDOC Week last year when I walked into a government building where many politicians worked and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags were displayed in the foyer," she said.

"Two people who were working in that building, in an area which negotiated with the Australian Government on matters of reconciliation, wandered in and were clearly perplexed about the flags and asked me about their significance.

"They didn't even know something as basic as these symbols, and yet they were charged with representing our interests."

Prof Hayward also criticised government policies weighted towards remote communities at the expense of urban Aboriginal communities who she said had equal needs and aspirations.

"Too many Australian government policies are about Aboriginal people who live in remote areas, almost as though if that's not where you live you can't be a real Aboriginal person," she said.

"This not only denies us urban Aboriginal people equal access to services, it is ornately racist.

"Aboriginal people living in remote areas do have particular needs that need to be addressed, but so do lots of others living in urban areas."

Prof Hayward concluded by saying that social inclusion would not be fully achieved until all Australians, especially politicians, regarded it as a basic human right, regardless of colour or creed.



NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### Nominations for the Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area Co-Management Committee

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is inviting Elders and Aboriginal community representatives to nominate for the Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area Co-Management Committee. Current Terry Hie Hie Co-op members are encouraged to apply.

Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area was gazetted as a Community Conservation Area Zone 2 (Aboriginal Area) in December 2005 under the Brigalow and Nandewar Community Conservation Act 2005.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service support connection to Country of Aboriginal people and wish to involve local Aboriginal people with knowledge and connection to the area, in issues concerning the protection of Aboriginal heritage and other management issues in the Terry Hie Hie Aboriginal Area.

Nomination forms are available from the NPWS Narrabri Area office, 100 Mailand St Narrabri or by telephoning 6792 7300. If you wish to nominate or would like more information please contact Darren Pitt (Narrabri Area Manager) or Craig Trindall (Co-management Coordinator) at the Narrabri Area Office.

Nominations close on 31 March 2009.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is now part of the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

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## Link-Up to get extra \$100,000



LINK-UP NSW will receive an extra \$100,000 to continue providing counselling and practical assistance for claimants to the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS).

The scheme repays Aboriginal people who were not repaid for wages, pensions, family endowments, inheritances and other money put into trust funds administered by the Aborigines Protection Board and the Aborigines Welfare Board between 1900 and 1969.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said Link-Up assisted in negotiating the return of trust fund monies to individuals who were removed from their families or their descendants and the State Government was pleased to provide additional funding for this purpose.

"This announcement will ensure that claimants to the Scheme will be able to access practical assistance and support in making their claim," Mr Lynch said.

"Link-Up's existing state-wide network of counsellors ensures that people making claims who live in rural and remote areas are provided with assistance."

# DVD translated



Wendy Yunupingu listens to Sally Wirrpanda's heart at the launch of the Rheumatic Heart Disease DVD in Yirrkala.



AN educational DVD aimed at raising community awareness of acute rheumatic fever has been translated into Yolngu Matha for use in Arnhem Land.

NT Health Minister, Kon Vatskalis, launched the new DVD last Wednesday at Bagot Community Health Clinic in Darwin. It was also launched at Yirrkala earlier in the month.

"This Government is committed to Closing the Gap on good health outcomes for Indigenous Territorians," said Mr Vatskalis.

"Rheumatic heart disease is a major health problem for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, particularly in remote communities where residents are 100 times more likely to have the disease than non-Aboriginal people."

Rheumatic heart disease is a sickness of the heart valves caused by acute rheumatic fever. The illness, which can lead to poor health and premature death, affects mainly young people between 5 and 14 years of age.

In 2005, the Darwin-based Menzies School of Health Research created a pioneering educational DVD about the disease which was written and

## Important health message no longer lost in translation

produced by Aboriginal people to highlight the importance of preventing acute rheumatic fever, which leads to rheumatic heart disease.

"The educational DVD was initially in English, and copies were distributed to families and health centres across the NT, the Kimberley, and north Queensland," Mr Vatskalis said.

### Widely-valued

"It has since become one of the most widely-valued educational resources about rheumatic heart disease for Aboriginal people and has now been translated into Yolngu Matha so it can be used for health education in Arnhem Land communities. People who learn about the disease in their native language retain more information and feel more inclined to follow individual medical advice."

The Minister said the DVD may be translated into other Northern Territory Indigenous languages in the future.



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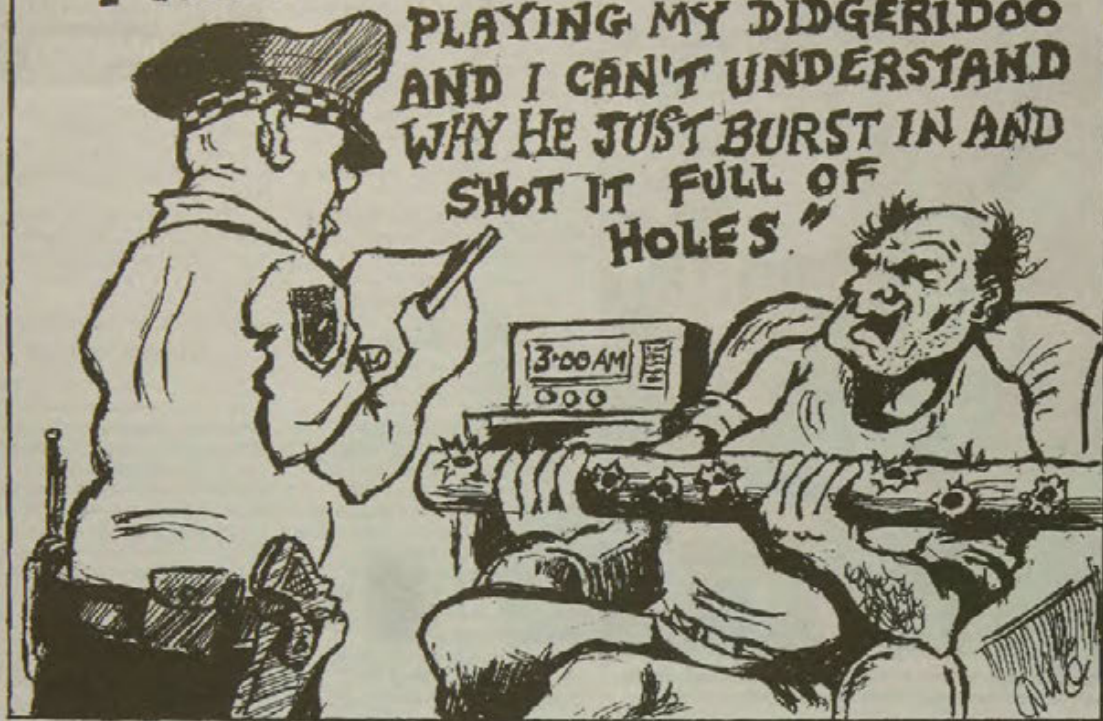
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW

"I COULDN'T SLEEP SO I STAYED UP  
PLAYING MY DIDGERIDOO  
AND I CAN'T UNDERSTAND  
WHY HE JUST BURST IN AND  
SHOT IT FULL OF  
HOLES."



## Quote



**'Aboriginal people  
living in remote  
areas do have  
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that need to be  
addressed, but so do  
lots of others living  
in urban areas'**

— WA academic Prof  
Colleen Hayward

● See report on page 18

## Unquote

## Many feet in every camp

The Queensland election is done and dusted for another three years, unfortunately with no black faces about to materialise in the parliament.

The most likely contender had been Leeanne Enoch who was the Labor candidate in a new electorate made up mostly of former Labor electorates in the Gold Coast area.

The remaining three Indigenous candidates known to *The Koori Mail* had run as independents rather than under one of the major parties, so were always going to be fairly long shots.

Nevertheless, all of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who stood for election in Queensland this time round ought to be congratulated. For putting their time, money and effort where their mouths were, they deserve our thanks.

As Australian life gets more and more challenging, an increase in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's activism and savvy – both inside and outside of mainstream politics – can only be a good thing.

It would be interesting, if it were possible, to poll Indigenous Queenslanders on how they voted this time and why.

Those in electorates with Indigenous candidates would have fallen into the following main categories: those who had a sophisticated understanding of the policies and platforms of all candidates and voted accordingly; those for whom the 'Indigenity' or otherwise of



## OUR SAY

candidates was an overriding factor, carrying with it a belief that heritage alone would have been enough to ensure that Indigenous aspirations were properly represented; those who weighed up both factors before making their choice; those whose political disillusionment saw them register protest votes; and those unable or unwilling to show up at a polling booth.

In any event, representation of – or, at the very least, advocacy for – Indigenous people at all levels and in every political sphere is crucial for our mob.

This includes the new national Indigenous representative body which is expected to be up and running in some form or another by the end of the year.

While there are no guarantees that this body will be elected, even just the discussions we are now having around what it should look like are heartening.

In those, we need to be frank about what worked in the past – and didn't – and why. When we are able to play the issues, not the identities, we will know we've come of age.

## A Yarn With...



## VICTORIA DAVIS-JENKINS

Arts-Law student  
Cairns, north Qld

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Freshwater turtle.

**Favourite other food?**  
Prawns.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite music?**  
All sorts – RnB, rock, reggae, country, hip-hop ... the list goes on.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Boxing and going to the gym.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Anywhere nice and close to country.

**What are you reading?**  
*Art of War*, by Niccolo Machiavelli.

**What is your greatest highlight in life?**  
My deadly eight-year-old son.

**What do you like in life?**  
Quality time with my boy ... and sleeping.

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

**Who would you most like to meet, and why?**  
US actor Taye Diggs – because he's hot!

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
My family.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Indigenous Australians?**  
Become a lawyer so I could assert our rights at a higher level.

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**T**HE United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) was adopted on 13 September 2007. Capping more than 20 years of international debate, the Declaration set out the rights of the world's estimated 370 million indigenous people. But while its adoption was hailed by many as an 'historic moment', the occasion was marred for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because Australia, under the then-Coalition Government, was one of just four countries not to support the Declaration, claiming that it would elevate customary law above national law.

While in Opposition, the Labor Party promised to support the Declaration. But, since coming to power, the Rudd Government has frustrated indigenous rights advocates by dragging the chain.

Now, as the Government reportedly readies itself to fulfil its promise by formally endorsing the Declaration, international law specialist **MEGAN DAVIS** (pictured) says Indigenous Australians should be realistic about how far down the road to justice it alone can take us...

**T**HE Australian Government will endorse the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. And this will be a momentous occasion for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia because it is the second international instrument recognising the distinct cultural rights of indigenous peoples. The UNDRIP augments Indigenous peoples' collective rights within the international human rights framework, which is highly individualised.

Yet, as a consequence of the Federal Government's endorsement of the UNDRIP, it is inevitable that there will be divergent expectations about the relevance and status of the UNDRIP.

It is important for those expectations to be managed, because the UNDRIP is no panacea to the challenges we face domestically in dealing with the federal system in service delivery and in advocacy for law reform.

It does provide us with an important guiding framework for engaging the State, but it cannot replace the need for ongoing commitment to constitutional change.

The Federal Government's endorsement is a significant decision because together with its commitment to closing the gap, it signals a step forward towards addressing the unfinished business that exists between the State and its First Peoples.

Indeed this will be the most significant first-term initiative since the Apology and the Closing the Gap commitment that reveals indigenous issues as a very clear priority of the Government. It also signals the gradual re-commitment of the Australian State to international human rights law and multilateralism, which is important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The UNDRIP was passed on 13 September 2007 by the General Assembly. The Declaration was a major objective of the UN International Decade of the World's

# We must manage our hopes



Indigenous Peoples (1995-2004). It took over 20 years to adopt the UNDRIP, and many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were involved in the drafting of the text especially former ATSIC leaders.

The idea of the UNDRIP was about

recognising the distinct cultural rights of Indigenous peoples and providing a framework toward redressing the injustices of dispossession within the state system.

Any declaration of the UN General Assembly is non-binding, or what is known

as 'soft' international law. The text creates no new rights in international law, nor does it create any binding legal obligations in domestic legal systems.

The text has been referred to as 'aspirational', which means that states should work towards the realisation of the UNDRIP together with Indigenous peoples but within the parameters of the settled state.

Indigenous peoples agreed in the drafting groups prior to the adoption that the Declaration should be subject to democracy, the rule of law, principle of state sovereignty and territorial integrity.

It is a framework that states can adopt in their relationship with Indigenous peoples and may guide them in the development of domestic law and policy. It is accepted that it will be used daily in relation to our dealings with government departments at all levels.

It will no doubt be referred to in legal proceedings and in fact has already been referred to in cases. It should be used among ourselves at community meetings to frame our own discussions.

And the new National Representative Body should use the UNDRIP as the underlying framework for its engagement with the State and certainly in any advocacy work around future structural reform such as constitutional change or a treaty.

The concern expressed by conservatives has been that the UNDRIP will elevate Aboriginal law above Australian domestic law. This is simply not possible.

The UNDRIP is non-binding and is subject to the Australian legal system. Any recognition of Aboriginal law must be done consistent with Australian domestic law and its international human rights law obligations.

Until Indigenous peoples are provided a space within Australia's public law system, removed from the political arena that is truly worthy of our status as first peoples, international law will be one of the most effective instruments.

The UNDRIP is non-binding and it is morally persuasive, but it doesn't replace the need for entrenched legal rules that governments are compelled to follow and that we can litigate if they violate.

Thus we must manage the great expectations people have of international law and especially the UNDRIP.

The best approach for change is to convince ordinary Australians that universal rights such as non-discrimination and equality between men and women should be entrenched in the Australian Constitution.

That protection – which isn't Indigenous-specific – is the most realistic and effective way of removing our rights from the political arena, and should be a central part of our advocacy moving forward.

*\* Megan Davis is Director of the Indigenous Law Centre and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of NSW. She is an Australian member of the International Law Association's Indigenous Rights Committee drafting an Expert Commentary on the UNDRIP and a former United Nations Indigenous fellow. She lectures Indigenous peoples in international law at UNSW.*

# There's wild, and then there's wild!

**S**O there I was having a yarn and a gossip with some friends. The main topic of conversation that day was my friend's suddenly broken down dead relationship. This is what happened.

After a long night out with work colleagues (work-related, of course), my friend decided to drop in at their partner's house on their way home. Once they got there the house was all dark and quiet.

It was pretty early in the morning, so quietly my friend unlocked the door with the hidden key (of course they knew where the hidden key was!), and padded through the house to find their partner.

Into the bedroom my friend went. Nope. Partner wasn't there. In the kitchen? No midnight snacking here.

In the lounge room my friend found their partner. And it appeared they weren't alone.

Lights flicked on, hands grabbed sofa pillows and my friend describes their partner's face as 'priceless'.

Let's just say my friend introduced themselves to their partner's new friend in a Lionel Rose kinda way. A kinda Choc Mundine kinda way.

Me and my friends were crackin' up with disbelief at this yarn. We couldn't believe our sweet mate would be so wild –

and get so angry with a total stranger.

It's true, some people don't have the best judgment at times. And their behaviour is just plain wrong. Unfortunately we are just flawed humans, eh? I admit to a few lapses in good judgment myself.

But how can you get wild with a person who doesn't have a love relationship to you?

Love relationships are packaged in a box of commitment and a bow of devotion. Their ingredients are sharing, trust, care and support. Cheatin' around is not in the ingredients list. Cheatin' isn't even in the same supermarket as love relationships.

Actually, cheatin' isn't even related to love even in a distant third cousin twice removed kinda way.

When I'm in a love relationship, I expect my partner – the one who makes a commitment, tells me they love me, who should remember their obligation and devotion to me – to not cheat around.

It is them that should be sorry, not the stranger.

Of course, I'd be lying to myself if I said I wouldn't be wild with the person my partner cheated on me with – I would be wilder than a turtle on its back on hot sand – but I would be more wild with my partner.



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# Tribunal report shows how claims progress

A DETAILED view of native title activity and progress of claims across Australia up to the end of 2008 is provided in a report released this month by the National Native Title Tribunal.

The *National report: native title* charts the progress of native title claims, with a focus on activity during a six-month period to 31 December last year.

The report, now accessible via the Tribunal's website ([www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)), shows just how far we've come in the 15 years since the Native Title Act began operating.

Statistics show that 117 determinations of native title (82 that native title exists) have been registered since 1 January 1994. Those determinations relate to 11.6 per cent of Australia's land mass and large areas of sea.

The report provides both national and state or territory results, with outcomes varying considerably between regions.

For example, 43 determinations of native title have been registered in Queensland, and determinations that native title exists have been made over very large areas of Western Australia.

There have been fewer or smaller outcomes in other parts of the country, but each of them is significant to the people most directly affected.

The variation in these results reflects the diversity of circumstances, people, land dealings, industries, environments and cultures around the nation. That diversity requires different approaches to addressing native title issues.

In some cases there are few areas of Crown land, or native title may have been extinguished, limiting opportunities to make successful native title claims. The relocation of Indigenous people over generations may make it difficult for them to prove their traditional connection to land or waters.



**NATIVE TITLE  
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Tribunal President  
**GRAEME NEATE**

Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) are a useful way for some Aboriginal people to gain access to land and to have a say in its management. At 31

December 2008, a total of 359 ILUAs had been registered, 49 of them in 2008.

The Victorian Government is currently considering a proposal for an alternative settlement framework, under which traditional owners could negotiate ILUAs with the State Government about a range of subjects without necessarily resolving the question of whether or not native title exists.

In other parts of Australia, particularly in South Australia, 'template' ILUAs have been created to make agreement-making an easier and more efficient process.

In South Australia, ILUAs are sometimes negotiated and finalised before native title is determined, making the claim process the beginning of a new and productive relationship between the parties and the land.

Native title claims can also be resolved more effectively using templates of court orders

produced from similar cases or by using the outcomes of test cases to guide negotiations. This has been the case for some determinations in the Northern Territory, South Australia and Queensland.

Some states and territories have additional tools for resolving land issues with broader settlements, including grants of title to land under local land rights Acts.

The Tribunal's regular report is published twice each year. As well as outlining trends in the progress of native title in the past six months, it helps us to see how much further we have to go.

Fifteen years since it started, the native title system continues to present all parties with an opportunity to generate real and lasting outcomes, using approaches tailored to suit their very individual circumstances.

To see the Tribunal's report, visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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# YOUR SAY



Les Ridgeway (pictured) writes on Page 24 that from his experiences, moving Indigenous Australians into town housing in Moree had proved beneficial.

# Times have moved on

Roy Ah See speaks during a meeting of the National Aboriginal Alliance in Alice Springs in 2007



I WRITE in regard to recent reports in a number of mainstream media outlets that flowed from statements made by former Chairperson of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), Lowitja O'Donoghue.

Professor O'Donoghue is reported to have stated that male Aboriginal leaders in the now defunct ATSIC were more concerned with gambling, drinking and womanising than getting on with the business for which they were elected.

Her comments should be viewed in a historical context given that her leadership of ATSIC ended in the mid-1990s.

They should not be taken, ten years on, as a reflection of present-day Aboriginal leaders.

Sadly, however, I think her reported comments could be taken out of context and seen to mirror the situation now.

I am one of nine councillors elected to form the Governing Council of the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) and am a non-drinker and non-gambler. I'm happily married with three terrific kids.

I am honoured and privileged to have been elected to represent my people in the Sydney-Newcastle region on the peak representative Aboriginal body in NSW and believe I am typical of the many new young leaders coming through the land rights movement in NSW and elsewhere.

The emergence of this new current leadership is totally different to that of the 1990s.

It is a shame that our past leaders tend to focus on the old style of leadership and are quick to lay blame for organisations they were part of.

The new leaders would rather focus on solutions rather than the problems.

We are highly committed to what we do and why we do it.

I think Prof O'Donoghue's comments recall a particular period that has now, thankfully, long gone and would not be condoned if it were the case today.

ROY AH SEE  
NSWALC Councillor  
Newcastle/Sydney Region

## Poetry

### Beautiful Australia

The red gums by the waterhole  
where the red roo loves to rest  
This is the Land of Plenty that  
we all love the best  
You see the dingo playing with  
its pups upon the ground  
But they'll soon run for cover  
If they see a stranger round

The possum in the gumtree the  
koala up there too  
The sky is always colourful but  
you'll mostly find it blue  
For in this lovely country the  
birds are wild and free  
It's a sight worth beholding for  
everyone to see  
Old mining towns aplenty as  
they search for hidden gold  
Many beautiful churches in this  
land of old

The ranges of many colours and  
snow upon the peak  
These are many sights you see  
brilliant as I speak  
The sun-drenched beaches and  
the coral reef  
With its magic ray of sunshine  
goes supremacy unique  
The vastness of the outback as  
cattle wind along  
Driven by our stockmen great  
horsemen of renown

The season so supreme of  
deluge and drought  
the tropical north the granite hills  
for we know of its worth  
Cave drawing so unique tell of  
the Dreamtime  
Albert Namatjira a great artist in  
his prime  
You'll never find a better land  
that's free to one and all  
The trees by the river that stand  
so proud and tall

This land is Australia the  
greatest in the world  
I'll never leave this country with  
its beauty all around

MARGARET ARMSTRONG  
Ipswich, Qld

### My Country

I love the open country  
This famous land of ours  
Where the animals and the flora  
Do us very proud

People come from everywhere  
To this our land to see  
How great it is to live  
In this land so wild and free

If I were to travel overseas  
I would not be there long  
For I'd miss this great Australia  
And our national song

Give me these wide-open  
spaces  
Where I love to roam  
For I am a true Australian  
And this is my own dear home

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## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.



# Town housing beneficial

I RECENTLY attended a workshop in Adelaide to discuss a new national Indigenous representative body. I felt a lot of good points were put forward at the workshop.

Many folk I spoke to felt the number one priority before anything else was that we must have a treaty, then all other matters can be dealt with.

I totally agree that a treaty – like the word 'sorry' – would have a great impact on all Aboriginal people across the nation. Having said that, I just read a story in

*The Koori Mail* (11 March 2009) about the Dubbo housing problem.

It reminded me of my time at Moree in the early 1970s when I bought town housing for many good Aboriginal families. Some areas of Moree also objected, fearing the value of property would fall, due to having our Aboriginal families move into such streets.

My reply to such was the families chosen to move into town homes will eventually make sceptical or racist folk eat their words.

I recall that one such family sold their home to the incoming East Moree High School principal. When this teacher and family were transferred, he sold his home at a higher price than he had paid for it originally, which proved a point that you cannot judge folk by the colour of their skin.

The Moree Aboriginal people today have benefitted by moving into town housing.

I for one encourage the purchase of town housing for our folk. It will close the

gap that currently exists between Aboriginal and white folk in towns across our nation.

I support both AHO Regional Manager Tony Flick and NSWALC councillor Stephen Ryan in their stand on the issue of public housing in Dubbo.

I suggest that the Dubbo Local Council sit down with these men who are helping Aboriginal families towards a better lifestyle, and discuss the problem with and support them.

We are moving into a different era. There's no room for racism in the future.

LES RIDGEWAY  
Aboriginal Family Historian  
Bonny Hills, NSW



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## Stimulus package or debt package?

WITH the money in the bank, do we really benefit from the new stimulus package, or is it really another way to keep us on the perpetual debt cycle we unwillingly support?

To put it into perspective, every time money is given out, a government bond is ceremoniously created that then gets transferred into the Federal Reserve banks that are owned by commercial, usually offshore private bankers.

Then the money is lent back to us with interest. When we deposit that money into our banks under the fractional reserve banking laws, the banks have the ability to lend out nine times more money than what went in.

In real terms the \$42 billion stimulus package leads the way to trillions of dollars in debt.

Ever wondered why you pay \$4 for a loaf of bread? Debt erodes the dollar and leads to increased taxes.

I'd like to see Indigenous Australians present a reformed system of trading based on traditional age-old practices. At very least, a model, of a localised system of sustainability that includes real growth.

KEVIN GAIA  
Central Coast, NSW

## Poetry

### Born Free

A culture born to liberty  
And a nature as free as the birds.  
Never meant to be locked away  
Nor shackled by white man's words.

There come a generation  
Snatched from their Mothers' hands,  
You could hear their heartfelt anguish  
All across the lands.

After this came the promises  
Which didn't conquer a thing.  
It didn't give those happiness  
That what returning them home would bring.

200 years have now passed  
And we've only just started to mend,  
Let's set an example for our youth today  
So they move forward in a positive trend.

It's time for us in gathering  
To be equal in meaningful ways,  
Teach our children to never repeat the past  
And set a future with brighter days.

DEAN CRAIG MURPHY  
Kempsey, NSW



# Breaching the Constitution



Letter writer Terry Kiernan takes the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, seen here with 2009 Australian of the Year Mick Dodson, to task over the date of Australia Day.

Open Letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd

THANK you for your reply to my letter about Australia Day and your view that 'discussion in the community of our history, national identity and national symbols is a healthy conversation to have at this time'.

For the sake of a 'healthy conversation', when you said sorry to the Stolen Generations for past government actions, were you also acknowledging that mistakes can and do happen?

You also wrote that the Government does not intend to change the date on which Australia Day is celebrated and that there may never be total agreement on the date.

Section 99 of the Australian Constitution states that 'the Commonwealth shall not by any law or regulation of trade, commerce or revenue give preference to any State or any part thereof over another State or any part thereof'.

How is it then, when it comes to recognition of Aboriginal concerns, that you support discriminatory division on one hand and say sorry on the other while all the time continuing to act in breach of the Constitution that clearly forbids the Commonwealth from enacting laws and/or regulations that discriminate against sections of the Australian community?

I would be interested in your response.

TERRY KIERNAN  
Captains Flat, NSW

## Scriptwriter looking for backers

THROUGH *The Koori Mail*, I seek an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal film director or film producer with film credits to their name.

I'm an Aboriginal scriptwriter living in South Australia and have written a trilogy feature film or a TV mini series about the Kamiloroi people of NSW, where I come from.

The tale takes you back to just after first contact in the Kamiloroi tribal lands.

I have the backing of the South Australian Film Corporation who I've been involved with for some time now and it's at the stage now where I need a producer and/or director attached to the project. I'm after someone who has film credits and someone who could handle an action, Sci-Fi, Dreamtime, Aboriginal, martial arts, love story.

I had a script editor in Adelaide who believes in the project and have received an award of encouragement from the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute - Tandanya here in Adelaide.

The filming will be shot mostly in SA (because of funding).

If you are a producer or director and would like to be involved in this project, please contact me on 0421 109 174 to arrange a meeting.

I lived in Bundjalung country at Lismore for many years and saw this newspaper - *The Koori Mail* - in its infancy. Some people will remember me as a welfare officer and a former martial arts teacher and champion, now a sixth-degree black belt in Australian Gym-Gari Fighting Arts, and am the highest graded Aboriginal martial artist in Australia.

JIM MADRID  
Murray Bridge, SA

## Searching for daughter

I AM am searching for a lady aged in her mid-60s on behalf of her elderly parents. It is believed she is in the Port Augusta or Adelaide regions, and visited the Royal Adelaide Hospital some years ago.

As a baby she was removed from Little Flower Mission near Alice Springs by either the Catholic or Lutheran churches about 1947-50 and grew up in South Australia.

This woman knows herself to be related to the Lynch family from Santa Teresa. Her father is a Mr D Lynch, born approximately 1933. Her mother is Ms D Mbitjana/Tilmouth, born 1928. Both parents are alive and very keen to see their daughter.

It is believed that her name her first name may be Danielle, Pamela or Marilyn. Her surname or maiden name may be Lynch. She may have two sons, Rodney and Mark.

We have also heard that she may be connected with one of the Buzzacott families.

Anyone who knows of a lady who fits this description, please contact me by phone on (08) 8953 3899 or toll free on (1800) 469 109.

CHARLIE WARD  
Caseworker  
Central Australian Stolen  
Generations & Families Aboriginal  
Corporation  
Alice Springs, NT

## Violence against women must not be tolerated

I WAS reading *The Koori Mail* (3 December 2008) about the White Ribbons Against Violence Against Women.

White ribbons and talkfests aren't enough to stop the problem. Men need to be taught at a young age that being violent against a woman shouldn't be tolerated - that it is simply wrong.

How would many of these men, who probably have sisters, feel when they find out one of their own has been subjected to treatment that could have been avoided and simply not tolerated by the wider community?

Never have I ever raised a hand in

anger towards my ex-wife or kids, because I've never needed to. There are always options and choices.

Violence should be the last step to take when all other options and choices have failed.

But when that stage is reached, there is no hope. Both parents have to go their own way.

Of course, I'm no expert in the field. I'm just one guy giving my own perspective and opinion.

I do so in the hope that it may help others.

NAME SUPPLIED  
Sydney, NSW

## Poetry

### Blackrock Sunset

Silver ribbons of cloud  
Unfurled upon an azure haze  
Interrupted by gold shafts  
Streaking through  
And illuminating  
The shimmering sea.

A six-foot set approaches  
I pull into the barrel  
Relishing the furious silence.

As the energy of the earth  
Streams through me  
I am a dolphin once again.

JONATHAN HILL  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

### Where are the men?

Male Aboriginal role models are a gradually disappearing breed. Who can we turn to when we ask for support regarding our family needs?

Where are our strong, male figureheads that we used to look up to?  
They are now a noticeable, diminishing breed.  
These days we only have a few.

Males used to be known as the greater, stronger sex.  
It appears that most of them have fallen under some unknown hex.

We need strong Aboriginal males to show and lead the way.  
Just like our traditional ancestors used to do... pre-invasion days.

Too many young fellas are adopting the Americanised mode of talk and fashion.  
Why aren't they imposing their own unique Aboriginal culture and artistic passion?

Some family units are in total disintegrations.  
Meanwhile, correctional centres are filling.  
With male Aboriginal incarceration.

If we don't address the escalating family violence issues, sooner, rather than later, Females may have to step into frontline leadership roles.  
Which gender did we say was the greater?

Traditionally the male role was acknowledged with the utmost respect.  
Greed for material items and a breakdown in family values, Has resulted in increasing child and family neglect.

How can we change the continuing cycle that we are currently in?  
Try seeking other alternatives and finding positive resolutions.  
Don't be influenced by personal gain and greedy whims.

My hopeful wish for the New Year 2009,  
Is for our wayward souls to seriously reconnect,  
With our spiritual Aboriginal Dreamtime.

CORALIE CASSADY  
Kilwin, Qld



# Poetry

## Tribal Birth

You came to our land and took it  
Devastation to our people you  
knew it  
You thought that by putting us  
away  
We should be here to obey

Your every command and  
demand  
You had the right to disband  
You didn't once try to see  
That we are a special race put  
here

By our almighty one and Mother  
Earth  
Who gave each of us our tribal  
birth  
Aboriginal Australia has a myth of  
its own  
Our Land Our Culture Our  
Mother Home

Let us once more be in peace  
Do not let this discrimination  
increase  
Each one of us put on this earth  
All have Our Rights Our Land  
Our Tribal Birth

MARGARET ARMSTRONG  
Ipswich, Qld

## Make a move

Life is unfair, that's what I say  
They say it gets better  
But in what way?  
I've seen the sadness  
I've felt the pain  
In what way will this be OK?  
What can we do? How can we  
change?  
What choice do we make so it  
won't be the same?  
Not just for ourselves, but for  
generations to come.  
For a brighter future we are the  
ones,  
Who need to fight to stand strong  
and bold  
To stop all the sadness that we  
have once known  
The pain and the hate, will there  
be a cure?  
Within us so deep and so true  
Lies an idea from me just to you  
To help all the others feel better  
inside,  
Because of these bad feelings  
my brother has died,  
He hated what was and was  
scared what would be,  
I wish there were more who  
cared as much as me,  
Feeling the loss, the grief, and  
the pain,  
What did he think that this would  
all gain?  
I want to help with a feeling of  
hope,  
To raise the roof cause this ain't  
no joke,  
The gift of life is but a blessing  
and the trials we face are just  
testing,  
Our strength and our love is what  
makes us strong  
But a lot of people have got it  
wrong  
They believe they can't love what  
they don't understand  
Either race or religion together  
we must stand  
To make a move for something  
better  
Here and now we must stand  
together.

BILLIE BRIMS  
Student, Sunraysia TAFE  
Mildura, Vic

# Echoes of the past impact on today

## An open letter to White Australia

WE watch with awe and silence as your  
pain and suffering is spread across the  
pages of the news and the images on our  
screens.

We are stunned by the magnitude of your  
suffering and at the same time we draw  
back. Our own sorrows of 200 years of pain  
still echo in the background of our everyday  
lives and we do not think we can absorb your  
pain as well.

We are a tender-hearted people. We love  
deep and strong and our love has always  
endured so that we can go on. Over and  
over we have stood at our own gravesides.  
Our larger communities lose hundreds of  
people every year and yet we go on.

This grief of yours polarises us. We want  
to feel for you. Sometimes a crack appears  
and we do; but we are still dealing every day  
with our own deep unfathomable grief which  
you have never really shared.

You watched *Rabbit Proof Fence* and it  
touched you. But then you drew back and  
went about your daily lives and forgot us  
once again.

You joined us again at the national

Apology, with hope in your hearts, but when  
we did not get better, then get over it, you  
became angry with us and impatient and  
turned away again.

How long? How long? How long now  
before YOU forget this terrible thing? Mostly  
you won't.

We have watched as you travelled  
thousands of miles to give a proper burial to  
your war dead unearthed by roadworks. Our  
own war dead lie scattered in unmarked  
graves across this land.

We have heard as former Prime Ministers  
exhorted migrants to 'embrace the culture of  
the country you have adopted or return to  
your homelands'. And we don't know what to  
say. The irony of it all does not escape us.  
We are not deaf, dumb or blind. We simply  
become more polarised.

We endure each year a day on which you  
celebrate the holocaust of destruction, which  
visited our many peaceful tribes and nations.

And you wonder why we do not join you?  
How long? How long?

We are not a hard-hearted people. We  
know your lives will be rebuilt and your dead  
will be buried and you will never forget them  
just as we have never forgotten ours.

But this is our land, too, which lies  
scorched and parched and charred beneath  
the rubble. Land we have not been able to  
stand on for 200 years. Land we have not  
been able to sing or love or care for or tend  
for just a little less.

These are our animals, our kin who are  
wounded and dying in the coal-black forests,  
burned beyond belief in a way that would  
never have occurred if we had been able to  
tend our great garden which God gave us.

These paths of destruction which killed  
you were paths of destruction created by our  
absence, not our presence. Our parklands  
and gardens have become unkempt death  
traps marred by native weeds. And you have  
died outside the garden, which lives only in  
our memories and our dreaming.

Yet still we grieve for you; a little, as much  
as we can bear.

We would have shared with you, and  
cared for you.

But you shut us out and your grief  
overwhelms us like the silent song of our  
forgotten land.

SHARON LIVERMORE  
Kempsey, NSW

## Make us proud, Koori brothers

I'm from a town called  
Brewarrina and we all want to  
get a message to all of our  
young brothers out there.

As we read *The Koori Mail*,  
we can see our young brothers  
out there doing good and we all  
want to say 'keep the good work  
up, and keep at school'. Don't  
go out drinking with your mates  
and partying like I did.

If you take that path, you will  
end up like us in jail brothers.

And I'm only 23 years of age.  
If you want to make it to the  
top you've got to be the best in  
everything that you do brothers.  
There are no second chances  
because if you drop the ball, it  
will be game over.

Keep whatever support ye  
got and head for that try

brothers. Don't let anything stop  
you.

I hope this message gets to  
you all out there because it is  
game over for me. I'm locked up  
in jail out near Dubbo.

One last thing: Make us  
proud our Koori brothers.

AARON WAITES  
Wellington, NSW



## Rene Charlie loved traditional living

RENE Charlie was  
born on 7 September  
1912 in a small  
Indigenous community on  
the western side of Cape  
York named Pormpuraaw.

Rene had four  
children: Molly, Toby,  
Albert and then Gilbert (in  
order of age).

I met Rene in 2003 during my five  
years of working in the community.  
She was the oldest person living on  
Cape York then and remained so  
until she recently passed away.

Rene was a very traditional  
person and spoke few words. She  
would hunt and gather with other  
women, dig for yams, fish and would  
weave baskets. She would be the  
Elder of many women 'Number One  
Lady', look after those who have  
since gone many years before.

She was always patient with  
everyone to whom she came in  
contact with.

Some time later, Rene became  
unwell and because there were not  
proper facilities in the community,  
she was placed in residential care at  
Mt Kooyong Nursing Home near

TRIBUTE  
In memory of  
Rene Jack  
Charlie  
Passed away  
6 February 2009

Cairns. They looked after  
Rene extremely well. The  
family visited her just last  
October.

She said in language:  
"Is that really you  
Gilbert?"

"Yes mum" said her  
youngest child. She hung  
on to his arm and would

not let go.

The times I visited, she was  
always happy to see me and others,  
waving her hands like a bird and  
gesturing to signify 'home'.

Rene wanted more than anything,  
to be in country with her family.  
Finally, the family are happy  
(Gilbert especially) that she has a  
new life and is with the Lord.

I hope that you will be able to find  
space in your paper for the family  
and all.

YVONNE WALKER-SHIPLEY  
Manoora, Qld

Note: This letter and the  
accompanying photo of the late  
Rene Charlie are published with  
permission from Rene's family.



## Tribute

# Cecil Fisher – a man for all

### Cecil Allan Fisher

18 April 1933-19 February 2009

As soon as news of Cecil Fisher's death last month spread, tributes began to flow.

They came from all quarters – from countrymen and women from Cecil's central Queensland home community of Cherbourn and his Digger mates to the highest office in the land, that of the Governor-General, Quentin Bryce, who was also a personal friend.

Cecil was a proud Aboriginal man – a husband, father, soldier, stockman, friend, but the person closest to him, his wife Pam, remembers him most as a 'true community person'.

"Wherever Cecil went around the country, he knew someone or they knew him," Pam said last week.

"Cecil had many friends from all walks of life, from the person living down the road, to the mayor of the city in which we lived, and the Governor-General of Australia.

"He worked hard and was involved in so many things. He was a man who knew no boundaries."

### Cherbourn-born

Born at Cherbourn on 18 April 1933, Cecil was raised by his grandmother Granny Esme. He identified with the Waanyi people from Lawn Hills/Burketown, his grandmother's traditional country.

Following in his grandfather's footsteps, Cecil joined the Royal Australian Army in 1952 at the age of 18. While in the army, he was sent to Puckapunyal and placed in the 2nd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment.

In March 1953, aged 19, he was sent to the front line in Korea where he was known as Private Fisher 1/2599 Machine Gun Platoon.

Cecil completed his tour of duty and returned to Brisbane on his 21st birthday in 1954.

For his service to his country, Cecil received the United Nations Medal, the British Empire Korean Medal, the Australian Action Medal and the Peace Medal. Cecil returned to Korea in 2007, to be presented with the Korean Ambassador for Peace Medal.

Throughout his working life, Cecil pursued his desire to try to make things equal for the Aboriginal people in this country, sharing his life story and the reality of being an Aboriginal person in his lifetime.

Cecil worked tirelessly within Indigenous communities, believing passionately in social



CECIL FISHER

justice for all. He was on a number of boards including Brisbane Legal Service, Link-Up Board for Qld, and Kambu Medical Centre.

He was one of the first members' representatives of the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) from 1973 to 1977. He was elected as an Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) representative in 1990, 1996, 1999 and 2001.

Cecil received numerous other awards throughout his life, including the Order of Australia Medal for services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Cecil was a longstanding and popular member of the Returned Services League (RSL) and in particular the Ipswich Sub-branch. RSL Queensland Branch Vice-President Ray Townsend described him as 'very much involved in the welfare and wellbeing of his people'.

"He will be remembered for the tireless work he did in insuring a better way of life for them," Mr Townsend said last month.

For all of his impressive accolades, though, Cecil's favourite past-times were humble: Telling his life stories and writing poetry. He published four poetry books, one of which was funded by author Bryce Courtney who included a poem in his novel 'Brother Fish'.

Cecil was proud of his Aboriginal heritage. He kept the tradition of Aboriginal oral history alive, sharing his knowledge with everyone he came in contact with.

### Loved family

Most of all, he loved being with wife Pam, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Cecil was also no stranger to the pages of *The Koori Mail*, often featuring around Anzac Day. Those who remember him this Anzac Day may well invoke his poem *Black Digger March Tall*, which reads, in part:

*Yes we march for you this  
Anzac Day  
Loved ones of our yesterday  
Your memories still very dear  
As though you are still marching  
there.*

## Learn skills your way



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## Board Members

### Expressions of Interest

Australian Red Cross is seeking expressions of interest from persons interested in serving on the Queensland Board of the Australian Red Cross to fill 2 vacant positions.

We are seeking a person of **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage** with experience in areas of community development and engagement to help guide us in our work in indigenous communities.

We are also seeking a person with experience in the area of **emergency and disaster management** to help us further develop and guide our work in disasters.

The principal function of the Queensland Board is to guide the strategic direction of Red Cross in Queensland and ensure organisational accountability is maintained.

The appointment on the Board is for a period of 2 years with meetings held monthly in Brisbane. All Board members are volunteers and must be eligible for a Blue Card and undergo a criminal history check.

For further information please contact the Executive Director, Greg Goebel on [ggoebel@redcross.org.au](mailto:ggoebel@redcross.org.au) or on 07 33677201 during business hours.

Expressions of interest should be sent to Board Expression of Interest, Australian Red Cross, PO Box 1822 Milton or email [ggoebel@redcross.org.au](mailto:ggoebel@redcross.org.au) to be received no later than Friday 10 April 2009.



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## ALBERS RESIDENCY

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2009

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

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

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

### What are the selection criteria?

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

### How do you apply?

To apply for the Expression of Interest you will need to provide the following:

- A three A4 page proposal of what you intend to do. Applications will be selected that best demonstrate the following:
  - Title of the project
  - Artistic and cultural value of the new ideas of the project
  - Experience of the artist involved with skills appropriate to the project
  - Sound financial and project management with evidence of thorough planning, adequate resources and support
  - Contributions to the cultural diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture
- Please provide a concise outline of your proposal.
  - What do you plan to do
  - How you plan to do it
  - What are your aims and expected outcomes
- Please provide an artist's biography of no more than two A4 pages.
- A letter confirming the artist's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity
- CD Rom or DVD or Powerpoint presentation of 10 images

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



## Applications for Membership

Applications are called for membership of the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited from adult Aboriginal persons for the period 1 July 2009 to 30 June 2012. Applicants must be qualified for membership. Qualifications include residential and other requirements.

Applications and particulars of the qualifications required will be provided on request from the Aboriginal Legal Service. Please contact Vikki Lennon on 8842 8000 or email [vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au](mailto:vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au).

Applications for membership on the required form, together with supporting documents must be made on or before 5 pm, Monday 6th April 2009.

## HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

### Aboriginal Community Meeting 2nd April 2009

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority, invites all Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 4:30pm to 6:00pm at the Aboriginal Heritage Office 39 / 137 - 145 Sailors Bay Road, North Bridge NSW. Light supper will be provided.

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4587 0059.



## Ashfield Council

### Ashfield CDSE Grants 2009

For community and non-profit organisations providing a service in the Ashfield local government area

You can now apply for funding towards your local community service needs through the Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Scheme.

To be eligible, groups must be non-profit and incorporated. Your proposal must demonstrate how your project will benefit residents of the Ashfield community including low income earners, carers, young people and isolated groups.

Send Category 1 applications to the individual CDSE clubs. For Ashfield, these are:

Westside Ashfield Leagues PO Box 877 ASHFIELD NSW 1800	Ashfield RSL 374 Liverpool Road ASHFIELD NSW 2131
Club Ashfield PO Box 213 ASHFIELD NSW 1800	Westside Sports Club PO Box 1415 ASHFIELD NSW 1800

The 2009 Category 1 applications close:  
5pm, Friday 1 May 2009.

For more information or an application form, phone Ashfield Council on 9716 1843 or 9716 1841, visit Council's website [www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ashfield.nsw.gov.au) or visit the Clubs NSW website [www.clubsnsw.com.au](http://www.clubsnsw.com.au).

## Department of Planning and Community Development Grants for Community Sport and Recreation Groups

If your organisation delivers sport and recreation activities in regional Victoria, it could be eligible for support under the Country Action Grant Scheme and Vitalent.

Up to \$5000 per project is available from the Country Action Grant Scheme to:

- Improve your organisation or club;
- Enhance the skills of coaches, officials or administrators; or,
- Help to provide better access for all members of the community.

Eligible organisations may also apply for up to two \$500 Vitalent grants to assist with travel related to competition or training for officials, coaches, athletes and teams.

Applications for both programs are now open.

The closing date for applications for projects starting in the second half of 2009 has been extended until 24 April 2009.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their application with a DPCD regional representative before lodging a submission. To obtain copies of the guidelines and application forms or contact details for assistance with your application, please call our Grants Information Line on 1300 366 356 (for the cost of a local call) on any weekday between 8:30am and 10:00pm (except public holidays).

For further information and to lodge your application online, please visit:  
[www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au](http://www.grants.dpcd.vic.gov.au).

# Chooky Dancers in hot demand



The Chooky Dancers in Melbourne.

EVER since the Chooky Dancers came to national and worldwide attention through their unique interpretation of *Zorba the Greek*, posted on YouTube, they've been in hot demand all over the country.

Their recent sold-out performance at the 2009 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Gala will be

followed up with two shows at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum, tomorrow, 26 March.

The young Elcho Island men first performed their *Zorba the Greek* dance – created by Lionel Dulmanawuy from a combination of contemporary and traditional moves – for

their Yolngu clan.

Mr Dulmanawuy created the dance as a simple thank you to a Greek friend who had been the carer of his sister in Darwin.

Within weeks of being posted on YouTube last year, a video clip of the performance recorded more than half a million online 'hits' worldwide, growing now

to more than a million.

The 'Chookys', as they're widely known, performed all over Australia, including at the 2008 Dreaming Festival, Brisbane's Out of the Box Festival as well as on Channel Seven's program Australia's Got Talent.

They're now preparing for their first trip to Greece.

# Plan to target more remote area teachers



AILEEN Tipurui hopes one day to become a teacher in her native Tiwi Islands, dotted in the sea north of Darwin.

"It's not only for me, but it's for my children," she says. Her dream of progressing from a teacher's assistant to a fully qualified teacher may soon be realised following the launch on Friday of a new initiative at the remote community of Nguiu.

"This program will help and provide the type of education that Tiwi children deserve," said Ms Tipurui, who will be able to stay with her family and on her land while she completes a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning degree.

## Two-year course

If all goes well for the 26 people who will spend the next two years studying how to become teachers, the program could be rolled out nationwide.

And it has huge implications for the Federal and State governments, who struggle to find trained teachers willing to live in some of the most remote corners of Australia.

"It's a constant challenge," said Brenda Keenan, Deputy Director of Teaching at the Catholic Education Office.

On average, teachers posted to a remote community stay only about 15 months, she said.

"It's absolutely critical... positions are hard to fill all over the Northern Territory."

A joint venture between Catholic Education NT and Charles Darwin University's (CDU), the new program – entitled Growing Our Own – will be trialled at five Catholic schools in remote communities.

Head of the School of Education at CDU, Professor Alison Elliott, said lecturers would travel to the communities to teach the assistants for 40 weeks per year.

"This project is about preparing teachers in their own communities in a way that's culturally responsive," she said.

The Federal Government has committed \$1.82 million of intervention funds to the project, and the Federal Education Department's NT Manager Arthur Townsend says a lot is riding on

its success.

"We're looking at this with a lot of interest because what we're finding is that it can be difficult to attract teachers to places like the Northern Territory," he said, as children in blue uniforms milled around with camp dogs at an open-air church.

"If we have a store of qualified and able people in communities, then what better resource for us to invest in..."

"We would look to roll this out to similar areas, in particular the Kimberley area and the Cape area in Queensland. We want this to succeed because it has great implication for other parts of the country."

## Problem

School attendance and enrolment in remote communities has been a problem in the NT, where about 2000 Aboriginal children are not enrolled in school and another 2500 fail to attend regularly.

"What better way of attracting students and families and engaging them with school than having people in the community who are trusted and known," Mr Townsend said. –AAP



# Mongolians here to learn



AUSTRALIAN cattle station land use may help Mongolia deal with the massive degradation of its grassy plains.

Mongolia's steppes have been damaged by years of neglect as nomadic tribesmen and about 43 million grazing animals share the little arable land between the country's mountains and deserts.

A group of 15 senior Mongolian government department chiefs visited Central Australia last week to look at outback land management practices and gauge similarities with Mongolia's grasslands.

The group also visited the Aboriginal community at Ti Tree to see how cultural differences can be overcome and pastoral skills improved by Indigenous people taking ownership of their land.

"This is the place where you can find similar natural circumstances to Mongolia," says Sukhtulga Tserennadmid, manager of the Mongolian Society for Range Management.

"There is not anywhere else in the world that has the same dry, landlocked countryside where the precipitation is very much the same and the native peoples are managing the land."

A visit to Woodgreen cattle station, near Utopia, north-east of Alice Springs, to study the innovative land management activities of pastoralist Bob Purvis proved very fruitful.

"It was important for us to see Bob's



The Central Australian community of Ti Tree fired up the barbie for a visiting Mongolian delegation last week. Seen here are, from left, Mark Pepperill and Central Desert Shire President James Glenn with Mongolian delegate Sukhtulga.

— Photo courtesy of the Central Desert Shire Council

ranch," Mr Sukhtulga said.

"It was very poor in the early days but now it has changed, and this shows us some of the ways we can provide specific regulations for herders to improve the state-owned rangeland."

Mr Purvis took over the rundown station more than 25 years ago and turned its fortunes around, he said, by reducing stock numbers and undertaking

considerable land reclamation work that saw the condition of productive grazing country improve.

As a result, he substantially improved the quality of his herd.

Mr Purvis believed some of these same land principles might gain wide acceptance throughout Mongolia.

Mr Sukhtulga said that 70 per cent of the rangeland in Mongolia was degraded

so there was an urgent need to implement land management practices that would support the estimated 43 million grazing animals and the cultural needs of the nomadic herders who traditionally roamed across this region.

"Global warming, low precipitation, mining and lack of land management skills are causing more and more problems for the ranges in Mongolia," Mr Sukhtulga said.

Before the Ti Tree visit, Central Desert Shire Council President James Glenn said that while he expected to have a lot in common with his guests, it was the differences between their experiences that interested him most.

"I hear one-quarter of Mongolians are still traditional nomads who herd sheep, cattle, camels, even yak. Yet they have a very high literacy rate," Mr Glenn said.

"I want to find out how they have achieved this. And maybe they can also teach us a thing or two about turning camels into an industry."

The study tour was hosted by the World Bank and the Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation and was made up of senior representatives from several Mongolian government departments, including tourism, food and agriculture, livestock management and sustainable livelihood.

The group will spend its final two days in Townsville before returning to Mongolia this week. — WITH AAP



## QANTAS YOUNG AND EMERGING INDIGENOUS VISUAL ARTS AWARD

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CLOSING DATE 31 MARCH 2009

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board in partnership with Qantas offer this exciting new opportunity. We are calling for Expressions of Interest from young and emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artists to apply for the Qantas Young and Emerging Indigenous Visual Arts Award. This award acknowledges a young and emerging Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander visual artist who is making an outstanding contribution to Indigenous visual arts. The award highlights the role that young and emerging artists play in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in maintaining culture from elders. It also recognises their artistic skills and potential to develop further as an artist.

The Qantas Young and Emerging Indigenous Visual Arts Award is open to young and emerging Indigenous visual artists from the ages 18-26 years who are in the first five (5) years of their professional practice.

#### What are the selection criteria?

- The artist must be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- The artist must be a young and emerging 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.

#### How do you apply?

To apply you will need to provide the following:

- A two A4 page proposal of what you intend to do. Applications will be selected that best demonstrate the following:
  - Title of the project
  - Artistic and cultural value of the new ideas of the project
  - 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 artists 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)

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Chatswood NSW 2167



# Body hails ACT Govt meeting



THE head of the Australian Capital Territory Indigenous Elected Body (IEB) has hailed the body's first meeting with ACT Government ministers as an historic occasion.

IEB Chair Terry Williams said it was the first time a democratically elected Indigenous representative body had been given the opportunity to talk directly with all government ministers at the same time.

"This is what true and practical reconciliation is all about," he said.

The IEB, which has a three-year term, was elected by the Canberra Indigenous community in June 2008 and is governed by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Act.

Mr Williams said the Act was considered by the local Indigenous community to be a very significant move by the ACT Government 'especially after the Federal Government dissolved the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission'.

"The objectives of the Elected Body Act ensure greater interaction between government and the community and maximise opportunities for the IEB to have a major role in government decision-making and in the development and implementing of government policies affecting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community," he said.

During the meeting, members of the IEB gave a brief overview of their portfolio responsibilities and how the responsibilities were similar to those of the ministers within the ACT Government.

"The IEB is looking forward to continuing to work with the ACT Government ministers and their respective departments in developing programs, policies and services that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Mr Williams said.

"The successful structure we have in the ACT could well be the model for other constituencies throughout Australia."



TERRY WILLIAMS

## Rural property purchased for healing farm



THE ACT Government has purchased rural land for a 'bush healing farm' as a means of tackling drug and alcohol abuse within the ACT Indigenous community.

ACT Health Minister Katy Gallagher said last week the service would target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents from the ACT and surrounding region aged 18 years and over and would accommodate 16 people who required rehabilitation, including accommodation for family members.

She said the United Ngunnawal Elders Council requested the service.

She said the Mowera farming property in the Tharwa district of the ACT, met all the criteria set by the ACT Government and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander reference group.

Use of the property for the rehabilitation centre would require a

development approval process, which would include extensive opportunity for community consultation, she said.

"The concept involves a rehabilitation service founded on re-connecting Aboriginal people to their land and culture as part of the therapeutic process," Ms Gallagher said.

"We will provide a holistic service that will include programs aimed at implementing culturally appropriate prevention, education, rehabilitation and outreach programs."

She said the ACT Government committed funding of \$10.8 million for the service in November 2007, with the Australian Government contributing an additional \$1 million in June 2008.

The design and construction of the rehabilitation facility will be culturally and environmentally sensitive, and the ACT Government will encourage the involvement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees and labour.

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## Yulkuum-Jerrang: 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference

Growing Our Future 27-29 May 2009 The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

The Yulkuum-Jerrang Conference, held during Reconciliation Week 2009, aims to stimulate Indigenous economic development and recognise excellence.

The event includes a Trade Fair and Business Showcase, an Indigenous Youth Forum, Awards and a Gala Dinner. The two-day conference program includes keynote presentations, panel discussions, workshops and best practice case studies, with a host of local and international speakers and presenters, including:

**National Chief Phil Fontaine** - Assembly of First Nations, Canada

**Professor Marcia Langton AM** - Chair of Australian Indigenous Studies, The University of Melbourne

**Romeo Crow Chief** - President, Aboriginal Financial Officers Association Alberta, Canada

**Malcolm James** - Chief Executive Officer, Australian Employment Covenant

**Warren Mundine** - Chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce

**Mark Leibler AC** - Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia, Senior Partner Arnold Bloch Leibler

**Neil Willmetts** - Managing Director of Willmetts Consultants; author of 'How to Start a Successful Aboriginal Business in Australia'

### Dardi Victorian Indigenous Business Excellence Awards

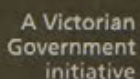
The Koori Business Network is pleased to sponsor the inaugural Dardi Awards which promote and recognise Indigenous business excellence in Victoria. There are four Award Categories:

- 1 Outstanding Victorian Indigenous Small Business Award
- 2 Victorian Indigenous Community Enterprise Award
- 3 Young Victorian Indigenous Entrepreneur Award
- 4 Outstanding Victorian Indigenous Business Leadership Award

There are substantial prizes for the winners and the Awards will be presented at the Yulkuum-Jerrang Conference Gala Dinner on Thursday 28 May 2009. Nominations close 1 May 2009.

For more information, registrations and nominations visit [www.kbnconference.vic.gov.au](http://www.kbnconference.vic.gov.au) or contact the Conference Organisers on (03) 9870 2611 or [events@conferenceworks.net.au](mailto:events@conferenceworks.net.au). For callers outside the Melbourne area (free-call) 1300 799 526.

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# Ballarat hostel celebrates 25 years



THE Ronald Cameron Hostel in Ballarat, Victoria, will celebrate 25 years of operation with a community luncheon on 9 April.

The gathering will be held on the lawns of the hostel in Sturt Street at noon, with former residents, staff members, community members and

invited dignitaries being entertained by Peter Rotumah and other guest performers.

The Ronald Cameron Hostel opened on 9 April 1984 at 202 Dawson Street, Ballarat, with Bev and Bill Lovett as managers.

Bev Lovett continues to manage the hostel, which is now at 1416 Sturt Street.

The hostel was named in honour of Ronald Cameron, an Aboriginal man who worked with Kalparrin House, an alcohol rehab service in Sebastopol. Ronald passed away in 1983.

● For further information, or to confirm attendance, contact Bev Lovett 03 5331 1415 or email RCHostel@yahoo.com.au

# Spotlight on resistance

By DARREN COYNE



AN exhibition exploring stories of resistance on the colonial frontier has

gone on display at the National Museum of Australia.

The *Resistance* display tells four stories of the way some Aboriginal people dealt with the invasion of their country by another people and culture.

Curator Jay Arthur told *The Koori Mail* that the stories were part of history that every Australian should know.

"All Australians should know these stories, be moved by them, and be proud of them," she said.

"These are stories still told in Aboriginal communities but not generally known in mainstream Australia."

The stories featured in *Resistance* are of Yagan, Bullfrog, Fanny Bulbuk and Bilin Bilin.

Yagan was a young warrior from Perth who was declared an outlaw, and then murdered. He was a man whose moral code was



● LEFT: Hague Best, Axel Best, Patricia O'Connor and Rory O'Connor, of the Yugambah community in south-east Queensland, at the opening of *Resistance*, a new display at the National Museum of Australia featuring a story about their heroic ancestor Bilin Bilin.

challenged by the invading colonialists, and when he resisted, his head was chopped off and sent to London. It was only returned ten years ago after lobbying by Elder Ken Colbung, and is about to be reburied soon.

Bullfrog was an older man from central Australia who killed a white man who broke a promise and refused to return his wife.

The killing resulted in a police-led massacre of around 60 people in the Coniston area of

Central Australia.

In Perth, Fanny Bulbuk refused to let the occupiers forget they were on her country. When a white person built a house across a track she regularly used, she used her digging stick to knock down the paling fence.

Her message to the invaders was simple. You might build a house on top of my country, but it will always be my country.

Bilin Bilin was a warrior from the country south of Brisbane. After realising that

his spears were no match for the repeating rifles used by the white invaders, he made the difficult decision to lay down his weapons to save his people.

As a result of that decision, his descendants are still around, and were at the opening of the exhibition on March 10.

Ms Arthur said the exhibition would be on permanent display at the museum, however other stories would be featured in the future.

# Tips on illegal dumping



A NEW handbook aimed at tackling illegal dumping on Aboriginal land in New South Wales and addressing

the serious health, cultural and environmental implications of the practice has been launched in Sydney.

*Illegal Dumping Prevention and Clean-up: Handbook for Aboriginal Communities* was developed by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) to help NSW Aboriginal communities develop partnerships and access funding for prevention and clean-up projects.

A total of \$200,000 in grants is available through the Aboriginal Land Clean-up Program (ALCUP) in 2009 and Local Aboriginal Land Councils are being encouraged to apply.

"Illegal dumping concerns us all and

can have serious consequences for the environment, communities, public health and the economy," said DECC Director-General Lisa Corbyn.

"Dumped rubbish can poison the soil and kill vegetation, pollute our waterways and degrade important habitats for plants and animals.

## 'Real health risks'

"Not only does it reduce local amenity, but some dumped materials can present real health risks, particularly when it includes hazardous chemicals, or worse, asbestos.

"In Aboriginal communities, illegally dumped waste can harm culturally significant or sacred sites such as scarred trees, middens, burial sites, ceremonial grounds and natural springs."

Ms Corbyn said illegal dumping was

an ongoing and highly visible problem in NSW, occurring in city and country areas and on public and private land. Aboriginal land is particularly susceptible because it is often located in remote areas.

She said the handbook contained information on where and why people dump waste and a step-by-step guide on preventing further dumping and cleaning up of waste.

"There are also two case studies of successful clean-up projects, which illustrate how effective the partnerships between Local Aboriginal Land Councils and local government have been in the fight to clean-up sites and deter illegal dumpers," she said.

● Free copies of the handbook are available by calling DECC's Environment Line on 131 555.

New South Wales Government

## Riverstone West Draft Precinct Plan

The exhibition of the draft Precinct Planning documents for Riverstone West in the North West Growth Centre is underway and closes on Wednesday 15 April 2009.

The exhibition sets out proposed planning controls for the Riverstone West Precinct. The public are encouraged to view the information and are invited to provide their input to help shape the future of the area.

The exhibition can be viewed at Riverstone Library, upstairs at Markettown, Riverstone Parade, Riverstone; the Max Webber Library, Cnr Alpha Street and Flushcombe Road, Blacktown; and Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown. The material is also on display at the Department of Planning offices at Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta, and 23 - 33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

The exhibition information can also be obtained by visiting [www.gsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gsc.nsw.gov.au) or by calling 1300 730 550. If you require a translator, please ask for an interpreter when calling 1300 730 550.

Submissions on the Riverstone West exhibition material must be received no later than 5pm Wednesday 15 April 2009. Submissions can be sent to:

PO Box 1457, Parramatta NSW 2124  
[community@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community@planning.nsw.gov.au) or  
Fax: (02) 9895 7670



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Department of Water, Land and  
Biodiversity Conservation

## DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES IN YOUR REGION?

### Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board

The Northern and Yorke Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

A suitably skilled person is being sought to serve on the board. The person being sought to fill the vacancy will have knowledge, skills and experience in the following areas:

### Aboriginal interest in the land and water Aboriginal heritage

The board has up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and is responsible for preparing and implementing a regional natural resources management plan for the region.

Board members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide an average of three to four days per month for their service on the board. The successful applicant will be appointed for a term ending in April 2011.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process.

**Applications close at 5:00pm on Thursday 9 April 2009.**

**Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed applications should be addressed to:**

Mrs Kelly Ridley  
NRM Support Division  
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation  
GPO Box 2834  
ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Phone: (08) 8465 6930  
Email: [ndley.kelly@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:ndley.kelly@saugov.sa.gov.au)



## Drugs seized in Top End



POLICE in the Northern Territory outback have seized kava and cannabis worth more than \$160,000.

A vehicle travelling on the Central Arnhem

Highway towards Arnhem Land was pulled over and searched last Wednesday night. Inside the car, police officers say they found 137.4kg of kava in 6560 separate deal bags and 225g of cannabis in 588 bags.

Police said the drugs had an estimated street value in remote communities of about \$165,000.

The haul led to a search of a home

in the Darwin suburb of Coconut Grove, where officers allegedly uncovered another 3.4kg of kava and 7g of cannabis.

Four men, aged 49, 46, 43 and 41, were in custody and police expected to charge them with possessing and supplying a commercial quantity of kava, possessing cannabis of a trafficable quantity and unlawfully supplying cannabis to another.

Kava, which can cause weight loss, malnutrition, liver damage and hypertension, was banned from Aboriginal communities as part of the government intervention to combat child sexual abuse. —AAP

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#### NSW MINISTER FOR WATER AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



#### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

#### APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME SYDNEY CATCHMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEMBER

The Minister for Water and Regional Development, the Honourable Philip Costa M.P. is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified people for appointment to the Board of the Sydney Catchment Authority (SCA).

The person to be appointed to the Board by the Minister will have expertise in local government and must be a current elected councillor of a local government area within Sydney's drinking water supply catchment area. Therefore, nominations will only be accepted from sitting councillors in the following local government areas:

Blue Mountains	Goulburn Mulwaree	Palerang	Wingecarribee
Campbelltown	Kiama	Shoalhaven	Wollondilly
Cooma-Monaro	Lithgow	Sutherland	Wollongong
Eurobodalla	Oberon	Upper Lachlan	

Persons appointed to the Board by the Minister must each, or together, have expertise in the areas of protection of the environment, public health, financial management and such other expertise the Minister considers necessary to assist the SCA to meet its objectives.

The Board's functions are set out in section 8 of the Sydney Water Catchment Management Act 1998. These functions include determining the policies, the SCA's long term strategic plans and ensuring that it meets the public health and environmental requirements.

The New South Wales Government encourages people from non-English speaking backgrounds, men and women of all ages, Aboriginal people and people with disabilities, to serve on public sector boards.

An information package may be obtained by telephoning the SCA on 4724 2423.

Written expressions of interest should provide details of qualifications, skills and experience that would enable the person to effectively contribute to the Board.

Please send the expression of interest to the Minister for Water and Regional Development, Level 34 Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney 2000, by 17 April 2009.



New AES Chief Executive Officer Natalie Walker.

# New AES leader is on the job

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



INDIGENOUS employment agency Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES)

has a new Chief Executive Officer. Far north Queensland Aboriginal woman Natalie Walker has been a director of AES for three years and hopes in her new role as CEO to continue to find work for Indigenous people through training and other employment support.

Ms Walker has held a number of positions in the Indigenous sector including a three-year term with KPMG advising on Indigenous employment strategies.

She also occupied an advisory role to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner at the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and has led youth justice initiatives for the Queensland Government.

Ms Walker identifies strong family support and an English high school teacher who

became a mentor as the cornerstones of her success.

She told *The Koori Mail* that, although she didn't always know what she wanted to do after she left school and in fact had no real life plan, she had an innate sense of belief that she could do whatever she wanted to.

And so she did, in 2002 being elected to be a delegate to the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations. Going on to earn a graduate degree in psychology, she is now in the middle of a law degree.

#### Support

But Ms Walker knows that not every young person is lucky enough to have the support of their family, or even access to the information and technology required to prepare them for employment.

Multiple barriers already hold back many young Indigenous people, especially those from remote areas, from basic jobs.

According to Ms Walker, this is where the AES, as a group training organisation, can offer supported school-based

traineeships to Indigenous students from Year 11 through to their senior year.

This incorporates a Certificate II in Business Studies and work placement of one day a week during Year 12. Host employers include the ANZ and Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), Qantas, Target, Centrelink, Woodside and many local councils.

Last year, 36 students from Cooktown in far north Qld across to Tennant Creek in the Northern Territory and Bunbury in Western Australia graduated from the program, which has a 75 per cent retention rate.

Ms Walker says that apart from the dedication and hard work of the students, much of the program's success was due to field officers who mentored and supported not only the students but the host employers as well, some of whom had never worked with an Indigenous young person.

Ms Walker said the AES attempted to broker two-way learning, and through the process encourage more positive attitudes about Indigenous young people.



Australian Government  
Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts

### AUSTRALIA'S BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION STRATEGY 2010-2020

#### Consultation draft

Are you interested in helping to shape the future of Australia's biodiversity management?

The Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts on behalf of all Australian governments, is seeking your comment on the draft *Australia's Biodiversity Conservation Strategy 2010-2020*.

The draft Strategy is an important national policy document that outlines how the Commonwealth and the state and territory governments will work together with the community, business and scientists to protect Australia's plants, animals and ecosystems over the next ten years.

For details of public information sessions during March and April 2009, to download the draft Strategy and to make a submission go to:  
[www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/index.html](http://www.environment.gov.au/biodiversity/index.html)

If you would like a printed copy of the draft Strategy call 1800 803 772.

Written submissions close on Friday 29 May 2009.



# RA posts challenge



RECONCILIATION Australia (RA) has released a new

national advertising campaign it hopes will get the country thinking about what it means to be an Indigenous Australian by challenging preconceived ideas and prejudices.

The ads will appear across a range of media including billboards overlooking high traffic sites such as the M4 Motorway in Homebush, western Sydney.

A series of close-up shots of two faces – one appearing to be Indigenous and one appearing to be non-Indigenous – will be juxtaposed with headlines that challenge viewers to judge the faces based on appearances.

RA hopes most people will not be able to answer the questions but rather serve as important conversation starters and challenge people's core beliefs about race.

"Which one of these men is in a gang?" is one of seven themes that attempt to confront stereotypes around substance abuse, unemployment, child care, professional achievement, crime and who is Aboriginal.

RA Co-Chair Professor Mick Dodson hopes the new campaign will get people

WHICH OF THESE TWO MEN IS ABORIGINAL?



Mark McMillan is a 40-year-old Wiradjuri man who is a Senior Researcher at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning Research Unit at the University of Technology, Sydney. He appears with Craig Greene, 38, a Gurindji-Warlpiri man who is the Community Development Officer with Leichhardt Council.

talking about the big issues, however uncomfortable.

"These ads confront negative, misinformed views about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by challenging the audience's view and why they hold it," Prof Dodson said.

"The campaign could make some people uncomfortable but the first step to changing attitudes is recognising these perceptions exist, and then busting the myths they represent."

"It will certainly get people talking and thinking and hopefully learning something about the diversity of Indigenous culture and achievement."

The campaign was developed as a community service announcement and was informed by research gained from the Australian Reconciliation Barometer,

which explores attitudes between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

If the research is anything to go by, despite the Rudd Government's Apology to the Stolen Generations last year it appears reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians still has a way to go.

According to the research, Indigenous achievements gain little recognition outside high-profile sporting and arts fields and there remains little trust between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians who believe their positive qualities such as being welcoming and hard working are superior to those of Indigenous people.

To view the campaign, go to [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au)

WHICH ONE OF THESE MEN IS IN A GANG?



24-year-old Al Cumming is a Sydney DJ who appears alongside Brothablack, a hip hop artist who often works in remote Aboriginal communities teaching and mentoring young people.

Advertisement

## Stimulus package Tax bonus payments

**Don't miss out.  
One-off, tax-free payments begin in April 2009.**

You must lodge your 2007–08 tax return by 30 June 2009

- You will not be eligible if you do not lodge by this date, unless we have granted you a deferral.
- You can lodge online using e-tax, by mail using TaxPack or through a tax agent.
- If you have been affected by a natural disaster you can lodge until 30 June 2010 and still receive the payment.

How much is the payment?

- \$900 if your taxable income is up to \$80,000
- \$600 if your taxable income is between \$80,001 and \$90,000
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How will we pay you?

- We will transfer the payment into the bank account or mail a cheque to the address nominated in your tax return.

When will we pay you?

- We will make payments progressively from early April and continue until all eligible people have been paid.

Are you eligible?

Your eligibility and the amount you are paid will be based on your individual 2007–08 income tax return, regardless of your age or household income. You are probably eligible if:

- you were an Australian resident and paid tax in 2007–08
- your taxable income was \$100,000 or less.

### WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

#### Have you lodged your 2007–08 income tax return?

- ☐ YES. Do nothing. We will send your payment to you if you are eligible.
- ☐ NO. You need to lodge by 30 June 2009 unless we have granted you a deferral.

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the tax bonus, eligibility or lodging your tax return:

- visit [www.australia.gov.au/taxbonuspayment](http://www.australia.gov.au/taxbonuspayment)
- phone 1300 686 636 between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday, with your notice of assessment or tax file number ready.

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Agreement Implementation Group members, back row, from left, Barry Hunter, Simon Cupper, Patrick Malone; front, Tony Lennox, Jeremy van de Bund and Liz Johnson.

# Kestrel funds earmarked



**TRADITIONAL** owners of land where Rio Tinto's Kestrel mine is situated say they will use a new fund supported by the mining company to further educational and employment opportunities.

The Kestrel Aboriginal Community Development Fund was launched last month and Western Kanguu man and native title applicant Patrick Malone said the recognition it brought for the traditional owners had been a while coming.

"We've been working on this thing for three or four years, trying to get it through," Mr Malone told *The Koori Mail*.

"The biggest thing is getting the recognition that we're the traditional owners. That never used to happen."

Mr Malone said the fund would provide \$500,000 a year over at least 20 years (the life of the mine) for projects that benefitted not only the Kanguu traditional owners, who were spread out across Queensland, but also the nearby Aboriginal community of Emerald, 270km inland from Rockhampton.

He said the Rio Tinto-operated Kestrel mine, located in Queensland's Bowen Basin, 50km north east of Emerald and 300km west of Rockhampton, was the fifth on Kanguu country.

"We just feel that there's not much we can do about the mine happening," he said. "We're not happy about it, but what we're trying to do is get the best outcomes we can."

He said the traditional owners were looking at creating an education fund, "to make sure our kids have good outcomes out of this".

**\$500,000 a year for 20 years**

"We might send some to boarding school, some to university, those sort of outcomes," he said.

"We're also looking at some job-creation schemes and we might be able to enter into some partnerships. Obviously, there's a lot of work with the mines, and our people tend to get left behind. This might give us a chance to get our foot in the door."

Mr Malone said traditional owners were out on country retrieving artefacts and identifying scarred trees before mining took place.

## Artefacts

"With artefacts like stone axes, we put them away, and mark the spot where they were found with GPS co-ordinates," he said. "That way when the land is rehabilitated, we can put them put back."

"We've negotiated a compound with BMA (one of five mining companies operating on Kanguu country). We've got 180 hectares and we'll set up an area and relocate the scarred trees. At least we're up there on country and doing things."

Kestrel Mine General Manager of Operations Tony Lennox said the fund was designed to include education and training initiatives, activities to protect and preserve the local environment and its cultural heritage and programs to improve employment opportunities.

"I am excited to see what creative ideas local organisations and groups can come up with," he said.



Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited

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# Special administrator called in



THE Aboriginal Corporation which controls the operations of the only retail outlet servicing the remote West

Australian community of Burringurrah has been placed under special administration.

The Burringurrah Community Aboriginal Corporation owns Burringurrah Holdings Pty Ltd, which operates the Jilgoor Store, the only retail outlet for food and other essential supplies in the Gascoyne community, 450 km inland from Carnarvon.

It also provides municipal services for the community under several funding agreements.

Burringurrah has about 200-300 residents.

Indigenous Corporations Registrar Anthony Beven said a significant number of breaches of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 and the rules of the corporation were identified during an examination of the corporation's books in November 2008.

"We are also concerned about the financial position of the corporation," he said. "The

examiners raised several issues in their report about the operations and management of the corporation.

"Our priority is to ensure the delivery of vital community services will continue."

Michael Carmody of the Adelaide-based firm intentMC Pty Ltd has been appointed as the special administrator and will focus on improving corporate governance arrangements. Mr Beven said he would work closely with members, employees and other stakeholders to improve efficiency and service delivery standards.



# Cathy polls strongly as icon of Qld



PUBLIC voting for Queensland's top 150 icons is well under way for the State's 150th anniversary celebrations. Olympic Gold medallist Cathy

Freeman remains in the top three of the State's favourite sporting icons as well as being the only woman, joining footy legend Wally Lewis and tennis wiz Pat Rafter.

In the category of defining moments in the State's history, the

Mabo High Court of Australia decision remains once again at the forefront of significant events for two weeks running. It joins Brisbane's World Expo 88 and the 1974 Queensland floods to make up the top three defining moments that Queenslanders are voting for.

Yungaba Immigration Centre dropped back to number two last week in events that helped to shape the State, and joined Steve Irwin and Qld Surf Lifesavers to make up the top three.

Well-loved Australian rock band Powderfinger and the Bee Gees made it into iconic list of influential artists, as did far north Queensland's Kuranda Scenic Railway as an ever-popular tourist attraction, coming in at number two under the Structures and Engineering Feats section.

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

# South Aust call for Indigenous policy-makers Focus on the young

SA

SOUTH Australia's Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill is urging Indigenous people who want to contribute to government decision-making to nominate for the South Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council.

And he would particularly like to encourage young people to apply in order to have 'the broadest possible range of

views at the table'.

Nominations must be received by Friday 10 April.

"The council's role is to provide a strong voice for Aboriginal people with government," Mr Weatherill said.

"It ensures that Aboriginal people in metropolitan and regional areas are involved in shaping the way services are planned, delivered, monitored and evaluated."

Nominations are being sought for seven positions of up to two years' service on the council.

"We are looking for Aboriginal people who have a strong understanding of Aboriginal culture, who have standing within the Aboriginal community and who have experience in policy and service delivery," Mr Weatherill said.

The SA Aboriginal Advisory Council provides the Government with advice on

programs and policies affecting Aboriginal people, emerging issues, and consultation with Aboriginal communities.

The SAAAC includes 10 members appointed by the Minister for a term of up to two years.

● Anyone interested in nominating should contact the Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet on (08) 8226 8900 between 9am-5pm week days.

# Like father, like son

NSW

A SERIES of programs for Aboriginal males aimed at improving relationships

within families and communities has kicked off with 35 Indigenous fathers and sons from south-western Sydney enjoying a three-day cultural fishing camp.

The camp at Wreck Bay, in Booderee National Park, Jervis Bay, last month flowed from a joint initiative between KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc and DoCS Metro South-West and was a drug and alcohol-free weekend.

The programs will also promote healthy living practices and information sharing.

KARI CEO Paul Ralph said all participants enjoyed the local landscape and culture, while building a relationship between the generations.

He said the fathers and sons enjoyed the experience of spending quality time together.

"It's important for sons to understand the roles of their fathers and vice-versa," he said.

Police Aboriginal Community Liaison officer (ACLO) from Campbelltown Harold (Buck) Davis gave a talk to the boys at the camp, providing information pamphlets and discussing his role within the police and answering any questions.

"That was one of the best camps I've ever been involved with and there

should be more," he said.

"The kids really enjoyed the local Indigenous dancers and the cultural content. Everyone got up and danced."

Camp co-ordinator Peter Cooley said one of many highlights from the camp was seeing the rocks around the shoreline packed with fathers and sons yarning and fishing together.

He said the weekend was also packed with cultural events like the bush tucker tour with Aunty Julie Freeman in Booderee National Park, which was a big hit with the group and a great learning exercise as everybody got a chance to examine and touch the materials and have a yarn with her.

"We also had an evening with local dancers from Wreck Bay, the Doonooche Dancers, who have travelled to 25 countries to dance," Mr Cooley said.

"They put on a fantastic show for us. It wasn't long before they had the whole group up dancing, particularly the sons."

All participants received a fishing rod and tackle box, t-shirts and caps as well as a goodies bag with contributions from KARI and other supporters.

KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc provides Indigenous Out of Home Care (OOHC) and community development programs.



Jamie Thomas and his son Kyle gave the camp – and the fishing – the thumbs up.



Aunty Julie Freeman ran the bush tucker tour, which kept the young ones enthralled.



# Adelaide hosts world



Kurna aunts Joan Lamont, Josie Agius and May Turner on stage.



A performance by the Kurruru Dance Ensemble.



Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was a headline act at this year's festival.



Anangu artists working on the Ngintaka painting.



An Anangu painting workshop.



Sammy Yunupingu and Karl Winda Telfer.



From left, Rosie Nunu, Penny Karatzovalis, Billy Nunu, Hezilyn Long, Gladys Asitewa and, kids, Selwyn and Alsie Nunu (of Adelaide, via the Solomon Islands). All photos by JACK GRIEVE and NATHAN PARKER



Yamatji didgeridoo master Mark Atkins.



From left, Bona Simeki, Doris De La Cruz, Diat Alferink and Sam Nona.



Kurna man Karl Winda Telfer led the Paitya dance group.



# music, cultural feast

## Festival proves huge hit

By DORIS DE LA CRUZ and PETER DAWSON



A WARM welcome to Kaurna traditional country by three women Elders set the scene for three days of world music and cultural festivities at the recent WOMAdelaide 2009 event.

Wrapped in possum-skin cloaks, Joan Lamont, Josie Agius and May Turner spoke in Kaurna and English to welcome locals and visitors to the Adelaide Plains over the Adelaide Cup weekend.

The trio were followed by the Paitya dance group, ochre-painted and carrying shields. Led by Kaurna man Karl Winda Telfer, the group performed to traditional songs.

Then the mood changed to a contemporary vibe as the graceful girls of the Port Adelaide-based Kurruru Youth Performing Arts Company simulated the soaring of a flock of birds.

One young dancer, Jessica Gray said her nerves soon disappeared with the excitement of performing for such a huge crowd.

First up on the main stage, the Bedouin Jerry Can Band sat before a 'desert shelter' and sang and played flutes and hand drums, plus an ammunition case and jerry can (salvaged from the 1967 Six-Day War in the Middle East). Although not an Australasian act, the band's desert-wandering lifestyle, which came through strongly in its music, echoed much of the cultural life of central Australian communities.

The turbaned musicians created such a good groove that it was impossible for those in the crowd to sit still. The rhythms and melodies were totally invigorating.

Internationally renowned Yamatji didgeridoo master Mark Atkins has played with Phillip Glass, Sinead O'Connor, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Jimmy Page and the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. In more recent times, Atkins has been touring with The Black Arm Band, which also performed at last year's WOMAD.

This year, Atkins wowed everyone with his virtuosity and stamina, cooking up an earthy beat. He was also invited to join the customary All-Star Jam on Stage Two on Sunday where performers from West Africa, England, Papua New Guinea, Europe and the Sahar poured their sounds into a multicultural mix.

Mikidache, from Mayotte in the Indian Ocean (and personally invited to perform at last year's Dreaming Festival by Director Rhoda Roberts), was a dynamic entertainer at the All-Star Jam and in his own sets.

The star of the festival was undoubtedly Elcho Island legend Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu. Having won ARIA and Deadly awards last year, and been the subject of the winning portrait in this year's Archibald Prize, his soaring voice mesmerised the crowd.

The Arnhem Land saltwater lad's spirituality went straight to the hearts of the audience. His humble delivery and sincerity had the audience spellbound, some with tears in their eyes.

One of the hottest acts was Dan Sultan and his band who were in full-tilt boogie mode at the Zoo stage, his fiery delivery backed by the ample force of a tight horn section. Sultan's musical collaborator, guitarist Scott Wilson, played some very tasteful licks.

The voice of Aotearoa (New Zealand) diva Mhirangi carried strongly through the cool evening from the Zoo stage. But some in the audience found the combination of techno layers and loops detracted from the traditional aspects of her songs. 'Too black and white' was one description given.

Egos Lemos, from East Timor, is the first international artist to record for Darwin Indigenous label SkinnyFish. His is another strong voice for reconciliation, considering the trauma his people underwent in the Indonesian colonisation period from 1975 to 1999. His songs are about land, love and life.

As an advocate for permaculture to revitalise the degraded environment and grow sustenance for all, Lemos' music reflects his positivity. He also joined Gurrumul on stage to sing an anthemic number with the rousing refrain of *Timor Lorosae*, where the two voices intertwined in perfect harmony.

The Papua New Guinea Tatana Village Choir, backed by Melbourne progressive jazz combo VADA, did not gel for some. Under the direction of virtuoso pianist Aaron Choulai the villagers joyously sang with great gusto and verve; their modal harmonies were enjoyable without the avant-garde backing.

The feast showed that WOMAdelaide has developed into one of the finest festivals on the planet, as well as a fabulous showcase for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians and our Australasian neighbours.

Doris de la Cruz is an Aboriginal musician from Innisfail with ties to Normanton in far north Queensland. Now based in Mullumbimby, NSW, she studied at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM) in Adelaide, and has performed at many music venues, festivals and cultural events locally and overseas. Together with singer-guitarist Bona Simeki, Doris formed acoustic act Sista Soul in 2005.

More photos see next page



Cheyenne Bailes, Derek Lynch and Adele McCallum were there.



Victoria's Dan Sultan and his band drew a good crowd.



Murray George explains the three stories depicted in the artwork (the Emu, Ngintaka and Seven Sisters stories).



From left, locals Pauline Parsons, Diat Alferink, Raquel Kerdel, Warren Milera and Tanya Rigney.



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Australian Government  
Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts

*Working on Country*

### Call for funding applications

**Closes: Friday 1 May 2009**

The Australian Government values the important role Indigenous people play in managing Australia's environment.

Working on Country provides funding for Indigenous people to do environmental work that will maintain, restore, protect and manage Australia's land, sea and heritage.

There are now opportunities for eligible organisations to receive funding for Indigenous land and sea rangers to deliver environmental work across multiple land tenures.

Applications are sought from organisations wanting to establish and manage Working on Country ranger positions.

You can apply if you are an Indigenous organisation or an organisation acting on behalf of an Indigenous group.

Contracted environmental work must be carried out by Indigenous people. Preference will be given to projects that transition Indigenous people from Indigenous CDEP positions.

Applicants that provide and obtain in-kind and financial contributions will be viewed favourably in the selection process. Co-investment from land/sea management agencies is strongly desired.

**To be considered for funding please contact the Department to discuss your proposal.**

If your proposal is considered eligible you may obtain an application form to submit to the Department by the closing date.

Funding is ongoing subject to environmental outcomes being achieved. We encourage multi-year projects to June 2013.

**Applications close on 1 May 2009.**

We encourage you to read the guidelines first by visiting [www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry](http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/workingoncountry)

Please contact us by telephone 1800 502437 or email [workingoncountry@environment.gov.au](mailto:workingoncountry@environment.gov.au)

# Focus on WOMAD



The Paitya Dancers on stage during this year's WOMAD Festival in Adelaide.



Volunteers at the The ANTaR SA stall in Adelaide.



The start of the WOMAD Samba Parade.



Anangu artists perform the Seven Sisters Inma (traditional singing and dance).



# Booklet to help dads



A POSTER booklet to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men to be better fathers has been released.

Called *You're A Dad*, the series of A4-sized posters provides pictures and stories every father can relate to. The seven story lines are simple: Be There; Connect; Be Proud; Talk; Feel Good; Protect; and Your Journey.

Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care Inc (SNAICC) and the University of Newcastle's Family Action Centre – Engaging Fathers project produced the booklet.

SNAICC Chairperson Steve Larkins launched the booklet, saying it was a great resource for fathers.

"Our kids need dads more than ever, to be a role model, to be a friend, to be a listener, to be a loan office, to be lots of other things, but most of all it's just to be there when they need us," Mr Larkins said.

"SNAICC is determined to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in their role as dads and to show the country that our men can stand alongside any others strong and proud of their role as dads."

Contributor Craig Hammond said he was proud to be a dad.

"I've found out that, as

fathers, we can make choices and we can make changes," he said.

"To me, this book is all about hearing and feeling the happiness and hurt and stories from other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander fathers.

"Just to know that our brothers are all feeling the same in a lot of ways. It's also about acknowledging us as



One of the posters in the *You're A Dad* series.

fathers and the important role that we do play in our children's lives.

"The final message is the

sent free to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled services across Australia.

He said *You're A Dad* was a great resource for home visiting maternity/paternity services, parenting programs, men's groups, for early childhood, youth and health services, for jail and offender

simple thing – just talk with your kids and talk with other blokes about your kids."

Mr Larkins said 15,000 copies of the booklet had been

programs and more. *You're A Dad* is available at cost for other organisations and can be ordered online at [www.snaicc.asn.au/publications](http://www.snaicc.asn.au/publications)

**'SNAICC is determined to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men in their role as dads...'**

– Steve Larkins



## Focus on human rights



BUDDING film-makers have a chance to win an \$800 cash prize if they come up with the best two-minute short film about human rights.

The NSW Charter Group has launched the Human Rights Short Digital Film Competition to mark the 60th Anniversary of the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights and to highlight the current national discussion on human rights.

The NSW Charter Group brings together community organisations, church and faith groups, charities, lawyers,

human rights groups and academics from NSW, in a campaign for better human rights protection.

NSW Charter Group spokesman Robin Banks, who is also CEO of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), said the competition was open to all film-makers who wanted to express what human rights meant to them in the context of modern Australia.

"It will be a real challenge for entrants to try and visualise in two minutes the sometimes very complex nature of basic human rights, like the right to free speech, the right to work, the right to protest, the right to

education, the right to health, the right to privacy," Ms Banks said.

"I think the results promise to be entertaining, evocative and educational. First prize is valued at \$800. There is no age limit, but we are particularly keen for young people to enter."

The selected films will be used to promote human rights during the current national community consultation on human rights protection.

For entry details contact Ka Ki Ng at PIAC on (02) 8898 6500 or [kaki@piac.asn.au](mailto:kaki@piac.asn.au)

To find out more about the NSW Charter Group visit <http://www.nswcharterofhumanrights.org>



Australian Government

Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts

The Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts in collaboration with the Department of Climate Change invites tenders to conduct a series of workshops titled 'Climate Change and Indigenous People: Potential implications and opportunities' and to provide advice to Indigenous groups on emerging carbon markets. The tender will provide an opportunity for Indigenous people to engage the Australian Government and will assist in their future decision making on entering carbon markets.

Tenders will close on 5 p.m. (AEST) Thursday, 16 April 2009.

Tender documents can be obtained from the Austender site at [www.tender.gov.au](http://www.tender.gov.au), reference number 0809-0378.

Any queries relating to the Tender should be emailed to [allison.simpson@environment.gov.au](mailto:allison.simpson@environment.gov.au).



NSW Environmental TRUST

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) Cocobarrabran (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

## WORKCOVER GRANT: 'Awareness of Workplace Safety for Aboriginal Businesses in NSW'.

WorkCover NSW invites Aboriginal consultants or consultants from a non-Aboriginal background (who would be required to work with an Aboriginal body) to apply for a funding grant of up to \$100,000. Other suitable organisations wishing to be involved in this grant may do so in partnership with those eligible applicants as identified above.

The funding grant is designated for applicants to identify Aboriginal businesses in NSW, and to increase awareness of basic rights and responsibilities with regard to workplace safety in NSW Aboriginal businesses.

The timeframe for the development, delivery and evaluation of this project will be for a period of up to 18 months.

It is anticipated that only one proposal will be funded under this grant. Please note that eligible applicants may only submit one application for funding.

A project brief can be downloaded from the WorkCover NSW website at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au)

For further enquiries phone (02) 4321 5487 or contact [workplacesafety@workcover.nsw.gov.au](mailto:workplacesafety@workcover.nsw.gov.au)

Closing date: 4.00pm 30 April 2009





# Losing languages

## International forum looks at reviving indigenous tongues



A RECENT international conference focussing on reviving indigenous languages provided a vital opportunity to share successful strategies, according to its two Australian presenters.

Gail Woods and Jeanie Bell, lecturers from Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education, were invited to present at the First International Conference on

Language Documentation and Conservation at the University of Hawaii on 12 March.

"The fact that this conference is occurring at all demonstrates the global concern about the loss of languages," said Ms Bell, lecturer at the Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics at the Institute.

"And having two Australian representatives on the list of presenters is quite a coup."

"As an Indigenous person myself

and someone who has been involved in higher education and language for a long time, I know that this is an important subject."

Ms Bell said of the 250 traditional languages once spoken in Australia, only 20 to 30 were considered healthy enough to survive.

In her presentation, she focussed on strengthening Australia's Indigenous languages and improving the relationship between the community and linguists. Meanwhile, Ms Woods covered

aspects of adopting a community-based collaborative approach to the documentation of language using art and media.

### Opportunity

They both saw the conference as a vital opportunity to share the successful language revival strategies developed at Batchelor Institute and interact with linguists from across the world who were struggling to save indigenous languages.

"We have to be honest about

the problems facing Aboriginal people trying to rescue languages on the brink of extinction," said Ms Bell. "And do everything we can to help them."

She said Batchelor Institute was training Indigenous people to be linguistically capable of working on their own languages, as well as being able to help others in the communities work towards language revival.

"This is groundbreaking work but it takes time and commitment," she said.

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JEANIE BELL (above) and GAIL WOODS (right). The two Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education lecturers attended an international conference in Hawaii which focused on reviving indigenous languages.



## Beware hi-tech traps



NSW Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge has warned Indigenous Australians to be careful of the potential debt trap they can fall into when

signing mobile phone and broadband internet contracts.

Ms Judge said last week that many Indigenous Australians suffered a distinct disadvantage, living in remote and rural locations without easy and economical access to information about their consumer rights and responsibilities.

"Trade is only fair when all consumers have equal protection and access to information and advice," she said.

"Consumers need to fully understand the costs for mobile phone downloads, including ring tones and music and the cost of dialling

1900 phone numbers.

"It's very easy to end up with a bad credit history or a large debt if people don't fully realise what they are signing up for."

"Premium mobile service costs, high-pressure sales tactics and mobile and broadband coverage in rural and isolated areas also need to be considered."

Ms Judge stressed that consumers should seek advice if they did not understand any aspect of a contract.

For more information about issues relating to telecommunications and other Indigenous-specific consumer protection information, visit [www.nics.org.au](http://www.nics.org.au), [www.accc.gov.au](http://www.accc.gov.au), [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au) or the Telecommunications Industry Ombudsman [www.tio.com.au](http://www.tio.com.au)



# Canadians and New Zealanders to see *First Australians*

CANADA and New Zealand have snapped up an SBS TV documentary about Australia's history. SBS says that Canada's

Knowledge Channel and New Zealand's Maori Television have acquired the series *First Australians*. The seven-part documentary

tells the story of Australia's early colonial history from the perspective of Aboriginal people. SBS content sales and distribution national manager

Sharon Ramsay-Luck said the broadcaster was proud of the way the series tells the story of modern Australia. "It is highly appropriate that

Canada and New Zealand – two nations with their own complex Indigenous histories – are the first territories to acquire *First Australians*," she said. – AAP



Mick Roberts and Thelma James in their cafe kitchen.



Funnyman Sean Choolburra was the surprise special guest at the latest bush tucker night.

## Cafe offers more than bush tucker

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IF the only crocodile you like comes lightly seared with a splash of lemon myrtle sauce washed down with a cup of 'dreaming' tea, Mick Roberts and Thelma James' fusion of Indigenous-inspired recipes served up at their northern NSW cafe 'Gunnawannabe' might be for you.

Uncle Mick and Auntie Thelma, as they are known to many customers, serve up a range of dishes featuring native and Indigenous Australian herbs, spices and other ingredients including smoked wallaby, crocodile and

kangaroo with Illawarra plum and akudjura sauces.

Twice a month the Lismore couple open their cafe for bush tucker nights where they invite the community to sample a selection of their best recipes in a family-friendly atmosphere.

Gunnawannabe's most recent bush tucker night on 13 February saw 20 diners, many of whom proudly declared they were regular patrons of the cafe, treated to a special guest performance by comedian Sean Choolburra.

With Auntie Thelma at the sink washing dishes and Uncle Mick at the stove still stirring his latest concoction of ginger-infused pineapple sauce, you almost feel comfortable enough to curl

up on one of the couches and have a post-dinner nap (which is what one sleepy little fella did after his meal).

However, the cafe – which has been operating for four years – offers more than just a good feed of bush tucker and bonhomie. With a background in teaching, Thelma, along with Mick, offers a learning and resource centre with a selection of indigenous texts, artefacts and resources.

While not busy in the kitchen, the two also host student workshops and bush tucker demonstrations in the community along with one-offs for special events such as NAIDOC Week.

For more information visit [www.gunnawannabe.com](http://www.gunnawannabe.com)



Trish and Paul Wilson, from Lennox Head, with their sons Cooper (green shirt) and Riley look at the art on display.



Chef Peter Jurd serving up dessert to a table of Kids in Community staff.



# Social focus for rep



Mary G looks thrilled as Qld's Desmond Taley and Palm Island's Alf Lacey move in for the kill.



West Australian Dot Henry (front) and Mary-Ann Coconut from Weipa saw the funny side of things.



Jody Saxton from Victoria was taken with Mary G's cheeky repertoire.



NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton (right) and Victoria Davis-Jenkins from Cairns compare photos.

## Mary G at very best

**SA** AMIDST rigorous discussion at a recent national workshop held in Adelaide to help shape a new national Indigenous representative body, there was still time for participants to catch up socially with old friends and new acquaintances.

About 100 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women from all States and Territories attended the 11-13 March gathering, which was convened by Aboriginal and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma (see separate story).

At the workshop formal dinner, iconic entertainer Mary G had the crowd eating out of her hand, easily convincing a number of participants to join her on stage for song and dance.

The cheeky 'aunty', also known as the Queen of the Kimberley, imparted homespun advice on everything from romance to men's sexual health.

The following day, it was back to business with workshop participants having their say on how they feel the new representative body - which could be up and running by the end of the year - should look.



The NT's Banambi Wunungmurra bravely submitted to a peck from a determined Mary G.



Sydney's Lyn Riley hung out with her big Canberra-based nephew Stephen Brown.



Toshie Kris, Ned David and Pedro Stephens, all from the Torres Strait, had a laugh on stage.



Mary G brought a smile to the face of Adelaide's Kim O'Donnell.



Researcher Kerry Arabena (left) helped to facilitate the workshop. She's seen here with co-chair of the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation, Gregory Phillips from Victoria and UNSW's Indigenous Law Centre Director Megan Davis.



# body talks



Some of the younger workshop participants. Back, from left, Braden Hill (WA), Todd Phillips (Qld), Stephen Brown (ACT), Oliver Costello (NSW), Carla McGrath (NSW) and Anthony King (Tas). Front, from left, Victoria Davis-Jenkins (north Qld), Eugenia Flynn (SA), Renee Williams (Qld/NSW) and Bec Richards (SA).



Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal with workshop patron Lowitja O'Donoghue.



ABOVE: Catching up at the dinner were, from left, NSW Aboriginal Housing Organisation CEO Russell Taylor, Goldfields Land and Sea Council CEO Brian Wyatt and newly appointed interim chairperson of the Remote Enterprise Centre Aden Ridgeway.

LEFT: West Australian workshop participants, from left, Donna Kickett, Loretta Harris and Jenny

# New NT police station opened



A NEW police station has been officially opened in the remote community of Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island.

The permanent station was constructed under an agreement between the Australian and Northern Territory governments.

The Federal Government funded the \$7.7 million police station, which includes a general police office, a cellblock, two visiting officers' quarters and four homes.

There are also two large sheds, one of which will house a new police boat.

The NT Government will provide the recurrent funding for staff and capital costs, estimated at more than \$665,000 a year.

A sergeant, two constables and an Aboriginal community police officer will staff the station.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin and NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson officially opened the \$7.7 million station on 9 March.

"Law and order measures are integral to the Australian Government's commitment to continuing and strengthening the Northern Territory Emergency Response," Ms Macklin said.

"Ongoing funding for law and order, alcohol and pornography measures has been allocated through to 2011-12.

"This includes the construction of five permanent police stations and the ongoing maintenance of 10 temporary police stations in remote communities.

"As well, we will continue to fund

66 additional Australian Federal Police positions in the NT, including six specialist AFP officers in the child abuse task force."

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the establishment of a fully operational, permanent police station provided greater reassurance for Galiwin'ku's residents.

"The permanent police station will provide safer streets, maintain community harmony and improve the quality of life for residents," he said.

"Anecdotal evidence suggests there have been fewer incidents involving police since a police post was established in the community under the emergency response in 2007.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin ... "We will continue to fund 66 additional Australian Federal Police positions in the NT, including six specialist AFP officers in the child abuse task force."

"The police officers were based at Galiwin'ku temporarily as part of the police post. The establishment of a fully operational, permanent police station will allow police to become part of the community and build relationships with the local people.

"My Government is committed to continuing to grow the NT Police Force's capability. There are now more than 320 extra police officers, auxiliaries and Aboriginal community police officers in

the Territory Police Force than there were in 2003."

Lingjari MP Warren Snowden said he welcomed this step to keep Galiwin'ku safe and secure.

"The establishment of this permanent police station is overdue recognition that indigenous people across the NT should be able to expect the same level of services as every other Australian living in a town of a similar size," he said.



# Newcastle's Yarnteen gets down to business



A PIONEERING Indigenous organisation is encouraging others to follow its economic development model to bring about improvements in their communities.

Yarnteen Ltd, which is based in Newcastle, is a not-for-profit organisation but has a focus on commercial activities.

Executive Director Leah Armstrong said the vision was 'always to be involved in commercially successful business ventures, so that benefits will directly flow to community through jobs or indirectly through the funding of social programs'.

"We have the potential to target social areas that perhaps governments are unable to, and we have proven this model can actually work to ensure social and cultural activities that are important to us are supported," she said.

"Additionally, governments think positively about our focus on a commercial model because we are able to demonstrate great outcomes for their investment."

Since the development of its enterprise and investment strategy, Yarnteen's business portfolio includes:

- Port Hunter Commodities – a specialised bulk storage and handling service for grains, protein meals and fertiliser;
  - Yarnteen Camp – a 40ha rural property that provides accommodation and cultural education tours to educational institutions, government and non-government organisations and personal interest groups; and
  - Riverside Car and Boat Wash – an eco-friendly car and boat wash in Port Macquarie.
- Ms Armstrong said Yarnteen had developed a business mind-set where it was always on



Assistant Manager at Yarnteen-owned company Port Hunter Commodities Daryl Farley started work as a labourer. Photo courtesy of IBA

the lookout for commercial opportunities.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) General Manager Ron Morony said Yarnteen was one example of many success stories of Indigenous enterprise development across Australia.

"It is never too late for Indigenous organisations to secure business opportunities – not enough of our organisations do it; but the benefits in terms of funding programs, securing independence, and providing local employment are significant," he said.

Mr Morony said the sky was the limit in terms of opportunities for Indigenous businesses, but cautioned the need for careful planning to determine what is sustainable and profitable.

"Get as much good advice as you can, and the earlier you get it, the better," he said.

"IBA encourages people to contact us as soon as possible, as we may be able to help in a number of ways, including raising capital, business planning, or providing advice on negotiating finance with lending institutions."

Along with IBA, there are also

State and local government programs that support small business and industry groups which may also be able to steer people in the right direction.

Yarnteen's name – meaning 'All/Everybody' – comes from the Awabakal tribe of the Newcastle area. It was formerly known as the Yarnteen Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation.

For information about Yarnteen, go to the website [www.yarnteen.com.au](http://www.yarnteen.com.au) and for information on IBA go to [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au)

## Healthy yarns on DVD



ELDERS and other leaders from Melbourne

have taken a pro-active approach to the health of their community by appearing in a new DVD collection, *Healthy Yarns*.

The health promotion resource contains footage of people speaking from a personal perspective about chronic health conditions such as diabetes, including the circumstances leading up to their diagnosis, coping strategies and how they have effectively managed their condition.

The interviewees also speak about their personal goals for a healthy life, and how they are achieving this.

Produced as a partnership between Southern Health Community Health Services and the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative, the DVD encourages other community members to seek help when they are concerned about a pre-existing medical condition and to speak out when symptoms of ill health first appear.

Southern Health Aboriginal Health Program Manager Kari Hawke said the initiative was about grassroots action that could have an immediate positive impact on the health and well-being of the Aboriginal community.

She said Southern Health Community Health Services and the Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-operative had been in partnership for two years, focussing on supporting Indigenous clients with their health needs.

# Justice is the goal



A COMMITTEE has been formed to improve justice outcomes for Indigenous

people in Eastern Melbourne and surrounds.

Labor MP Brian Tee launched the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) on 18 March.

The committee includes Indigenous community representatives from across the eastern metropolitan suburbs, as well as Healesville and Lilydale.

The region covered by the committee takes in both inner suburban areas and semi-rural townships to the east of Melbourne.

There are more than 2500 Indigenous Australians in the Eastern Metropolitan region. The population has grown by 17 per cent from 2202 in 2001, to 2577 in 2006.



A group shot from the launch of the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee.

"The Eastern Metropolitan RAJAC has been established to ensure Indigenous Victorians are

the authors of their own story," Mr Tee said.

"We know components of Koori

disadvantage are inter-related and that improving the status of Indigenous Victorians requires

input from grassroots organisations.

"This forum is about establishing links and building strong relationships in the Eastern region. The RAJAC will also include officers from a range of justice agencies."

The RAJAC network was established in 2000, with the Eastern Metropolitan committee becoming the eighth to be formed.

Mr Tee, who chairs the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Forum, said he saw the Eastern Metropolitan RAJAC as a wonderful opportunity to increase participation of Indigenous Victorians in the development of government policies and programs that affect the Koori community.

"I see the Eastern Metropolitan RAJAC as a vehicle for change, one in which Indigenous Victorians are in the driver's seat," he said.



# Health DVD is in a league of its own



A HOLISTIC approach to health will be the focus of a new DVD promoting good nutrition, fitness and strategies to avoid excessive drug and alcohol consumption launched in Darwin last week.

The Fred Hollows Foundation has thrown its support behind the venture, which comprises a

number of short health promotion segments to be featured throughout the DVD *In a League of Their Own*.

The three-part ABC documentary series follows Northern Territory's Tiwi Bombers through their first season in the Darwin AFL competition.

The project hopes to access young Indigenous people living in remote communities and provide important information regarding

health and well-being in a context that encourages them to have ambition and achieve their goals, while also maintaining links to their culture.

## Schools

NT schools will receive copies of the DVD.

The Fred Hollows Foundation Indigenous Program Manager Alison Edwards believes the DVD will promote positive images of

Indigenous people in the media, while at the same time provide opportunities to spread wider health messages.

"The Fred Hollows Foundation works with many of the remote communities that will benefit from this great initiative," she said.

"Tiwi Bombers players are role models for young Indigenous people throughout the Northern Territory and we think this is a fantastic opportunity to bring

home a message of health and well-being.

"In the short term we've created an effective educational resource that can be used by teachers and others working with young Indigenous people in remote communities.

"In the long term we hope to create a culture of fitness and health awareness that will improve health statistics for Aboriginal people."



From left, Karen Ollslagers, from the Cairns Homelessness Service Hub, Eslyn Wargent, from Wuchopperen Health Service, Gary Penfold, from Queensland Shelter, Coleen Jensen, from the Department of Communities, Homelessness; and Cairns Homelessness Services Hub Manager Traci Fraser.

# Full program for Cairns park picnic



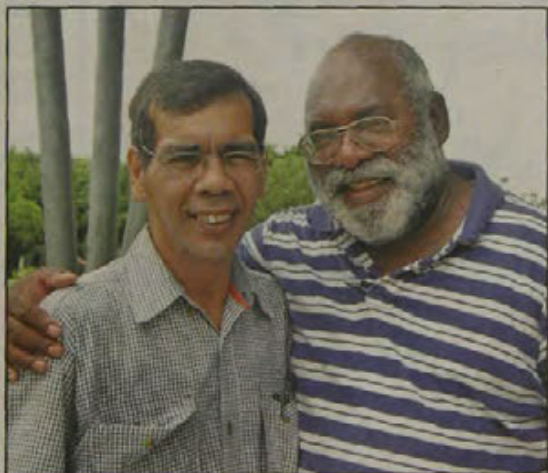
NETWORKING between homelessness service organisations, along with targeting

itinerants, was the focus of a 'Picnic in the Park' in Cairns earlier this month.

A full program including a barbecue, information stalls, an art workshop, street soccer, games and music, was funded by the Hepatitis Council of Queensland and hosted by Queensland Shelter and other local organisations such as Wuchopperen Health Services, the Doll's House and Youth Link.

In offering a welcome to country, traditional owner Ken Reys observed there had been significant changes to Cairns demographics in recent years, many of them driven by the flourishing tourism industry.

"Of course, that puts a lot of pressure on ordinary citizens and no doubt a lot of pressure



Ken Reys and Queensland Shelter's Bill Lowah

on our own people when it comes down to the work that you all try and achieve in your lives," Mr Reys said.

"That is trying to put a roof over our heads, trying to get some affordable

accommodation going.

"We're well aware that it's all crashing around us in terms of the financial situation, so we are trying to at least keep the health and well-being of our people in 2009 and beyond."



INNISFAIL Indigenous carpenter and builder Byron Niehsner has first-hand knowledge of what Mother Nature is capable of.

The 43-year-old Mamu man was born in Innisfail and works for the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

Mr Niehsner and his offsider Stan Lenoy were recently sent out to nearby Mena Creek, which is the site of renowned tourist attraction Paronella Park.

"We had to do estimates on the cost to fix it after the heavy rain in February and you can see from the pictures what the power of water can do," Mr Niehsner said.

He has been working flat out for the council for five months, having moved from the Sunshine Coast with his partner and child, 28 years after completing his apprenticeship in Darwin.

"It was hard for me to get a job because of my colour," he said.

"Anyway, I got a job building

houses with a black South African builder and we stayed on the coast for about five years.

"Then we moved up to Innisfail where I worked on a resort doing maintenance for about four years."

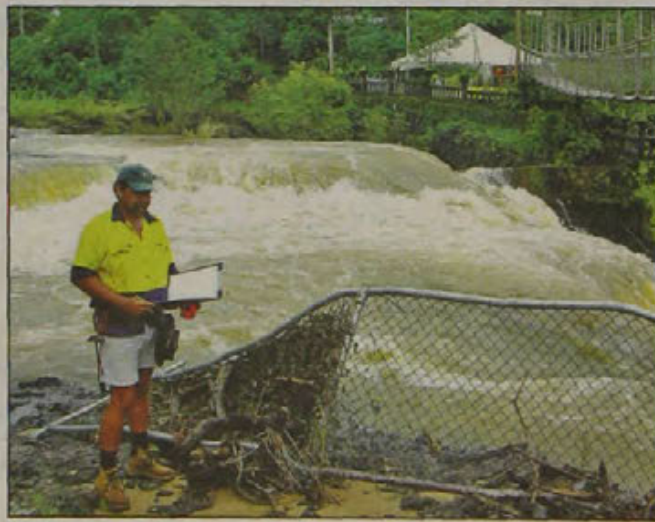
Mr Niehsner moved back to Darwin and found work straight away building roofs, later gaining a job as a supervisor.

"I got the job as the supervisor and was running the construction side of the company. I did this for eight years building around 260 new houses in Darwin. I was doing everything from building to sales (at the display home, selling houses), and doing trade days with school kids.

"We won a few awards such as best display home and one of my proudest moments was when I got my builder's licence.

"I left Darwin because I lost the drive for working seven days a week after eight years and moved back home to Innisfail and got this job where I am now."

One of Mr Niehsner's goals is to help the local mob gain experience in the building trade.



Byron Niehsner checks the job at Paronella Park, near Innisfail.



## Windmill Baby to show in London Origins Festival



INTERNATIONAL audiences will get the chance to experience Yirra Yaakin's award-winning production of *Windmill Baby* in May when the Aboriginal theatre company arrives in London to participate in the inaugural season of *Origins Festival of First Nations*.

It will be the West Australian theatre company's last international tour performance of the one-woman show.

*Windmill Baby*'s leading actress Rohanna Angus will join other Yirra Yaakin stage crew and writer/director David Milroy as the Australian contingent of an international group of theatre companies from New Zealand, Canada and the United States.

Yirra Yaakin Elder and industry veteran

Lynette Narkle will also travel to the UK, along with Patrick Woodley, who provides live onstage music for the play.

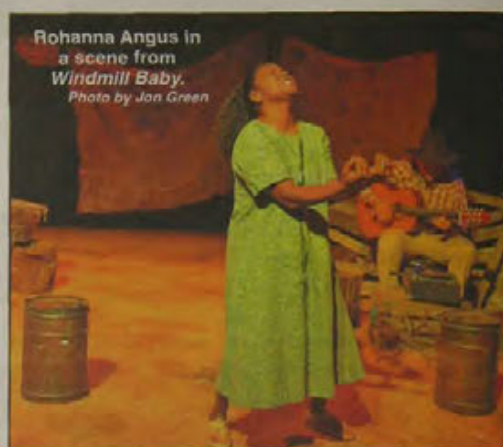
Angus, who hails from the remote community of One Arm Point, near Broome, will reprise her role as Maymay Starr, an older Aboriginal woman who returns to the deserted cattle station of her childhood 50 years earlier.

The Kimberley actress also plays ten other characters in the play.

The *Origins Festival* Artistic Director Michael Walling said he was honoured to have *Windmill Baby* included in the festival.

"We believe its themes of love, life and loss will resonate with international audiences," Mr Walling said.

After the festival ends in May, the production will start a school tour in Perth, mid-Western Australia and Gascoyne.



Rohanna Angus in a scene from *Windmill Baby*. Photo by Jon Green

# Napranum art off to Brisbane

By ALF WILSON



EXPERIENCED artist Marsha Hall and relative newcomer - Temaleti Matasia - have been hard at work preparing to travel from their home in Napranum, on

Queensland's Cape York, to Brisbane next month to exhibit their paintings.

Temaleti, 27, has only started painting recently, but already has some great work which she hopes will be well received in the State capital.

"I was inspired to paint because I love my Napranum community and stories, and the Elders who are still with us and others who have passed on, and my parents," Temaleti said.

"They were about turtle, dugong, crabs and stingrays.

"Myself and Marsha have been working on a large one for the Brisbane exhibition.

"I have about five paintings and my jellyfish one is my favourite."

Marsha, 33, who attended Wangetti High School in Cairns, and has been painting since a young age, will show more than 20 works.

"My paintings usually take about two or three days to complete," she said.

"Some of them have sold in Melbourne and also Townsville last year during the Unity in Diversity Conference."

The Brisbane exhibition is in honour of the Alinghi mob, one of 16 traditional owner groups at Napranum.

"Our art will also be displayed at Evans Landing, between Napranum and Weipa, soon," Marsha said.

The pair have a room set aside at the Cape Indigenous PCYC building where they are working hard on their biggest work.

Also on the wall at the PCYC when *The Koori Mail* visited were colourful paintings created by young boys and girls from the vacation care classes.

Art plays a major role in life at Napranum and Temaleti is looking forward to taking her work to Brisbane.

"I am very excited that we will be spending 14 days in the big smoke," she said.

The exhibition will be held at the Brisbane Riverside Centre in Eagle Street, Brisbane, from 20 April to 1 May.

## Call goes out to regional, remote SA



ADELAIDE'S state-wide celebration of remote and regional South Australian Aboriginal artists, *Our Mob*, is calling for entries for its 2009 exhibition.

The exhibition will be displayed at the Adelaide Festival Centre Artspace Gallery and foyers from 8 August-20 September, during the South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival.

Now in its fourth year, *Our Mob* combines exhibitions and an artist-in-residence program that provides an opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of SA Indigenous art and culture.

Aboriginal artists from throughout the State are invited to apply to exhibit their artworks as part of *Our Mob*. Up to 100 artists will be selected by a panel to display their work, which can include paintings, drawings, and wooden or carved objects.

Communities which will participate again this year include Anangu /Pitjantjatjara /Yankunytjatjara Lands (now seven art centres), Ceduna, Koonibba, Pt Lincoln, Yorke Peninsula, Port Augusta, Port Pirie, Whyalla, Flinders Ranges, the Riverland, Mt Gambier, the Coorong, Murray Bridge, Adelaide Hills, Coober Pedy and Oodnadatta and more.

Young people aged 18 years and under are invited to submit works for *Our Young Mob*.

Entry is free and is open to all Aboriginal artists living and working in regional or remote areas of South Australia.

All artworks are offered for sale and most of the money is returned to the artists and their communities with a small commission used to help run the exhibition and workshops.

Artists may also be eligible to submit work for SALA Festival Awards.

Artists are encouraged to travel to Adelaide to be part of the celebrations and some will be staying on to participate in workshops held with school children and visitors who come to the gallery to learn about Aboriginal art and culture. This year will also have a special tour guide program by Aboriginal artists.

Applications close 19 June and entrants must fill out an application form.

● For more information, go to [www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/afc/vhats-on/visual.php](http://www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au/afc/vhats-on/visual.php) or contact Maggie Fletcher at the Adelaide Festival Centre on (08) 8216 8642 or the Anangu Arts Adelaide Office on (08) 8227 2788.



Temaleti Matasia, left, and Marsha Hall with some of the work they will display in Brisbane.



# Queensland artist joins advisory board



QUEENSLAND-based Indigenous multi-media and visual artist Vernon Ah Kee is amongst three new members of the Artbank Advisory Board, announced

by Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett last week.

Non-Indigenous photographer, curator and arts administrator Pat Brassington and

Sydney businesswoman Ms Sheridan Lee were also appointed.

"I am pleased to welcome two senior artists to the Artbank Advisory Board, where their experience and insights will help the organisation support artists and the art market," Mr Garrett said on Friday.

"The skills and experience of these new members will help Artbank's contribution to the vitality of Australia's

commercial art sector."

Mr Ah Kee has emerged in recent years as one of Australia's leading Indigenous artists.

With qualifications in visual art from the Queensland College of Art, he has held more than 30 exhibitions within Australia and overseas and has been chosen to represent Australia at the Venice Biennale in 2009.

Artbank directly acquires the works of practising contemporary Australian artists so they can be rented to both public and private sector clients.

It is the most active buyer of contemporary Australian art in the country, and plays an important role in widening art audiences.

Artbank's latest board appointments are for three years.

## Indigenous art take on night skies



● LEFT: Unknown Active in Australia (1940s) Mankokkarrng (The Southern Cross) 1948 Earth pigments on paper on cardboard National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne



Alick Tipoti Kala lagaw ya born 1975 Zugubal 2006 linocut, ed. 9/35 National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne (c) Alick Tipoti courtesy The Australian Print Network



AN exhibition exploring the cultural experiences of the night sky across Australia opened recently at the National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) with a selection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists' interpretation on the theme.

NGV Indigenous Art Curator Stephen Gilchrist said the exhibition 'Shared Sky' aimed to explore the meaning of constellations within Indigenous lore, as well as feature other non-Indigenous interpretations.

"For over 50,000 years Aboriginal people have built up their knowledge of the movements of the sun, moon and stars to complement their relationship with the natural world. Celestial bodies have been integral to everyday life, in storytelling, performance, art and ritual," Mr Gilchrist said.

One of the pieces exploring Aboriginal creation stories and the meaning of the Earth, Sun and Moon is the installation Banumbir, a cluster of morning star poles, as well as two other major works, both large-scale linocuts by Torres Strait Islander artists Dennis Nona and Alick Tipoti.

Co-curated by the Prints and Drawings and Indigenous Art departments, the exhibition includes up to 50 prints, drawings, photographs and Indigenous works with most coming from the galleries' own collection.

NGV's Prints and Drawings Curator Allison Holland said Shared Sky revealed how cultures throughout the world, including Indigenous Australians had used astronomical observations to mark the cycle and seasons of time and place.

Shared Sky will be on display at National Gallery of Victoria's Ian Potter Centre, Federation Square from until 2 August.

# Film-makers win 30-week internships



KATHERINE Glass and Greg Martin have taken major career steps after winning this year's Indigenous Media Internships to study film-making at the Film and Television Institute WA (FTI).

The internship is a ScreenWest and FTI-sponsored initiative that provides two Indigenous film-makers with a place in FTI's 30-week Diploma in Screen and Media Production (Digital Production) and a six-week project-based work placement through the institute.

Ms Glass is a Yindjibarndi woman from the Pilbara region, who started

her film-making career as a multi-media trainee at Juluwarlu Aboriginal Corporation in Roebourne.

After developing her editing skills working on oral history projects recording the stories of Indigenous Elders in the region, she recently relocated to Perth to further her film-making studies and pursue employment opportunities in the screen industry.

Mr Martin is a Yamaji man with family connections to the Noongar community. He has a strong interest in Indigenous affairs, worked in Indigenous theatre and music production, researched Indigenous history stories and is now developing

a number of film projects.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to two talented Indigenous film-makers," said FTI Chief Executive Graeme Sward.

"The intensive film-making course will really benefit Katherine and Greg by developing advanced production skills in a short time frame and preparing them for a career in the screen industry."

The 2008 inaugural internship recipients, Irma Woods and Tarryn Laffar, found work immediately after graduating from the FTI film course as producer attachments on the Western Australian feature film *Bran Nue Dae*.



At the internship presentation were, from left, Greg Martin, WA Arts Minister John Day, Katherine Glass, FTI Chief Executive Graeme Sward and ScreenWest Chief Executive Ian Booth. Photo: Bohdan Warchomij



# Cairns gets new Press

By CHRISTINE HOWES



IT HAS been six or more years in the making, but Cairns finally has its own printmaking and fine arts workshop. And it is hoped that the new Djumbunji Press will service not only the immediate region but into Cape York and beyond.

More than 100 people gathered to celebrate the launch of Djumbunji Press, named after a local scorpion story which directly connects local Gimuy Yindinji people with the Torres Strait.

Local artist Ngrami Fourmile said being able to use the centre was 'overwhelming' for her people, while her mother Lillian agreed they were 'really pleased'.

"To me, being an artist this all ties in with what we hope to see in some of our stories in print because we can't rely on word of mouth any more," she said.

"Our art is part of our culture and all that too, so we're really pleased with all this. With our stories, there is the tie with Torres Strait and we've also got family up there and they acknowledge this story, so it's great with this being put in place."

Seith Fourmile, who gave the welcome to visitors, said it was about passing on tradition.

"It's good to be on country and especially with this story in regards to Djumbunji, which is the scorpion story and connects us to the Torres Strait Islands," he said.

"When we talk about story, just remember that even though buildings might sit on country, our country is still the same underneath and those stories are still the same."

"They'll never die, they've been there a long time and they'll still be there when we pass on. The thing is trying to keep that tradition going and that culture and stories strong."

KickArts Chair Mike Fordham said all the connections were important.

"I think Seith's words are a really good reflection of what we're trying to do here. It's about the development of the arts industry both here in the city of Cairns with what's going on out there on Cape York and Torres Strait," he said.

"There's a lot going on and we want to be very much connected and part of it. This is a vital part of the infrastructure that is needed to make it all happen. These are pretty exciting times."

## Equipment

Mr Fordham said those behind Djumbunji Press had worked with James Cook University and the Tropical Far North Queensland TAFE who had assisted with the building and equipment.

Cairns-based Indigenous Arts Program Manager for Arts Queensland Cameron Costello said the centre was also funded in part by the State Government's Backing Indigenous Arts program.

"This has come off the back of a partnership with KickArts and a research study on an appropriate facility for printmakers, increasing access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Cairns," he said.

"The centre will enable people to do lino cuts and prints, etching, and large-scale prints."

"They've imported a large-scale printer from Germany and they've got a master printmaker who will be running

regular workshops as well.

"What we're talking about is increasing the number of prints in a large-scale print movement. And not only that, but providing the expertise for people to access, to increase the number participating in printmaking as well. Prints being made at Djumbunji Press will be sold through KickArts' office but will also show at the Cairns Art Fair in August which will be showcasing Indigenous art from all over Queensland."

KickArts Director Rae O'Connell said workshops would be held in coming weeks.

"Our printmaster will be going to Weipa and Pormpuraaw over the next couple of months, and the community access will start in April, so people can come in and use the facilities," she said.



TOP: Cairns-based Indigenous Arts Program Manager for Arts Queensland Cameron Costello.

ABOVE: From left, Ngrami, Mundii, Gerald Snr, Lillian, Tjiritju in front, Pauline and Gerald Jnr Fourmile at the Djumbunji Press celebration.

## City of Ryde

### Expressions of Interest – Public Artist

The City of Ryde is seeking expressions of interest from an Aboriginal artist or artist team featuring an Aboriginal artist(s) to design a public art commission for the City of Ryde, in Sydney's North Western Region.

The proposed artwork(s) will recognise Indigenous people and associations with the Parramatta River and local area.

The City of Ryde considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW). This commission is open only to Aboriginal artists or teams that include an Aboriginal artist who is resident in the state of New South Wales, or whose country lies in whole or in part, in the state of New South Wales.

For a copy of the brief and for more information, go to [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au) (under tenders) or call Paul Graham (02) 9952 8312.

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# Mountford art on display



FEW people might be aware that a 1948 scientific expedition to the Top End led by anthropologist Charles

Mountford helped to form the foundations of the Art Gallery of New South Wales' Indigenous art collection.

Mountford collected an astounding 275 paintings on bark and paper, 24 of which were gifted to the gallery 12 years later.

Now, more than 50 years later, the 'Mountford Gifts: focus exhibition' will showcase these works – 16 on paper from Yirkala, Milingimbi and Gunbalanya and eight bark paintings from Gunbalanya and Groote Eylandt.

The works depict diverse subjects such as Mimih spirits, wild honey and the collection of trepang or sea cucumber by Macassan fisherman.

The classic Anindilyakwa bark paintings from Groote Eylandt are characteristic to the mid-20th century. In these works decorative in-filled animals seem to float on a deep black ground: the blackness coming from the use of magnesite, quite dense in contrast to the fine ochre painting of the animals.

Charles Percy Mountford (1890-1976) had a diverse career but is remembered for his work in the field of anthropology. In 1948, he led the historic American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land (AASEAL) visiting the Arnhem Land communities of Yirkala, Milingimbi, Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), along with Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the Smithsonian Institute in partnership with the Commonwealth of Australia, the

expedition took nine months and undertook wide-ranging research, which Mountford later documented in four published volumes.

In 1956, the collection was distributed to the six Australian state galleries, Canberra's Institute of Anatomy (now the National Museum of Australia) and in Washington, the National Museum of Natural History and the Department of Anthropology of the Smithsonian Institute.

The AASEAL works on paper are delicately rendered and show the expertise of the artists in adapting to the use of paper, rather than the use of bark, to which they would have been accustomed.

'Mountford Gifts: focus exhibition' is on now at the Art Gallery of NSW, The Domain, Sydney and runs until 3 June, 10am-5pm, seven days.



# One year on, it's Parrun Goom



THE Regional Art Gallery in the south-east Queensland town of Dalby is showcasing the work of five Indigenous artists until the end of March in an exhibition entitled Parrun Goom.

The title is derived from the name of the local Indigenous dialect from the Darling Downs area and the exhibition was a year in the planning, with Indigenous facilitators Liz Doyle and Janelle Carlo working with art curator Kath Langton to bring Parrun Goom to fruition.

Ms Doyle, who is also one of the exhibiting artists and is known as 'Yimu', said the idea was to bring Indigenous art to the wider community.

"We feel really proud that we were able to have this opportunity to exhibit

Indigenous art from our local area the Darling Downs and also from Cherbourg and Toowoomba," she said.

The exhibition was opened on 6 March by Qld Senator Claire Moore and Dalby Regional Council Mayor Ray Brown with Deputy Director of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Unit at the University of Queensland Jackie Huggins as guest speaker.

The featured artists were 'Yimu', 'Yimangirl', Tanya Henry, Peter Carlo and Dean Freeman, with several works selling on opening night.

● Pictured left: At the exhibition opening were (left to right) Indigenous facilitator Janelle Carlo and exhibiting artist Liz Doyle (Yimu), with Qld Senator Claire Moore who officially opened the art exhibition.

# Stage set for black sheep comic debut

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



Rachael Maza Long knows that the sharpest

comedies are often based on the subjects that are almost too uncomfortable to talk about, especially in the case of 'black' humour.

In her latest role as Artistic Director of Indigenous theatre company Ilbijerri, one she has occupied for just 12 months, there are some new challenges for the actor and musician-turned-director.

She views her new role as a natural progression in her life but one that is still 'unbelievably challenging' despite her many years in the industry.

The latest Ilbijerri show, *A Black Sheep Walks into a Baa* will feature in this year's Melbourne International Comedy Festival and follows sold-out shows of 2005 and 2006 *Natives Getting Restless* and *Natives Striking Back*.

The three Black Sheep actors also co-wrote the sketch comedy, which

Maza Long says is partly inspired by the National Black Theatre's sketches filmed by the ABC in 1972, 'hilarious' even now, 37 years on.

Maza Long says the actors/writers bring a unique sense of ownership to the storytelling of the comedy. Also, she says, there are a lot of laughs to be had at work.

If you had asked her two weeks ago how she was feeling about the

the Tuesday to Saturday week run from 2-25 April.

*A Black Sheep Walks into a Baa* explores post-Apology Australia with the major themes inspired by recent world history, in particular the Obama presidency and the questions it posed for black Australians.

Maza Long says the piece explores role reversals and asks what sort of country Australia would be if we had an Indigenous Prime Minister and what their acceptance speech would be like.

"We're living in a country where it's not even conceivable there could be a black Prime Minister," she says.

"We're living in pretty interesting times in terms of defining our national identity in relation to our Indigenous history.

Comedy is such a powerful tool towards the reconciliation of black and white Australia. If we can laugh together, we can move forward together".

Bookings for *A Black Sheep Walks into a Baa* can be made through [www.comedyfestival.com.au](http://www.comedyfestival.com.au)

**'Comedy is such a powerful tool towards the reconciliation of black and white Australia'**

show, she would have told you she was having anxiety-filled dreams and wondering how it was all going to come together.

But when she speaks to *The Koori Mail*, it is Day Two of rehearsals, and with the script completed, the group is getting into the swing of things. The challenge, she says, will be to keep the jokes fresh and alive night after night, from



'Black Sheep' director Rachael Maza Long with cast and co-writers Melodie Reynolds, Cy Fahey, Isaac Orandich and Mia Stanford.

PHOTO BY STEVEN RHALL



## Remote people can tell their stories on film



PEOPLE in remote and regional West Australian communities who want to

tell stories through the medium of short film will have the chance to learn practical film-making skills through the Making Movies Roadshow.

The roadshow team of film-makers will visit eight locations in WA teaching workshops on how to script a story and use camera, sound and editing equipment, and applications for this year's program close next week.

At the recent 2009 roadshow launch, Culture and Arts Minister John Day said it was an invaluable opportunity for WA communities to learn film-making skills and see their stories transported onto the screen.

"Many of the regions visited are home to Indigenous communities, providing residents with the skills and equipment to document their important Dreamtime and cultural stories," he said. "At the end, they celebrate with a screening of their film."

At the roadshow launch, Mr Day also announced the recipients of the 2009 Film and Television Institute (FTI) Indigenous Media Internship.

Greg Martin and Katherine Glass received places in the FTI's 30-week Diploma in Screen and Digital Media Production and a six-week project-based work placement at FTI.

The Making Movies Roadshow is an initiative of the Film and Television Institute (FTI) and has toured annually since 2003, delivering more than 50 film-making workshops to 600 regional participants and producing more than 140 short films.

● Applications for the 2009 Making Movies Roadshow close next Tuesday, 31 March. Forms can be downloaded from <http://www.fti.asn.au/> or by phoning 9431 6700.

# Art magazine takes flight



A NEW Australian Indigenous art magazine has been launched in Alice Springs.

The *Australian Aboriginal Art* magazine, a quarterly publication from the founders of the international contemporary publication *Art World*, was launched at the Araluen Arts Theatre.

Amongst the guest speakers joining the magazine's founder and publisher Steve Bush and editor Claire Eltringham at the event was 25-year old Daniel Walbidi, from

the remote community of Bidjardanga, near Broome, in Western Australia.

Mr Walbidi's work is featured in the first issue of the magazine, along with that of a broad range of other Aboriginal artists.

Stories include a feature on Albert Namatjira's work 50 years on, as well as an exhibition of the Papunya Tula boards currently on tour in the United States and the latest collection of contemporary artist Destiny Deacon.

At the launch, Bangarra Dance Theatre Company performed for the last time in

Australia before heading off on an overseas tour.

The 150 guests included Warren Snowden, representing the Prime Minister, local and national Indigenous artists, collectors and community members.

The magazine's creators said their coverage would include a selection of Indigenous art across the country, a calendar of upcoming events and previews, national and international features, reviews and inside information by Indigenous cultural and art experts.

## Wisdom beyond his years



● LEFT: Daniel Walbidi with his article in *Australian Aboriginal Art* magazine.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

**L**ISTENING to Daniel Walbidi speak about the landscape of his country and how traditional ceremony has shaped him as an Aboriginal man, you would think he was around the same age as the Elders of his local art group, who average 80 years.

From the small community of Bidjardanga, 250 kilometres south of Broome, he speaks with the self-assuredness of someone who knows who he is and where he's going. And he does.

In fact, Walbidi turns 25 this year and acknowledges that while he is the 'baby of the group' of Yulparitja artists, he is honoured, he says, to be passing on the stories of his people.

Walbidi is the descendant of two desert tribes. Born in Broome, he spent all of his

growing years in Bidjardanga, which comprises five tribes who he said lived together as one family.

The community was the traditional homeland of the Karajarri people, who lived on the coast. Then, when La Grange mission started, people were brought in from the desert to help build the cattle stations.

This is how Daniel's parents came to live on the coast.

"I'm very privileged and honoured to be maintaining my culture and link to the past", Walbidi told *The Koori Mail*.

"It's an obligation and something I need to do because I love my culture."

Walbidi was in high school when he first became drawn to telling his stories through painting them down on anything he could lay his hands on — blocks of wood, old doors, recycled bits of plywood.

He learned the basics at

school and practised with different methods of 'Western style painting'.

It was when Walbidi started to delve into the Aboriginal artists of central Australia that his interest was ignited.

His high school art teacher noticed his potential and began to help him further explore his art.

### Solo exhibition

Walbidi moved from old board to canvas and at just 16, was ready for his first exhibition at Broome's Short Street Gallery.

The small gallery, located in the heart of Chinatown, is a building dating back more than 100 years and has strong links with the Aboriginal, Malay and Japanese history of the old pearling town.

Walbidi is now half-way through completing his solo exhibition of works to be exhibited at the gallery, a fitting

way he thinks to commemorate ten years of his work as an artist and cultural facilitator.

He has now come full circle, going back to the place where he started as a teenager of 16, but says this is only the start of his journey.

His art has taken him to the big cities of Australia to speak on behalf of his community, and to London.

And although he says he valued the experience of being able to share the stories of his ancestors with others, he welcomed the return to his community.

Walbidi says he views his role as being more than an artist, but also a storyteller of an important cultural history.

"I see myself as making the transition between ancient culture and the modern world. I get inspiration from my Elders and have learned a lot from their stories," he said.



# Weavers show unique talents



FOR traditional owner, artist and weaver Daniel Beeron Galaman, from north Queensland, being able to view the restricted collection of the National Museum of Australia was the highlight of a recent visit to Canberra.

Mr Beeron, from Murray Upper in the Cardwell Shire, attended the Selling Yarns 2 conference and market day, which was hosted by and held at the museum earlier this month.

The two-day event focussed on Indigenous craft and design and attracted artists and weavers from across Australia and New Zealand.

Mr Beeron was joined by fellow Cardwell Shire weaver Maureen Beeron Bayngu, of Jumbun, in demonstrating the ongoing tradition of making lawyer cane baskets such as jawun (dilly bag) and wungarr (eel trap) and grass baskets such as mindi.

They were accompanied by Giringun Aboriginal Arts Centre Manager Valerie Keenan, who said people were fascinated with the duo's demonstration of distinctive weave patterns and basket shapes, which were unique in Australia.

"The baskets are regarded as collector's items, and this is the only area in rainforest country which has retained these weaving skills as an ongoing practice," she said.

Ms Keenan said they talked about how important it was to keep passing on the knowledge to the young people in the area.

"We talked about keeping traditional weaving skills alive, about how important it is to teach others in the community."

While attending the conference, the group



Maureen Beeron and Daniel Beeron took the opportunity to view woven items in the restricted collection at the Australia National Museum in Canberra.

members were given the opportunity to view objects from north Queensland in the museum's restricted collection.

Mr Beeron said the conference had been very informative and included some ideas he could take back to his community.

"It was good to hear other presenters talk about issues that were important to them including how they were working to build sustainability and talking about the environment," he said.

"We learnt about other ways of doing

business and were amazed at the creative ideas of other artists.

"We saw people making wonderful beanies, sculptural weaving, paper makers and others and also had an opportunity to tour the Canberra Glassworks. It was good to know about these other ways of working."

The Cardwell trio were supported to attend the conference by the Regional Arts Fund, Arts Queensland, the Federal Department of Environment Heritage Water and the Arts and the Selling Yarns 2 Conference.

## Health the theme for art entries



THE ACT Human Rights Commission is offering young people aged 11

to 18 living in the Canberra region the chance to create some innovative artwork around this year's theme of health.

It is the Commission's job to ensure that everyone has fair access to quality health services, and young people are being asked to create an artwork that reflects their ideas about health as a human right, either in a photo, drawing, painting or digital image.

And there are some great prizes on offer, including art and entertainment vouchers worth hundreds of dollars, and for the overall winner, the opportunity to have their artwork used to promote the work of the Commission.

This could include appearing on postcards, the Commission's website and in a variety of publications.

The award is free to enter and all entrants receive a certificate that can be added to their skills portfolio.

Young artists can create their artwork at school, college, their youth centre or at home.

All artwork must be submitted by Wednesday 20 May.

For more information about the ACT Human Rights Art Youth Award, visit <http://www.hrc.act.gov.au/artaward/> or contact Community Education and Engagement Officer Katherine Horak on [human.rights@act.gov.au](mailto:human.rights@act.gov.au) or (02) 6205 2222.

# Tandanya host for art gang exhibition



THE Lockhart River Art Gang's latest exhibition *Some of Us* opens in Adelaide this Friday, offering a modern twist on

in other parts of Australia. Chairman of the Lockhart River Arts Centre Patrick Butcher said that for him painting was a way to communicate to both the national and international

that are passed down by our ancestors."

The 'Some of Us' exhibition runs at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute - Tandanya in Grenfell Street from 27 March to 7 June.

Also coming up at Tandanya is an exhibition that provides an insight into the direct influence that legendary artist Albert Namatjira had on his family and community.

The exhibition, titled *Real to Surreal, Scenes from the Centre: Journey with the new generation of Hermannsburg watercolour artists* opens on 24 April. The work on display is

from Ngurratjula Ilja Nijarra; Many Hands Arts Centre, which is in Alice Springs but has its roots in Hermannsburg.

The exhibition runs from 24 April until 12 July.



'Petermann Ranges' by Hermannsburg watercolour artist Eiton Wirri Jnr Tjungurrayi forms part of the 'Real to Surreal, Scenes from the Centre' exhibition.

community. "I like painting... telling the stories of my people and country and also our neighbouring clans," he said. "We tell the sacred stories



Australian Government



## '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)

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG



# Options open for Maiquilla



LAW or teaching: They're the careers last year's top Indigenous NSW Aboriginal Studies course student Maiquilla Brown is working towards.

The 18-year-old, from Warilla, near Wollongong, on the NSW south coast, was honoured for her success at this month's Aboriginal Education Consultative Group annual conference in Sydney.

She received the NSW Board of Studies President's Award for being the top Indigenous student in the 2008 Higher School Certificate (HSC) Aboriginal Studies course.

Another NSW south coast student, Emma Stewart, who completed her HSC at Kiama High

School, was named top non-Indigenous student. She also topped last year's Aboriginal Studies course overall. Both young women praised the Aboriginal Studies course.

Maiquilla's major project was a family tree.

"It took me months to complete, and has over 300 of my family members. I learned a lot from it," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"The Aboriginal Studies course has helped me to prepare for my future."

"I'm studying a double degree - law and arts - at Wollongong Uni, and hope to be a lawyer or a teacher."

Emma, now studying at UTS in Sydney, wrote a book of poetry inspired by the Stolen Generations as her major Aboriginal Studies work.



NSW AECG President Cindy Berwick with top 2008 Aboriginal Studies students Maiquilla Brown and Emma Stewart and Office of the Board of Studies NSW General Manager John Bennett.

# Canadian school offers 'experience of a lifetime'

INDIGENOUS Year 11 and 12 students are being encouraged to apply for a full scholarship being offered by a Canadian international college.

The Lester B Pearson United World College in British Columbia, Canada, has a strong record of providing opportunities for Indigenous peoples from across the world to share their cultures and heritage with students from more than 80 nationalities.

Young Torres Strait Islander woman Nakkiah Lui was the first Indigenous Australian UWC scholar to attend Pearson, from 2003 to 2005, and said the experience changed her life.

"Being surrounded by people my age from over 88 countries was a once-in-a-lifetime experience," she said of her time at the Canadian college near Victoria, British Columbia.

"I had the opportunity to travel around the world, volunteer at Native Canadian reservations and be involved in activities I would never have had the chance to experience -

from international debates to cultural days.

"What I value most is the friendships I made with people from around the world. Not only do they last a lifetime, but I will always have a couch to crash on!"

Pearson UWC is keen to have another Indigenous Australian student of Nakkiah's calibre, and the UWC Australia Trust, which will select the successful candidate, strongly urges any interested students to apply.

They also would like teachers and career advisers to encourage students they think may benefit from the experience.

Nakkiah said it was an honour to be able to represent her culture overseas.

"I was able to participate in many international indigenous forums, and inform and educate people from all around the world about my culture and the issues of contemporary Australian culture today," she said.

Nakkiah is studying film and law at the University of NSW, and said she had continued to be involved in passions she discovered during her time at Pearson.

"From writing one of the first Indigenous radio plays to having my short film shown around Australia, I really feel my experience at a United World College has equipped me with the confidence and knowledge to follow my dreams," she said.

The UWC scholarships give 16 to 18-year-old Year 11 and 12 students the chance to attend one of a dozen colleges around the world to study the International Baccalaureate, a two-year senior school program equivalent to the HSC, but with extra-curricular activities and community service built into the academic program.

● Applications in NSW, the ACT, Qld and the NT close on Thursday 9 April, while applications in Vic, SA, WA and Tas close on Friday 3 April. Students seeking more details can go to [www.uwc.org.au](http://www.uwc.org.au)

# Passion for human rights is rewarded



BY following his passion for human rights, respected Nyungar leader Dennis Eggington has graduated with a Master of Human

Rights Education from Curtin University of Technology.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) researched the organisation's growth and change under his leadership.

He said the course focussed on the philosophy and developments of the human rights discourse, including an understanding of the United Nations instruments, which were things he was extremely interested in and complemented ALSWA's work.

"I realise that to make real changes in improving the quality of life for our communities, you must have a human rights-based approach to what you do," he said.

"The development of the Master of Human Rights course gave me that opportunity."

He said he hoped his study would be helpful to up-and-coming Indigenous leaders by encouraging them as they grow into key leadership positions.

"From a very early age, I felt compelled not to allow injustices to go unanswered," he said.

"What's happened to us as a people, and the continuing struggle for our rightful place in this country as First Nations peoples is a driving force."

Mr Eggington's supervisor Will Christensen said he had been an outstanding student and his study provided a valuable record of the ALSWA.

"It is also a brilliant contribution to the small but growing number of studies about Indigenous service organisations around Australia," Prof Christensen said.

Mr Eggington said he had no immediate plans to leave the ALSWA, but would like to get back into study as soon as possible.

"Learning for me is a life-long process, he said.





# AECG hears of program

By MARGARET SMITH

Strategy and the Targeted School Initiative," she said.

"These provide schools with additional support to introduce innovative programs for improving academic performance of Aboriginal students."

Ms Firth also commended the new Aboriginal Education and Training Policy, which aimed to increase the number of Aboriginal teachers in schools, colleges and universities.

"The policy stems from our desire to ensure that Aboriginal

President in Sydney.

AECG President Cindy Beswick commended the Minister for arriving early at the conference and staying after her speech in order to meet delegates.

Recently re-elected for another three years, Ms Beswick said the structure of the NSW AECG allowed it to advocate on Aboriginal people's behalf and play a strong inter-agency role. With more than 1000 members, she said the organisation's biggest challenge was dealing

with policy issues and 'keeping everyone involved'.

Like her predecessor Linda Burney, now a NSW Government minister, Ms Beswick was a teacher and then a state public servant before taking up the role. She worked on the DET Review into Aboriginal Education.

"You can see the importance of education and you can see the opportunities it

provides," she said.

Ms Firth told *The Koori Mail* she was inspired by the experiences of many people in the room, who had 'fought for the rights of their kids and communities'.

The conference also featured a presentation by school students from young AECG members who were working to engage other students, dances by Young and Deadly from Bidwell Primary School, and other presentations on programs including a university student tutoring scheme run by Jack Manning Bancroft.

education and training is recognised and accepted as a core responsibility of all of us involved this area," she said.

Questions from the floor were diverse, relating to the role of Aboriginal Education Officers (AEOs), sensitivity around the treatment of Indigenous issues in the upcoming national curriculum, and ways that TAFE classes in schools could be extended to help keep students interested in education.

The NSW AECG has branches in 19 regions with elected representatives, and a head office with an elected



AECG President Cindy Beswick and Education Minister Verity Firth with young AECG members.



The young NT Indigenous leaders together in Darwin.

## Young leaders meet in Darwin



YOUNG Indigenous leaders from across the Northern Territory gathered in Darwin this month for a three-day leadership seminar.

The 50 participants were part of the Indigenous Students' Leadership and Mentorship Program, which nurtures leadership among Indigenous young people through team-building, refining communication skills, valuing education and allowing students to meet Indigenous role models.

Students receive a \$1000 grant per semester to assist their development in sport, the arts, community work or academia. NT Indigenous Education Council Chair Mark Mortlop, Mentoring NT Group Training's Tanyah Nasir, and David Guy, from the Indigenous Capacity Unit, all passed on their experience and advice to students.

Centralian Senior Secondary College (CSSC) participant Tilman Lowe said the grants had helped by allowing him to buy a laptop computer for his studies.

"There are good incentives with the grants that we get and things that help us. I am now able to study at home," he said.

"It was also great to be able to come to Darwin and meet with other young leaders."

Another CSSC student, Lily-Joy Hampton, said the program had

helped her move closer to a future in music and arts.

Casuarina Senior College's Desiree Weetra said the program had assisted her with her sporting goals.

**This year's participants.**

Anzac Hill High School: Jacinta Braun; Casuarina Senior College: Abi-Solomon Gabey, Thomas Conroy, Britnay Philpot, Desiree Weetra, Jade Ponter, Joel Henry, Kahlisa Rioli, Shakira Lampton and Shanese Friel; Centralian Senior Secondary College: Aaron Curtis, Aralia Bigmore, Ariun McCormack, Billy McKenzie, Clary Lowe, Danielle Trindle-Price, Kahia Swan, Kate Campbell, Lily-Joy Hampton, Marissa Gibson, Michayla Holt, Rhianan Forrester, Shayna Campbell, Tilman Lowe, Toni Spencer, Wynona Karena and Zachary Peckham; Darwin High School: Grace Plichta, Shannoye Alderton, Shyanne Alderton and Shanese Liddy-Wilde; Dripstone Middle School: Jarrod Stokes; NT Open Education Centre: Allie Dudgeon; Nightcliff Middle School: Aaron Sailor, Bradley White, Natasha Zielke and Sheradene Solien-Senge; Palmerston High School: Tamara Connop; Sanderson Middle School: Shae Henry and Stacey Bridges; Taminmin High School: Daly Fowlstone, Dennis Collins-Sing and Rebekah Raymond; Tennant Creek High School: Benjuan Newcastle, Dyian Kerrin, Marcelius Ah Kit and Tyler Digby.



Young and Deadly dancers from Bidwell Public School performing during the annual conference.

## INDIGENOUS ARTS MANAGEMENT

at the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts

Artists, arts workers, managers, Indigenous cultural workers, prepare for leadership roles in the Indigenous arts arena in a range of arts disciplines, with the *Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Arts Management* at the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts, the University of Melbourne.

The course involves four one-week intensives between July and December 2009. Study areas include *Indigenous Arts & Cultural Identity; Industry & Marketing; Protocol; Policy & Law; and Arts & Project Management.*

**Applications for 2009 close 1st May 2009.**

Details & forms are available online at [www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/willincourses](http://www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/willincourses) or phone (03) 9685 9327

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## Pormpuraaw student has an umpiring goal



CRYSTAL Arkwookerum is a teenager in a hurry, both on the Australian Rules football (AFL) field and off.

A boarder at Lourdes Hill College in the Brisbane suburb of Hawthorne, the 15-year-old,

originally from Pormpuraaw in western Cape York, is studying Year 11 and has also just started an administrative traineeship with the Queensland Department of Housing.

She's hell-bent on finishing Year 12 and using her education – from both school and work – to pursue her true passion, AFL.

One day a week, Crystal learns office-related skills at the department, skills she hopes will enable her to work on the administrative side of the 'best football code in the country' while she also pursues her ultimate dream of becoming an AFL umpire.

Along the way, she's proud to be a role model for other young people from her home town, including her four younger brothers and sister.

"I'd like to work in an AFL office, maybe in

Brisbane or Cairns, so I could also do some umpiring and go to communities and teach kids what AFL is really about," Crystal told *The Koori Mail*.

"I tell the kids back home that I don't want them hanging around the streets and doing nothing. I tell them they should try to stay at

When she was at primary school in Pormpuraaw, Crystal played AFL in mixed teams. Since moving to Lourdes Hill College in Year 8, she's played in all-girls teams.

While Crystal concedes to having been homesick when she first moved to Brisbane, she says she soon made friends including

best friend Melanie Daniels, a non-Aboriginal student.

Crystal says she looks forward to going home to see family in the holidays, but in the meantime focuses on her school work.

Her favourite subjects are maths and drama, 'because I love acting', and health and physical education because she can throw herself into a range of sports including volleyball, netball and basketball.

Lourdes Hill College Principal Narelle Mullins told *The Koori Mail* she was

proud of Crystal, and the other 26 Indigenous girls at the college.

"Crystal's presence here has enriched our college in so many ways. She has definite leadership potential," Ms Mullins said.



Crystal Arkwookerum (left) and fellow Lourdes Hill College student Melanie Daniels have been firm friends since meeting in Year Eight.

school, like my mum and dad have always said to me.

"I know that not everyone cherishes their schooling, but my friends and family are happy for me and I am grateful for my education."

## 13 now on the right course for BA degree



THIRTEEN Indigenous students from around

Australia form part of the first intake of a new extended Bachelor of Arts program at The University of Melbourne.

The group started their university orientation last month in the new course for Indigenous students whose secondary school results do not allow direct entry to the University of Melbourne's Bachelor of Arts degree.

The BA (Extended) is the culmination of several years' collaboration between the Arts Faculty, the Centre for Indigenous Education, Trinity College and Professor Marcia Langton and other Indigenous leaders.

It runs over four years as opposed to the regular three-year program. Students benefit from a supported transition to university through the provision of an extra year of study, which is aimed at helping them develop the academic skills needed for success at university.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will have access to specialised academic support through bridging subjects in key areas such as academic literacy, communication and performance, literature, philosophy and environmental studies.

These subjects will be taught through the Trinity College Foundation Studies program in co-operation with staff from the University's Faculty of Arts, the Centre for Indigenous Education and the Academic Skills Unit.

The Centre for Indigenous Education will also provide academic support for the students, who will reside at one of the colleges affiliated with the University of Melbourne.

"Living in college will ensure the BA (Extended) students are properly supported and enriched throughout their time at university by involving them in academic, social, sporting, cultural and pastoral programs," said Dean of Trinity College Campbell Bairstow.

Students who are admitted to the course and complete the first two bridging years will progress into the regular Bachelor of Arts course in their third year.

All places in the new course are fully funded through a combination of corporate and private philanthropic support and existing government programs.

## ECU honour for Mark Bin Bakar



EDUCATOR and performer Mark Bakar has had his many achievements recognised with an honorary doctorate from Perth's Edith Cowan University (ECU). Dr Bin Bakar received the honour during a graduation ceremony at the Perth Convention and Exhibition

Centre on 8 March.

Born in Derby and raised in Broome, the Kija man has dedicated much of his adult life to increasing cultural understanding amongst Australians.

"In the pursuit of reconciliation, he works tirelessly to provide us with an insight into our Indigenous culture, pioneering new approaches with the aim of making a positive difference," said the citation for Dr Bin Bakar's honorary doctorate.

It also referred to his popular and award-winning character Mary G, or 'Queen of the Kimberley', through whom he used humour to expose society's stereotypes and raise awareness of social issues facing Indigenous people (see story pages 42-43).

Travelling throughout remote areas giving presentations on alcohol and drug abuse, domestic violence, health care, emotional well-being and respect for Elders, and working to instill a sense of pride in the communities, Dr Bin Bakar was founding chairperson of the Kimberley Stolen Generation Corporation.

An accomplished musician, he has created many opportunities for other Indigenous musicians – establishing the Aboriginal corporation Abmusic, creating and co-ordinating Broome's 'Stompem Ground' arts and cultural festival and helping to found the Broome-based Goolarri Media Enterprises.



Dr Mark Bin Bakar and his wife Tania (right) and Carol Innes (left).

Photo by STEPHEN HALL



## Reconciliation in action at college



FOR St Brendan's College senior student Dean Blackman, education is definitely a two-way street.

While he pursues his own formal education, he's also the leading member of the Yeppoon (central Qld) school's Aboriginal dance group, which is helping to build other students and teachers' awareness of his culture.

The dance group has been invited to perform at more than 20 primary schools in the past two years.

"It's an awesome experience," said Dean. "The little kids love seeing the dances and hearing the stories behind them. When we get them up and teach them some of the moves, they go wild."

In addition to primary schools, the dance group has performed at the opening ceremonies of community events such as the EREA Northern Region Launch, and one of the group's most exciting experiences was being asked to travel to Brisbane for the EREA Northern Region Launch.

The students structured a dance which told the story of the Great Spirit breathing life into the land and its creatures through the movement of the Rainbow Serpent.

"We also performed the dance at the



Back, from left, Lester Adams (Elder Instructor), Matt Anderson (Rockhampton), Solomon Accoom (Lockhart River), Principal Simon Dash, Gavin Inkerman (Rockhampton), Marley Adams (Woorabinda), Ethan Shaw (Cloncurry) and Jake Stower (Yeppoon). Front, from left, Dean Blackman (Rockhampton), Ashley Armstrong (Rockhampton), Travis Williams (Rockhampton) and Steven Peter (Coen).

college's awards night," said Dean. "It was great that the Torres Strait Islander boys

danced right after us. Everyone could see the contrast in style and skill."

Principal Simon Dash said promoting the dance group was just one way the school had attempted to meet the cultural and educational needs of the students, and the school was proud of the fact that its Indigenous enrollments had rapidly increased over the past five years, now numbering 110.

He said the school also tried to create opportunities for all students to experience the cultural diversity in the school and have a go at different activities.

He cited the example of a recent rodeo school organised for boys who were interested. One of the Islander boys, Simi, had his first-ever ride and said that although he'd ridden a dugong before, he'd never ridden a bull.

Mr Dash said that in order to plan for future needs, the college had conducted an extensive consultation process to develop an Indigenous Education Strategic Plan.

He said the plan had provided a framework for decision-making that had helped improve retention rates and results for Indigenous students.

In 2008 the College had 14 Indigenous graduates. This year 24 Indigenous students are expected to complete Year 12.

## Scholarship trio leading the way



The Balnaves Foundation's Neil Balnaves



THREE Indigenous medical students have been named as the first

University of NSW Balnaves scholars, each receiving \$25,000 a year for the duration of their six-year medical degree.

Tyron Clayworth, from Port Macquarie, Kyharne Biles, from Dubbo, and Andrew Julian, from Hurstville, were presented with their scholarships at a reception earlier this month.

The three say there is a need for qualified Indigenous doctors to help close the health gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

Kyharne, who attended Dubbo Senior College, said that although Indigenous people wanted help, they were often embarrassed about going to see a white doctor.

"The simple things they could be treated for, they let them go," she said. "And that just creates bigger problems."

All keen sportspeople, the three Balnaves Scholars were initially attracted to the sports sciences.

"We are all keen sportspeople and we've all ended up in doctors' surgeries with sports injuries, so we know the importance of good medical care," said Andrew, who studied at Marist Brothers in Kogarah.

"First I thought I'd go into sports medicine or physiotherapy. Then I got the marks and thought why stop at something like physio when you can do the lot?"



The 2009 Balnaves Scholars Tyron Clayworth, Kyharne Biles and Andrew Julian

While intent on acquiring the best medical education possible, the students also plan to draw on their Aboriginal heritage in their medical training.

"It will be a two-way process," Kyharne said.

"Our communities can teach us bush medicine and we can give them back uni medicine. It'll be a slightly different perspective on health."

For Tyron, who completed his HSC at Wauchope High School,

the university's network of Rural Clinical Schools - in Wagga, Albury, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour - was an incentive to study at UNSW.

He said he planned to spend his final three years of the degree

studying at the Clinical School in Port Macquarie so he would be closer to home and family.

Financial support is provided by The Balnaves Foundation, led by Neil Balnaves and family. The former executive chairman of media company Southern Star, Mr Balnaves, said he decided to fund the scholarships after seeing firsthand the disadvantage experienced in Central Australian Indigenous communities.

"There was such a discrepancy between how Indigenous people were living compared to how the rest of Australia lived - it was clear something had to be done," Mr Balnaves said.

The foundation provides the funds to UNSW through private prescribed funds (PPFs) - a philanthropic model introduced by the Federal Government in 2001 which allows individuals, families and companies to make fully tax-deductible donations to approved causes.

In 2008 there were just 120 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical doctors in Australia, with another 120 in training. Nineteen are studying at UNSW, which is the only Australian university with an open quota for Indigenous students, allowing all qualifying students from the pre-medicine program to gain entry to the degree.

All three Balnaves Scholars graduated from the program before starting their degrees.





AIPA Chair Dr Pat Dudgeon, the first Indigenous psychologist to be awarded a fellowship with the Australian Psychologists Society.

## Psychologist elected to elite position

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



BARDI woman and leading Perth psychologist Dr Pat Dudgeon has become the first Indigenous psychologist to be elected to the elite position of Fellow with the Australian Psychologists Society (APS), one of only about 170 fellows in the 16,500-member society.

Dr Dudgeon became a member of the APS in 1994 after registering as a psychologist in 1990, just three years after graduating.

Dr Dudgeon, who is the inaugural Chair of the Australian Indigenous Psychologists Association (AIPA) launched last September in Hobart, was awarded the fellowship 'in recognition of her innovative and substantial contributions to psychology'.

Dr Dudgeon said the fellowship would help in her plans to develop AIPA further to increase the number of Indigenous psychologists, support cultural competence training for non-Indigenous psychologists and provide psychological perspectives on social issues at a national level.

"I'm absolutely delighted and proud with the fellowship, and I'm also proud that they're recognising Indigenous issues and Indigenous psychologists

as well," Dr Dudgeon told *The Koori Mail*.

"I'm obviously the first Indigenous Fellow of the APS, and I was one of the first Indigenous psychologists as well, but I think it's an indication that our discipline and some of the mainstream professional bodies are now opening their eyes and seeing the importance of Indigenous issues."

Dr Dudgeon said more needed to be done at an academic level to encourage more Indigenous people into the profession as well as give proper cultural training to non-Indigenous psychologists.

"With all the mental health issues the Aboriginal community is requiring mental health services and psychologists to engage much more with us, so I think it needs to be done at two levels," she said.

"One, ensuring that Indigenous studies is in the curriculum when they go through university, and the other of our big aims is to develop a cultural competence model workshop and ensure that our Indigenous psychologists deliver that to psychologists all over the country."

Dr Dudgeon recently completed her doctorate of philosophy in psychology where she has narrowed her academic focus to the psychology of Indigenous women. She hopes this new focus will constitute a further substantial contribution to the body of psychological knowledge.



The youngest enthusiastic participants were six-year-old Lana Thomas, four-year-old Kiora Hogan and seven-year-old Danny Mansell.

## Tassie kids in the swim

Story and photos by  
Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



THE  
Indigenous  
Sports  
Program in  
Tasmania  
benefits

hundreds of energetic children each year and its latest fixture, a learn-to-swim program, is proving popular.

The sports program started in the early 1990s and is one of several being run around the country that evolved from the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC).

"Initially it was set up as a diversion program,

particularly for remote communities to divert kids away from anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and stuff like that," said the program's Tasmanian Project Officer, Garry Maynard.

"I guess it's changed its focus now, just trying to get kids actively involved in sport and recreation and give our kids the opportunity to participate in sporting programs that they wouldn't otherwise get an opportunity to do."

The former North Hobart A-grade cricketer and 1976/77 Tasmanian Cricketer of the Year does not regret the career move to project officer for the Tasmanian arm of the program. Sport was his first love.

"I really enjoy this job,

because I love to see our kids getting the opportunity to participate in sport on a regular basis," the former conveyancing law clerk said.

"In the process, they develop a healthy active lifestyle."

Mr Maynard said the most successful program by far has been the learn-to-swim courses.

There have been more than 100 participants statewide each program, and three are run each year.

A tennis program has just begun, and coming soon is softball, basketball and another round of learn to swim.

Past programs have also included cricket, soccer, surf life saving, touch football and Auskick.



Garry Maynard joins Sophie Sutor, Niara Everett, Maddie Brown, Tyenna Hogan and Naarah Barnes who have all benefitted from the learn-to-swim program.



# Fresh is best at Napranum

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



WITH so much emphasis on obesity these days and the lack of enough fruit and vegetables in diets, a community farm at the Cape York Aboriginal community of Napranum is striking a chord

amongst locals and others from further afield.

When *The Koori Mail* visited the community recently, residents of Weipa 8km away were there buying the farm's produce and singing its praises for freshness.

Manager Joseph Tiko was run off his feet selling a variety of fruit, vegies and eggs in big quantities.

"Because of the wet, we have been getting most supplies in by barge from Cairns except pumpkins, bananas and eggs," he said.

"But soon planting starts and it will all come from here again," he said.

Planting will produce bananas, capsicums, zucchini, sweet corn, beans, sweet potatoes, rockmelons, and watermelons as the weather becomes drier.

At the farm checking out the cold rooms was Weipa mother Rachel Bradbury with 10-month-old son Isiah Rea.

"I come here regularly as the stuff is fresh and cheaper than I can get it elsewhere. It is great to get fresh produce," she said.

Weipa retiree Barry Guldbrandsen also bought several bags of fresh fruit and vegies and said he visited the farm weekly because the produce was fresh and well-priced.

Kowanyama man Steve Kepper works for Rio Tinto in Weipa and arrived to 'buy fresh'.

"This is my first time here and lots of people have told me about it and it is good," he said.



Freddie Ara, left, and Roy Mark with pumpkins from the Napranum Aboriginal community farm.

Mr Tiko said that many people came from Weipa on Saturdays, when the farm was open from 9am to noon.

"Lots of locals from Napranum also come here and we supply the butcher shop and store," he said. "I just got an order for 30 dozen eggs."

Mr Tiko said business had especially boomed during recent heavy rain in north Queensland, when fresh produce was in such short supply.

"We almost ran out of everything," Mr Tiko said as he cut up a pumpkin. Farm workers Freddie Ara, 19, and Roy

Mark, 30, were busy tending the banana trees and cutting up pumpkins when *The Koori Mail* visited a second time.

"There are about ten of us young fellas working here and it is great to supply fresh fruit and vegies for our people and others," Freddie said.

# Book aims for better health



A NEW guidebook aimed at improving the supervision of Indigenous researchers and their recruitment and training is now available.

Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard launched the guide as part of the annual Science meets Parliament event on 18 March.

Based on interviews with Indigenous and non-Indigenous researchers, *Supporting Indigenous Researchers: A Practical Guide for Supervisors* offers practical ways of improving the capacity of Indigenous health researchers to identify, design, implement and conduct high quality health research.

Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health Chief Executive Officer Mick Gooda said the prerequisites of Aboriginal health were a good research base and strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce.

"This guide book is aimed at achieving both of these by ensuring greater numbers of Indigenous people themselves are able to become



MICK GOODA

effective health researchers and this, in turn, will improve the quality of the researcher itself and the take up of that research by Indigenous communities and the health agencies," he said.

"The book raises critical research issues and brings together the advice and experiences of both Indigenous and other researchers and relates their views to accepted practices in work force development and management.

"The challenge to both government and the nation in closing the gap is enormous but achievable given the right levels of resources and the active participation of Aboriginal people ourselves.

"I am confident this guide will assist us in meeting that challenge and bringing greater numbers of committed and talented Aboriginal researchers to the workforce."

Part 1 of the guide includes tips for building a reciprocal and supportive supervisor-researcher relationship and a strong intercultural research team.

Part 2 offers practical strategies and resources to guide research supervisors in day-to-day processes, including job planning and recruitment, induction, work planning and performance appraisal.

It explains how to determine training needs, and how to design and support the training and professional development of emerging Indigenous researchers.

A companion volume, *Researching Indigenous Health: A Practical Guide for Researchers*, is due out later in the year.

## NSW NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CADETSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

The cadetship program provides the opportunity for Aboriginal students to combine full-time undergraduate nursing and midwifery studies with employment in a Public Hospital and Justice Health facility within NSW.

For this recruitment there are two targeted positions at The Children's Hospital Westmead.

### What does the Cadetship offer?

- A study allowance of \$600 per fortnight whilst at university
- Employment for 12 weeks in your local hospital
- Support from a Mentor and Program Coordinator
- Ongoing employment offered once graduated



The closing date for applications is **Friday 8 May 2009.**

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## Gove ward closure worries pregnant women



**PREGNANT** Aboriginal women from a remote area of the Northern Territory may hide before they go into labour to avoid being flown out of their home community to give birth, a health worker says. The maternity ward at Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula will close next month because the NT Government has been unable to recruit obstetricians.

Black and white women who live in the mining town, or women who live in the nearby communities, will need to fly to Darwin or Katherine to give birth.

Nick Tumman, from Miwatj Health in Nhulunbuy, told ABC radio he feared Yolngu women from East Arnhem Land would avoid getting health care because they don't want to leave their homelands when they are pregnant.

Mr Tumman said he had worked in other remote areas where the local

women elected not to seek access to health services rather than leave their homelands. "In those locations, mums would hide to avoid having to be flown out, and then they would often present in labour, having had their waters broken," he said.

"(But) the expertise was not available on the ground for a safe delivery."

More than 300 Yolngu women protested through the streets of Nhulunbuy on 8 March, demanding that

medical staff be found to keep the ward open.

"The foundations lie on an ancestral ceremonial ritual ground," event organiser Djapirri Mununggirritj told the *NT News*.

"It's sacred for the women of Arnhem Land."

A spokeswoman for NT Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said the Government had made finding replacement doctors a top priority. - AAP

# It's Deadly Sex

## Congress attracts health workers

By **CHRISTINE HOWES**  
in Cairns



**SEXUAL** health workers from all over Queensland met in Cairns last week for the seventh annual 'Deadly Sex' Congress.

Health Promotion Officer for the Qld Association for Healthy Communities (formerly the AIDS Council) and congress chair Tony Coburn said 60 participants - making up about 95 per cent of all Queensland's Indigenous sexual health workers - attended.

"Everyone in Queensland who is an Aboriginal or Islander sexual health worker is given the opportunity to attend," he said.

Mr Coburn has been involved in the congress since 2002. He shared some of his insights with *The Koori Mail*.

"We're there to get information out, and prevention is our key thing," he said.

"Years ago there was nothing happening in the communities around sexual health for various reasons, but the workers are now given the skills to go and confidently deliver those forums and work with their people."

"It still is difficult in a lot of aspects but we're slowly breaking down those barriers."

"If the sexual health worker is from that community then there's that difficulty of sometimes the shame factor. Because it might be a nephew or a niece and sometimes they won't go to that sexual health worker, they'll go to somewhere else. But we push the confidentiality aspect."

Mr Coburn said the main purpose of the congress, a joint initiative of six organisations under the umbrella of the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sexual Health Working



Deadly Sex Congress participants in Cairns earlier this month.

## Cairns to host national course

**C**airns will also host a national course in blood-borne viruses (BBVs) and sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in May. A one-day course will be held ahead of the biennial 10th National Rural Health Conference from 17-20 May.

The pre-conference event will be presented by the Australasian Society for HIV Medicine (ASHM) and is aimed at health-care workers who provide clinical services in the primary-care setting and are in contact with patients who have, or are at risk of, BBVs and STIs.

It will provide an overview of the epidemiology, testing principles, pathogenesis,

natural history and treatment of HIV, hepatitis B and C infections and common STIs.

Taking sexual history and performing a sexual risk assessment will also be covered. The course has a regional and local focus, providing an overview of local service provision and referral pathways within the area.

The course will be held on 17 May at The Sebel Cairns, with concessions for ASHM members. More information on the BBV/STI course and the 10th National Rural Health Conference is available on-line at [www.ruralhealth.org.au](http://www.ruralhealth.org.au)

making sure people have got the most current and up-to-date information about all the blood-borne viruses, such as HIV, hepatitis B and C, and sexually transmitted infections or STIs such as chlamydia, syphilis and hepatitis B.

"That's what it's about, it's a blood-borne virus conference. But we link the STIs because if people have STIs it's much easier for them to contract a blood-borne virus."

Mr Coburn said the congress was funded mainly by the Commonwealth Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH).

"OATSIH funds this conference and takes on board the key issues in every community so they're playing a key role which comes from the feedback and the information that comes back," he said.

Group, was to network and share.

"The difficulty, and why it's important to us to keep having the congress every year, is the huge turnover in sexual health workers within the Indigenous community," he said.

"A big component to Deadly Sex is the networking because a lot of the time we don't hear what's happening up in the northern areas and it's totally different to working with communities in Charleville or Mt

Isa, even in Brisbane, because we don't have a lot of the same issues. They may be similar issues, but they have to be dealt with appropriately to the different communities."

"It's just linking them together,



# Death rates link found

## Better health in remotest areas, say researchers



INDIGENOUS people in the remotest parts of Australia have better health outcomes than those in less remote, or outer regional, areas, a study has found. The study, that looked at deaths from chronic disease across the Northern Territory, found 'strikingly higher' mortality rates among Aboriginal people in less remote locations.

Using Australia's general population as a baseline, the death rate among Indigenous people in outer regional areas like suburban Darwin was about three times higher.

When researchers at the University of Queensland's Centre for Chronic Disease looked at remote areas, like Alice Springs and Katherine, the Indigenous death rate was up to nine times higher.

Arnhem Land, Melville Islands and the Gulf of Carpentaria fell into the most remote category in the study.

"Very remote areas had the lowest mortality rates, which ... were about twice the Australian average," according to the study by Dr Karen Andeasayan and Dr Wendy Hoy.

### 'Complex and speculative'

"The reasons for the strikingly higher mortality rates in remote areas compared to outer regional areas and very remote areas are potentially complex and speculative."

The study took in deaths from diabetes, cardiovascular disease and renal failure from 1998 to 2000 and 2001 to 2003.

The finding runs counter to the widely held view that increasing remoteness was associated with poorer health, but several factors may play roles in that. One reason was Indigenous people in very remote communities had a better social environment, better family support, a healthier diet, more exercise and lower rates of substance misuse.

The study notes 'selection bias' was also a factor, as people with poorer health would tend to move to a population centre to access health services, such as dialysis.

People seeking alcohol or drugs would also tend to congregate in larger centres, with a flow-on effect of increased deaths.

"The distribution of mortality from accidents, suicide and homicide ... was similar to the pattern of mortality from the analysed chronic diseases, with death rates strikingly higher in remote areas and the lowest in very remote areas," the report states.

The research is published in the *Medical Journal of Australia*. — AAP



Vicki Thom speaking at the launch.



Susan Guest, Vicki Thom and Auntie Sandra Griffens cut a cake to launch the new resource. The cake was decorated with the image from the front of the booklet.

# New booklet fills void on targeted contraceptive info



A COMPREHENSIVE booklet about contraception targeted at Aboriginal men and women in the NSW

Hunter region was launched earlier this month, after it was discovered there was a significant lack of suitable information on the subject.

Approved by local Aboriginal Elders and advisory groups, the booklet called *Hey Sister! Hey Brother!* uses plain language and sketches to explain a wide range of contraception options, including emergency contraception, condoms, hormone pills, sterilisation and natural family planning.

Aboriginal artist and Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer at Hawkesbury District Health Service Vicki Thom created the artwork 'Taken Control' for the front cover, and was also a special guest speaker for the launch, held at the Youlooe-ta Centre in Garden Suburb near Newcastle on 6 March.

"It represents taking control of your life, your health, your future and yourself," said Ms Thom of the artwork.

"The hand is what controls our life, our future; the snake represents life, movement and future direction which we are faced with every day."

The four-year *Hey Sister! Hey Brother!* project came about after



Millabah Indigenous Dance Group performers from Hunter Performing Arts High School at the launch.

Family Planning NSW and Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Services at John Hunter Hospital joined forces to create an Aboriginal contraception fact sheet in 2004.

The community partnership discovered only one other out-of-print resource about contraception was available, so staff decided to take the project to a new level and create a comprehensive booklet.

Project co-ordinator and health

promotion officer for Family Planning NSW Susan Guest said the booklet was the only one of its kind in the Hunter region.

"This meant it had to be perfect: Terminology, text size, artwork, colours, everything," she said.

Family Planning NSW CEO Ann Brassil said there were so many different contraception choices that awareness of the all the options was fundamental.



# NATIONAL CALENDAR

**W**elcome to *The Koori Mail's* National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to [calendar@koorimail.com](mailto:calendar@koorimail.com), faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

**Until 4 April:** Forces of Land and Body Art Exhibition. This is a selection of museum-quality paintings by the current leaders of the Utopia art movement, Kathleen Petyarre and Gloria Petyarre. All welcome. At Woolloongabba Art Gallery, 613 Stanley St, Woolloongabba. Details: (07) 3891 5551 or email [email@wag.harryscollor.com](mailto:email@wag.harryscollor.com) or visit [www.wag.harryscollor.com](http://www.wag.harryscollor.com)

**Until 9 April:** Metro Screen's Lester Bostock Indigenous Mentorship. Metro Screen is looking for film-makers to produce a five- to eight-minute film in any genre from experimental, documentary or drama. Each film-maker is mentored by an industry professional and supplied with equipment, stock, post-production facilities and a \$2500 budget. Films will be screened at a special cinema event and at the Museum of Sydney during NAIDOC Week, as well as other venues around Australia. Details: (02) 9365 1818 or email [metro@metroscreen.org.au](mailto:metro@metroscreen.org.au) or visit [www.metroscreen.org.au](http://www.metroscreen.org.au)

**Until 24 April:** Youth Participation Grants Program. Grants of \$5500 are available for youth aged 12-25 years living in NSW. Any type of activity that benefits the community in some way may be funded, so long as it is run by young people, and is legal and safe. Details: Lam Huynh on (02) 9319 1100 or tollfree 1800 627 323 or email [yp@yapa.org.au](mailto:yp@yapa.org.au)

**Until 25 April:** Little Gems. Affordable works by collectable artists. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email [info@hogarthgalleries.com](mailto:info@hogarthgalleries.com) or visit [www.aboriginalartcentres.com](http://www.aboriginalartcentres.com)

**Until 27 April:** Free child protection seminars for sporting clubs. These help sport and recreation organisations understand risk management and the importance of establishing sound policies and procedures for people working with children. Dates and locations: 31 March Lismore, 2 April Tweed Heads, 6 April Port Macquarie, 7 April Coffs Harbour and 27 April held in Grafton. Times from 6:30-8pm. Details: (02) 6618 0401 or (02) 6618 0400, or visit [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 5 June:** Environmental Grants 2009 Program 'Protecting Our Places' application submissions. These grants provide funding for Aboriginal communities and organisations in NSW to undertake environmental education and restoration and rehabilitation projects. Morning tea and lunch provided. Workshop times 10am-3pm. Dates and locations: 31 March Sydney, 7 April Newcastle, 16 April Wagga Wagga, 21 April Brewarrina, 28 April Glen Innes, 4 May Cobar, 5 May Narooma, 12 May Narromine, 13 May Coonabarabran and 15 May Parramatta. Times: 10am-3pm. All welcome. Details: (02) 8837 6093 or call Jackie or Natalie on (02) 8837 6399 or visit [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/envtrust)

**27 March-7 June:** Some of Us. The Lockhart River Art Gang. This is an exhibition of paintings and prints from the Lockhart River 'Art Gang', a group of young Aboriginal artists based on the east coast of Cape York. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. 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)

**27-29 March:** Two Fires Festival of Arts and Activism - Coming Together. Activities will include story-telling, art exhibitions, book stalls, dancers and more. Featuring Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter and band with supporting acts. Cost involved. Details: (0401) 904 680 or visit [www.twofiresfestival.org](http://www.twofiresfestival.org)

**28 March-31 September:** Echoes of Blacktown. This exhibition explores collective stories of the Darug people, the traditional owners of the local land. Details: (02) 9831 6203 or Sandra on (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 325.



## Spirit is on display at Customs House

**S**PIRIT is a new art installation which features in the foyer at Sydney's historic Customs House until 30 April and uses a 'stitching' method of still photos to create a moving image.

Spirit was written, produced and directed by Mihau Kamieniak who collaborated with artist, song man and dancer Peter Birch Marshall (Jangala) and a team of young, up-and-coming actors and creatives. Kamieniak says its themes

have a central and unifying message about the individual's sense and need for belonging.

The installation is based on an urban corroboree held at Customs House last year. Kamieniak said everyday Australians 'came to participate in a modern ritual, symbolic of a greater collective awakening... the hope for a multicultural spirit akin to a human Noah's Ark'.

One year on from the National Apology, he said the relevance of this could

not be forgotten as Australians seek to find new ways to work together to build a culture of mutual respect.

Opening hours are 8am to midnight weekdays, 10am to midnight Saturday and 11am to 5pm Sundays. Copyrighted highlights are available for view on [www.shamanfilm.com/spirit.htm](http://www.shamanfilm.com/spirit.htm)

The Level 2 Exhibition Space at the Customs House will also feature a 32 panel photographic exhibition 'Spirit. An Urban Corroboree'.

**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. Young Aboriginal groups will 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.

**4 April:** Catwalk modelling competition. All welcome, at PCYC, Dubbo. Gold coin donations for entry. Details: (02) 6882 3273.

**7 April:** Young Indigenous Women fundraising breakfast, to support The Women's College Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Alliance Project, known as WATSA. Cost \$50 a person or \$750 corporate table. All welcome. At The Women's College in The University of Sydney, 15 Carrillon Ave, Newtown from 7-8.15. Details: Jacinta Walpole on (02) 9517 5008 or email [community@thewomenscollege.com.au](mailto:community@thewomenscollege.com.au) or visit [www.thewomenscollege.com.au](http://www.thewomenscollege.com.au)

**7 April:** The Man from Mukinupin Koori Night. This is a special one-off performance of 'The Man from Mukinupin' by Dorothy Hewett. Cost involved, bookings essential. All welcome. Held at Belvoir St Theatre, 25 Belvoir St, Surry Hills from 6.15pm onwards. Details: (02) 9699 3444 or email [mail@belvoir.com.au](mailto:mail@belvoir.com.au) or visit [www.belvoir.com.au](http://www.belvoir.com.au)

**8 April:** Women and Human Rights: Time to speak up! This half-day forum will inform on the current Australian human rights framework and gaps. All welcome. Held at The University of Technology Sydney, Ultimo. RSVP by 3 April. Details: Joanna on (02) 9514 1274 or email [joanna.leonard@uts.edu.au](mailto:joanna.leonard@uts.edu.au) or visit [www.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.humanrights.gov.au)

**9 April:** 2009 Lachlan Aboriginal Natural

Resource Management and Cultural Heritage Awards Night. This event will recognise the achievements of individuals and organisations in natural resource management and cultural heritage protection. All welcome. Cost \$30 each. Held at Forbes Inn Hotel Motel, Rankin St, Forbes from 6pm onwards. Details: Russell Hill on (02) 6851 1699 or email [russell.hill@lanmc.com.au](mailto:russell.hill@lanmc.com.au)

**24 April-12 July:** Real to Surreal - Scenes from the Centre: Journey with the new generation of Hermannsburg watercolour artists. Highlighting the direct influence artist Albert Namatjira has had on his family and community. All welcome. At Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. 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)

**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 [dunghutti@bronscos@yahoo.com](mailto:dunghutti@bronscos@yahoo.com) or visit [www.DunghuttiBroncos.leaguenet.com.au](http://www.DunghuttiBroncos.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 McQuillan, Andrea Hanson, Alicia Weiderman, Felicity Huntington, Les Collins, Tanyah 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](mailto:conferences@tonkincorporation.com)

**25 April:** Redfern Anzac Day Commemoration. The Coloured Digger Project and Babana Aboriginal Men's Group invite you to the commemoration service. All welcome to join in and march from The Block to Redfern Park for the commemorative ceremony. Transport available if unable to take part in the march. Held at The Block, Redfern, from 1pm-4.30pm. Details: Ray on (0417) 929 701 or David on (0409) 813 741 or Mark on (0411) 282 917.

**8 May:** Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program. The department is currently offering 13 nursing and midwifery cadetships for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who live in NSW. This cadetship offers study allowance of \$600 a fortnight while at university. Employment for 12 weeks full-time in a local hospital, receive support from a mentor and ongoing employment once graduated. Details: Lana Shaw on (02) 9391 9607 or 1800 330 933 or email [aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)

**27-29 May:** Yulkuum-Jerrang - The Second Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing Out Future'. This unique Conference will provide key stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives, increase business and create employment opportunities. Featuring international and local speakers, indigenous youth forum, business and social networking opportunities, gala dinner and more. Held in Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or email [events@conferenceworks.net.au](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)

**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 Nhulunbuy 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie 1800 193 357 and Kununurra 1800 193 348.

**10 July:** National NAIDOC Awards Ceremony and Ball. Brisbane is the national focus city for NAIDOC 09. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: Email [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au) or ticketek on 132 849.

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**1-4 September:** Deadly Days 2009 - Bigger, better, deadlier. Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are invited to take part. The first day will be hands-on workshops, try-a-trade and other learning activities, while the second will be expos, music, sport, art and culture. Special guests. Times and Dates: Kingscliff TAFE 1-2 September, Grafton TAFE 2-3 September and Port Macquarie TAFE 3-4 September. Details: (02) 6620 4758 or visit [www.nci.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nci.tafensw.edu.au)

**7-14 October:** Fifth anniversary of the East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network. This is a week-long camp in the Gold Coast hinterland. Held at Camp Bornhoffer, 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)





# Employment

## Indigenous Job Opportunities



Aboriginal Central Australians already have a long history in the region's pastoral industry.

*Photos courtesy of CDU*



# Job plan mounted

**A**BORIGINAL youth across Central Australia are being wooed to the race track with a new program launched by the Alice Springs Turf Club and Charles Darwin University (CDU).

The turf club recently hosted an open day to launch CDU's Certificate 1 in Racing (stablehand) in the hope of giving budding track-riders, jockeys and trainers an insight into the industry.

The four-week, full-time program will be delivered by thoroughbred trainers, jockeys and operations personnel and give students a taste of broad industry careers.

Industry veteran and former jockey and trainer Norm Bracken is bringing his expertise to the project and said he was keen to see more young people get into the industry. "It would be great to see more young people and, in particular, Indigenous lads or ladies because there are so many opportunities here for them," he said.

Alice Springs Turf Chief Executive Andrew O'Toole said the NT racing industry was committed to developing future Indigenous track-riders, jockeys, trainers and other industry personnel, and he thanked Mr Bracken for giving his time to the project.

**'It would be great to see more young people and, in particular, Indigenous lads or ladies because there are so many opportunities here for them'**

**— Racing industry veteran Norm Bracken**



"We are very fortunate to have someone of Norm's calibre and experience to help young people get into the game," he said.

"And if we can get a group of locals who really find their feet in this industry, then it will be a great success."

The move follows on from Racing NSW's 17 January launch of its Darby

McCarthy Aboriginal Employment Strategy, named after the legendary Aboriginal jockey who broke many records and was inducted into the Queensland Racing Hall of Fame in 2004.

Mr McCarthy attended the strategy launch in Sydney, which marked a commitment from Racing NSW to find 100

jobs for Indigenous people within the thoroughbred industry.

Meanwhile, back in Alice Springs, Centralian Senior Secondary College student Telisha Kotzur says she is already hooked on the idea of a career in thoroughbred racing.

The Year 12 student's first exposure to horses as an 11-year-old living in regional Queensland sealed her choice of career.

Since moving to Alice Springs last year, Telisha has joined Mr Bracken for many early morning starts, and has further developed her track work and equine skills.

Her advice to other young people is to share their passion for horses through the CDU course.

"If you are happy to get up early in the morning and think you can relate well to the animals, I'd suggest you give it a go," Telisha said.

CDU Team Leader for Trades Justin Busse said the program extended the university's successful horsemanship and pastoral skills programs which had given 'pride and purpose to bush students'.

"We are keen to see similar achievements here in Alice Springs," he said.

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## Program Manager (Aboriginal)

DPO Grade IV, Haymarket, Position No: 09/008.

Total remuneration package valued up to \$99,178 pa including salary (\$88,128 to \$89,876 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The position reviews and develops specialist programs and intervention strategies to address the complex needs of indigenous young offenders in reducing the risk factors associated with their re-offending, and to address the over-representation of indigenous young people under supervision or in custody.

### Selection Criteria:

- Documented verification of Aboriginality; and knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultural issues.
- Completed four (4) year degree level qualifications in Psychology, Social Work or Behavioural Sciences or equivalent.
- Technical knowledge and understanding of State and/or National Indigenous youth offender strategies and "best practice" interventions.
- Strong applied research skills and strong analytical and conceptual thinking skills.
- Effective oral and written communication, negotiation and decision making skills.
- Demonstrated program management experience including program design, implementation, evaluation and review.
- Experience in community consultation and managing relationships with a diverse range of stakeholders.
- Minimum NSW Class C Driver's Licence.

**Notes:** Relevant postgraduate qualifications together with eligibility for registration with the relevant professional body would be advantageous. An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks.

**Inquiries:** Suellen Lembke, Director Programs (02) 9219 9517, or email [suellen.lembke@dj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:suellen.lembke@dj.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Catherine Brennan (02) 9219 9584 or email [catherine.brennan@dj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:catherine.brennan@dj.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Employee Services Officer, Department of Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240  
**Closing Date:** Friday 10 April 2009

## HOUSING NSW TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Central Sydney Housing Services Division &  
Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division  
Locations across Sydney Metropolitan  
Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)  
Position No: DOH-09-18702

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the technical standards, responsiveness & understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of, and a commitment to, OH&S standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Post trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie: construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. A separate eligibility list will be created for Central Sydney Division and Greater Western Sydney Division.

**Inquiries:** Central Sydney Division - Robert Holden (02) 9268 3551 Greater Western Sydney Division - Robert Dick (02) 9796 9301

**Information Packages:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package  
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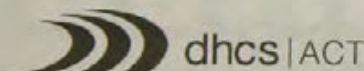
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## Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Kinship and Foster Care Service

### Senior Project Officer

Administrative Services Officer Class 6

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The position is responsible for the effective administration of the Service. The occupant will require strong program and time management skills, an ability to undertake policy and project work involving research, analysis, implementation and evaluation. The occupant will be required to build and maintain strong working relationships with the ACT Indigenous community and other key stakeholders, particularly existing and potential foster carers and the foster care sector.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contemporary Australian society.

**Note:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Mark Baldwin (02) 6205 5635 [mark.baldwin@act.gov.au](mailto:mark.baldwin@act.gov.au)

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>. Applications can be sent via email to: [jobs@act.gov.au](mailto:jobs@act.gov.au) or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

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**Communities**

Salary: \$46,071 - \$67,847 p.a.

**Location:** Wacol

**REF:** QLD/COM0218/09

**Key Duties:** Delivery of culturally appropriate casework and counselling services. Facilitation of the Young Person's positive progression through the stages of custody and the assistance in the avoidance of further offending.

**Skills and Abilities:** Excellent skills in organisation, supervision and communication within a team environment.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 30 March 2009

## Youth Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(One permanent full-time and one casual position available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

**Communities**

Salary: \$39,632 - \$42,189 p.a.

**Location:** Townsville

**REF:** QLD/COM0008/09

**Key Duties:** Provide supervision of young people in detention and maintain the safety and security of young people in detention.

**Skills and Abilities:** Open, positive communications, respectful, team player, can cope with physically challenging work environment.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Monday, 6 April 2009

## Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39,804 - \$42,622 p.a. (\$23,204 - \$35,077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

**Location:** Woorabinda

**REF:** PD105/09

**Enquiries:** Meg McArthur (07) 4935 0155  
**Closing Date:** Monday, 30 March 2009

## Cleaner

Service Delivery

Communities

Salary: \$35,956 - \$39,017 p.a.

**Location:** Wacol

**REF:** QLD/COM0301/09

**Key Duties:** Ensure a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness is maintained in designated areas of the Centre, including the use of electrical cleaning equipment.

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**Closing Date:** Monday, 6 April 2009

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## HOUSING NSW PROJECT MANAGER

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Northern NSW Housing Services Division  
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Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)  
Position No: DOH-09-18718

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the quality and performance of the Housing NSW built asset base through the management and delivery of the contracted local maintenance programs in a timely, financially and contractually sustainable manner.

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- Ability to lead and drive the development and implementation of major reforms.
- Understanding of site safety management processes with capacity to lead the presentation of induction sessions and training seminars.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Applicants must specify their location preference. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Tony Rigney (02) 6659 2583

**Information Packages:**

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6626 4100.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centres, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009



## Student Support Officer.

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Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, [melissa.williams@uws.edu.au](mailto:melissa.williams@uws.edu.au)

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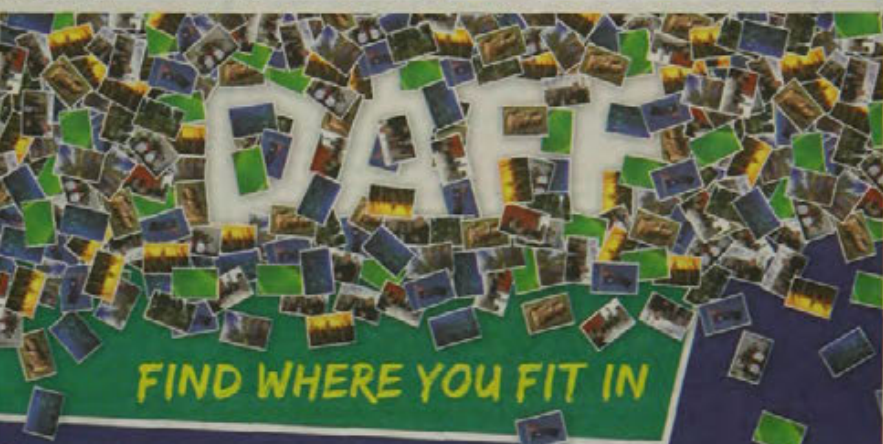
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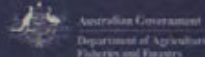
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY



Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

## HOME LENDING - LOAN SECURITIES POSITION

### Assistant Manager, Policy and Compliance (PN: 4034)

Salary \$63K - \$72K plus Bonus plus Super

Canberra based

ARE YOU

- experienced in legal securities or paralegal work in the financial services sector?
- seeking to make a real contribution in a challenging, yet rewarding work environment?
- interested in promoting Indigenous economic empowerment?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) currently has a home loan portfolio of approximately 3,400 accounts and is seeking an enthusiastic person to work in its home lending Policy and Compliance unit. The role requires you to:

- manage the units loan security dealings,
- prepare associated legal documents,
- liaise with our legal service providers,
- prepare reports and submissions; and
- initiate loan enforcement and debt recovery action.

IBA is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities in a profit orientated, private sector environment while promoting and encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander self-management and economic self-sufficiency. We are a dynamic and rapidly expanding organisation, with staff that is strongly committed to our goals.

The successful applicant will need to have:

- demonstrated experience and understanding of residential lending security documentation and related conveyancing practices
- an appropriate aptitude to investigate and analyse reasonably complex matters and issues
- the ability to prepare high quality written correspondence and proposals.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including job description and selection documentation visit [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au). If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions please contact Bob Campbell on (02) 6121 2673 or email [bob.campbell@iba.gov.au](mailto:bob.campbell@iba.gov.au).

Applications close on 31 March 2009

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



## Heritage Project Officer

- \$62,116 - \$70,477 plus 9% super
- Ongoing / Full time

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) provides leadership and guides action across government to enable Indigenous communities to drive policy development and service delivery, strengthened by additional resources and capacity.

Do you have a tertiary qualification in archaeology, anthropology or cultural heritage management? Do you have knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues? Can you build and maintain relationships with people? If so, this may be the role for you.

As Heritage Project Officer you will be responsible for implementing cultural heritage management programs and policies in partnership with local and regional stakeholders in the Hume Region. You will work with the local Aboriginal communities to strengthen their capacity to manage their cultural heritage and identified culturally significant land/s within the region.

To apply and access the position description visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

refer to position number DPCD/PACA/VC1550

Closing date for applications is  
Friday 03 April 2009



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## Research Fellow/Senior Research Fellow

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit | Social Policy Research Centre

An opportunity exists to be part of an exciting new initiative at the University of New South Wales. The Social Policy Research Centre seeks to appoint a Research Fellow. The successful candidate will play a strategic role in the development of the new Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit under the direction of Professor Patrick Dodson. This new Unit will provide a research base for Professor Dodson's Australian Dialogue Initiative, which aims to develop a new philosophical underpinning to guide the development of a new relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia. The Research Fellow will be involved in developing, conducting and supervising research in fields such as Indigenous policy and programs, reconciliation, inter-cultural dialogue and constitutional change.

The successful candidate will hold a PhD (or near completion) in a relevant field and have experience in self-directed social sciences and/or social policy research. They will be able to demonstrate extensive knowledge of the issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and have strong connections with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are especially encouraged to apply.

The position is full time, for a fixed term of three years but may continue subject to performance and available funding. Applicants should review the position description and systematically address the selection criteria in their application.

Having read the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to Dr Sarah Maddison on telephone 02 9385 2380 or email: [sarah.maddison@unsw.edu.au](mailto:sarah.maddison@unsw.edu.au)

Applications close: 14 April 2009

Salary Base \$75K - \$88K pa (Research Fellow)

Salary Base \$91K - \$105K pa (Senior Research Fellow)

Ref: 6441 KM

\*The faculty reserves the right to appoint at the most appropriate level.

For full details, application procedures and other vacancies  
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New South Wales Department of  
**Aboriginal Affairs**



## Executive Director, Policy and Programs

SES 3, Temp Appointment (SES), Job Reference No DAA09/046.

A remuneration package within the range (\$181 901 p.a. - \$206 600 p.a.) will be negotiated. Contract period will be for a period of up to five years.

This position is accountable for developing whole of government policy and service delivery co-ordination and reporting frameworks across State Government. The position leads the Division and its staff in co-ordinating the development of key policy initiatives of the State Plan F1 Priorities as well as Two Ways Together, working with other State Government agencies to resolve barriers to improved service delivery and in shaping and organising the Division to achieve the department's vision and fulfil its statutory obligations. The position manages the development of key programs including Partnership Communities, Safe Families, Environmental Health and Job Compacts, monitors and reports on their implementation.

The position is the department's primary adviser on strategic policy issues in Aboriginal affairs and provides advice of the highest order to the Director-General and Minister on all matters relating to strategic policy and programs.

### Selection Criteria

- High level ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities and superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people;
- Demonstrated ability to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities and peak groups, especially demonstrated track record in successful communication with communities;
- Demonstrated track record of exceptional influencing and negotiation skills, communication and interpersonal skills;
- Superior strategic thinking skills, including demonstrated achievement in the development of strategic policies, practices and strategies and the delivery of real outcomes;
- Executive-level management experience, including significant leadership skills in the successful management of organisational, program and cultural development;
- In-depth understanding of Government policy, direction, objectives and service delivery functions, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government;
- Commitment and capacity to implement Government policies such as EEO, OH&S, cultural diversity and ethical practice.

Job Notes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries: Jody Brown on (02) 9219 0712

Information Packages: Reception on (02) 9219 0700

Applications: Post to: The Human Resources Officer, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: [recruitment@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au)

Closing date: 10 April 2009

## Inner West Aboriginal Community Company

26 Lilydale St, Marrickville NSW 2204.

### Manager

(Aboriginal Identified Position)  
as authorised by Sections 14 and 31 of the  
Anti-discrimination Act 1977

This position is a permanent part-time position at \$44,600 annually, including a fully maintained service vehicle and mobile phone. The position is subject to ongoing funding and work performance reviews.

### Position Purpose

The Inner West Aboriginal Community Company Manager is responsible for providing direction and leadership toward the achievement of the organisation's mission, strategy, annual goals and objectives. The position provides the interface between the Board and Staff to ensure communication of identified roles and responsibilities of staff functions are clear and all policies and procedures are adhered to. The position oversees program and service delivery and all aspects of financial management. The IWACC Manager ensures the organisation manages its resources within budget guidelines according to all current laws, regulation and funding agreements.

Enquiries: for this position should be directed to the Chairperson Ricky Lyons on 0415 665 400.

The successful applicant will be required to complete a Working With Children Check/Police Check and is an essential that they hold a current unrestricted NSW Licence.

Information package: call Mary Frail, which is inclusive of Role Profile and Selection Criteria on 02 9572 7066

Mark all correspondence Confidential to: The Chairperson, 26 Lilydale Street Marrickville NSW 2204

Applications close: 31st March 2009.



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Careers in Health

### Allied Health/Clinical Support

**Health Worker Advanced (Nutrition Promotion)** - Indigenous Chronic Disease Team, Indigenous Health Service, Cherside Community Health Centre, Cherside, Metro North Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$56 983 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 403 - \$49 943 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09PCH03147.

**Duties/Abilities:** Consult on, plan, develop, coordinate, implement and evaluate a range of community nutrition initiatives targeting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Metro North Health Service District. Support the local implementation of Eat Well Queensland: Smart Eating for a Healthier State, the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Food and Nutrition Strategy and other relevant national, state and departmental policy directions. Focus on population-based primary prevention nutrition services. This position does not have a role in the delivery of clinical nutrition services to individuals. 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: Linda Medlin (07) 3139 4308.  
Application Kit: (07) 3139 4004 or  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)  
Closing Date: Tuesday, 14 April 2009.

### Corporate Support Services

**Community Alcohol Project Officer** - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Mornington Island Community Health, Mornington Island, Mount Isa Health Service District.

Remuneration value up to \$60 808 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 644 - \$53 295 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A03) (Temporary position up to 30 June 2012. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MIO117. **Duties/Abilities:** Develop, support and assist with implementing initiatives, in accordance with community wishes and priorities, to reduce harm associated with the misuse of alcohol and other drugs. The position is community based, and the incumbent will be expected to work with a broad range of individuals. 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: Sandra Kennedy (07) 4749 3821

**Community Alcohol Project Officer** - Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Doomadgee Community Health, Doomadgee, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$60 808 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 644 - \$53 295 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (A03) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09MIO390. **Duties/Abilities:** Develop, support and assist with implementing initiatives, in accordance with community wishes and priorities, to reduce harm associated with the misuse of alcohol and other drugs. 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: Sandra Kennedy or Ian Williamson (07) 4749 3821.  
To apply for the positions grouped above:  
Application Kit: (07) 4750 6773 or  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)  
Closing Date: Monday, 6 April 2009.

You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

## MERCY HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

### Program Manager

New Directions: An equal start in life

Full Time Position - Fixed Term 4 years

A new and exciting opportunity is available for an experienced project manager to undertake the implementation of the New Directions federally funded program which aims to improve early childhood health for Indigenous babies born at Mercy Hospital for Women.

In partnership with the Child Protection Society and Banyule Community Health, Mercy Hospital for Women aims to ensure that Indigenous mothers, babies and children receive culturally sensitive health care and early learning support during the antenatal phase, through childbirth and until their children reach eight years of age.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Enquiries can be directed to: Karen Clark, Director of Nursing/Hospital Manager, Mercy Hospital for Women phone 8458 4822 or e-mail [kclark@mercy.com.au](mailto:kclark@mercy.com.au)

Closing date: Monday, 6th April, 2009

To be a successful candidate you must meet the position requirements as well as provide a current Police Record Check and Working with Children's Check.

For further information about this exciting opportunity, please visit our website, [www.mercy.com.au](http://www.mercy.com.au)

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)



## Manager, Mental Health Promotion

Rural & Regional Health & Aged Care Division

Public Health Branch

Full time, ongoing

\$87,910 to \$117,642 plus superannuation

The Manager, Mental Health Promotion, Health Development Unit, will assist in developing, leading and supporting primary population-based prevention policy, programs and interventions to reduce the incidence and impact of preventable non-communicable health conditions. The role has a particular focus on mental health, reducing harmful alcohol usage, injury prevention and sexual health. It will lead the development of evidence-informed policies, strategies and best practice initiatives utilising an approach that:

- Addresses the broader determinants of health
- Is based on best available evidence
- Reduces social inequities and injustice
- Emphasises active consumer and community participation
- Empowers individuals and communities
- Is gender and culturally sensitive
- Facilitates inter-sectoral cooperation

If you are interested in applying for this position and require further information, please contact Vicky Mason on (03) 9096 0419.

Please quote reference no DHS/RUR/143004  
Applications close Sunday, 5th April 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

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## Senior Policy Officer, Indigenous Health

Rural & Regional Health & Aged Care Division

Public Health Branch

Part time (0.8 FTE), ongoing

\$71,671 to \$86,716 plus superannuation

As part of the Health Development Unit within the Public Health Branch, this role is responsible for developing evidence-informed policy and interventions to prevent chronic disease in Victoria, particularly in Aboriginal communities. This includes the development and planning of key policies, programs and partnerships. The position will have responsibility for developing policy and program advice relating to health promotion and prevention. This will entail supporting work within DHS, across government, with public health agencies, researchers, NGOs and communities. Given the nature of this role, the position is governed by an exemption from VCAT (No A30/2009) and only persons of an Indigenous background are invited to apply.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Vicky Mason on (03) 9096 0419. To view the job description and apply online, please visit [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)  
Please quote reference no DHS/RUR/51180  
Applications close Monday, 6th April 2009

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## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Career Academics

Griffith University is looking for early career Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians to become academics at our growing University. We are seeking interested applicants for positions within the Griffith Business School; Griffith Health; Arts, Education, Law and Science, Environmental, Engineering and Technology. We are seeking to establish a pool of applicants to fill expected vacancies during 2009.

Academic positions contribute to the development and teaching of undergraduate and postgraduate programs. The roles, which are at the level of either Associate Lecturer or Lecturer (depending on qualifications and experience), include responsibility for related academic activities including research and the development of industry partnerships. To be eligible for consideration applicants must be enrolled in a PhD or be prepared to undertake such study.

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Heather Cameron, Griffith University Bldg N54 1.26, Nathan Campus Qld 4111, or email [ies@griffith.edu.au](mailto:ies@griffith.edu.au)

The closing date for expressions of interest is Thursday 9 April 2009. Suitable applicants will be matched with potential vacancies during 2009. Applicants who are interested in casual tutoring positions are also encouraged to provide their details.

**Further enquiries:** Contact Heather Cameron on 07 3735 6404.

**Salary range:** Lecturer: \$70,566 - \$83,799 per annum; Associate Lecturer: \$49,307 - \$67,035 per annum plus 17% superannuation for continuing appointments.

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## reconciliation



### Chief Executive Officer

Reconciliation Victoria Inc. (RV) is a not-for-profit community organisation that encourages active appreciation of and participation in the advancement of reconciliation in Victoria; rights, respect & recognition for Indigenous Victorians; and to establish just and respectful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians.

We seek an experienced, innovative, and committed Chief Executive Officer to lead and manage the organisation.

See the RV Website for the full position description or telephone (03) 9662 1645 for more information.

[www.reconciliationvic.org.au](http://www.reconciliationvic.org.au)

Applications close 3 April 2009

## NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

### POPULATION HEALTH & PLANNING

#### Aboriginal Women's Sexual Health

#### Promotion Officer

HIV/AIDS Related Programmes Unit (HARPU) - Sydney

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time

Position No: 116597

• 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.

Enq: Jennifer Farinella, (02) 4221 6740,

[jennifer.farinella@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.farinella@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 3 April 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

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## 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.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF IN NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

We invite applications from people who are interested in working in a non-teaching role in NSW public schools. These positions are available only to Aboriginal people.

Vacancies currently exist at the following schools:

### SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT OFFICER

- Chifley College - Bidwill Campus
- Chifley College - Shalvey Campus

For full position criteria and to apply for these positions go to [www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au)

Closing date for applications is  
Friday 10 April 2009.

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for these positions. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



New South Wales Government

## PUBLIC EDUCATION



department of disability,  
housing & community services

## Office for Children, Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Directors Office

### Executive Assistant

#### Administrative Services Officer Class 4

**Salary Range: \$53,616-\$58,213 (PN: 00360)**

The position requires a highly motivated and organised person to provide high-level administrative and secretarial support to manage the workflow of the Director, including diary maintenance, correspondence tracking, preparation of less complex correspondence and secretariat duties. The successful applicant will require demonstrated attention to detail and the ability to liaise with Government and non Government officers whilst maintaining sensitivity and confidentiality.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Knowledge and understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contemporary Australian society.

**Note:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Neil Harwood (02) 6207 0497 [neil.harwood@act.gov.au](mailto:neil.harwood@act.gov.au)

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/> Applications can be sent via email to: [jobs@act.gov.au](mailto:jobs@act.gov.au) or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

**Applications close:** 2 April 2009

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## Australian Government

Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts



### Heritage Division, Natural and Indigenous Heritage Branch

## Assistant Director - Indigenous Heritage East Section Executive Level 1

Reference: 610

**Salary range \$78,903 - \$87,525 pa**

The strategic objective of the Heritage Division is to ensure the Australian Government provides national and international leadership in the establishment and protection of Australia's national and world heritage.

As an Assistant Director in the Indigenous Heritage East Section you will lead a small team providing policy and technical advice on Indigenous heritage in the eastern states. This advice contributes to the decisions of the Australian Heritage Council and the Minister on the assessment and management of the Indigenous heritage values of places relating to the Commonwealth, National and World Heritage lists. The Indigenous Heritage East Section is also responsible for administering the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984.

In the role of Assistant Director you will develop positive working relations within the Division and Department and with Aboriginal communities. A demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and an ability to communicate with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is therefore essential.

This is an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic, proactive and successful team which focuses on delivering positive outcomes for Indigenous heritage. If you are interested in applying for the position, selection documentation and information on how to apply can be obtained from our website [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au) or from Gemma Borshek on (02) 6274 2064.

If you want to know more about this position, please contact David Collett (02 6274 2080 or [David.Collett@environment.gov.au](mailto:David.Collett@environment.gov.au)).

### Applications must be received by COB 6 April 2009.

**Please note:** To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

A merit list may be used to fill positions over the next 12 months.

All positions are based in Canberra unless stated otherwise.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional information about the Department may be accessed via the Internet address: [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

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## Heritage Project Officer

- \$50,175 - \$60,922 plus 9% super
- 2 x Fulltime/ Ongoing

Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) is responsible for the provision of innovative leadership and guidance for action across government to enable Indigenous communities to drive policy development and service delivery, strengthened by additional resources and capacity.

Do you have knowledge of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues? Are you a team player with exceptional communication skills? If so, this may be the role for you.

As Heritage Project Officer you will work as part of a regional team to administer the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 and to address priority Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues and the needs of local Aboriginal communities and other stakeholders relating to Aboriginal cultural heritage. You will also be required to participate in and assist with all the functions of an inspector, which include monitoring compliance with the Act and investigating suspected offences against the Act.

To apply and access the position description visit  
[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

refer to position number DPCD/PACA/VC1490

Closing date for applications is  
Sunday 29 March 2009



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## Indigenous Services Manager

Centrelink Band 3U (APS 6)

Ongoing

\$59,587 - \$70,344

Area Hunter

Centrelink currently has a vacancy for a full time (Ongoing) C3U Indigenous Services Manager. This position is located at the Area Support Office in Charlestown and will be supporting a team across Area Hunter. A dynamic person with excellent management, leadership, liaison, negotiation and customer service skills is required. The Indigenous Service Unit's primary role is to develop partnerships with the community, Government Agencies, the Centrelink network, National Support Office and other Areas to ensure quality services to Indigenous customers and communities. This position is required to represent Centrelink in high level planning forums, to facilitate the achievement of whole of Government outcomes including 'Closing the Gap' and 'Two Ways Together'.

### Additional Information

Applicants must be Australian Citizens.

A current driver's licence is essential.

Demonstrate personal knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the issues affecting Indigenous people in Australian Society.

To apply for this position, applicants must obtain the selection documentation and ensure that they address each selection criterion. Selection documentation can be obtained from:

[http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink\\_jobs/jobs\\_nsw.htm](http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/centrelink_jobs/jobs_nsw.htm)

Completed applications should be forwarded to:

Vacancy - C3U Indigenous Services Manager

Ref. No. 10435564

Human Resources

Centrelink

PO Box 542

Charlestown NSW 2290

Applications can also be lodged by email to  
[recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:recruitment.hunter@centrelink.gov.au) quoting reference number 10435564 in the subject field

Contact Officer: Julie Klendiens - (02) 6774 8124

Closing date: 27 March 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  
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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW

## MANAGER, ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

Clerk Grade 7/8

Office of the Registrar of Community Housing  
Ashfield (relocating to Burwood)  
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18713

Total remuneration package valued up to \$86,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Provides administrative support services for the Registrar: financial and business management, reporting, records and document management, HR and IT management and establishing and implementing new administrative support systems of the new office.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Demonstrated experience providing office management services and ability to assist in the set-up of a new office, including analysing financial information and managing a budget.
- Demonstrated experience co-ordinating strategic activities across a work unit, such as business planning and business unit reporting.
- Demonstrated experience in records management and in administering a document management system and the ability to contribute conceptually to the development of information management system applications.
- Knowledge of requirements under the State Records Act, Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act, and Public Finance and Audit Act, or ability to quickly acquire that knowledge.
- Superior skills in the use of Microsoft Office applications such as Access, Excel and Word, and ability to provide basic information technology support to team members.
- Excellent interpersonal skills and demonstrated ability to effectively liaise with and influence a range of internal and external stakeholders to achieve business unit objectives.
- Superior written communication skills, including the ability to write business cases and prepare briefing notes.
- Proven ability to contribute to a team, both as a team leader and a team member, as well as work independently.

**Job Notes:** This position is temporarily located in Ashfield, but will move to the newly established Office of the Registrar of Community Housing in Burwood. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Aleksandra Valda (02) 8753 8265

### Information Packages:

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Greater Western Sydney Division  
Community Regeneration Team  
Rosemeadow & Macquarie Fields  
Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)  
Position No: DOH-09-18587

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The purpose of the role is to introduce innovative housing management strategies combined with specific activities aimed at strengthening living skills and social structures in the community.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication including negotiation and conflict resolution, assessment and problem solving skills.
- Ability to use initiative and work independently.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others.
- Demonstrated ability to participate and contribute to local planning initiatives and to find innovative solutions to client problems.
- Strong commitment to and experience in delivering services to social housing clients and communities.
- Good written communication skills, including reports and submissions. Degree, Diploma or Associate Diploma in Social Work, Social Science, Welfare or related discipline and/or extensive relevant demonstrated experience.
- Extensive experience in the field of community development and liaison with community and government agencies.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are two (2) Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 2 years with a possibility of further extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Job sharing arrangement may be considered, if requested by the successful candidate. An eligibility list will be created for Greater Western Sydney Division.

Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Jo Sammut mobile 0417 451 602

### Information Packages:

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW

## SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division  
Various Locations

Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)

Position No: DOH-09-18686

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,147 per annum (Salary: \$82,356 pa - \$90,754 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role provides strategic program management services across the division in the function of capital works program management and performance monitoring. This role will provide services across a number of key stakeholder client groups.

### Selection Criteria:

- Practical experience in delivering significant capital new supply or improvement projects or experience in managing capital works programs.
- Superior analytical & conceptual skills with a capacity to review and interpret contractual documentation or performance information and deliver concise management briefing documents and reports.
- Superior communication, liaison and negotiation skills with a demonstrated ability to facilitate shared outcomes, satisfactorily resolve disputes/conflicts.
- Ability to understand complex issues, develop informed options and provide direction/decisions for timely resolution of problems or issues.
- Sound financial management and performance monitoring skills with a working knowledge of government guidelines in a contracting environment.
- Superior computer technical skills with demonstrated experience in the design and use of spreadsheets, databases, performance reports and word processing packages for delivery or presentations or reports.
- Knowledge of accountability and probity in the delivery of programs/projects within government guidelines and regulations.
- Demonstrated skills in project development and project management with relevant tertiary qualifications in building or asset management related area, and/or extensive industry experience.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list will be created for Greater Western Sydney Division.

**Inquiries:** Gary Small (02) 9891 8240

### Information Packages:

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW

## SENIOR PROGRAM MANAGER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Southern & Western Housing Services Division  
Various Locations

Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)

Position No: DOH-09-18717

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,147 per annum (Salary: \$82,356 pa - \$90,754 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role provides strategic program management services across the division in the function of capital works program management and performance monitoring. This role will provide services across a number of key stakeholder client groups.

### Selection Criteria:

- Practical experience in delivering significant capital new supply or improvement projects or experience in managing capital works programs.
- Superior analytical & conceptual skills with a capacity to review and interpret contractual documentation or performance information and deliver concise management briefing documents and reports.
- Superior communication, liaison and negotiation skills with a demonstrated ability to facilitate shared outcomes, satisfactorily resolve disputes/conflicts.
- Ability to understand complex issues, develop informed options and provide direction/decisions for timely resolution of problems or issues.
- Sound financial management and performance monitoring skills with a working knowledge of government guidelines in a contracting environment.
- Superior computer technical skills with demonstrated experience in the design and use of spreadsheets, databases, performance reports and word processing packages for delivery or presentations or reports.
- Knowledge of accountability and probity in the delivery of programs/projects within government guidelines and regulations.
- Demonstrated skills in project development and project management with relevant tertiary qualifications in building or asset management related area, and/or extensive industry experience.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Applicants must specify their location preference. Travel and overnight stays will be required for positions in Southern and Western Housing Services Division.

**Inquiries:** Tony Tonna (02) 6363 6001

### Information Packages:

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6200 5820.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009.

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## Senior Policy Officer, Policy & Evidence - Indigenous Health

Rural and Regional Health and Aged Care Services Division  
Public Health Branch  
Ongoing, Full-time  
\$71,671 to \$86,716 + super

Working in the Office of the Director, Public Health Branch, you will support an evidence-informed approach to the development and implementation of healthy public policy in Victoria. You will make a critical contribution to the development of policy from an indigenous perspective with the aim of impacting on population health, and in particular the health of Indigenous Victorians. The position will also make a major contribution to policy, planning and implementation strategies related to the State Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. Given the nature of this role, the position is governed by an exemption from VCAT (No A31/2009) and only persons of an Indigenous background are invited to apply.

If you are interested in applying for this position and require further information please contact Russell Renhard on (03) 9096-0419  
Please quote reference no DHS/RUR/140122  
Applications Close: Monday 6 April 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.  
www.careers.vic.gov.au

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at [www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application information packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

**Aboriginal Program Coordinator**  
Integrated Chronic Care, Community Health Strategy  
Negotiable

Temp Full Time (until December 2010) Position No: 62148  
Enquiries: Carolyn Bailey, 0428 114 913.

**Birra-Li Aboriginal Birthing Service**  
Administrative Officer, Level 3  
Obstetrics and Gynaecology, New Lambton  
Perm Full Time Position No: 62343  
Enquiries: Pauline Williamson, (02) 4921 4385.

**Executive Assistant to the Clinical Chair Surgery**  
John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton  
Temp Full Time (12 months commencing June 2009)  
Position No: 62534  
Enquiries: Lorraine Peate, (02) 4921 4266.  
Closing Date: 3 April 2009.

**Population Health Epidemiologist - Identified**  
Population Health, WallSEND/Tamworth/Taree

Perm Full Time Position No: 62262  
To take a lead role in producing population health information necessary to enable HNEPH plan, implement and evaluate evidence-based interventions and advocacy particularly in the areas of chronic disease, rural health, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health. A key role of the position will be to increase the appropriateness and effectiveness of population health services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such within the community.

Salary and Conditions: Health Service Manager, Level 2 (\$72,878.00-\$86,439.00)

Application packs and further information can be obtained by contacting Todd Heard, Service Director Surveillance and Monitoring, on (02) 4924 6398 or via email at [todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)  
Enquiries: Todd Heard, (02) 4924 6398, [todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:todd.heard@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

**Aboriginal Health Education Officer**  
Aboriginal Maternity Service, Gunnedah Community Health  
Perm Part Time, 20 hpw Position No: 62490  
Enquiries: Symone Fuller, (02) 6741 8020.

**Aboriginal Liaison Officer**  
Social Work and Welfare, Tamworth  
Perm Full Time Position No: 62400  
Enquiries: Lara Infield, (02) 6767 7070.

**Enrolled Nurse**  
Werris Creek Health Service  
Perm Part Time, 8 hpw Position No: 62664  
Enquiries: Kylie Marquart, (02) 6768 6506.

**FOR ALL THE ABOVE POSITIONS:**  
These positions are identified for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

**Closing Date for all positions (unless specified): 10 April 2009**  
Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

## Do you want to work with Aboriginal communities to strengthen families and keep kids safe?

The NSW Government is committed to tackling child sexual assault in Aboriginal communities which is why a new approach is being developed in partnership with local Aboriginal people and other agencies.

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is looking for people with grass roots experience working with Aboriginal communities in regional, remote and urban locations.

For an information package call 02 9219 0700.

Expressions of Interest are to be forwarded to [recruitmentbigh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentbigh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) or mail to HR Officer at Service First, 1 Farrer Place, Governor Macquarie Tower, Sydney NSW 2000.

Qualified candidates will then be invited to submit a formal job application. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply. These are part-time positions (2.5 days pw) with a salary package of up to \$44,124.

Job reference No DAA09/D44. Positions are subject to Working with Children background checks.

Applications close 10 April 2009.

## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Support & Education Worker Nguru Program

Are you interested in a pathway into Community Services?  
Then this a job for you!!

- 50 hours per fortnight (negotiable)
- \$21.44 - \$24.60 p/hr (SaCS 4 - 5, based on experience)
- Salary Packaging option (FBT exempt, up to \$16,042 pa)
- Clinical and Cultural supervision provided
- Training pathways offered

Canberra Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC) is a non-government feminist organisation working collaboratively within service provision systems in the ACT and surrounding areas to provide services and programs to people and communities affected by sexual violence.

We are seeking a Nguru Support & Education Worker to provide support, outreach, information and advocacy, community education and training to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities, as well as mainstream service providers.

Commencement Date: 27 April

For further information please phone 6247 8071 or email [betty@rapecrisis.org.au](mailto:betty@rapecrisis.org.au) or [women@rapecrisis.org.au](mailto:women@rapecrisis.org.au)  
Closing date Tuesday 14 April 2009.

This is a woman only position under s 34 (1) of the Discrimination Act 1991.

This is a designated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under 42 (2) of the Discrimination Act 1991.

**CANBERRA RAPE CRISIS CENTRE**



## Language and Culture Project Manager- Youth Justice Centres (Indigenous)

\$50,000 (pre-tax) + superannuation  
Part Time (2 days per week) to June 30 2009  
with likelihood to continue to July 2011

The Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages (VACL) is the State Peak Body responsible for the revival, revival and maintenance of Victorian Aboriginal Languages.

The Corporation's main aims are:

- To work with Victorian Aboriginal communities on community language programs, projects and to assist Aboriginal communities to work on their own language and provide formal training in language work.
- To promote & educate both Aboriginal people and non-Aboriginal people about the history, value & future of Aboriginal languages.

About the Project and role:

- Weekly programs delivered to Indigenous clients of Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre
- Role located at VACL office, CBD Melbourne and Malmesbury Youth Justice Centre
- Language and Culture Program for community strengthening and empowerment of Indigenous clients in detention.
- Plan with and Support Elders delivering weekly program.
- Manage program administration including liaison with DHS centre staff, VACL staff and Department of Justice staff

Key Selection Criteria:

- Project Management experience
- Community Liaison skills
- Proven time management and administrative skills
- Basic computer skills
- Good communication skills, both written and verbal
- A driver's licence is not essential but is an advantage

Applications Close Friday 9th April 2009

For a copy of the position description, call (03) 9600 3811 or visit our website at [www.vactang.org.au](http://www.vactang.org.au)

Applications to be addressed 'Private & Confidential' to:  
Program Manager  
Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages  
205 King St  
Melbourne VIC 3000

## Director Program Management, Senior Officer Grade 1, Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DAA09/004.

Total remuneration package to \$146,256 p.a. including salary \$123,260 p.a. to \$132,816 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Responsible for Managing the Department's programs through developing operational policy, training and performance reporting to support the Department's Regional Network program delivery.

Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated program management experience including in implementation and performance reporting at a senior level.
- Demonstrated management and leadership skills at a senior level, including the ability to initiate and manage change, manage people and resources effectively and maximise staff potential.
- Sound judgement and superior analytical and problem solving skills in a politically sensitive environment.
- High level understanding and contemporary knowledge of emerging issues in Aboriginal affairs.
- Demonstrated track record of exceptional influencing and negotiation skills, superior representation, communication and facilitation skills and the preparation of complex documents.
- In-depth understanding and experience of working in government, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government.

Job Notes: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries Name: Kerry Pearce on (02) 9219 0740

Information Packages: Reception on (02) 9219 0700

Applications Post to: The Human Resources Officer, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: [recruitmentbigh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentbigh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 10 April 2009



## Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussing on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and better quality of life for all Australians.

## NORTHERN TERRITORY OFFICE OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

APS LEVEL 2  
INDIGENOUS TRAINEE  
\$41,368 - \$45,143

Reference Number: 09-0358  
DARWIN

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) has a lead role in improving the health status of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by improving access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care, substance use services and population health programs.

Under general direction, the Indigenous Trainee is required to organise the fundamental day to day corporate operations of the OATSIH Team, including mail services, receiving and redirecting general telephone enquiries for the team, records management, and responding to public enquiries. Other duties also include stationery & general requisitions, support for the director, processing property faults, and other office support functions including assistance within the area of financial management.

The successful applicant will take part in a structured 18 month learning and development program, resulting in the award of a nationally recognised qualification of a Certificate III in Business. He or she will have access to professional support networks that will include mentors and program support staff as well as the opportunity to work with and learn from people with diverse experience and skills. Upon successful completion of the 18 month program the Indigenous Trainee will be employed on an ongoing basis at the APS 2 level.

This position is open only to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants. The filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

Contact officer: Jaki Barton on (08) 8919 3411 or [jaki.barton@health.gov.au](mailto:jaki.barton@health.gov.au)

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Applications close 9 April 2009, 7pm AEST.

Diversity is important to us. We encourage applications from mature age workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability and people from diverse cultural backgrounds. A reasonable adjustment policy is one element of the department's Disability Action Plan.

Hearing or Speech impaired applicants can obtain the selection documentation by calling the departments TTY number (02) 6289 5945.

The Department of Health and Ageing is a member of the Australian Employers Network on Disability.

"One APS Career . . . Thousands of Opportunities"



## Are you driven to succeed?

With more than 1000 careers and 7000 staff, there's no shortage of opportunities to drive your career further at the RTA.

The RTA is one of Australia's leading public sector organisations. Offering a dynamic team environment, attractive salary packages, flexible work options and a strong commitment to work/life balance, consider the RTA for your next career move.

### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisor - pn: 50012215 Location: Wagga Wagga

Responsible for the project management of Aboriginal cultural and heritage matters on road projects in the Region in order to ensure that RTA Aboriginal heritage guidelines, policies and legislation are implemented. Salary up to \$87,708pa.

At the RTA, you will have the chance to make a real difference to the community. With high profile projects and a wide range of opportunities, the RTA offers the flexibility and challenge you have been looking for.

The RTA is an equal opportunity employer.

Closing Date: 27 March 2009

For further information, applicants must obtain an information package from Barry Gunther on (02) 8849 2006.

Applicants can apply recruitment\_services@rta.nsw.gov.au or mail to RSU, PO BOX 973, Parramatta CBD NSW 2124.  
www.rta.nsw.gov.au



## Practice Manager Primary Health Care

\* Advance your career and satisfy your passion for improving indigenous health!  
\* Great benefits: salary packaging, T.O.I.L., study leave + competitive remuneration!

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative Ltd has an exciting opportunity for a Practice Manager to join their dedicated team. DOAC is a family-friendly, flexible and supportive workplace that encourages training and development. This position provides a great opportunity to work with the Aboriginal community in southern metropolitan Melbourne. Receive immense job satisfaction, contributing to the health, well-being and the community advancement of Aboriginal people. Applications close at 5pm 21 March.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**

ApplyNow.com.au/Job11926  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## Aboriginal Health Workers

\* Full-time and Part-time roles available!  
\* Great benefits incl: competitive remuneration, salary packaging, time off in lieu + more!

Dandenong and District Aborigines Co-Operative Ltd has opportunities for a Maternity and Child Aboriginal Health Worker and a General Aboriginal Health Worker to choose from full time or part time (0.8) work. Great opportunities for professional development are also available. You will work alongside a dedicated and passionate team in a family supportive organisation. Most of all, you'll be rewarded by helping improve the health and well-being of Aboriginal people. Applications close 5pm 21 March.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE**

ApplyNow.com.au/Job11927  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573



## MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Full Time

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled organisation that provides primary and preventive health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal Community. This is a newly created position and will play an important role in VAHS reaching its long term vision of creating and inspiring healthy Aboriginal people and to set standards in a Centre for Excellence for Aboriginal Health internationally.

Some of the key responsibilities will be overseeing the delivery of comprehensive primary health care, director, supporting and overseeing good clinical governance systems and providing strategic clinical leadership in collaboration with senior clinical staff and VAHS management.

The successful applicant will be currently registered as a Medical Practitioner in Victoria. The person will also have demonstrated experience in general practice particularly in primary health care and management, and high-level medical leadership and the development, implementation and evaluation of policy and programs.

Salary Packaging available

For a copy of the application kit please contact Lesley Day or Narelle Carter on 03 9419 3000.

Closing Date: 10th April, 2009

Applicants should address the selection criteria, provide proof of specialist recognition, medical registration, indemnity and their resume stating full details of qualifications and experience including at least two referees to:

Mr Rod Jackson, CEO, Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson Street, Fitzroy 3065

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

## TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Southern & Western Housing Services Division

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18703

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the technical standards, responsiveness & understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of, and a commitment to OH&S standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Post trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie: construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list will be created. Travel and overnight stays will be required as part of this position.

Inquiries: Tony Tonna (02) 6363 6001

### Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6200 5820.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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NORTHERN RIVERS WOMEN'S DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE

## Regional Coordinator

NRWDVCS operates out of the Lismore office and eight courts within the Northern Rivers region.

The position requires staff supervision, service coordination and direct client service delivery skills. Permanent position, 28 hrs pwk, SACS Grade 5 (with a possibility of future banding to Grade 6)

Ph: 6621 1000 for a jobkit. Closing date: 02/04/09.

To be female is a genuine occupational requirement under the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 NSW.

Angela Pollard Centre Manager

Northern Rivers CLC

Ph: 02 66211 005

Fax: 66211011

Email: Angela\_Pollard@clc.net.au



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

## TEAM LEADER

Clerk Grade 9/10

Central Sydney Housing Services Division

Sussex Street, Sydney

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18698

Total remuneration package valued up to \$100,147 per annum (salary: \$82,356 pa - \$90,754 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The Team Leader performs a pivotal role within Housing NSW, undertaking management, liaison, financial, administrative, client service functions and acting as change manager.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Understanding of and commitment to the objectives of social housing and in assisting clients with special needs including people with disabilities, people from non-English speaking backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
- Well developed knowledge of current tenancy legislation in NSW.
- Advanced knowledge of the principles and experience in delivering customer service.
- Capacity to network, build and maintain effective working relationships within and beyond the Department.
- Well developed written skills, including the ability to draft succinct reports, submissions and correspondence to a high standard.
- Previous experience in managing a team within a high-pressure and high volume client service environment.
- Project management experience at a senior level. Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Meghan Hibbert (02) 9268 3451 or mobile 0413 018 750

### Information Package:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Careers

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

## PROJECT MANAGER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Central Sydney Housing Services Division & Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division

Various Locations

Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)

Position No: DOH-09-18704

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the quality and performance of the Housing NSW built asset base through the management and delivery of the contracted local maintenance programs in a timely, financially and contractually sustainable manner.

### Selection Criteria:

- Demonstrated experience delivering complex projects using project management principles and practices.
- Demonstrated experience in contract administration with a working knowledge of NSW Government procurement and contract management policies and procedures.
- Demonstrated research, analytical and problem solving skills.
- Appropriate professional, trade or post trade qualifications and/or equivalent relevant experience (ie: project management, construction, or maintenance services).
- Ability to lead and drive the development and implementation of major reforms.
- Understanding of site safety management processes with capacity to lead the presentation of induction sessions and training seminars.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. A separate eligibility list will be created for Central Sydney Division and Greater Western Sydney Division.

Inquiries: Greater Western Sydney Division - Anjali Balani (02) 9891 8208 Central Sydney Division - Vicki Lioumis (02) 9268 3539

### Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About-Us/Careers

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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## each EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### AT BOORNDAWAN WILLAM EMR INDIGENOUS HEALING SERVICE

The Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is a collaborative partnership between the EMR Indigenous Family Violence Action group and Eastern Access Community Health (EACH).

EACH provides the legal entity for the Eastern Indigenous Healing Service, which is governed by a representative committee of community members, with the intention of moving towards self governance.

### ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (FULL TIME)

The Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Administrative Officer (Full Time) to provide the first point of contact to Indigenous men, women and children accessing the EHS.

If you wish to be involved in a workplace making a difference, and:

- are able to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- possess exceptional written and oral communication skills
- sound understanding of Microsoft applications
- are able to work flexibly in a demanding and diverse environment
- the ability to maintain strict confidentiality
- has a current drivers license

then we would like to hear from you.

An understanding of contemporary Aboriginal culture would be advantageous.

### MEN'S FAMILY HEALING WORKER SERVICE (FULL TIME)

Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Men's Family Healing Worker to assist indigenous men accessing the BW EHS.

Using a community development framework provide an intake service, provision of information, assessment and referral to facilitate access to services for Indigenous community members.

Provide a key worker role to ensure consistent and ongoing support and management of services to facilitate the healing journey for Indigenous men in the Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service.

If you a dynamic, passionate and highly motivated individual who wants to make a difference in peoples lives and if you:

- have excellent interpersonal skills
- can be professional as well as compassionate at all times; and
- are prepared to work flexibly in a developing role and services

then this is the role for you.

### WOMEN'S FAMILY HEALING WORKER (FULL TIME)

Boorndawan Willam EMR Indigenous Healing Service (BW EHS) is looking for an experienced Women's Family Healing Worker.

Using a community development framework provide an intake service, provision of information, assessment and referral to facilitate access to services for Indigenous community members.

Provide a key worker role to ensure consistent and ongoing support and management of services to facilitate the healing journey for Indigenous women and children in the BW EHS.

You must be passionate about social justice, committed and a highly motivated individual who wants to make a difference in peoples lives and if you:

- possess exceptional interpersonal skills
- can be professional as well as compassionate at all times; and
- are prepared to work flexibly in a developing role and services

If you are interested in being part of a team committed to social justice, holistic care and inclusive practice then this position could be for you.

Vacancies close 5pm, Wednesday 22nd April 2009.

For a full position description and/or to apply on line please visit our Careers Centre at [www.each.com.au/vacancies](http://www.each.com.au/vacancies).

For additional information please contact: Michael Griffin Ph: 9637 3959 or email [mgriffin@each.com.au](mailto:mgriffin@each.com.au)





## Executive Director, Community Program Delivery

SES 2, Temp Appointment (SES), Job Reference No DAA09/047.

A remuneration package within the range (\$169 551 p.a. - \$181 900 p.a.) will be negotiated. Contract period will be for a period of up to five years.

The position is accountable for co-ordinating the regional and local implementation of State Plan Priority F1 initiatives including delivery of key programs such as Partnership Community Program, Safe Families, Job Compacts, Environmental Health as well as ACDP. The position manages the consultative processes with communities and manages interagency co-ordination. The position identifies emerging issues and develops responses in consultation with communities to resolve barriers to improved service delivery. The position shapes and organises the Division to achieve the department's vision and fulfil its statutory obligations.

The position is the department's primary adviser on operational matters in Aboriginal affairs and provides advice of the highest order to the Director-General and Minister on all matters relating to service delivery, both within DAA and other agencies.

### Selection Criteria

- High level ability to engage with Aboriginal people and communities and superior understanding and sensitivity to Aboriginal culture and issues impacting on Aboriginal people;
- Demonstrated ability to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities and regional consultative groups, especially demonstrated track record in successful communication with communities;
- Demonstrated track record of exceptional influencing and negotiation skills and outstanding communication and interpersonal skills;
- Demonstrated high level financial and program management skills;
- Superior community development skills;
- Executive-level management experience, including significant leadership skills in the successful management of organisational, program and cultural development;
- In-depth understanding of Government policy, direction, objectives and service delivery functions, particularly in relation to Aboriginal programs, and relevant legislation, policies and issues across Government;
- Commitment and capacity to implement Government policies such as EEO, OH&S, cultural diversity and ethical practice.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

**Inquiries:** Jody Brown on (02) 92190712

**Information Packages:** Reception on (02) 92190700

**Applications:** Post to: The Human Resources Officer, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: recruitment@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au

**Closing date:** 10 April 2009

## Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 8 April 2009

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 7 July 2009. After 7 July 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 7 July 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Candangara Local Aboriginal Land Council #3

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 446/48658

Federal Court File No: NSD83/2009

Description: The area subject to this application covers Lot 446 on Deposited Plan 48658 (approximately 0.5 hectares), located in the suburb of Liverpool, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Liverpool City Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact

Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



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## Office for Children Youth and Family Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services Indigenous Out of Home Care

### Manager

Senior Officer Grade B

Salary Range: \$96,618-\$108,766 (PN: 07673)

The occupant will be responsible for the provision of high-level advice on issues relating to the effective delivery of Indigenous Out of Home Care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, they will manage the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Kinship and Foster Care Service and a supported accommodation service for young Indigenous males. The successful applicant will provide high-level representation across DHCS and the community sector, particularly the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Tertiary qualification in a human services or policy discipline are highly desirable. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

**Note:** This position is being readvertised, previous applicants will be considered and need not reapply.

**Contact Officer:** Neil Harwood (02) 6207 0497 [neil.harwood@act.gov.au](mailto:neil.harwood@act.gov.au)

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>. Applications can be sent via email to: [jobs@act.gov.au](mailto:jobs@act.gov.au) or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

**Applications close:** 2 April 2009

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## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/565	Intrapid Mines Limited	73.15ha	99km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°31' Long 116°14'	Ashburton
24/4410	Glyn Thomas Morgan	119.95ha	71km S of Meekatharra	Lat 30°18' Long 120°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3443	Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd	66.94ha	5km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3672-3	Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd Michael O'Donnell	359.8ha	18km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3674	Michael O'Donnell	191.83ha	19km SE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°36'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1799	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	23.17ha	63km N of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°12' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1800	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	51.51ha	66km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°12' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1801	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	74.49ha	62km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1974	Michael Laurence John Doyle	59.33ha	56km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/1714-6	Xstrata Nickel Australasia Operations Pty Ltd	545.8ha	31km SE of Leinster	Lat 28°10' Long 120°50'	Leonora
37/7699-705	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	1346.09ha	28km E of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 121°36'	Leonora
37/7706	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	190ha	37km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°38' Long 121°35'	Leonora
37/7707-8	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	400ha	35km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°39' Long 121°34'	Leonora
37/7711	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	179.61ha	32km E of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/7716	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	192.04ha	40km E of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°44'	Leonora
37/7717	James Noel Sullivan	53.26ha	6km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°22'	Leonora
37/7718-35	Bruce Robert Legendre	3341.37ha	37km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°32'	Leonora
37/7736-8	Mazelli Holdings Pty Ltd	531.99ha	25km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°32'	Leonora
38/3817	A1 Minerals Ltd	193.92ha	43km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 122°37'	Laverton
39/4980	Steven Colin Caporn	157.98ha	50km E of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°50'	Meekatharra
39/4992	Heron Resources Ltd	47.06ha	62km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°50'	Meekatharra
39/4993	Heron Resources Ltd	21.54ha	61km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°49'	Meekatharra
39/4994	Heron Resources Ltd	23.54ha	54km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°14' Long 121°51'	Meekatharra
39/4995	Heron Resources Ltd	2.01ha	61km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°50'	Meekatharra
39/4996	Heron Resources Ltd	2.01ha	64km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°51'	Meekatharra
39/4997	Heron Resources Ltd	2.01ha	66km SE of Leonora	Lat 29°14' Long 121°52'	Meekatharra
45/2735	Gail Anne Swift	22.01ha	64km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°34' Long 119°17'	East Pilbara
47/1509	Hammersley Exploration Pty Ltd	100.85ha	118km S of Pannawonica	Lat 22°40' Long 116°34'	Ashburton
47/1510	Hammersley Exploration Pty Ltd	22.7ha	120km NW of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°42' Long 116°37'	Ashburton
52/1268	Warwick Resources Ltd	176.12ha	47km S of Newman	Lat 23°44' Long 119°33'	Meekatharra
52/1269	Warwick Resources Ltd	178.98ha	50km S of Newman	Lat 23°47' Long 119°37'	Meekatharra
52/1270	Warwick Resources Ltd	175.8ha	51km S of Newman	Lat 23°48' Long 119°43'	Meekatharra
58/1677-8	Prosperity Resources Ltd	228.02ha	12km E of Yalgoo	Lat 28°18' Long 116°48'	Yalgoo
58/1683	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	96.7ha	37km SE of Yalgoo	Lat 28°37' Long 116°53'	Yalgoo
58/1694	Aurux Resources Ltd	72.5ha	9km E of Yalgoo	Lat 28°19' Long 116°46'	Yalgoo
58/1859	Royal Resources Ltd	46.84ha	75km W of Paynes Find	Lat 29°05' Long 116°56'	Perenjori
58/1897	Aurux Resources Ltd	136.65ha	17km N of Yalgoo	Lat 28°11' Long 116°44'	Yalgoo
58/1898	Aurux Resources Ltd	199.87ha	12km N of Yalgoo	Lat 28°14' Long 116°43'	Yalgoo
58/1899	Aurux Resources Ltd	189.4ha	8km N of Yalgoo	Lat 28°16' Long 116°42'	Yalgoo
63/7115-9	Heron Resources Ltd	606.8ha	45km W of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°17'	Dundas
70/1558	Metal Sands Ltd	17.34ha	36km E of Augusta	Lat 34°17' Long 115°33'	Nannup
77/3957	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	180.54ha	53km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°38' Long 119°35'	Yilgarn
77/3958-9	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	373.98ha	64km S of Southern Cross	Lat 31°45' Long 119°34'	Yilgarn
77/3963-5	Portman Iron Ore Ltd	570.06ha	80km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°10' Long 119°07'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 25 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 25 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. 25 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.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/1041-2	Tarmoola Australia Pty Ltd	147.95ha	51km N/ly of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°13'	Leonora
37/1286	Pacific Energy Ltd	1745.16ha	56km NE/ly of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°33'	Leonora
45/705	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	16.61ha	13km SE/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°16' Long 119°48'	East Pilbara
45/712	Mount Isa Mines Ltd	739.61ha	51km S/ly of Keller	Lat 22°09' Long 122°16'	East Pilbara
	Rensell Bell Ltd				
45/723	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	18.7ha	48km S/ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°56' Long 120°13'	East Pilbara
45/724	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	62.32ha	29km S/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°25' Long 119°42'	East Pilbara
45/733	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	219.7ha	44km W/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 119°19'	East Pilbara
45/734	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	353.38ha	34km W/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°09' Long 119°24'	East Pilbara
45/748	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	165.23ha	78km W/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 119°00'	East Pilbara
45/758	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	5.70ha	33km SW/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°26' Long 119°37'	East Pilbara
45/773	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	7.54ha	89km W/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°10' Long 118°53'	East Pilbara
45/780	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	710.86ha	70km SW/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°28' Long 119°08'	East Pilbara
45/781	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	2.61ha	46km S/ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°55' Long 120°13'	East Pilbara
45/824	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	10.01ha	19km SE/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°19' Long 119°50'	East Pilbara
45/847	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	114.05ha	73km SW/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°28' Long 119°07'	East Pilbara
45/927	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	29.16ha	26km SW/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°20' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara
45/969	Timothy Cam Ball	9.61ha	3km N/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°08' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
45/1034	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	49.38ha	55km S/ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°47' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/1035	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	23.48ha	56km S/ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°48' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/1036	Elzazac Mining Pty Ltd	27.96ha	54km S/ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°47' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/1131	Wix Pty Ltd	144.11ha	6km S/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°13' Long 119°43'	East Pilbara
45/1132	Wix Pty Ltd	236.28ha	8km SW/ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 119°42'	East Pilbara
46/310-3	Roy Hill Iron Ore Pty Ltd	3801.98ha	62km NW/ly of Newman	Lat 22°34' Long 120°02'	East Pilbara
47/635	Australasian Resources Ltd	999.13ha	40km NE/ly of Roebourne	Lat 20°27' Long 118°02'	Port Hedland Town
47/636	Timothy James Pascoe	175.37ha	77km SE/ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°14' Long 118°19'	Port Hedland Town
47/663-72	Perrill Exploration Pty Ltd	8031.91ha	20km N/ly of Wilkesbarra	Lat 22°04' Long 118°23'	Ashtburton
	Flinders Mines Limited				

**Nature of the Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day:** 25 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 25 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. 25 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.

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF MINERAL CLAIMS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

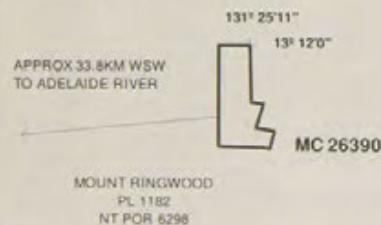
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis M.L.A., the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do acts namely to grant the following mineral claim applications.

**Applications to which this notice applies:**

**Nature of act(s):** The grant of a mineral claim under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore and mine for extractive mineral(s), clay or stone on the claim area and such operations and works as are reasonably necessary for or associated with that purpose and the treatment of tailings or other mining material for a term not exceeding 10 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the mineral claim(s) referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995213.

**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.

Mineral Claim 26390 sought by GARY ANTHONY CLARKE, over an area of 38 hectares depicted below, for a period of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



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Mineral Claim 26391 sought by GARY ANTHONY CLARKE, over an area of 19 hectares depicted below, for a period of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



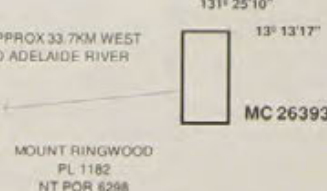
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Mineral Claim 26392 sought by GARY ANTHONY CLARKE, over an area of 24 hectares depicted below, for a period of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



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Mineral Claim 26393 sought by GARY ANTHONY CLARKE, over an area of 19 hectares depicted below, for a period of 10 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.



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Notification Day: 25 March 2009

New South Wales Department of  
**Aboriginal Affairs**



## Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation

Clerk Grade 11/12, Permanent Full-Time,  
Job Reference No DAA09/016.

Salary Start \$ 95,253 - Salary End \$ 110,160, Salary Package \$ 121,501. Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation is responsible for:

- Providing and overseeing the timely development and implementation of a number of evaluations and reviews to a high quality.
- Ensure that the implementation of the NSW Government's Interagency Plan to Tackle Child Abuse in Aboriginal Communities is monitored closely.
- Ensure that the Department meets its State Plan and Two Ways Together reporting requirements.
- Manage the Unit's work program and resources effectively to ensure value for money and that deadlines and milestones.

### Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated management and leadership skills at a senior level, including the ability to initiate and manage change, allocate resources effectively and maximise staff potential.
- Demonstrated experience and skills in the development of monitoring and evaluation strategies for human service programs.
- Superior written and verbal communication and negotiation skills.
- Sound judgement and superior organisation and analytical skills and skills to solve problems in a politically sensitive environment.
- High level understanding and contemporary knowledge of emerging issues in Aboriginal affairs.
- Demonstrated data analytical skills and ability to negotiate complex data's collection and sharing agreements.
- Demonstrated understanding of contemporary performance reporting and results logic frameworks and ability to develop performance reporting and monitoring regimes.
- Commitment and capacity to implement Government policies such as EEO, OH&S, cultural diversity and ethical practice.

**Job Notes:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

**Inquiries:** Kerry Pearce on (02) 9219 0740

**Information Packages:** Reception on (02) 9219 0700

**Applications:** Post to: The Human Resources Officer, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: [recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** 10 April 2009

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## Careers @ Justice

### SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Indigenous Issues Unit

Grade 4, \$62,116 - \$70,477

Position No.: DJ5711

The Indigenous Issues Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategic Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are seeking a Senior Project Officer to assist in the ongoing development and implementation of the AJAs Koori Recruitment and Career Development Strategy.

This position is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 12 April 2009

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## THARAWAL LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (TLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

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This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the TLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation, and sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Administrators' assistant Ms Lynne Lee, by email: [lee@lawpartners.com.au](mailto:lee@lawpartners.com.au) or on (02) 4962 2688.

Applications can be forwarded to [lee@lawpartners.com.au](mailto:lee@lawpartners.com.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

The Chairperson  
Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 2368 DANGAR NSW 2309.

Applications close Thursday 23rd April 2009

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



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Reference No. 151617

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Closing Date: 5 April 2009

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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
38/1559	Crescent Gold Ltd	306648	14 87ha	25km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°36'	Laverton
38/1836	South Boulder Mines Ltd	302337	22 48ha	65km NW of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 122°18'	Laverton

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 25 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 25 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. 25 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 EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1833	Blackfin Pty Ltd	224.14km <sup>2</sup>	136km W of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°22' Long 124°19'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1835	Blackfin Pty Ltd	484.07km <sup>2</sup>	74km SW of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°22' Long 124°57'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1842	Blackfin Pty Ltd	113.82km <sup>2</sup>	94km S of Derby	Lat 18°07' Long 123°53'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1853	Braeburn Resources Pty Ltd	419.44km <sup>2</sup>	254km W of Wyndham	Lat 15°29' Long 125°45'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
04/1854	Matthew James Dulaud	16.33km <sup>2</sup>	20km E of Derby	Lat 17°19' Long 123°49'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1855	Alara Operations Pty Ltd	489.91km <sup>2</sup>	43km W of Derby	Lat 17°17' Long 123°23'	Brome/Deby-West Kimberley
04/1857	Alara Operations Pty Ltd	309.22km <sup>2</sup>	69km S of Derby	Lat 17°55' Long 123°33'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1858	Alara Operations Pty Ltd	244.56km <sup>2</sup>	34km S of Derby	Lat 17°36' Long 123°41'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1860	Swanover Enterprises Pty Ltd	583.31km <sup>2</sup>	50km S of Derby	Lat 17°45' Long 123°42'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1551	Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd	330.14km <sup>2</sup>	163km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°44' Long 116°38'	Murchison
09/1552	Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd	277.28km <sup>2</sup>	138km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°55' Long 116°12'	Murchison
20/698-9	John Cedric Callagan	6.08km <sup>2</sup>	31km E of Cue	Lat 27°20' Long 118°10'	Cue
27/347	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	23.7km <sup>2</sup>	62km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 121°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1879	Westlex Resources Pty Ltd	2.94km <sup>2</sup>	86km NE of Kalbarra	Lat 30°52' Long 122°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1881	Porton Minerals Pty Ltd	591.6km <sup>2</sup>	72km NW of Rawlinna	Lat 30°27' Long 124°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1885	Atlix Pty Ltd	172.4km <sup>2</sup>	112km NW of Balladonia	Lat 31°33' Long 123°20'	Dundas
28/1890	Heron Resources Ltd	2.96km <sup>2</sup>	115km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°11' Long 122°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/706	Peter Romeo Gianni	41.67km <sup>2</sup>	16km SE of Menzies	Lat 29°48' Long 121°07'	Menzies
36/697	Mortrose Resources Ltd	11.7km <sup>2</sup>	31km W of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 120°24'	Leonora
37/945	St Barbara Ltd	57.23km <sup>2</sup>	48km NW of Leonora	Lat 28°34' Long 120°59'	Leonora
37/990	Goldhyre Resources Pty Ltd	48.02km <sup>2</sup>	30km E of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°38'	Leonora
37/1000	Golden State Resources Ltd	3km <sup>2</sup>	22km NE of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°25'	Leonora
38/1949	Goldhyre Resources Pty Ltd	30.26km <sup>2</sup>	79km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°59' Long 123°38'	Laverton
38/1964	Eleonora Mines Ltd	15.11km <sup>2</sup>	71km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°04' Long 123°36'	Laverton
38/2022	South Boulder Mines Ltd	18.12km <sup>2</sup>	72km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°11' Long 123°38'	Laverton
38/2125	Eleonora Mines Ltd	54.47km <sup>2</sup>	90km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°59' Long 123°52'	Laverton
38/2128	Ausgold Exploration Pty Ltd	458.93km <sup>2</sup>	121km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°15' Long 124°05'	Laverton
38/2142	Goldhyre Resources Pty Ltd	139.8km <sup>2</sup>	76km NE of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°28' Long 123°24'	Laverton
38/2160	Crusader Resources Ltd	303.28km <sup>2</sup>	91km E of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°51' Long 123°48'	Laverton
38/2195	Callum Bader	177.8km <sup>2</sup>	105km SE of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°27' Long 123°50'	Laverton
38/2226	South Boulder Mines Ltd	201.93km <sup>2</sup>	94km NW of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°28' Long 122°09'	Laverton
38/2228	Eleonora Mines Ltd	36.07km <sup>2</sup>	141km SE of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°44' Long 124°03'	Laverton
39/1429	Metric Resources NL	17.95km <sup>2</sup>	66km S of Laverton	Lat 29°10' Long 122°08'	Leonora
39/1430	Roger Michael Lindsay	2.88km <sup>2</sup>	93km S of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°19'	Menzies
45/3114-5	Polaris Metals NL	439.95km <sup>2</sup>	19km SE of Port Hedland	Lat 20°23' Long 118°46'	Port Hedland Town
45/3199	Hazelwood Resources Ltd	35.11km <sup>2</sup>	51km NE of Nullagine	Lat 21°38' Long 120°31'	East Pilbara
45/3330-7	Bookabarna Minerals Pty Ltd	1790.61km <sup>2</sup>	66km E of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 120°22'	East Pilbara
45/3343	Robert Keith Leslie	38.38km <sup>2</sup>	88km SE of Shay Gap	Lat 21°01' Long 120°47'	East Pilbara
45/3344	Robert Keith Leslie	39.60km <sup>2</sup>	60km N of Shay Gap	Lat 19°59' Long 120°13'	Broomie
45/3350	Robert Keith Leslie	48.00km <sup>2</sup>	35km NE of Marble Bar	Lat 20°55' Long 119°57'	East Pilbara
45/3351	Robert Keith Leslie	28.83km <sup>2</sup>	30km NE of Marble Bar	Lat 20°59' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
47/1312	Pennsylvania Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Rose River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd	192.96km <sup>2</sup>	54km N of Newman	Lat 22°53' Long 119°34'	East Pilbara
52/2288	Peter Romeo Gianni	94.27km <sup>2</sup>	42km SE of Newman	Lat 23°40' Long 119°57'	Meekatharra
52/2278	Desert Resources Pty Ltd	216.22km <sup>2</sup>	118km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°38' Long 117°58'	Meekatharra
52/2280	Montezuma Mining Co. Ltd	117.26km <sup>2</sup>	89km N of Meekatharra	Lat 25°47' Long 118°26'	Meekatharra
52/2300	David Lindsay Archer	3.14km <sup>2</sup>	35km W of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 119°23'	East Pilbara
57/739	Yeelele Minerals Pty Ltd	146.63km <sup>2</sup>	78km SW of Wiluna	Lat 27°10' Long 119°49'	Wiluna
57/773	Portman Iron One Ltd	84.26km <sup>2</sup>	110km S of Sandstone	Lat 28°56' Long 119°35'	Sandstone
57/779	Plasma Pty Ltd	9.08km <sup>2</sup>	11km SW of Sandstone	Lat 28°02' Long 119°12'	Sandstone
57/781	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	81.53km <sup>2</sup>	55km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°22' Long 119°39'	Sandstone
57/785	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	48.25km <sup>2</sup>	65km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°30' Long 119°36'	Sandstone
57/785	Fittesop Holdings Pty Ltd	12.10km <sup>2</sup>	50km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°36' Long 119°36'	Sandstone
59/1554	JML Resources Pty Ltd	109.07km <sup>2</sup>	64km NW of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°50' Long 117°15'	Mount Magnet/Yalgoo
59/1558	Bison Iron Ltd	127.58km <sup>2</sup>	24km S of Yalgoo	Lat 28°33' Long 116°44'	Yalgoo
63/1242	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	17.35km <sup>2</sup>	36km S of Norseman	Lat 32°31' Long 121°45'	Dundas
63/1243	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	8.67km <sup>2</sup>	41km S of Norseman	Lat 32°34' Long 121°44'	Dundas/Esperance
70/3518	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	210.55km <sup>2</sup>	14km E of Geraldton	Lat 28°45' Long 114°45'	Chapman Valley/Greenough
70/3520	Rubicon Resources Ltd	439.14km <sup>2</sup>	25km W of Koorup	Lat 33°46' Long 116°54'	Koorup/West Arthur

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 25 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 25 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.

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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 an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 8 April 2009

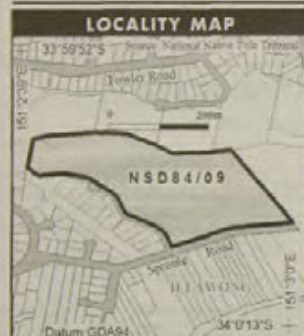
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Tribunal

This application is a 'non-claimant application', an application made by persons who are not claiming native title themselves. The applicants have an interest in the area (which is not a native title interest), set out in their application as described below. They want the Federal Court to determine whether anyone has a native title interest in the same area.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth) (the Act) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. Becoming a party to the application may be the only opportunity for people who claim native title rights and interests in the area to have their rights and interests recognised in the Federal Court's determination.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Level 16, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 7 July 2009. After 7 July 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FE of the Act) over the area on or before 7 July 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24 FA and acts may be done which extinguish or otherwise affect native title. The Tribunal may be able to assist people wishing to make a relevant native title claim.



Applicant's name: Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council #4  
Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 607/1038362

Federal Court File No: NSD84/2009

Description: The area subject to this application covers Lot 607 on Deposited Plan 1038362 (approximately 7.5 hectares), located in the suburb of Illawong, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Sutherland Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) - SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTE** that HEATHGATE RESOURCES PTY LTD (ACN 011 018 232) of Suite 1, Level 4, 25 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 (Heathgate) as mining operator proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land (Land):

### DESCRIPTION OF LAND MINERAL CLAIM 3830

Parcel/Plan: A34/D42204  
Pastoral Block: Wooltana Pastoral Lease (Lease No. 2293)  
Other: Crown Leasehold 1289/38  
Parcel/Plan: B1108/H833900  
Pastoral Block: Arkaroola Pastoral Lease (Lease No. 2240)  
Other: Crown Leasehold 1273/43

The land is approximately 110 km northeast of Leigh Creek and is an area being that portion of Wooltana Pastoral Station and Arkaroola Pastoral Station bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of 352062.96mE and 6640766mN then east to 352223.99mE and 6640673.96mN then south to 352142.98mE and 6640551.04mN then west to 351971.96mE and 6640643.05mN then north to the point of commencement. Total area of land is approximately 2.8 hectares.

### MINERAL CLAIM 4020

Parcel/Plan: A34/D42204  
Pastoral Block: Wooltana Pastoral Lease (Lease No. 2293)  
Other: Crown Leasehold 1289/38

The land is approximately 110 km northeast of Leigh Creek and is an area being that portion of Wooltana Pastoral Station bounded as follows: Commencing at a point being the intersection of 352637.11mE and 6642134.03mN, then east to 353256.3mE and 6641804.79mN, then south to 353022.32mE and 6641364.72mN, then west to 352403.11mE and 6641693.96mN, then north to the point of commencement. Total area of land is approximately 35 hectares.

### MINERAL CLAIM APPLICATION

Parcel/Plan: B1257/H833900  
Pastoral Block: Werlaloona Pastoral Lease (Lease No. 2378)  
Other: Crown Leasehold 1615/10

The land is approximately 103 km east southeast from Leigh Creek and is an area being that portion of Werlaloona Pastoral Station bounded as follows: Commencing at a point, being the intersection of 353421.48mE and 6599141.97mN then east to

353699.37mE and 6599122.05mN then south to 353688.37mE and 6599015.05mN then west to 353414.45mE and 6599059.96mN then north to the point of commencement. Total area of land is approximately 2.13 hectares.  
All the within reference points are expressed in GDA 94 (Zone 54).

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Shallow calcareous will be ripped, excavated and transported by truck for use as road base and building foundations associated with the Beverley Uranium Mine, owned and operated by Heathgate and at nearby operations including the Four Mile Project. Some local screening using portable plant and stockpiling may be employed. Mining will be on an intermittent campaign basis, as demand requires.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

Heathgate has applied for an Extractive Minerals Lease encompassing substantially the whole of the area of Mineral Claim 3830, is the registered holder of Mineral Claim 4020 and is the applicant for a Mineral Claim.

In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of the party's interest in the tenement.

Heathgate seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement for production under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

**Note:** If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, Heathgate may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent Heathgate as follows:

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers, 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000, Telephone: (08) 8223 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290, Contact: Abigail Steed.

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Position Enquiries: Lorraine Effetuk, (02) 9772 6474 or email [leffetuk@uws.edu.au](mailto:leffetuk@uws.edu.au)

Closing Date: 20 April 2009.

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Please note: In order to apply, candidates should provide a Claims against the Selection Criteria, current CV and a covering letter to [recruitment@cdpu.edu.au](mailto:recruitment@cdpu.edu.au)

For further information, please contact Mr Steven Larkin on 08 8946 6440.

Application Close: 3 April 2009

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The ideal applicant for this program would have a good balance between relevant work experience and proven research ability or potential. Whilst academic qualifications can be an important indicator of capability to undertake research projects, they are not the sole determinant of suitability. AIATSIS is interested in Indigenous people with other experiences and backgrounds who wish to contribute to knowledge about Indigenous societies and inform public policy or who are considering moving into a research career.

**Conditions**  
Salary will be between \$40,733 pa and \$61,162 pa, depending on experience and the employment status of the applicant.

All positions are based in Canberra. Successful applicants based outside Canberra may be provided with accommodation and travel to Canberra at AIATSIS' expense. We may also provide funding to undertake field research during the Fellowship / Scholarship.

The program is open to Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander people only.

**How to apply**  
Closing date for this round of applications: 19 April 2009.  
For information contact: Mr Tony Boxall, phone 02 6246 1145, email [tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au), or visit our web site at [http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job\\_vacancies](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/news/job_vacancies)

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Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: DOH-09-18694

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This position is responsible for a broad range of applicant, tenancy and property management services, including management of complex portfolios as well as team development.

- Selection Criteria:**
- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
  - Strong listening, communication, interpersonal and interviewing skills.
  - High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills and sound assessment and decision making skills.
  - Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with a wide range of human service groups and organisations.
  - Demonstrated ability to identify and analyse problems and propose effective and innovative solutions to meet client needs.
  - Ability to prioritise and manage competing tasks, meet deadlines and targets, and monitor the workflow, priorities and competing challenges of others.
  - Coaching and mentoring skills and the capacity to develop and deliver training to team members.
  - Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

**Inquiries:** Ulewella Davies or Amanda Pearson (02) 4224 5740  
**Information Packages:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers) or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6200 5820.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

The Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne

## Coordinator Wadja Aboriginal Family Place

Pay level:  
Social Worker Grade 3, or equivalent  
(Base Salary - \$67,000)

This is a key position in the new service developed at RCH to improve the health care services provided to Aboriginal children and their families accessing the hospital.

This position will lead and coordinate the expanded services of the Wadja Aboriginal Family Place and will be supported by a well established advisory group.

To be the successful applicant you will need to demonstrate good leadership skills, be able to develop a sound vision for an evolving service and have excellent advocacy skills to promote the

distinct cultural and health needs of Aboriginal children within a mainstream organisation.

Note: This is an Aboriginal-identified position. Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

EEO Application Number: A123-2008

Job reference #: 4848

Closing Date: Monday 6th April 2009

Contact: Shawana Andrews, (03) 9345 6111

Apply online: [www.rch.org.au/careers](http://www.rch.org.au/careers)

## 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
EPC1309	Approx. 76 km W from Blackall Centred at approximate Lat.24°28'S Long.144°43'E Local Government Area: Longreach Regional Council and Blackall Tambo Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 936 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 224 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 225 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 226 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 296 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 297 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 298 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 368 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 369 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 370 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 440 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 441 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 442 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 512 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 513 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 514 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPC1310	Approx. 186 km E from Blackall Centred at approximate Lat.24°24'S Long.147°18'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	<b>Area:</b> 62 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 20 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 328 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 400 a, b, c, d, e	Conarco Minerals Pty Ltd 102 750 890
EPM17557	Approx. 89 km S from Blackall Centred at approximate Lat.25°13'S Long.145°22'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Quilpie Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 286 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Charleville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 92 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 953 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x 1024 y, z 1025 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 1026 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, v, w 1096 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1097 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v 1098 a 1168 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h	Circle Resources Pty Ltd 129 855 714

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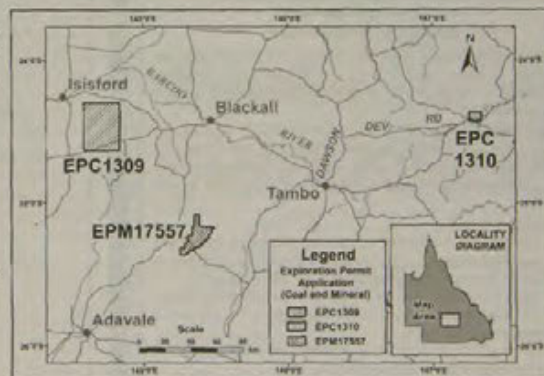
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**Notification Day:** 15 April 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## HOUSING MANAGER

Clerk Grade 7/8

Southern &amp; Western NSW Housing Services Division

Bega

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18689

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This role performs a pivotal role in overall management & development of housing operations in areas with high Public Housing concentrations and social disadvantage. This position assists the Team Leader in the management of the Client Service Team.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. An eligibility list will be created for future vacancies.

**Inquiries:** Kate Vasey (02) 4424 5411

**Information package:**

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers or NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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## ARMTour Project Coordinator

The National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA) is an established Indigenous organisation that employs sport to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous youth, particularly in the areas of education and health.

The NASCA ARMTour (Athletes as Role Models) program uses sport and sports role models to encourage indigenous youth to participate in sport, lead healthy lifestyles and stay in school. The program currently focuses on youth living in remote Aboriginal communities throughout the Northern Territory.

NASCA is seeking a Project Coordinator to lead, manage and deliver its ARMTour program.

**The qualities of the Project Coordinator include:**

- Team leadership
- Outstanding organisation skills
- Experience in the Indigenous education or health sector
- Strong communication skills to engage stakeholders and volunteer sports people.
- Excellent report writing skills
- Demonstrated ability to be part of a small team environment

The position is Sydney based with travel to the Northern Territory.

**Enquiries and job description:** contact Carrie Bendeich

**Phone:** (02) 9221 8655 or **email:** carrie@nasca.com.au

**Closing Date:** Friday 17th April 2009.

## TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Northern NSW Housing Services Division

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-18693

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Improve the technical standards, responsiveness & understanding of client needs by Housing NSW area contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment.
- Sound written and verbal communication skills, including good interpersonal and negotiation skills.
- Working knowledge of, and a commitment to, OH&S standards.
- Working knowledge of QA Systems and audit procedures.
- Post trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (ie: construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a Temporary Full-Time position available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Travel and overnight accommodation may be required as part of this position. An eligibility list will be created.

**Inquiries:** Tony Rigney (02) 6659 2563

**Information Packages:**

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6626 4100.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Northern Regional Service Centre, PO Box 1140, Lismore NSW 2480.

**Closing Date:** Friday 3 April 2009

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## Take your financial skills to new territory

- > One year appointment
- > Live and work in a remote location
- > \$80K plus super, accommodation and benefits

Australian Volunteers International is seeking to recruit a dynamic accountant with an interest to live and work in a remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory.

This is a paid position with the Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation based at Robinson River. As a key member of the Mungoorbada team, you will manage the organisation's financial functions and will be responsible for the office supervision and training of other indigenous office staff.

For a full assignment description and to apply, visit [www.australianvolunteers.com/work](http://www.australianvolunteers.com/work) or contact Ian McDonald on toll free 1800 225 592.

**Applications close 3 April 2009**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Remote Recruiting is an activity of Australian Volunteers International.

Koorie Early Childhood Field  
Officer, VPSG3

Ongoing, full time position  
Office for Children and Early Childhood Development  
Eastern Metropolitan Region

An exciting opportunity exists for a highly self-motivated team player to enhance and increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in kindergarten. Equipped with a variety of skills and strategies the Koorie Early Childhood Field Officer will liaise with Indigenous communities, playgroups and kindergartens to ensure that kindergarten programs are culturally inclusive for families and children. A tertiary qualification in early childhood education, social sciences or public policy will be highly desired for this position.

Further information is available from Tina Martin (03) 9265 2500. Interested applicants should apply for this position via the "Careers with the Victorian Government" website - [www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au). In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the position reference OCECD430.

**Applications close 08 April 2009**

For Ad 62326-112

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**Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:**

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Partee
<b>EPM16900</b> This Application consists of eight separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 113 km NE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 19°10'S Long. 138°52'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 444 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 137 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2601 j, o, p, u 2602 m, n, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 2603 d, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, v, y, z 2604 l, q, r, v, w, x 2674 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, p, q, u 2675 a, b, d, e, g, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2676 a, h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2677 v 2747 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2748 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, k, l, m, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y 2819 d, e 2820 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z 2821 q, v	<b>Smarttrans Holdings Limited</b> 009 065 650
	<b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 123 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 18°57'S Long. 138°44'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council and Burke Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 2:</b> 52 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 16 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2457 x 2529 c, d, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y 2530 q 2601 b, c	
	<b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 123 km NE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 19°13'S Long. 139°03'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 3:</b> 36 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 11 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2749 b, d, g, h, j, k, m, n, r, s, x	
	<b>Part 4:</b> Approx. 132 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 18°54'S Long. 138°47'E Local Government Area: <b>Burke Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 4:</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> 2458 q, r, w, x	
	<b>Part 5:</b> Approx. 130 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 18°56'S Long. 138°50'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council and Burke Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 5:</b> 10 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2530 j, k 2531 f	
	<b>Part 6:</b> Approx. 128 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 18°59'S Long. 138°51'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 6:</b> 10 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 3 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2531 q, r, w	
	<b>Part 7:</b> Approx. 124 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 18°59'S Long. 138°49'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 7:</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> 2530 y	
	<b>Part 8:</b> Approx. 119 km NNE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat. 19°01'S Long. 138°46'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 8:</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> 2602 f	

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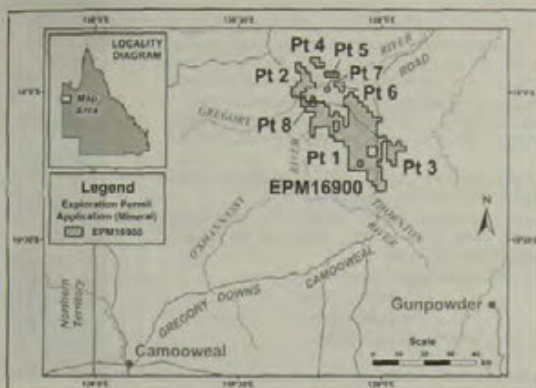
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Notification Day: 15 April 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

## 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.

## Inner West Aboriginal Community Company

26 Lilydale St, Marrickville NSW 2204.

### POSITIONS VACANT

#### 1. Respite Services Coordinator

The Respite Services Coordinator provides support to our carers who provide care for people with a disability, in consultation with the IWACC Manager, enabling carers to have respite on a regular basis. The Coordinator works closely with internal and external services to ensure appropriate referrals are made across programs if required.

#### 2. Elders group Activities Officer

The Elders Group Activities Officer supports and assists the Elders Group Coordinator in the delivery of the Elders Group program. The position ensures that the resources and equipment is set out before each Elders Group session and cleared away after the Elders Group session ends. The Elders Group Activities Officer is to supervise and support the Elders Group during the sessions. The role works closely with internal and external services to ensure appropriate referrals are made across the program if required.

#### 3. Elders Group Driver/Activities Assistant

The Elders Group Driver/Activities Assistant is responsible for providing clients with transport to and from Elders Group activities and programs. Also to assist the Elders Group Activities Officers with setting up and packing away of activities, helping clean the activities areas and maintaining company vehicles.

All successful applicants will be required to complete a Working With Children Check/Police Check and is an essential that they hold a current unrestricted NSW Licence.

For further information: please contact Tonette or email [tonette@iwacc.org.au](mailto:tonette@iwacc.org.au)

**Information package:** call Mary Frail, which is inclusive of Role Profile and Selection Criteria on 02 9572 7066

Mark all correspondence Confidential to the Chairperson, 26 Lilydale Street Marrickville NSW 2204

All Applications close: 31st March 2009

(Aboriginal Identified Positions) these positions as authorised by Sections 14 and 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW

### Manager Aboriginal Co-Management Unit

Clerk Grade 11/12, Southern Suburbs, Hurstville, Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-056

Total remuneration package to \$121,561 p.a. including salary \$95,253 p.a. to \$110,160 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

Manage the operations of the Aboriginal Co-management Unit, Parks and Wildlife Group, Department of Environment and Climate Change and provide leadership and guidance in Aboriginal co-management and other Aboriginal park partnerships programs through development of strategies, operational policies, frameworks, programs and initiatives that assist DECC deliver corporate programs and priorities.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Extensive experience in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and nature conservation strategies, programs and projects.
- Proven ability to develop and implement operational policies, guidelines and frameworks.
- Superior consultation, negotiation and communication skills and demonstrated ability to effectively manage staff, financial resources and budgets.
- Demonstrated capacity to represent the organisation at a senior level.
- Understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage and nature conservation principles and issues, and comprehensive knowledge of government processes.
- Computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets and databases.
- Drivers Licence.

**Job Notes:** This is a targeted position under the DECC Aboriginal Employment Strategy for the employment of an Aboriginal person in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Michael Wright phone (02) 9585 6307 or [michael.wright@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:michael.wright@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** (02) 9585 6771

**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: 3 April 2009

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

## Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17457	Approx. 2 km W from Lockhart River Centred at approximate Lat.12°47'S Long.143°20'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Lockhart River Shire Council	Area: 70 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Mitchell River Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1'lat x 1'long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 640 w, x 712 b, c, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 713 l, g, h, l, m, q, v	Beersheba Mining Company Pty Ltd 129 892 048

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**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(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.

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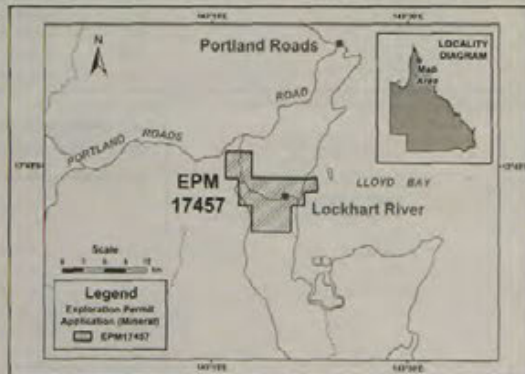
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Notification Day: 15 April 2009



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Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited

The Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited (ALS (NSW/ACT)) is a State and Territory wide legal service funded by the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department to provide legal aid services to Aboriginal people in NSW and the ACT.

The ALS (NSW/ACT) is committed to provide a quality legal service to Aboriginal communities across NSW and the ACT and to work towards realising a culturally appropriate justice for Aboriginal people.

The ALS (NSW/ACT) is seeking highly motivated and qualified individuals to fill key positions within its Executive Management team.

### Chief Executive Officer

The Chief Executive Officer will head the service, with overall responsibility for its legal, field and administrative staff, totalling approximately 180, based in 23 offices across NSW and the ACT.

### Chief Legal Officer

The Chief Legal Officer will lead the service's legal practice, currently staffed by more than 75 lawyers in 21 offices across NSW and the ACT.

### Chief Financial Officer

The Chief Financial Officer will lead the service's finance department, based in its Head Office.

#### Qualifications and Experiences for all positions

High level and culturally sensitive communication and interpersonal skills. Ability to advocate the needs of Aboriginal people to government and government agencies. Strategic and operational leadership experience. Demonstrated change management skills. Sound knowledge of issues affecting Aboriginal people in NSW and the ACT.

#### Qualification for the position of Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

The CEO is an Aboriginal-identified position. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, s14(d).

For enquiries about the positions, contact Vikki Armytage, Chairperson of the ALS (NSW/ACT) on 0405 152664.

Information packages: Can be obtained from Vikki Lennon phone (02) 8842 8000 or 0417 288644 or by e-mail at vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au

Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Limited:  
www.alsnswact.org.au

Applications close:

2 April 2009



ROY THORNE SUBSTANCE MISUSE  
REHABILITATION CENTRE INC.  
(ROY THORNE HOUSE - MOREE)

### MANAGER

Roy Thorne House is a not for profit organisation that provides a quality drug and alcohol rehabilitation service that is responsive to the needs of their clients. Roy Thorne House aims to provide accessible, high quality drug and alcohol related services and is committed to supporting sobriety and healing in both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities.

Roy Thorne House has a fantastic opportunity for a suitably qualified, experienced and dedicated Manager to join their Centre in Moree NSW. Reporting to the Board of Directors, it will be your responsibility to coordinate the day to day operations of our Centre, including leading and providing support to a multi-disciplinary team. Applicants must obtain an Information Package from Roy Thorne House at 180 Greenbah Road Moree and address the Selection Criteria accordingly.

Salary and conditions: will be in accordance with the Roy Thorne House Workplace Agreement (AWA).

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under sect 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications Close at 4pm on Tuesday 7th April 2009.

No late applications will be accepted.

For all enquiries, please contact Fenella during office hours on (02) 6752 2249.

Note: Roy Thorne House operates a zero tolerance on the possession and/or consumption of illicit substances and alcohol at any time. Prospective employees will need to demonstrate a strong commitment to the philosophy of the centre, including adhering to its drug and alcohol policy. All recommended applicants must be willing to undertake all relevant screening checks to determine their suitability for this position.



### RTO Manager

An opportunity exists for a dynamic individual to join the management team of the AES in the capacity of Registered Training Organisation Training Manager.

This important role is responsible for overseeing all aspects of AES RTO operations. We are looking for a hands-on manager who is able to understand and work across all aspects of operating an RTO. You should be comfortable liaising with Government departments, other RTOs, job seekers and be creative in meeting the requirements of all these stakeholders.

You will be able to ensure that policies and procedures are in place and used in the application of funding, ensuring compliance and audits are regularly conducted and evaluated in accordance with VETAB standards.

If you can be creative in growing the business through marketing and promotion of courses, both internally and externally, through amendments to the scope and sourcing funding opportunities, we want to hear from you.

As the role is largely 'hands-on' you will be responsible for overseeing curriculum development and continuous improvement of operations, overseeing financial management, new course development, expansion or change of scope, there will also be a requirement for understanding Government funding for training at both State and National levels.

It is essential that candidates have had a wide exposure to the vocational training environment to be successful in this role.

You will be able to communicate at all levels and foster an environment that reflects the vision of the organisation.

This is an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identified position.

The successful candidate will be full time based at the Corporate Office, Glebe.

We can offer competitive remuneration packaging arrangements to the right person. If you are well organised, have a positive approach and are ready for a new challenge, we would like to hear from you.

For further information regarding the position at Glebe, please contact, Tamara Murray phone 0429 828 101 or email tamara.murray@aes.org.au or tamara.murray@aes.org.au

Applications close Friday 3rd April 2009.

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1227	Approx. 50 km W from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°45'S Long.147°10'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 468 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 148 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2199 v, w, x, y, z 2269 e, k, p, u, z 2270 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 2271 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 2342 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2414 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2415 q, r, s, v, w, x 2486 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2487 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2558 h, c, d, e 2559 a, b, c	Linc Energy Ltd 076 157 045
EPC1262	Approx. 30 km WSW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°56'S Long.147°22'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 688 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 218 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2415 t, u, y, z 2416 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2417 k, p, u, y, z 2418 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x, y, z 2419 v 2487 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2488 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2489 d, e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2490 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2559 d, e, j, k, o, p 2560 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u 2561 c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 2562 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2632 p, u, z 2633 h, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2634 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 2705 c, d, e 2706 a, b, c, d, e	Queensland Thermal Coal Pty Ltd 129 658 493
EPC1263	Approx. 114 km SW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.23°18'S Long.146°38'E Local Government Area: Barcaldine Regional Council and Isaac Regional Council	Area: 946 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2479 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2480 q, r, v, w 2551 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2552 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 2624 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2696 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2697 a, f, l, q, v 2768 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2769 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2840 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2841 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2911 x, y, z 2912 h, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2913 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2983 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 2984 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 3055 d, e, k, p, u, z 3056 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3127 e, k, p, u, z 3128 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3200 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	Queensland Thermal Coal Pty Ltd 129 658 493
EPM17529	Approx. 66 km NW from Clermont Centred at approximate Lat.22°23'S Long.147°12'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 25 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  Block Number Sub-blocks 2055 g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x	Zamia Resources Pty Ltd 110 759 503

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## Relationships Australia

More than just a job

Relationships Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that has been providing counselling and education services for 60 years. With 35 locations throughout Queensland and northern New South Wales, we are committed to enhancing the lives of communities, families and individuals, and supporting positive and respectful relationships.

### Coordinator

Currently we are seeking applications for the full-time role of Coordinator for Ada's Haven, an Indigenous Women's refuge for women and children affected by domestic and family violence. The role of Coordinator will manage and supervise the daily activities of staff at the venue and will provide innovative leadership in the development of best practice.

This role would suit an individual with substantial experience in running a human services organisation particularly in the area of domestic and family violence.

Relationships Australia is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply for this position.

For further information including remuneration details visit our website at [www.relationships.com.au/vacancy-list](http://www.relationships.com.au/vacancy-list)

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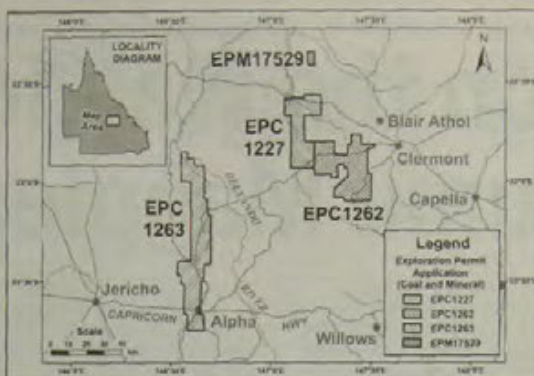
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**Notification Day:** 15 April 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

## Sport



Weipa rugby league star Andrew Sampson.

# A shield player at just 16!

By ALF WILSON



HUMAN battering ram is an apt description of star Weipa rugby league player Andrew Sampson, who is one of the youngest players ever selected for the prestigious north Queensland rugby league Foley Shield competition.

Sampson is one of five Weipa footballers in the Torres Cape side to contest the 2009 Foley Shield competition in Townsville over Easter.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with Sampson at Weipa earlier this month and found him a quietly spoken but confident young man.

Sampson, just 16, is in Grade 12 at Western Cape College. He weighs 102kg and has been picked in the squad of 26 as a forward.

It is rare for such a young player to be selected for the Foley Shield competition, which has blooded some of the best ARL and NRL stars, including Kerry Boustead and Gene Miles.

Sampson was picked in the squad after trials last month on Thursday Island.

"We have been training hard and the older boys have been good to me," he said.

### Heir apparent?

Some are hailing Sampson as the heir apparent to seasoned Weipa forward Gareth Smith, who is one of Sampson's admirers.

"He is a big forward and I think he will have a bright future up here and beyond," Smith said.

Smith was a member of the Kulpiyam side which won the 2008 Island of Origin series grand final on Badu Island last August and also won the player of the Zenith Kegs carnival on Thursday Island during November.

Smith and Sampson packed down in the Central Cape Suns engine room at the TI carnival. The side won their first two games, but failed to make the semi-finals.

"I am learning a lot from Gareth and other senior members of the team," Sampson said.

He said there was talk of a game against Bamaga for the Suns, which he was looking forward to.

Smith said Sampson had a great training attitude and was about as raw as you get - 'easy to coach and listens to all advice given to him'.

"He has been training with Central Cape Suns squad for a number of months," Smith said.

"He trained with us leading into the Zenadth Kes Cup carnival, and has developed physically."

"Suns coach Rod Whittle has worked with him through the juniors and has given him a great start."

"Development officer David Westley has also worked with him closely over the last two months getting him ready for the trial. David agrees Andrew has got the makings of a great front-row forward in the same mould as Petro Givoniceva, from the NRL."

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the 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
MDL254	Approx. 84 km West South West of Mossman Local Authority (Shire) within the area: Mareeba	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 1 on plan DA802415 - PPH 14/5111 Lot 281 on plan SP108034 - PPL 0/211932 - (Access only)  Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 250 ha	<b>Gateway Mining Limited</b> 008 402 391 (65%) <b>Mega Redport Pty Ltd</b> 061 559 840 (35%)

**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) 3238 3733 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 167 Walsh Street, Mareeba, 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4795.

**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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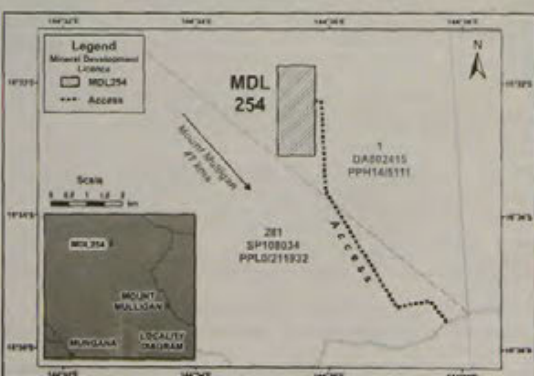
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Natural Resources and Water



# Change is on the way for the Yuendumu Magpies



THE first club room at the Yuendumu Magpies football ground will be built as part of a community-based project.

It will give players a place to change for matches and training. Previously they changed in their cars, buses, 'troopies' or other handy places, according to the *Centralian Advocate*.

The newspaper said Community Enterprises Australia Ltd was given the task of painting the outside walls of houses in Yuendumu as part of a community clean-up initiative through

the Territory Emergency Response.

CEA Operations Manager Andrew Rae recruited the under-17s Magpies to paint the houses. As an incentive, CEA bought sporting equipment for the team, but found there was nowhere to put it.

Mr Rae said: "I told them, if you guys get stuck in and paint these houses for us, we'll get you some football equipment. We realised we didn't have anywhere to put it, so CEA decided to build this shed in partnership with the community."

CEA asked Yuendumu traditional owner Harry Nelson to help choose the site for the project.

And to make sure the work would have lasting benefits for the community and the people undertaking the work, a Centre for Appropriate Technology representative was engaged to deliver on-the-job skills, and certificates will be given to those who show competency with these skills.

Three prominent footballers from Yuendumu, 300km from Alice Springs, supervised the project - former captain of Yuendumu Football Club Kasmin Spencer; Simon Fisher, from NT Thunder; and Marshall Robertson, originally from Lajamanu and now in Yuendumu.

## 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
<b>EPM17303</b> This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 67 km SE from Aurukun Centred at approximate Lat.13°52'S Long.142°02'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Aurukun Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 249 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 75 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1560 y, z 1561 v, w, x, y, z 1562 y, w, x 1632 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1633 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 1634 a, b, c, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w, x 1704 d, e 1705 a, b, c, d, e 1706 a, b, e	<b>Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd</b> 126 768 143
	<b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 80 km SE from Aurukun Centred at approximate Lat.13°53'S Long.142°13'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area of part 2:</b> 50 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 15 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1635 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

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**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, Woollongahba, Queensland 4302, 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.

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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: 15 April 2009



**Queensland Government**  
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Rohanee Cox with her daughter Alyriah.

## Cox in healthy tucker crusade



AUSTRALIAN Opals and former Cairns Dolphin basketballer Rohanee Cox has banded together with the Queensland Government to encourage Indigenous families to 'slam dunk' fruit and vegetables each meal time.

The Beijing Olympics silver medalist is the face of Queensland Health's latest Go for 2 & 5 campaign.

The campaign encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders to eat two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetables each day.

Cox, a 29-year-old Townsville Fire guard selected as Women's National Basketball League 'Player of the Month' for the past two months, knows the importance of eating healthy food.

### Balanced diet

"Having a balanced diet with plenty of fruit and vegetables helps maintain my energy levels and helps me back up after tough games," she said.

"Eating more fruit and vegetables and bush tucker will help guard you and your family against diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and even some cancers."

Cox is featuring in special television advertisements to appear on Imparja, as well as in print and radio messages.

"As a high-achieving sports star with a young daughter of her own, Rohanee Cox is a strong role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Labor Government Health Minister Stephen Robertson said.

"Her involvement in this important new campaign helps to deliver better health outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders."



# Proudly flying the flag

**A**USTRALIAN basketball star and myFiba Ambassador Patrick Mills is a proud Indigenous athlete and last week his myFiba website was given a custom facelift to reflect Patty's cultural heritage. Patty's mother, Yvonne, is Aboriginal, and his father, Benny, a Torres Strait Islander, and the website design incorporates Indigenous Australian colours and the flag of the Torres Strait Islands. It also features the word 'Bala' throughout the design, which means 'respected friend' or 'mate' in the Torres Strait Islands language.

Taking a break from training with Saint Mary's College in Moraga, California, Patty sat down with Nic Mercer, manager of the Boomers, to talk about his cultural heritage and what it means to him.

You're building up a strong following in Australia and the US. How does it feel to be a role model to young Indigenous Australians?

It means a whole lot. Obviously, I really enjoy being a role model not only for Indigenous kids but for all Australian kids and I'm very proud of it.

When we toured with the Boomers you would let the guys know about Indigenous celebration days and language. Is that something you consciously try to do or does it occur naturally?

I think it's something that just occurs. Growing up as a young Indigenous person I was learning about all the different cultures and it's something that sticks with you. Growing up in Canberra, my Mum and Dad taught me a lot about it because I wasn't growing up on the Islands and it's stuck with me. It's comments or sayings that I'll just say, not because I mean to, but just because it's part of my culture and part of my language. Some of the guys are picking it up and using words like 'Bala' and that's great for me. It helps me a lot actually. If they end up joining in with the language and end up using some of the sayings, it gives me a good feeling that some of my culture is going through some of the boys that I'm constantly around 24/7.

So what's next? Are you going to bust out some traditional dancing moves that we can all learn?

Yeah, well I've already started over here with my St Mary's team-mates, teaching them how to do some traditional dancing. I've started with Clint Steindl (a fellow Aussie at St Mary's) so that's next in line for sure. We will start with the baby steps though, get the language down and then out comes the dancing!

It was a big day last week when Nate (Nathan Jawai) played his first game in the NBA...

Yeah, I felt very proud and very excited. I think not only Indigenous people but all Australians were proud of what he has achieved. It was such a big deal and I was really proud of him being involved in such a big competition and big league. I've been cheering for him since the first days I've met him and always believed he could do something special in his life and he is definitely on the pathway of doing that now.

Mate, there is talk of you heading off to the NBA. Now that Nate has taken the first step, has the pressure of being the first Indigenous Australian player in the NBA been removed?

I don't think there is any pressure at all – for both of us. I guess we see it as already doing the Indigenous people proud and we are doing the Australian people proud with what we've achieved. So I don't think there is any pressure there. Obviously, making it to the top level makes people even more proud. It's definitely a goal of mine in the future and something that I'm keen to have a crack at.

Let's talk about the Beijing Olympics... when we arrived in the village, you put up the Aboriginal flag that Danny (Morseu, Patty's uncle) took to the 1980 Moscow and 1984 Los Angeles Olympics...

I'll never forget when he offered it to me. We were at my house in the living room and I didn't ask but the subject came up and he pretty much came out and offered it to me straight away. I'll never forget that moment when he asked me, because it was very special. Not many people in sport can say they've done what he's done. So when I got there I made sure I got it out and made sure it was flying high with a lot of pride. It was a very, very special moment then and I definitely enjoyed having the flag up.

When you got home from the Olympics was there a bit of a family gathering before you took off to the States?

Yeah, there was. It was very hard in the summer because when I got home from school (St Mary's), I wasn't able to stay for long as I had camps and tours for the Boomers. I wasn't home for a whole

lot so it was hard to catch up with everyone in the family and friends. So before I took off to the States, we had a big family and friends gathering. For me that's very important. It's something that I really love doing and just great to see everyone there talking about whatever. I just love seeing them all there together. That was something that was really important to me.

We've had Michael Ah Matt, Danny Morseu and now Patty Mills represent Indigenous Australia at the most elite level – are there any other relatives that could play for the Boomers one day?

Ha ha. Yep! Sure is. Little Jordy Mills. He's just turned seven in early January, so you need to watch out for him. He is my little cousin and he's going to be coming through. He always wears his Spider-Man outfit, but he's not a superhero – he's going to be a basketball hero!



PATRICK MILLS

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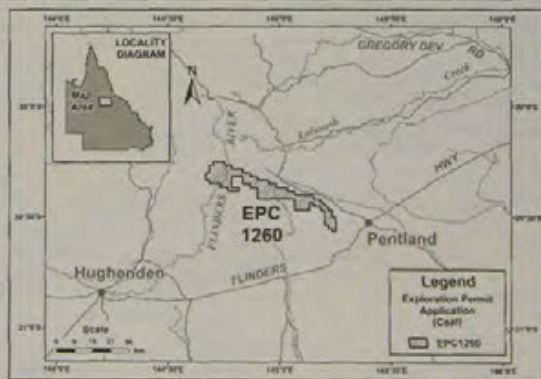
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# Reconciliation golf day at Campbelltown



15 May.

THE Reconciliation Golf Challenge will be played at the Campbelltown golf course, south-west of Sydney, on Friday

It is being organised by the NSW Aboriginal Golf Association. The 18-hole stroke event will have an 8am shotgun start and will cost \$70 per player. There will be a bacon and egg roll

breakfast and a 1.30pm sit-down dinner and presentation.

Prizes will be for A, B and C grade stroke and handicap winners and runners-up, and ladies, juniors and veterans winners.

There also will be prizes for nearest the pins and longest drives in all grades.

● To nominate, phone Bill Bell on 0421 772 567 or Gary Stewart on 0401 719 934.

## 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 27117 sought by BLUE KEBBLE PTY LTD, ACN 116 988 508 over an area of 193 Blocks (630 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGALINA locality.



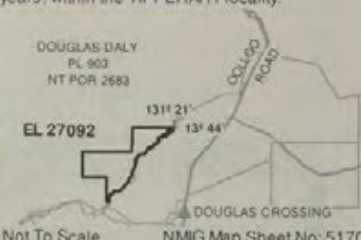
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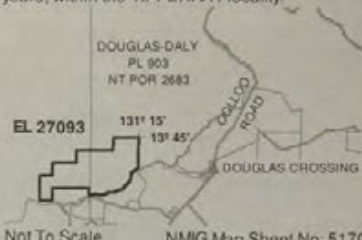
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Exploration Licence 27092 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 6 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



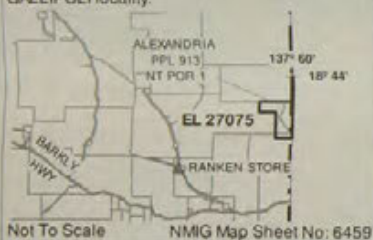
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Exploration Licence 27093 sought by CORPORATE DEVELOPMENTS PTY. LTD., ACN 009 610 271 over an area of 26 Blocks (78 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



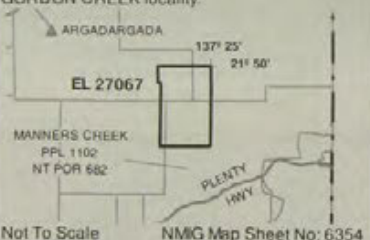
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Exploration Licence 27075 sought by FSL WORLD HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 113 929 687 over an area of 285 Blocks (896 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GALLIPOLI locality.



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Exploration Licence 27067 sought by TALISMAN MINING LIMITED, ACN 079 536 495 over an area of 313 Blocks (997 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the GORDON CREEK locality.



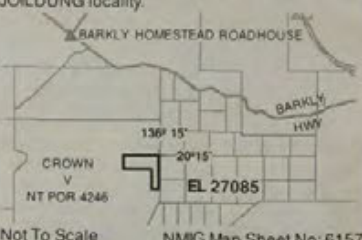
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Exploration Licence 27050 sought by MICHAEL MORAWA, over an area of 29 Blocks (83 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



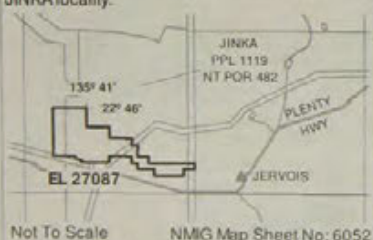
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Exploration Licence 27085 sought by NORTHERN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 50 Blocks (161 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JOILDUNG locality.



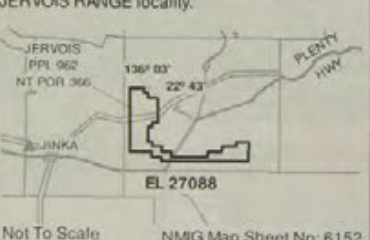
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Exploration Licence 27087 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 106 Blocks (334 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.



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Exploration Licence 27088 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 107 Blocks (339 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6152

Exploration Licence 27113 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 75 Blocks (237 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6152

Exploration Licence 27045 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 11 Blocks (36 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5272

Exploration Licence 27118 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 34 Blocks (68 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



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Exploration Licence 27062 sought by SOFTWOOD PLANTATIONS PTY. LTD., ACN 050 120 315 over an area of 33 Blocks (90 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MCKINLAY RIVER locality.



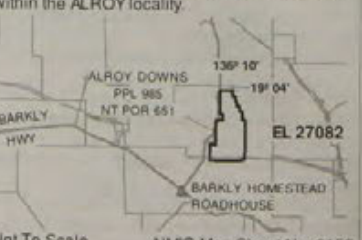
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Exploration Licence 27066 sought by TALISMAN MINING LIMITED, ACN 079 536 495 over an area of 500 Blocks (1592 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 5 years, within the ALGAMBA locality.



Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5253

Exploration Licence 27082 sought by TERRITORY PHOSPHATE PTY LTD, ACN 130 065 351 over an area of 280 Blocks (908 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY 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 Centrepunt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 25 March 2009



# Flying Boomerangs tour PNG



THE Flying Boomerangs, the Australian Football League's (AFL's) under 16 Indigenous team, has returned to Australia after a successful tour of Papua New Guinea, with nearly 10,000 people viewing games in Port Moresby and Lae.

After losing by a point to the Papua New Guinea Under 18 side, the Boomerangs played their second match against a in Lae two days later before an enthusiastic crowd of more than 6000 people.

The Flying Boomerangs put on a terrific display of exciting, skilful and free flowing football to run out winners 7.10 (52) to 3.2 (20).

The best players were Graham Ryan, from Perth, the quick-footed Luke Wilson, from Adelaide, Delson Trott, who hails from Bolder, near Geraldton (WA), Michael Dunn, from the Tiwi Islands, and Lockart River's Kieran Johnson.

Reid Crowe and Brandon Ah Chee also backed up well from the first game to be solid contributors again.

## Two PNG teams

PNG fielded different teams for the two games, showing the depth of talent in the country. As well, more than 20 PNG boys are currently in Australia preparing to play in the Queensland State League.

The Kapundas were coached by Ray Hall, the ex-Richmond utility who retired at the end of 2007. He is working in PNG as a volunteer on a program that uses sport to promote social development, and was rapt to be asked to coach the Kapundas.

Hall said it was a fantastic experience for the PNG boys to test themselves against talented young Indigenous players from Australia.

"It showed them that they are not that far away. I think in time some of the boys will be able to have the same impact on the game as the AFL's Indigenous players have," Hall said.

Boomerangs coach Jason Mifsud said it had been a great learning experience for the boys on and off the field.

"They have learned how to think their way through difficult circumstances and opponents, including a new environment, a new culture and language, and long, demanding days," Mifsud said.

"This program underpins the relationship the AFL is developing with Indigenous Australia and highlights the opportunities this partnership presents. And along the way this group of young men have had a wonderful experience that we hope can give them strength to face their future challenges and maximise their opportunities."

The tour is an important component of the Flying Boomerangs program, which

focuses on the development of young Indigenous leaders as well as exposing them to elite coaching. In between games, the boys have completed two modules of a certificate in Indigenous leadership.

While the tour is focused on helping to develop the young Boomerang players, it has also played an important role in the growth and development of the game in PNG.

No elite teams associated with the AFL have toured PNG for more than 20 years, and the visit has given the game a huge boost. AFLPNG has nearly 20 employees in the country, and there are more than 15,000 people playing in the game in organised competitions.

The boys were pleased to be invited to a morning tea at the Australian High Commission, where they saw an Indigenous art exhibition and chatted with High Commissioner Chris Moraitis, an avid Carlton supporter.

The program has been running for four years, but this is the first time the AFL has taken the group to Papua New Guinea. They visited eight schools

in the capital city, teaching football skills to well over a 1000 children.

The boys come from across Australia, including Gove, in the Northern Territory,

Broome, in Western Australia, Lockart River, in far north Queensland, southern NSW, and country areas of Victoria and South Australia.



● LEFT: The Flying Boomerangs during their tour of Papua New Guinea. They played two matches, losing the first and winning the second.

Pictures: AFL



Huge crowds watched the match in Lae as coach Jason Mifsud offered words of wisdom during a break in the game.

# Ella 7s just keeps getting bigger



THE Sydney Skindogs, coached by former international Glen Ella, won the 2009 Ella 7s rugby union tournament at Coffs Harbour, northern NSW.

The nucleus of the Skindogs came from La Perouse, but the team included players from Canberra, Kempsey and South Australia.

They beat Northern United, a Lismore-based rugby league club, 26-17 in the final.

Waterloo Storm won the women's final 24-14 against La Pa Lovelies.

The Ella 7s is still in its infancy, but according to Glen Ella is growing each year.

This year's tournament attracted 24 men's and six women's teams. The 2008

tournament drew just 10 men's and three women's teams.

He said there were plans to expand it next year. He said the facilities at Coffs Harbour were excellent and there would be no problem handling an expanded tournament.

In the 2009 men's division, teams were placed in eight pools, with three in each pool.

Those teams played each

other, with the pool winners proceeding to knockout rounds.

Beaten pool teams continued to play in plate and bowl competitions.

This meant that every competing team played a minimum of four games.

Glen Ella said the team nomination fee of \$1100 included a full set of new jumpers, shorts and socks, plus lunch, making

it good value for money.

"We are also selecting a team from the tournament to participate in future domestic and international 7s tournaments," he said.

Organisers already are calling for expressions of interest for the 2010 tournament. Inquiries should be directed to Tom Evans at the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Team: tom.evans@rugby.com.au





The winning Waru team, back row, from left, Ian Ruhle (coach), Andrew Rassip, Kevin Hazel, Mark Meroo, Rob Stanton and Shaun Doolan; centre, Michael Williams, Brett Smith, David Andy, Ben Congoo and Linus Terry; front, Scott Sorbello, Shelton Congoo and Marvin Williams (capt). - Picture: Innisfail Advocate

# More than a cricket team

By GRAHAM HUNT



AN Indigenous cricket team made its debut in the Cricket Far North (Cairns) reserve grade competition this season and came away with the minor and major premierships.

The Waru team from Innisfail has just one non-Indigenous player and went through the competition undefeated, beating Mulgrave (Gordonvale) by nine wickets in the final after trailing on the first innings.

Team captain Marvin Williams said the Waru team had no ambitions to jump a grade higher, as most of the players were well into their 30s and some into their 40s.

"We play the game because we want to see some of the younger Indigenous kids come through," Williams said.

The Waru team joined the Cairns reserve grade competition this year at the invitation of the Innisfail Cricket Club.

In the three years leading up to their reserve grade debut, Waru played in a smaller competition on concrete wickets.

The reserve grade competition is played on turf wickets.

Waru obviously had no trouble making the transition to turf.

In the final against Mulgrave, Waru bundled out the opposition for 100 in the first innings, but could muster only 91 in reply.

Set 143 to win, Waru charged to victory, losing just one wicket, with Brett Smith (91 not out) and Shelton Congoo (38 not out) leading the way.

## Bowling stars

Williams said the bowling stars for Waru were his brother Michael, who finished with seven wickets for the match, including four in Mulgrave's second innings, and Shaun Doolan, who picked up about six wickets.

Marvin Williams was too humble to tell us, but long-time Cricket Far North (Cairns) cricketer Bevan Ah Kee told *The Koori Mail* that Marvin

also took four wickets in Mulgrave's second innings.

Ah Kee was glowing in his praise of Marvin Williams, saying Williams was the driving force behind the Waru team.

Waru was more than an Indigenous cricket team, Ah Kee said.

"Waru does wonderful things in Indigenous communities around here," he said.

"Every time they play a home game, they send a bus around to pick up the Elders and bring them to the game. They provide a spirit of community throughout the region."

"And on the morning of the grand final, the team visited a young lad in a wheelchair in hospital."

"That visit meant so much to the young bloke."

Ah Kee said the young patient had come up with his own meaning for Waru: W for Warriors, A for Ambassadors, R for Respect and U for Unity.

"Waru is much more than a cricket team - much more," Ah Kee said.

# Focus on children at AFLNT



THE Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) is to continue its annual AFL Juniors and NAB AFL Auskick programs during the dry season in AFLNT centres across the Territory.

The program will continue at a number of centres, including Darwin, Palmerston, Alice Springs and Katherine.

NAB AFL Auskick is the AFL's key introductory program for children aged from five to eight. Through a structured weekly coaching program, children learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, allowing them to play football in a fun and safe environment.

The AFL Juniors program is a pathway from the under-eight NAB AFL Auskick to youth football. It is open to children aged between nine and 12. It aims to give the children the confidence to play the game with their natural instinct, where the focus is on becoming a team player with the modified rules.

AFLNT's Participation and Schools Manager Xavier Moloney is excited to bring back these programs for the youth of the NT in 2009.

"It gives the children an opportunity to develop and hone their skills from the introductory level to transition into junior club football," he said.

"It also maintains their involvement in AFL over the dry season, which is great for the game and fantastic for Territory football, and I urge all parents and community supporters wishing to get involved to head to a sign-on day to find out how they can assist."

The first sign-on day for the NAB AFL Auskick program will be at the Palmerston Shopping Centre (Target end) on Saturday 4 April from 9am-2pm. The first sign-on day for the AFL Junior Program was last Monday at Southern Cross Oval in Palmerston.

For the Darwin region, sign-on for the NAB AFL Auskick Program will take place at two locations on Saturday April 4, (1) Casuarina Square Food Court from 9am-2pm and (2) the entrance gate of the first home game for the Northern Territory FC from 5.30-6.30pm. Those from Darwin area interested in the AFL Juniors program can sign up by heading to TIO Stadium on Friday 27 March from 5.30pm-6.30pm.

● For more information regarding the sign-on days for both the AFL Juniors and the NAB AFL Auskick programs in other centres, head to [www.aflnt.com.au](http://www.aflnt.com.au) and click on the Junior Programs link on the website. AFL Juniors in the Northern Territory can also register for season 2009 by going online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) and clicking on the "Register Here" link.

## Long urges supporters to sign on for Thunder

NORTHERN Territory legend Michael Long has thrown his support behind the new NT Thunder side entering the AFL Queensland competition this year.

Long, a 190-game champion of Essendon, has purchased his past player NTFC membership and has encouraged all Territorians to do likewise before the season begins on 4 April.

"The NT Thunder is a side for all Territorians. They will be representing the Northern Territory and we should all show our support by getting a membership and turning up to the opening game," he said.

The NT Thunder will host reigning premiers the Southport Sharks at TIO Stadium on 4 April, beginning at 7pm.

"It is important to get the season off to a good start and we can all help by coming to the game and cheering on our boys," Long said.



# Tackling violence



IT'S working in Queensland and now they're hoping it will work in New South Wales.

As we reported in the previous *Koori Mail* edition, the highly successful anti-domestic violence project operating with the Normanton Stingers in Queensland is the platform for a mirror program in New South Wales.

To celebrate the launch of the NSW program, football stars, sporting legends and leaders were on hand at Redfern

Oval, Sydney, for the launch of *Tackling Violence*, which is being run by the NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Rugby League (ARL).

At Normanton, in Queensland's Gulf of Carpentaria, the *Domestic Violence - it's not our game* program saw cases of domestic violence reduced by 55 per cent in 2007 compared with the previous year.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney launched the NSW project at a community barbecue also attended by ARL CEO Geoff Carr, NRL CEO

David Gallop, former rugby league stars David Peachey, Larry Corowa, Nathan Blacklock, Ricky Walford, Mal Cochrane, Mario Fenech and Souths under 20 players.

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

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

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.



LET'S TACKLE



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



At back, from left, Dixie Link-Gordon, Sol Belleair, Larry Corowa, Geoff Carr, Mal Cochrane and David Gallop; middle, Ricky Walford, Mario Fenech, Linda Burney and David Peachey; front, Nathan Blacklock.



Linda Burney poses with players from the South Sydney Rabbitohs under 20 squad.

Dubbo CYMS captain Darren Toomey and Windsor Wolves captain Craig Trindall at the launch of *Tackling Violence*.

# Sport funds for Nyoongar youth



INDIGENOUS sportsmen and women in the shire of Mundaring are to receive finance assistance in achieving their goals thanks to a deal between the Mundaring Shire and the Nyoongar Sports Association (NSA).

Mundaring is on the eastern fringe of metropolitan Perth.

NSA Executive Officer Steve Stacey

said the arrangement was far-sighted and innovative.

The shire and the NSA each will provide \$500 to 'help facilitate grassroots participation'.

"If people can't participate at the grassroots level, then the opportunity to climb the ladder to regional, state, national and international participation is just a dream," Mr Stacey said.

"For many families, the costs of

providing for club membership is a struggle, with equipment and fees stretching the family budget."

Mr Stacey said the issues revolved around local government authorities, who in many ways, held the key to grassroots development regarding infrastructure, staff and access to other agencies for collective arrangements on tap.

The partnership between the shire

and the NSA is underwritten by a memorandum of understanding.

Mr Stacey said it was hoped this initial development would mark the beginning of partnerships around Western Australia 'that in a small niche market way will go towards creating long-life platforms for sport and physical activity and possibly maybe state, national or international recognition for some as yet unknown youngster'.



# Stunning season openers



TWO rising Indigenous rugby league stars had electrifying starts to the 2009 National Rugby League (NRL) season.

Jamal Idris, playing just his fourth NRL game, was a standout in the Bulldogs' stunning 24-13 victory over reigning premiers Manly on 14 March at ANZ Stadium, Sydney.

**"It's pretty good to be standing over the other side of the field watching him shrug away tackles."**

— Bulldogs skipper Andrew Ryan commenting on Jamal Idris

The next day, livewire South Sydney halfback Chris Sandow set the South Sydney Rabbitohs on their winning way as the

Bunnies demolished a shell-shocked Sydney City Roosters 52-12 at the Sydney Football Stadium.

Teenage centre Idris and bagged two tries as the 2008 wooden-spooners completed a horror week for the premiers at ANZ Stadium.

Idris announced his arrival as a force in 2009 when he scored the Dogs' first four-pointer with a bulldozing run through three would-be Manly defenders.

## Overlap

The 18-year-old was then on the end of an overlap in the 27th minute to grab his second.

"He's obviously a pretty big kid," Dogs captain Andrew Ryan said of the 106kg Idris.

"He made his first grade debut and sort of lobbed up and was asking people why he wasn't feeling nervous.

"That's just the way he is but he just needs to keep learning.

"It's pretty good to be standing over the other side of the field watching him shrug away tackles."

Bulldogs coach Kevin Moore said it wouldn't be difficult keeping the dreadlocked centre's feet on the ground.

"He's a terrific natured kid," he said.

"We've got some pretty good people around, some senior people... there's any number of blokes that are going to keep him grounded.

"He's the sort of kid that not too much fazes him at

Jamal Idris catches a bomb during the 2008 NRL Round 24 match — Bulldogs v Parramatta at ANZ Stadium last 23 August.

— AAP Image



the moment, he's only 18 and he just turns up. It's like a game of park footy for him.

"He's got a lot to improve on too, he probably struggled toward the back end of the game. He loses his legs towards the end of the game, he's still struggling probably with that pace of the game at first grade and playing 80 minutes."

Manly captain Matt Orford gave the Bulldogs the early-season thumbs up.

"I think the Dogs are really going to trouble some teams this year, they're going to surprise a lot of people," he said.

Idris has a Nigerian father and an Aboriginal mother.

At the Sydney Football Stadium, South Sydney found their attacking mojo to destroy the Sydney Roosters 52-12 in an NRL massacre.

## Nine tries

With halves John Sutton and Chris Sandow inspiring them and Indigenous winger Nathan Merritt bagging a hat-trick, Souths piled on nine tries to two in their season opener against a woeful Roosters side.

The Rabbitohs' attack has been toothless in recent seasons but Sutton's move to No 6, the emergence of halfback Sandow and try-scoring buys Colin Best and Indigenous star Rhys Wesser appear to have provided the solution for coach Jason Taylor.

Merritt scored two first half four-pointers, including a 95m

intercept, and one five minutes after the break to shatter the Roosters' spirit and send plenty of the 24,486 fans to the carpark.

Sandow booted five goals from seven attempts.

Another rising Indigenous player to turn heads was Brisbane Broncos winger Jharal Yow Yeh.

The youngster scored a great try as Brisbane stole a 19-18 victory over the North Queensland Cowboys at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on 13 March.

## Family pedigree

How Yeh has a family pedigree to suggest he could be a player to watch.

His great uncle Kevin Yow Yeh was a Thursday Islander blessed with electrifying speed who started his rugby league career in the centres in country Roma alongside Arthur Beetson.

The pair joined Balmain in 1966 — Beetson going on to become one of the greats of the game — and Yow Yeh playing 41 first grade over two seasons, including the 1966 losing grand final to St George before disappearing from the rugby league landscape.

His nephew, Jharal, is tall and skinny with genuine speed, balance and footwork, according to Broncos spokesman Peter Nolan.

"He's pretty quick, maybe not the quickest to come through the club but he's still developing," said Nolan. — With AAP



Chris Sandow kicks during the South Sydney Rabbitohs-Gold Coast Titans National Rugby League match at ANZ Stadium in Sydney last 23 June. — AAP Image



# The big moment

By PETER ARGENT



AS the Australian Football League (AFL) season starts tomorrow night, with traditional

Victorian AFL clubs Carlton and Richmond to face off at the MCG in the season opener, it is expected to be a nervous and exciting time of a handful of young Aboriginal talents taking their first tentative steps on to this elevated stage.

For the Blues in the first-round clash, their initial draft pick Chris Yarran has

produced enough to suggest he's ready to debut in this fixture.

A medium-sized forward, Yarran kicked seven goals in his WAFL debut and despite having played only 13 games last year at senior level, between his State under-age commitments, he won Swan Districts' leading goal-kicker award.

The first Indigenous selection in the 2008 national draft, at number three, Fremantle's Stephen Hill is also expected to don a Dockers jumper in their opening home fixture against the Western

Bulldogs at Subiaco Oval.

Noted as a player who breaks lines, Hill has quickly impressed the Fremantle coaching staff.

The most mercurial rise has been that of Port Adelaide livewire Wade Thompson, who has also been touted as a starter for the Power's clash in round one against Essendon on AAMI stadium.

Columnist Michael O'Loughlin went through the history of the former Port Augusta lad in the last edition of *The Koori Mail*, but Thompson had only played six SANFL games with North Adelaide going into this season.

Although he was a member of the South Australia under 20 squad last year, Thompson is one of the few footballers who never went through any of the AFL elite junior programs.

"Port Adelaide has developed a good environment for young talents to quickly progress," Power Development Coach Darren Trevena said. "This has been proved by the fact we've had (a competition high) eight AFL rising star nominations in the past two years.

"Wade has made a



Jared Petrenko lines up a kick.

huge improvement in a short space of time.

"He gives our forward line a point of difference with his lightning spell, as no-one can catch him."

The last member of the quartet expecting to make his AFL debut is Adelaide Crows elevated rookie Jared Petrenko.

After being rookie listed last year, Petrenko endured a shoulder reconstruction and started his season late due to his rehabilitation program.

His former under 18 State coach, Brinton 'Sticks' Phillips, likened Petrenko to a young Graham Johncock.

"Jared is a great story too, living with his grandparents in the western suburbs," Phillips said.

"I've always like the way he attacks the ball.

"Because of his pace, we used him off half back where he gave us rebound and carry.

"The Crows have been using him as a small forward during the pre-season and he is certainly in the mix for round one."

With more than 80 Indigenous players on AFL lists in 2009, their dash and intuitiveness is a recipe to make this code grow.



Wade Thompson (left) in action.

# Softball heads for the bush



SOFTBALL is going bush. Almost \$70,000 has been set aside by the Northern Territory Government to help establish a softball competition in remote communities.

It is responding to a call from women seeking more opportunities to participate in structured and regular sporting activities – and softball is their preferred sport.

Launching the competition in Darwin last Thursday, NT Sports Minister Karl Hampton said he hoped it would encourage Indigenous women to participate in sport and recreation.

"It has been well documented the health benefits of an active lifestyle, particularly in our Indigenous communities, and this program is about getting women to participate in sport and stay healthy," he said.

A number of shires have already indicated they will participate in the competition, including the Tiwi Islands, the Victoria-Daly River, MacDonnell, Roper Gulf, Central Desert and East Arnhem.

"At this stage over 700 participants from the six shires have indicated their interest in participating in the competition," Mr Hampton said.

"This funding is vital to the success of the program and will assist with associated costs including training, travel and accommodation.

"It is fantastic to see this competition up and running and I encourage as many ladies as possible to participate."

The program is designed to allow

players to develop their skills, with hopes it will see some women progress from the grassroots level to higher competition.

Accredited training for coaches, scorers and officials will be delivered in partnership with Softball NT.

"The aim is to run the competitions over a three-month period, with games played fortnightly," Mr Hampton said.

At the end of the season, either the winning team or a shire representative team will

participate in the Northern Territory Softball Championships in August.

The funding is part of the NT government's Closing the Gap scheme on indigenous disadvantage. –AAP



KARL HAMPTON





Nat Seaton, Selwyn Seaton and Patrick Clarke are likely to leave the Amateur Boxing League and join the Australian Boxing Association to enhance their international prospects.

# Big night of fights

By ALF WILSON



**PALM** Island Aboriginal boxer Peter Bonner will fight one of two professional bouts at a gala night in Townsville on April 4 at Bombay Rock when former star amateurs Gerald Wotton and Craig Desatge will make their comebacks after four years in retirement.

The 26-year-old Bonner is the first professional boxer from the north Queensland Aboriginal community in more than 20 years and had his debut cancelled at the same venue last 18 October after what turned out to be a bomb hoax was received by phone. Bonner was gloved up and ready to enter the ring at the time.

After the abandoned Townsville fight, Bonner made his long-awaited debut at Maroochydore on 28 November with a third-round knockout of Tavita Vika.

Bonner's trainer Ray Dennis said his 105kg heavyweight boxer had been hard at work getting super fit for the bout.

"Peter has been doing lots of running on Palm Island and the sweat has been pouring off him. I think he will do very well and he has got his life going well," Dennis said.

In preparation, Bonner has travelled to the mainland by ferry from Palm Island to spar some of the boxers from Gonzo Hooper's Flatenem Club, and looked sharp.

The other pro bout will feature another Townsville Indigenous boxer Tom Clarke, who will meet Chris Evers, of Brisbane.

Dennis said that Wotton and Desatge intended to turn

professional during 2009 after some warm-up amateur bouts.

Both are in the 65kg division. Wotton, 25, was a former Australian Amateur Boxing League national champion in 2001. He is a plumbing supervisor on Palm Island.

"Gerald had a very impressive record as an amateur and finished his plumbing apprenticeship and is ready now to make a comeback and is still young," Dennis said.

Before his retirement, Wotton attended an Australian Institute of Sport Boxing camp in Townsville.

represent Australia at the next Olympic Games.

However Dennis realises that for that to occur, his charges will have to switch from the Boxing League to the Boxing Association.

"The Aussie boxers didn't go too well at the Beijing Olympics and my lads have the ability to make the team next time," he said.

"My plan is to get them into the Association before the next Olympic selection trials as they have to be in that body to represent Australia. But I would hope the two bodies join before then."

The *Koori Mail* visited Palm Island recently and saw four of the five training hard, with only Lenoy absent.

"I have 25 youngsters here every afternoon during the week including a lot of under 35kg lads," Dennis said.

The Palm Island club has plans to run a tournament at the local PCYC during NAIDOC Week celebrations in July.

"Many of the north Queensland clubs have indicated they would send boxers over here and the local population would support it," Dennis said.

One option for that would be to run a pro-am card, with Peter Bonner to fight an opponent in a pro bout, with the rest of the fights to be amateur.

However, costs would be prohibitive to include a pro fight with the club having to foot the bill for southern judges, a referee, and officials to travel to Palm.

"There would be accommodation costs, plane fares and everything else but we are looking into it and it would be wonderful for the island," Dennis said.



Professional boxer Peter Bonner and trainer Ray Dennis.

Desatge also had a great amateur record and is a tough-as-nails boxer who is super fit.

Ironically, Desatge's partner, Kara, is a daughter of Doug Sam — the last professional boxer on Palm Island before Bonner.

Sam was an Australian professional champion who fought for a world title and lost in South Korea.

Meanwhile, Dennis reckons his young star amateur boxers Selwyn Seaton, Patrick Clarke, Luke Lenoy and Reggie Palm Island have the ability to

## Minniecon in Young Socceroos squad



**EXCITING** Queensland prospect Tahj Minniecon is in a 25-man squad selected for a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra next week as part of Young Socceroos head coach Jan Versleijen's preparation for the FIFA under-20 World Cup. Minniecon has been one of the Queensland Roar stars in the Hyundai A-League competition. But next season he will turn

out for the new Gold Coast franchise.

The majority of the Young Socceroos squad have been selected from the Hyundai A-League and National Youth League, with the exception of Jason Davidson, who plays for Hume City in the Victorian Premier League.

The 24-team FIFA tournament, which will be held in Egypt from 24 September-16 October, will include England, Italy, Germany, Brazil and Spain.

— With AAP



# The total package

## MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THERE is often a fine line between self-belief and arrogance, but it's a line that young Carlton rookie Chris Yarran seems to handle with ease.

When I meet him at the Indigenous camp in Darwin, he came across as your typical shy young bloke making the transition to the AFL.

But underneath you could detect a steely determination to succeed, and when I caught up with him his week I found this attitude has been part of his make-up since he first realised he had a special talent.

"I always believed I could make it to the AFL," he said without a hint of arrogance.

"I was always picked in representative sides so I knew I had the ability, but I knew I had to work hard to make it."

When I asked him what advice he would give to young kids, he sounded more like one of his heroes in Adam Goodes.

### Focus on school

"The most important thing is to stay at school," said Chris, who is another product of the Clontarf Foundation system.

"Finishing school helps you stay out of trouble and if you also work hard at training, you will be rewarded in the end."

Yarran paid special tribute to his school coach Kevin Mitchell as a person who had an influence on his development.

It was a development that saw him picked in the All-Star side that played in Darwin, which obviously provided Chris with an early career highlight.

"I was very honoured to be in that side as part of the Indigenous team," he said.

"It was my first game as part of a team like that. I just took it as it came and I loved every minute of it."

"It was awesome playing

alongside Andrew McLeod and Peter Burgoyne and I just wanted to be part of it. I would love the chance to play in that team again."

Chris has also aligned himself with some strong role models at Carlton in Chris Judd and Eddie Betts.

Judd has gone out of his way to make the youngster feel welcome.

"As soon as I got to the club, I saw players like Juddy really pushing through the cones on the track and pushing through the next level," Yarran said.

"I want to learn and follow in the footsteps of players like that."

But just in case you get the impression that everything has come easily to Yarran, it is important to gain an understanding of his childhood.

Chris spent most of his childhood without the guidance of his father, who was in jail in Western Australia.

It is something he is open about as he has grown up with the fact that he was only nine when they last walked hand-in-hand to an oval for a kick together.

### Rollercoaster

Since then, life has often been tough for the clever forward, changing schools and sets of friends more times than he cares to remember.

But throughout the hardships, football has always been his escape.

And driving his AFL ambition, from the paddocks in Northam, Western Australia, to the top of the WAFL goal-kicking charts, was the constant support of his mother, and thoughts of his father.

"Everyone has hard times and I've really had it tough with my dad gone and just my mum," he said.

"But I go to see him a lot. He gives me some tips about how to play footy, and he still thinks he's better than me. I've got some of his old footy tapes and I watch them sometimes."

"I've got a good relationship with him, I guess. It's just how you work through these things that's got me to where I am now."

However, it could so easily have turned out differently for the livewire had he not resisted the many temptations that come with boredom in small rural towns.

Thankfully, when dangers presented themselves, Yarran always had football that – like train tracks – has kept him bolted to the right path.

"I'd just go to training because that kept me away from everything and kept me busy and occupied throughout the week," he said.

"Mum always supported me, keeping me playing footy and keeping me on the right track."

"I love her to death and without her I wouldn't be here."

Already, he considers himself

a role model to the younger ones in his family, his cousins and nephews and nieces, who go to watch him play each week.

Chris appears to be a potential gem on and off the field.

When I asked him what his goals were for the season, he showed that his confidence was not based on an inflated ego.

"I just want to make my debut," he said. "Everything will grow from there."

To ensure he remains 'grounded' in more ways than one, Yarran also plans to start a landscaping course. "Even now, I know it is important to have something I can rely on after football," he said before heading off to training.

Yarran is the type of player I enjoy following on and off the field.

On the field he has the potential to be a true champion of the game.

Off the field he has the potential to be a true leader.

That is truly the total package. Until next time... Keep Dreaming!



Chris Yarran the player (left) and Chris Yarran the Australian rules young ambassador (below). The picture at left shows Yarran in action during the 2008 NAB AFL Under 18 Championships at Telstra Dome, Melbourne. The picture below was taken in Cape Town, South Africa, 17 April 2007, where AFL players and coaches attended a coaching clinic in Khayelitsha.

Photo by Tertius Pickard/Gallo Images





# Swans focus on

By WA Correspondent CHRIS PIKE



WEST Australian Football League (WAFL) club Swan Districts continues to make a big impact in helping the youth of the Pilbara region get greater chances in life, and that is now continuing

with some big-name past and present sports stars being involved.

Chris Lewis, Peter Matera, Daniel Wells and Chance Bateman are four of the best and highest-profile Aboriginal players produced from Western Australia and are all dedicated to helping the Pilbara communities.

The Kicking Goals Program was started in 2004 when Swan Districts was allocated the Pilbara region to help those in the local schools.

## Netball base

With the support of BHP-Billiton and a host of other partners, it now includes a Shooting Goals Program, which is the equivalent to the Kicking Goals, but with a netball base to it.

The new Kicking Ahead Program will cater for Pilbara youth aged from 15 to 21 to relocate to Perth to receive transitional support through pathways into training, employment, education and elite level sport.

That means that not only does the program hope to create AFL footballers, national netballers and other sporting stars for the future, but also well-educated and well-rounded members of the community.

Nicole Graves is the manager of Pilbara Community Development, and her full-time team includes former West Coast premiership stars Chris Lewis (Kicking Goals co-ordinator) and Peter Matera

(Regional Community Development Officer) and former West Coast Fever and Perth Orioles netballer Tracey Pemberton (Shooting Goals co-ordinator).

Hawthorn premiership player Chance Bateman, star North Melbourne midfielder Daniel Wells, Channel 10 newsreader Narelda Jacobs and former Australian international spin bowler Brad Hogg are all Forever Strong mentors, helping the students in the Kicking Ahead Program.

With Matera and Lewis now full-time staff, and Bateman and Wells high-profile mentors, Graves is understandingly pleased with the team she has around her.

"Having these elite Aboriginal mentors and full-time staff members that our kids can identify with is the key to our programs' success," she said.

"The understanding, trust and communication skills Chris, Peter, Chance and Daniel bring to the young people of the Pilbara allows us to develop real solutions and connect with the Indigenous youth and send clear messages about the benefits of good education, healthy lifestyles and becoming good community members."

Matera played in the 1992 and 1994 premierships for West Coast in his 253-game career, and won the Norm Smith Medal for his five goals in the 92

grand final. He is glad to not only be back involved in WAFL football in 2009 as an assistant coach at Swans, but to be involved in such a program.

"I have just been amazed at the depth of programs that Swan Districts has and the relationships they are committed to making in the Pilbara," he said.

"It is great to get back and be connected with community football again

and be able to give back to the communities.

"The Kicking Goals Program and the other programs that I work with on a daily basis make it easy to come to work each day and be rewarded with knowing Chris and I are having an impact on the kids' lives and the choices they make for their future."

Lewis came on board for the Kicking Goals Program in 2006 after spending time outside WA coaching following his successful AFL playing career that also saw him play in the 1992 and 1994 West Coast premiership teams and rack up 215 games for the Eagles.

He briefly coached Swan Districts in 2007, but last year turned his full focus to the Kicking Goals Program, and that's where it remains.

## 'Opportunity'

"It's great to have the opportunity to allow the students to gain an understanding of the requirements that are needed to become future leaders of their communities," Lewis said.

"As well as that, to be integral members in a team environment and learn to be responsible for their decision making and therefore become responsible young men and women. I believe that these are the underlying issues that our programs work to deliver real and tangible outcomes."

The 2008 AFL season was an unforgettable one for Bateman, who starred in the Hawks' grand final triumph over Geelong.

After growing up in the country town of York and being drafted from WAFL club Perth, he is always happy to help out local Aboriginal kids despite living and playing football in Melbourne.

"I am really excited to be involved with the Swan Districts-BHP Kicking Ahead program. Having grown up in York, WA, and still having family there, I am looking forward to using my experiences to help mentor young Indigenous people," Bateman said.



Pilbara Kicking Ahead Program students of La Salle College, Perth, with Peter Matera, Chris Lewis and Nicole Graves.



Chris Lewis gives some kicking tips during a visit to the Pilbara.

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# Pilbara

from facing page

Indigenous youth is a passion of mine and I look forward to working closely with these kids."

In its early days, the Kicking Goals program was run largely through the Newman and Hadland Senior High schools and had the aim of attracting mainly Aboriginal student participation to school, to stay in school, and they were getting something out of through the sporting stars and, finally, graduate.

Hadland SHS now has an Aboriginal attendance record of 73 per cent, with an average in WA at 67.

Principal Carolyn Cook said: "It is a direct result of the Kicking Goals program, as we have seen a steady increase in the four years the program has been running."

## Regular visits

The program is also supported by the West Coast Eagles AFL team and West Coast Fever ANZ Championship netball team, and as such Eagles, Swans and Swans players regularly visit remote communities.

Last year, Karratha, Roebourne, Wyndham, Waralunga, Pampajinya, Yalgoo, Nullagine, Yandeyarra, Tom Price, Paraburdoo, Pannawonica and Marble Bar all hosted visits.

Through the programs, a colts team in the Pilbara compete in the landmark Country Championships; netball and netball talent academies have been set up; and perhaps more importantly, the education needs of the students have never been forgotten.

The Martu Program was also started in 2008 at the request of the Newman SHS principal. It is a specialised program run by the school for the most 'at-risk' children from remote communities. This sees the students

collected from their town homes and 'hangouts' each day to come to a community house, where they shower, receive meals and uniforms before heading off to school.

Each Wednesday the Swan Districts development team is on the bus to pick them up and spend the day with them to ensure they feel they are valuable members of the school community.

The most exciting new initiative would be the Kicking Ahead Program, with the mentors, such as Wells and Bateman, committing to support and guide a young person from the Pilbara, now based in Perth, for at least a year to hopefully give them a greater opportunity to develop and reach positive academic, career and personal goals.

The ability for youngsters from remote communities in the Pilbara to relocate to Perth to pursue work, educational or sporting goals was previously virtually non-existent, meaning the program could help many more Pilbara youngsters find their feet outside their community.

## Easier transition

Their transition into life in Perth has also been made a lot easier with the help of the Pilbara Youth Enhancement Program, which has been set up by Swan Districts, Swanleigh Residential College and La Salle College to provide students an education, accommodation and mentor program.

This has seen ten students from the Pilbara and two from Bunbury receive an opportunity to continue their education at La Salle while being full-time boarders at Swanleigh.

So far, the move has been positive for all involved and the students are enjoying their new school and sporting environments.

# Tiwi Bombers' season is over



THE Tiwi Bombers' major premiership aspirations came to a halt when beaten 23.12 (150) to 16.14 (110) in the sudden-death 2008-09 Northern Territory Football League semi-final at TIO Stadium, Darwin, this month.

The Bombers were terrific for three-and-a-half quarters, before Wanderers took control of the game in the last 15 minutes, running out 40-point victors.

The Bombers started the game on fire, booting the first four goals of the game before Wanderers hit back, kicking the next four.

With the Bombers three points in front at the first change, they continued their early charge in the second quarter, kicking five goals to four, but some costly misses in the first half, where they kicked nine points, was to be telling in the wash-up.

The third quarter was toe to toe with each side kicking three goals, but again some misses meant the lead was only ten points going into the last quarter.

Wanderers booted the first goal of the quarter, but that was matched by some magic from Ephrem Tipungwuti (three goals) to keep the Bombers ten points ahead.

The Bombers had their chances to put the game away, but to Wanderers' credit they kept up the pressure and ended up kicking 11 goals for the quarter, six of them in the final 15 minutes.

The Bombers' Graham 'Aeroplane' Puruntatameri (three goals) kept the crowd entertained, as did Edward Darcy (two goals), who was effective up forward and around the

ground. Francis and Camden Vigona were strong in defence, and Michaelis 'Chisolm' Tipungwuti gave his all for the team.

Coach Brenton Toy said that not only was the club still developing on and off the field, but he had to learn a lot about coaching.

"I think we need to be fitter and smarter and slightly better structured in terms of key position players - i.e., a ruckman. We will be closer to being good enough. Today we were not (good enough)," he said after the loss to Wanderers.

"I am confident that we were better today than this time last year, but even if we had won, we would have still had to have beaten Districts and then Saints and I'm not sure if we had it in us. I guess we will be left wondering.

"We gave it a good shake and rocked it, but couldn't roll it. The question will be how we bounce back from it?"

"The answer is commitment and a greater will to win."

The Bombers reported on their website that they were yet to win an NTFL final and that would hurt players and supporters for another year... "but the Tiwi glass is always half full... the Bombers will be coming off a full dry season TIFL competition this year which will maximise their fitness coming into next season".

"There are some young guns such as Anthony Tipungwuti developing through the Tiwi College's Clontarf Football Academy and we are two years into, and well ahead of, a five-year plan to play in a grand final... so stick with the Tiwi Bombers... their time will come," the Bombers said.

# TV documentary on the Bombers

ON the Tiwi Islands, just north of Darwin, Aussie rules is a religion. From the time they can walk, all young boys want to do is kick a ball. Fast, intuitive and exciting, football has become a Tiwi trademark with star players like the Riolis and Michael Long shining under the national football spotlight.

In *A League Of Their Own* is a three-part series that celebrates the passion and the brand of the Tiwi Bombers as they join the Northern Territory competition. With the aid of their assistant coach, the legendary Richmond player Maurice Rioli, the Bombers won most of their matches.

But at the end of the season their fans were left asking 'Just how good are they?'

The series kicked off on Sunday 22 March.

That episode will be repeated on ABC1 on Friday 27 March at 6pm.

Episode two will air on Sunday 29 March at 1.30pm on ABC1 and be

repeated on ABC1 on Friday 3 April at 6pm, and on ABC2 on Monday 30 March at 5pm.

Episode three will be screened on Sunday 5 April at 1.30pm on ABC1, and repeated on ABC1 on Friday 10 April at 6pm, and on ABC2 on Monday 6 April at 5pm.

Episode One - *The Tiwi Brand* - celebrates the passion of the Tiwi Island players and fans and their struggle over 30 years to have their own team in the Darwin competition.

And to top it all off, the Bombers are on a winning streak in the lead-up to the finals.

Episode Two - *Top of the Ladder* - the Bombers are riding high after a run of wins that has put them at the top of the ladder. Their reputation for fast, intuitive football has seen them take on the best that the Darwin competition has to offer and walk away with easy victories.

But an unexpected side effect of their long winning streak becomes evident as

discipline lapses with poor attendance at training and a number of players, including the leadership group, breaking their commitment to manage their alcohol use and abstain from drugs.

In Episode three - *The Finals* - a crisis looms large when the Bombers' previous invincibility eludes them.

Too much drinking and not turning up for training has seen them slide from the unbeatable dream team to a ragged mob struggling to hold on to their spot in the finals.

When the Bombers make it to the second round of the finals, their coaching staff, their supporters and their families are all on the edge of their seats wondering if they can pull off the dream of making it to the grand final in their first year of competition.

It's a hair-raising ride and at the end of the day the players are the only ones who can determine their fate.



AFL star Peter Matera with students at Newman Senior High School, in the Pilbara inland.



# Spring in my step

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist  
**RHYS WESSER**

**R**UNNING out for the Rabbitohs in the opening game against the Roosters was a proud moment in my career.

To represent one of the founding clubs in the game – particularly after having gained first-hand knowledge of the proud red and green history – was a special moment.

To play against another founding club in the Roosters with the well-known rivalry between the two teams only added to my sense of occasion.

Despite a lot of speculation in the Press, we didn't really talk about the rivalry during the week, but you could sense that this was something more than just a normal match.

However, as a professional footballer, you try to ensure you remain focused on your job and the part it plays in the game plan.

The crowd present ensured

the atmosphere matched the occasion and it was great to get the season off to a positive start with a win.

The passion of the Rabbitohs' fans is something else!

But in all my enthusiasm for the new year and the Rabbitohs, don't think I have lost any sense of my pride in my time at the Panthers and the opportunities that Penrith gave me in establishing my career.

I will always maintain my friendships with people at the Panthers and it almost goes without saying that I cherish our premiership win in 2003 as a single highlight of my career.

But there is no doubting that the move to South Sydney came at a good time for me personally. It has given me a fresh start and the additional enthusiasm that comes from having to prove yourself at a

new club.

That doesn't mean that the whole process hasn't been daunting.

In many respects, it's like starting school all over again.

You walk in and although there are a few faces you recognise, you're not certain about where to sit, who to see for certain things, and how you will be accepted by the group as a whole.

As is always the case, things are never as tough as you might fear.

Everybody at Souths has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome – officials and players alike.

All these factors have combined with an injury-free off-season, meaning that I have probably enjoyed my best preparation for a number of years.

Training in a new environment and getting to know your new team-mates adds to that enjoyment, with blokes like Nathan Merritt and Chris Sandow really making my time enjoyable in different ways.

Merro has been training the house down and he will keep me

on my toes.

The great thing about Chris is that when you take away the jokes and the cheeky comments, he is 100 per cent committed to training and the team. His potential is untapped and he knows that Souths gave him his chance to play in the NRL when others had just about given up on him.

I have seen how much he has developed over the past few months, having played with him in the Dreamtime Team in the World Cup.

I can only imagine the player he might develop into over the coming years.

Speaking of the World Cup, being part of the Dreamtime Team was probably one of the best weeks of my life. Being in camp with all the brothers was great as we got to know each other by hearing each other's stories.

### Inspirational

It was really inspirational to discover how much common ground we had and how, for many of us, the road to the NRL had been long and hard.

We had all encountered our own personal obstacles, but there was a common theme that brought us closer together.

When I heard there is a chance that the Dreamtime Team may play a game against an NRL All Stars side next year, I just thought that it was an awesome concept.

Not only would it give our fans something to support and look forward to, it would also give the next generation of players something to aspire to.

Speaking of young players, keep your eyes on young Malcolm Webster, who is playing fullback in our Toyota Cup squad.

A lot of people have made comparisons between him and Preston Campbell because of his diminutive size and the way he runs the football – he would bamboozle a jack-rabbit!

Early on-field comparisons are a bit unfair, but the kid has undoubtedly got potential.

What impresses me even more at this stage is that he seems to have a good head on his shoulders.

He is working hard and is willing to learn, which are necessary if he is to make the eventual step up to the NRL.

For myself, I am really looking forward to making a positive contribution to Souths and its great community of supporters.

I hope I can get back into scoring tries on a regular basis.

Nearing the end of my career, I am certainly not going to take anything for granted.

I am going to leave no stone unturned because I feel Souths are building something special this year.

I want to make sure I am part of it.



**NATHAN MERRITT**

on my toes as I know fullback is his preferred position.

Training with him makes me strive that little bit harder, and it was no surprise to me when he came out and scored a hat-trick of tries against the Roosters.

He is a talented player who I enjoy playing with and I hope he gets recognised when the representative teams are selected later this year.

Chris Sandow is a completely different character.

Like Nathan he is a talented player with heaps of potential, but he is your typical halfback – always giving cheek and keeping you on your toes.

He is a cunning bloke – you just don't know what he is going to come up with next in terms of practical jokes or comments.

Fortunately, he is just as unpredictable for opposition defences on the field and he had an outstanding game against the Roosters.

Everybody will understand what I mean when I say he plays like a real blackfella – I can't properly describe his style in any

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# Another sponsor comes on board



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**ANOTHER** sponsor has thrown its weight behind Northern United, the Aboriginal club about to make its debut in the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League (NRRRL) competition in north-eastern NSW.

To celebrate the deal, Uniting Care Ageing hosted a barbecue lunch at its

Caroona aged-care facility in the Lismore suburb of Goonellabah. Guests included Northern United officials and players and local Indigenous community leaders.

Uniting Care Ageing said it was excited to be involved with an Indigenous sporting team and with Indigenous communities.

The Koori Mail is the major

sponsor of Northern United.

The NRRRL competition will kick off on 10 April. In an amended draw, Northern United's first game will be at home against another club new to NRRRL first grade - Evans Head.

The match will be at Crozier Field, Lismore, one of two Lismore home grounds for Northern United.

● Pictured at Caroona are, from

left, Christy Bolt, Northern United coach Chris Binge, Uniting Care Ageing CEO Tom Salde, Northern United players Sione Tonga and Chris Swann, Northern United Secretary Grantley Creighton, Northern United President Laurie Mercy, of Maclean, and Uniting Care Manager Julia Bellamy.

— Picture: Mahala Strohfeldt

# Girls in the ring

By ALF WILSON



**YOUNG** women are involved in a boxing program which has just started at the Cape Indigenous PCYC at Napranum.

Youth Development Officer Carmelita Matasia said the boxing classes had started in early March on a Thursday afternoon and everybody was welcome.

"They are aimed at lads and girls mainly aged between 14 and 17 and we hope these boxing lessons will help with anger management and stop anybody wanting to fight on the street," she said.

School teacher Peter Malone, who has moved to Weipa this year, has agreed to help with the lessons and youth at Napranum have approved of the lessons.

Supervisor and Program Co-ordinator Bronwyn Hall said the lessons would be of great benefit to participants.

"They will help with anger management and teach them to defend themselves if they ever find themselves in a harmful situation," Ms Hall said.

Daphne Kris, 17, was at the PCYC when *The Koori Mail* visited on 4 March and was enthusiastic about the boxing.

"I think it will be good and it is tops that girls can take part and not only the boys," she said.

Napranum is 8kms from Weipa and has a population of about 1200. Some high school students who come into Weipa for lessons also have been invited to the boxing lessons.

Carmelita was keen to hear about the Palm Island Boxing Club and its success under coach Ray Dennis in producing many Australian amateur champions and also the first professional from there in more than 20 years - Peter Bonner.

"I have read about the Palm Island club and hopefully ours will run for a long time," she said.

The PCYC already oversees various sports such as softball, touch football and basketball and is renowned for karaoke nights



From left, Carmelita Matasia, Bronwyn Hall and Daphne Kris show their style at Napranum PCYC.

each Friday when most of the youngsters in the community gather there.

Children are also fed breakfast there on weekdays before

catching the bus to school at Weipa.

Napranum is a 'dry' community where alcohol is not allowed.

Local youth look up to role models from Napranum such as Palmer Wapau, who is with the Brisbane Broncos, and local football star Jason Nixon.



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ANTHONY MUNDINE



DANIEL GEALE

## Geale v Mundine



A WORLD title fight between two Indigenous Australians has been set down for 27 May when Anthony 'The Man' Mundine takes on

Tasmanian-born Daniel Geale for Geale's International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight title.

Geale plans to stun the world by defeating Mundine before turning his attention to Germany's finest, Arthur Abraham and Felix Sturm.

The undefeated Geale has rejected the idea he is fighting Mundine too soon – instead hoping to become the first Australian to defeat 'The Man' and usurp him as the country's premier prospect in the middle divisions.

"This is going to be a big year for me. I

want those big fights – so if I can't beat Mundine now, then I possibly don't deserve those bigger fights," Geale said after scoring a first-round knockout win over Canada's Ian MacKillop in Campbelltown on 11 March.

"That fight is going to put me right where I want to be, get me on that world stage. I beat Mundine and anything is possible – I will maybe go to Germany to take on Abraham or Sturm."

Already boasting the IBO middleweight title, Geale (21-0, 13 KO) presents a stern challenge for Mundine (35-3, 23 KO) with his excellent technique and slick defence.

He represented Australia at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, but did not advance past his first fight, falling to Italy's Leonard Bundu.

But Geale won gold at the 2002

Commonwealth Games. He has shown a preference to walk forward in his professional bouts, putting pressure with body shots and weaving counter-punches.

Geale turned pro in 2004 and claimed the IBO world middleweight crown when he beat the previously undefeated Australian Daniel Dawson over 12 rounds.

### Defended title

Last June, Geale defended his title with another 12-round unanimous decision over British fighter Gearard Ajetovic.

Last December Geale faced New Zealand Daniel McKinnon in a non-title bout. Geale was down in the eighth round, while McKinnon went down in

the fourth, sixth and twice in the eighth.

Geale won a unanimous decision. His fight against Mundine could open new doors.

Abraham holds the IBF world middleweight crown, while Sturm is the WBA world champion and along with American Kelly Pavlik, they dominate the division.

A world title shot against either German would raise Geale's profile, but Mundine has his own ideas, hoping to take Geale's IBO title before challenging Pavlik.

Geale's other world rankings are: 12 (WBC middleweight February 2009), 14 (IBF middleweight March 2009), 5 (WBO middleweight February 2009).

Ring Magazine ranks him world No 10 middleweight.

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