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Young, Strong and Proud in Aurukun



THE remote western Cape York community of Aurukun has weathered more than its fair share of storms lately, both literally and figuratively, but thankfully some things don't change – like the place of culture and tradition in daily life.

Aboriginal photographer Wayne Quilliam visited the community, about 100km south of Weipa, last week as part of a youth hip-hop rhyming workshop called 'Young, Strong and Proud' project run by the Brisbane Indigenous Media Association (BIMA) with support from the local multimedia studio Wik Media.

Wik Media is run and owned by Aurukun residents and is the only proprietary limited company in the town.

After about 15 Aurukun youngsters, aged 4-16 years, created their masterpieces, they got to perform hip-hop and traditional dance in video clips shot to accompany their beats and lyrics.

"The kids had created songs, written their own words, created their own beats and recorded it in a studio in the town library," said Tasmanian man Quilliam, who confessed he was 'blown away' when he saw and heard the children singing in English, Creole and local languages. "It was all about being black, strong and proud, where the kids are from and what they do. Culture is massive to them. They have a very strong sense of themselves."

Quilliam captured this serious but tender moment as local man Joel Ngallametta painted Pana Nawakie with ochre for dances to be videoed, while James Kawangka Junior watched closely and patiently waited his turn.

WA gas deal



Look at who's tied the knot!

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TRADITIONAL Owners in the Kimberley region of Western Australia have struck a deal over a site for a proposed liquefied natural gas hub off the coast of Broome. If it proceeds, the deal will deliver local Aboriginal people a rumoured billion dollars worth of education, housing and health initiatives over 30 years.

Traditional Owners reached an in-principle agreement with the WA

But Federal Govt still must give green light

Government and energy giant Woodside last Wednesday after two years of negotiations. The fate of the deal now rests with the Federal Government, which has warned there is still some way to go before

the proposed site, at James Price Point, north of Broome, is approved. The agreement means that final environmental surveys and other site clearances can now go ahead. Proponents hope construction

could begin within 18 months, and the start of operations by 2015.

KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergman said a final agreement should be reached by the end of the year after an exhaustive process with constantly changing players, including the Japanese energy company Inpex that decided to move its operations to Darwin.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said he expected the environmental assessment would not be completed until 2010.

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My FAMILY KAREN JOYCE – Innisfail, Qld



THIS is a photo of me on my wedding day in my home town of Innisfail earlier this year. I am the second youngest of five children belonging to Alfred and Ingrid Joyce. My husband Neil and I have two children Jordanne, 13 and Keith, 9. We got married this year but we have been together since high school. I was 15 and he was 17 when we first got together.

I was born and bred in Innisfail, far north Queensland. I come from the Traditional Owners Warriburra Ma:Mu.

I work as an Indigenous Home-School Liaison Officer at Good Counsel College, where I also graduated from high school.

In the past, my dad has been heavily involved in work with the Traditional Owners, sitting as treasurer on the Ma:Mu Aboriginal Corporation Board for quite a few years. I did 12 months as vice-chairperson of the corporation in 2006.

I am proud of who I am and where I come from.

Elders gave me permission to do 'Welcome to country' if I am asked. I do this at the college's beginning-of-year mass, but the big one was the re-opening of the Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Innisfail after all of the damage from Cyclone Larry was fixed. It is good to have it fixed because that's where we got married.

My goal is to create opportunities in my own community for the future generations and/or put the kids on the right path to get the skills they need to be successful in their own community. I truly believe that our children are our future.

● Pictured: Karen Joyce is third from the right, at the back. With her, from left, is her dad Alfred (Alfie) Joyce, her sister Carmel, daughter Jordanne Joyce, husband Neil Land (at back), and sisters Megan and Jenny. In front, from left, are Karen's son Keith Land, brother Alfie (Jnr) and mum Ingrid (Iggie) Joyce.

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OUR CHILDREN



These youngsters were in sync flying all of the flags during the Foley Shield rugby league competition held in Townsville, north Queensland, over the Easter weekend. Every team in the carnival had indigenous players but it was Innisfail/Eacham, which included several Yarrabah players, who downed Torres/Cape 32-22 in the final before a huge crowd. Photo by ALF WILSON.

● See pages 32-33 to check out who else was there, and sport for a full report

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Digby makes a splash

TWO decades ago, Digby Moran traded alcohol and cigarettes for painting and he's never looked back.

The instantly recognisable Bundjalung artist is in hot demand, with his artworks adorning canvases and public buildings alike throughout his traditional country of the Northern Rivers region of New South Wales.

He says art has taken him overseas, helping him to overcome his natural shyness and find 'his true place in the world'.

The *Koori Mail* caught up with Digby last week as he put the finishing touches to his latest masterpiece; an 85-metre mural at the recently opened sport and aquatic centre in Goonellabah.

● See page 68 for more on Digby's personal journey.



Literacy is linked to our health



A STEERING committee of Aboriginal people will investigate the feasibility of mass adult literacy

campaigns in order to improve health outcomes for Indigenous people.

Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson said 30 per cent of Indigenous adults lacked basic literacy skills, and that had a direct and significant impact on health.

Prof Dodson was speaking at the Popular Education for Critical Literacy Workshop in Alice Springs last week.

"Ensuring that Indigenous children attend and succeed at school, and enabling their parents and carers to give children a healthy, happy future depends on raising the level of English literacy," he said.

"But right now, thousands of Indigenous people are missing

out on the opportunities available to them. Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults suffer such low levels of basic literacy that they are unable to fully participate in the wider Australian society.

"Unless this problem is addressed the serious discrepancy in health and life expectancies that divides Australia is bound to continue."

Professor Marcia Langton, from the University of Melbourne, supported Professor Dodson's call for urgent action.

She expressed her wish to see Federal, State and Territory ministers for education and employment heed the call for an adult literacy campaign for Indigenous people.

"Without action on this problem, our people will continue to be stuck in the welfare economy," Prof Langton said.

The focus of last week's Popular Education for Critical

Literacy Workshop was to develop a fresh approach to improving Aboriginal health in the form of a national adult literacy campaign.

The workshop was organised by the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH), supported by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress and the Australian National University's National Centre for Indigenous Studies.

Taking part in the gathering alongside Professor Langton and Professor Dodson were other senior Aboriginal people with expertise and interest in adult literacy including CRAH Chair Pat Anderson.

Prof Dodson identified education as his central concern when he was announced Australian of the Year in January.

Workshop convenor, Dr Ben Bartlett of the CRAH, said a steering committee was formed from the Aboriginal participants.



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Cathy Freeman pictured at her hen's night in Melbourne on 8 April, a couple of days before she wed stockbroker James Murch. The sign was a nod to a 'Cos I'm free' tattoo on Freeman's shoulder which, in turn, inspired a Christine Anu song of the same name.
Newspix Image

Cathy says 'I Do' with sweetheart

OLYMPIC champion sprinter and all-round Australian sweetheart Cathy Freeman has married her own sweetheart, Melbourne stockbroker James Murch.

Few details are available about the wedding ceremony, which was held at a winery near the resort town of Portarlington about an hour's drive south of Melbourne on 11 April.

However, the Sydney 2000 gold medallist in the women's 400m is reported to have worn a strapless white gown, and carried a bunch of white and pink flowers.

Security guards and market umbrellas protected the bride and groom from paparazzi, and guests were sworn to secrecy to protect a rumoured \$100,000 exclusive with an un-named women's magazine.

It is believed the fee will be donated to the Catherine Freeman Foundation, which works to help disadvantaged people and communities to achieve positive change, especially through education, sport and the arts. It has a current focus of providing educational opportunities for young Indigenous girls from Palm Island, where Freeman's mum Cecelia was born.

The nuptials were no doubt a joyous occasion for Mackay-born Freeman, who has endured the deaths of two of her siblings, a messy break-up with former beau and manager Nic Bideau, and divorce.

The 36-year-old was married once before, to US Nike executive Sandy Bodecker from 1999 to 2003. Before connecting with Murch, she dated Aussie actor Joel Edgerton.

Last week saw a public relations blitz around a new running shoe by Dunlop Sport, to which Freeman has lent her name.

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Warning on our heritage



NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) Chairperson Bev Manton has

cautiously welcomed a State Government announcement that it will 'considerably toughen' legislative penalties to protect Aboriginal heritage sites.

She says the reported introduction of fines of up to \$1.1 million under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act* and a strict liability offence to prevent developers and others who damaged Aboriginal heritage sites and claimed ignorance of any offence were 'long overdue'.

"But although NSWALC has cautiously welcomed the planned legislative changes, we have not as yet seen the detail," Ms Manton said on Friday.

"There's still widespread fear by our land councils that it may not go far enough."

Earlier this month, NSWALC, Greens MLC Ian Cohen and NSW Native Title Corporation chief Warren Mundine took the Government to task over an eight-year delay in the enforcement of tougher sanctions.

And Ms Manton last week reiterated that the existing legislation had made it virtually



BEV MANTON

impossible to successfully prosecute developers who had destroyed Aboriginal heritage sites 'because they were able to claim they were unaware they were committing an offence'.

"To the best of NSWALC's knowledge there has only been seven prosecutions of knowingly destroying Aboriginal heritage sites in the last three or four years," she said.

"And even when convictions have occurred the fines were minuscule - around the \$650 mark."

NSWALC welcomed the opportunity to be provided with an early copy of the draft new legislation, which it would circulate to local land councils.

"It's a pity, however, that it appears the Government does not propose to hold consultations on the proposed changes to the existing legislation," Ms Manton said. "In the future there must be provision for the custodians of the country where heritage sites are being vandalised or destroyed to be consulted."

"But let me emphasise that NSWALC sees the toughening of the legislation as a major step in the right direction, and applauds the Government for taking this step."

Ms Manton said the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* had always lacked teeth in terms of the protection and ownership of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

"After all, in the last five years the Director General of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has approved nearly 900 permits that allow developers to destroy Aboriginal heritage sites," she said. "The continuing process of 'approved destructions' is not transparent and can only be described as indefensible."

NSWALC believes it is now time for the Government to introduce legislation to create an Aboriginal Heritage Commission, Ms Manton said.

Minister unmoved by Yarrabah plea



Smiles but not a lot of joy ... from left, Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal, Cr Sandra Houghton, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Cr Tony Fourmile.

Council urges more time for CDEP

BY Cairns Correspondent
CHRISTINE HOWES



YARRABAH Aboriginal Shire Council representatives have pleaded with the Federal Government to extend the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme beyond 30 June.

But their pleas, made directly to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin early last week, appear to have fallen on deaf ears. Ms Macklin said that 'to be fair to everyone' she could not extend the Government's deadline to scrap the program, instead offering a number of support initiatives she said would help ease the transition.

Yarrabah Council represents the only discrete Aboriginal community in Queensland which has not been granted 'remote' status, and will therefore lose its formerly thriving CDEP at the end of the financial year.

Once boasting the largest number of community participants in the nation (900 people), councillors said that number had halved over the past year or two.

They said to bring the number down to zero in such a short period of time would have serious social impacts on a community already trying to support more than 1000 claimants for Newstart allowance.

Mayor Percy Neal urged Ms Macklin to reconsider the timing of the closure.

"I think you should reconsider that, seriously, because we are worried about the social impact it's going to have on Yarrabah," he told the Minister.

"The timing is just not right because

there's no jobs in Cairns, or the surrounding area. There's no jobs anywhere."

Ms Macklin said she would make sure initiatives to support Cairns job-seekers and employees, such as daily public transport and transitional housing in Cairns, would be 'intensely' supported by the local Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC) over the coming months.

"There's two parts to what I'm on about with the CDEP reform," she said.

"One is an objective we absolutely share, which is to try and do everything we possibly can to encourage people into properly paid jobs.

"And secondly to make sure that people

to prepare yourself," Cr Sandra Houghton said.

"There's nothing available like Lifeline or anything they can do in the community to look for assistance, where they can go and say 'can I have a box of groceries today?'"

"Then you look at transport coming into Cairns, housing, by the time you get to your workplace, it's an hour and a half, then you've got to pay the bus fare every day.

"Those people who choose to come in by car are going to have problems again. That mountain over there is not a flat road. You can't put a ruler between Cairns and Yarrabah, you've got to go over this hill and it costs brakes, it costs tyres, it costs mental

Cr Houghton said transport and housing costs were a critical issue, demonstrated by the recent failure of a banana-harvesting venture.

"(The workers) had to pay double accommodation, so they're paying rent there and rent here, and I don't know if they had petrol as well but really they had nothing at the end of the day," she said.

"There was no point in going outside the community."

Ms Macklin committed the ICC to talking to the Qld Government about finding some transition housing.

"We've got the transition jobs, we want to make sure the services continue, we want to address the transport, and if we can work on this transition housing issue," she said.

"We understand these issues have to be worked through. That's why we've put some extra people in and why we're certainly prepared to put more in, if necessary."

The Minister said she and the council 'strongly agreed' that they had to look to the long term and educate people.

"But the thing is you want to do it sooner," said Cr Neal.

"We want to get a strategy in place, you need to give us 18 months to two years, that's what we need to do.

"CDEP is going to go, but treat (participants) like people. They're worried now, but all we need to do is get a strategy in place, educate our mob, get them job-ready."

Ms Macklin encouraged the council to tender to become an Indigenous employment provider. "I would really encourage you to do that, I think that's the way to go," she told the councillors.

'The timing is just not right because there's no jobs in Cairns, or the surrounding area. There's no jobs anywhere' – Yarrabah Mayor Percy Neal

doing jobs in places like Yarrabah are paid properly.

"I think we do share the end objective, so we want to make sure these jobs are transitioned and the services are maintained. That's why we're putting in quite a lot of resources via the ICC to help that happen in Yarrabah."

Councillors agreed that while 50-70 positions were to be transitioned to ensure essential local municipal services would continue, they were concerned about a range of barriers to workers wanting to take up employment in Cairns or elsewhere.

"Our people are not job ready, there's no education to say this is what you've got to do

problems because you're doing this every day.

"Then you get home, we've got 3000 people they say, and we've got 350 homes – now you work that out, how many people are in those homes?"

"So you're tired, you just want to relax but you can't because kids are there, you've got three families in your house so you're either going to go down the road to have a beer or a smoke to control your temper so you can relax.

"These are the issues, you're not looking at that, and these are the things we need to have in place now to educate our people before that final cut-off is done."

Sights squared on croc safari hunting

By DARREN COYNE



THE hunters could become the hunted under a new plan to manage problem saltwater crocodiles in the Northern Territory.

And at least one group believes Aboriginal people should lead those hunts.

Under a draft plan of management released by the NT Government last week, safari hunters would be allowed to hunt up to 25 problem saltwater crocodiles.

The plan would also increase the number of crocodile eggs to be collected from 35,000 to 50,000, but would prohibit a cull, or mass slaughter of the protected reptiles.

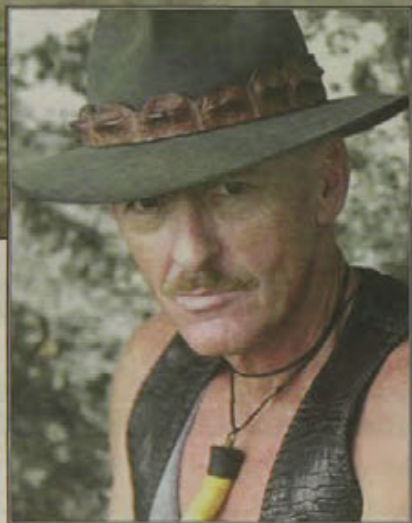
The NT is now estimated to have the largest population in Australia at more than 80,000, and with a number of recent attacks, the Government is under increasing pressure to deal with problem crocodiles.

Jida Gulpilil, son of actor David Gulpilil, told *The Koori Mail* his team had the expertise to conduct safari hunts in such a way that they would provide maximum benefit for Traditional Owners. Together with his father, they have formed the Gupulul Marayuwu Aboriginal Corporation in Darwin. Crocodile Mick, a former poacher who specialises in taxidermy and producing crocodile products, is also on board.

Crocodile Mick learnt his trade from German Jack, who it is said the Crocodile Dundee character played by Paul Hogan was loosely based upon.

The Gulpilils on the other hand, learnt to hunt crocodiles using techniques that have been practiced for thousands of years.

Together they have lodged a submission with the Federal Minister of the Environment Peter Garrett to continue that tradition, and hope to get the go-ahead once the NT's draft plan is approved. "There's a lot of laws protecting the animal but it's about time that traditional owners got a better return by value adding a crocodile through safari hunting," Jida Gulpilil said.



David Gulpilil (above) and his son Jida Gulpilil (right) have formed the Gupulul Marayuwu Aboriginal Corporation in Darwin which has lodged a submission with the Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett asking that Traditional Owners head up croc safari hunts in the NT. Former poacher Crocodile Mick (left) is also a member of the team. Their plan is to teach young people traditional hunting techniques and processing techniques perfected by Crocodile Mick.



"We don't like to use the word cull. We're hunters and gatherers, whereas the industry are farmers. They can do what they want to do but we are hunters and gatherers. We want to do it our way."

"We've had a good response from communities and from the Elders, and particularly from young people."

Mr Gulpilil said they planned to use their enterprise to train young people in traditional hunting ways, and processing techniques, which

had been perfected by Crocodile Mick.

"Ours is a technique and method used for thousands of years. We hunt with harpoon. There's no real harm to the animal. Once we've got it, it's shot straight away."

"As for Mick, there's no-one in the country who can do what he can do. He produces crocodile products without using chemicals and is able to increase the value of that animal."

NT Environment Minister Alison Anderson has admitted the NT is infested with crocodiles.

"We should not be under any illusion that any kind of consultation or management plan would have stopped any attack," she said.

"They will kill today, they killed yesterday and they will kill tomorrow."

Ms Anderson said the draft plan, open for public consultation for the next six weeks, would not

have prevented the recent deaths in the NT.

On Easter Sunday, a nine-year-old boy needed stitches for puncture wounds to his hand following a croc attack at Adelaide River, while a man was killed the previous Friday at Daly River, a day before his 21st birthday.

Federal Environment Minister Garrett will consider the safari hunting proposal and management plan once the consultation period had ended.

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Vision for the new rep body released



A BROAD vision for the proposed representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples has been released.

Under the vision, such a body would be self-determining and independent, and would represent men and women equally. It would not deliver services, but would provide advocacy and would hold government to account for its performance in programs, service delivery and policy development.

Those areas of consensus emerged following a workshop of 98 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Adelaide last month.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma convened the workshop.

He described the workshop as 'hugely successful', saying there was a level of commitment from all participants that boded well for the future. He said the participants had made major inroads into the planning of a sustainable new representative body, adding that there was strong support for the national body to have a direct relationship at a regional level so that its advocacy work was fully informed.

"As well as reaching consensus on a number of areas, participants also mapped out a broad route for the first 20 years of a new representative body which would see it playing a leading role in working to achieve constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and helping to close the gap in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health status within a generation," Mr Calma said.

Unifying role

He said there was consensus that the representative body should play a unifying role and contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people controlling their own destiny and being economically independent.

"Workshop participants agreed that the new body should have mechanisms in place to ensure the participation of people who are generally marginalised in representative processes, such as young people, people with disabilities, members of the Stolen Generations and mainland Torres Strait Islanders.

There was also strong support for a body that represented the diversity of indigenous people in terms of geographical locations, relationship to country and cultural diversity.

Mr Calma said participants endorsed standards of behaviour for representative body members and employees (known as the Nolan principles), which included selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, leadership and honesty.

"The aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of what the representative body will do are quite clear," Mr Calma said.

"What remains to be determined is how the national body will operate.

"A lot of work still needs to be done to clarify fundamental issues such as how membership of the national representative body will be decided, the body's structure and how it would engage at the regional and state/territory levels.

"These issues will be explored further in a community guide that will be circulated to lead the next stage of the consultations which will be announced in the coming weeks."

Following that round of consultations, it is expected that Mr Calma will report on a preferred model by July.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has indicated she would like to see a representative body in place by the end of the year.

The summary report of the Adelaide workshop is available online at www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/repbody/index.html

Wild rivers law threat to Cape welfare reform

Story by KIRSTIE PARKER



THE welfare reform agenda on Cape York appears to be on shaky ground, as a stoush builds between the Queensland Government and some of the reforms' key supporters over the

declaration of three wild rivers in the area.

Noel Pearson has resigned from the Cape York Institute (CYI) on Policy and Leadership in order to fight the declaration, saying he can't see the point of welfare reform if the Government won't support Aboriginal people's economic aspirations too.

Mr Pearson has joined a Cape York Land Council (CYLC) campaign against the declaration, while some other Aboriginal interests are lining up with the Government and environmentalists.

Aboriginal access to land and involvement in natural resource management have been ongoing issues in the Cape, but battlelines were re-drawn on 3 April when Premier Anna Bligh announced the gazetting of the Cape's Archer, Lockhart and Stewart rivers under the state's *Wild Rivers Act 2005*.

"Queensland's unique wild rivers legislation protects pristine and near pristine Queensland rivers for current and future Queenslanders and the world," Ms Bligh said.

The three Cape river basins cover an area of nearly 19,500 square kilometres.

The declaration brought to nine the number of Qld rivers so far declared as 'wild' under the legislation, which aims to protect the state's rivers from threats associated with urbanisation, industrial development and farming.

But Mr Pearson and the CYLC say the declaration is stupid, unnecessary and panders to environmentalists at the expense of the wishes of Traditional Owners.

At the heart of their concerns is the prohibition of development within 1km of river banks, seen as 'high-impact areas', which they say means traditional owners will be unable to run cattle or develop enterprises such as aquaculture or fishing lodges in the vicinity of rivers they've taken good care of for thousands of years.

"We are trying to get out of our welfare dependency and passivity, and I'm telling my mob in the region, we've got to rise out of our dependency and passivity and wearism, and develop our own economic base," Mr Pearson told ABC Radio on 6 April.

"And the rest of the country is basically saying to us, 'Well, you can stay on welfare, because we're not going to allow you to develop any economic base'. All of the decisions about the use of the land are going to be taken in ... Brisbane."

Mr Pearson has described the declaration as part of a 'sleazy deal' struck between the Government and the environmental lobby for Greens preferences in the recent State election.

At a press conference in Cairns on 8 April, CYLC Chair Michael Ross said the declaration disrespected Indigenous people and their knowledge.

"It feels that our voice has been

ignored in preference to pressure from the green groups who do not understand country and are not respecting traditional owners of the Cape," he said.

"Cape York traditional owners are caretakers too, we are greenies too, we want to protect Cape York land and rivers.

"But we must all work together so everybody understands all the issues on country, and the impractical solutions that don't respect the vision of traditional owners of the Cape for the future - a future that allows for Cape York traditional owners to keep taking responsibility for country."

Mr Ross said Cape Aboriginal people should unite and 'form a barrier' to protect their interests. He said people would simply stop talking to the Government about anything unless it listened to Aboriginal concerns.

Traditional owner Daniel de Busch



Cape York Land Council Chair Michael Ross ... "It feels that our voice has been ignored in preference to pressure from the green groups who do not understand country and are not respecting traditional owners of the Cape."

agreed, predicting that residents would defy the legislation if the Government would not repeal it.

"We will use our rivers ... nobody is going to stop us, we are the legal custodians of our land," he said.

But Ms Bligh insists that activities such as mining, grazing, fishing, eco-tourism, outstation development and Indigenous cultural activities can still occur.

"While we want to preserve our wild rivers we also want local communities to continue to prosper," she said at the time of her announcement.

"This proposal is about ensuring the natural biodiversity and cultural heritage is protected, and any developments are undertaken responsibly, without detriment to the basin area."

Some strong and colourful words have been exchanged in the spat. Mr Pearson was reported in *The Australian* newspaper after the declaration as accusing Premier Bligh of 'urinating on

the rights' of Aboriginal people and treating them 'much worse than even (Joh) Bjelke-Petersen would have done'.

Wilderness Society campaign manager Lyndon Schneiders has declared it 'absolute bollocks' to suggest that economic opportunities such as tourism, grazing and fishing will be closed down by wild river protection.

And in earlier talks late last year, Natural Resources Minister Stephen Robertson reportedly suggested that Mr Pearson and his brother Gerhard Pearson 'put their pistols back in the holster' and keep talking to the Government.

Last week, police were investigating alleged death threats against Cairns-based Labor Member for Cook Jason O'Brien over the declaration.

The Government maintains that Cape York traditional owners don't speak with just one voice, an assertion supported last week when Aurukun woman Gina Castelain applauded the decision to apply the Wild Rivers legislation to the Archer basin.

The Managing Director of Wik Projects Ltd, Ms Castelain said she believed that if implemented properly and in partnership with local Aboriginal people, that the wild rivers was 'good legislation'.

"We want to protect our environment and our rivers. We are working hard to develop and maintain economic activity which does not harm our waterways - such as Aurukun Wetland Charters - using catch-and-release fishing and eco-tourism," she said in a statement on 8 April.

And Murrando Yanner, a community leader from the Gulf of Carpentaria to the south of the Cape, told ABC Radio last week that development was not the main issue for most Aboriginal people.

"The majority of the people who aren't involved in that would rather have the sustainable rivers so we can continue as we have for thousands of years to draw our food and nourishment from those rivers, rather than see a few Aboriginal people financially benefit at the expense of the rest of us being left in a dust bowl," he said.

Natural Resources Minister Mr Robertson has said the Government would be willing to continue discussions with Mr Pearson and others about the declaration.

Meanwhile, David Glasgow, the head of the Family Responsibilities Commission administering welfare reform on the Cape, said he did not believe the Commission's operations would be affected by Mr Pearson's resignation from the Cape York Institute. Four Cape communities - Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge - have signed up to welfare reform trials which link parental responsibility with Government assistance.

On Friday, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma met with some Cape traditional owners and expressed concerns about the impact of the declaration on Cape residents' rights to cultural and economic development.

Kimberley gas hub closer after deal

But Minister says there's 'still some way to go'

By KEN BOASE



TRADITIONAL Owners in the Kimberley region of Western Australia have reached in-principle agreement with the State Government and energy giant Woodside on a site for a proposed liquefied natural gas

precinct off the coast north of Broome.

If the project to process the huge gas reserves goes ahead, the deal could deliver to local Aboriginal people a rumoured billion dollars worth of education, housing and health initiatives over 30 years.

But the Federal Government, which will have final sign-off subject to environmental checks, has warned that there's still 'some way' to go before the proposed site is approved.

After an exhausting two years at the negotiating table with two major companies and two governments, the Traditional Owners (TOs), represented by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC), voted last Wednesday to go ahead with the development at James Price Point, 60km north of Broome.

The agreement means that final environmental surveys and other site clearances can now go ahead, with construction at the site expected to begin within 18 months and the start of operations by 2015.

KLC Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann said a final agreement should be reached by the end of the year after an exhaustive process with constantly changing players, including Japanese energy company Inpex that decided to move its operations to Darwin.

"We had an engagement with Inpex, then we moved to an engagement with Woodside, then we had governments change," he said.

"This moving feast has continued to evolve and change and we've had to adapt to try and ensure that Aboriginal people in the Kimberley are in the strongest position and have the best available information to make informed decisions.

"I think it's an exciting, challenging and sad time because I think it's disappointing Traditional Owners have to give up such pristine, beautiful country while trying to balance their well-being.

"However, Aboriginal people in the Kimberley region now have an opportunity to fundamentally change the way they exist."

The cash component of the benefits package to TOs has yet to be confirmed.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said that he's pleased an agreement was reached. However, there appears to be some confusion surrounding his position on compulsory acquisition of the land at James Price Point.



COLIN BARNETT

On Thursday morning, Mr Bergmann was on ABC Radio saying that the TOs had secured a late assurance from the Premier that he would not compulsorily acquire the land if negotiations broke down.

"We contacted the Premier about 10 minutes before the traditional owners voted, and asked the Premier personally whether he was going to pursue a compulsory acquisition," Mr Bergmann said.

"He informed us that he wasn't, and on the basis of that, traditional owners felt that they were making a credible, informed decision, rather than being under threat."

However, in the afternoon Mr Barnett told a media conference that his Government would have compulsorily acquired the land if necessary.

"Had (in-principle agreement) not been achieved, I would have gone back to the process of compulsory acquisition," he said.



WAYNE BERGMANN

Kimberley coast.

Mr Voelte said the gas reserves Woodside and other companies would develop would bring huge revenue returns to the WA and Federal governments, and would offer many opportunities for local communities.

"The amount of rent and royalties that come back to the Commonwealth will improve the opportunities for all future Australians," Mr Voelte said.

"It is also big for Woodside, and we will promote to our joint venturers the opportunity to bring the Browse gas on shore and to process in the Kimberley area as one of, hopefully, several different LNG projects that get established there."

Mr Bergmann said one of the fundamental building blocks of the agreement with Woodside was that the company have a solid agreement and



DON VOELTE

Aboriginal communities, and it was determined not to repeat those mistakes.

"We did not understand that to be important as a company," he said.

"I think we understand that now. We're learning, we're getting better at it every day and we think that the Browse opportunity will be a new start for us in the Kimberley region."

The Australian Manufacturing Workers Union (AMWU) has called on the company and the WA Government to ensure the infrastructure needed for the venture resulted in jobs for Australia, rather than offshore.

AMWU WA Secretary Steve McCartney went even further, saying that jobs created in Australia as a result of the project should be kept in WA and not outsourced to other states.

"With the last Woodside gas plant, \$3.5 billion worth of fabrication was built in a field in Thailand," Mr McCartney said. "It had very little local content and very few Australian workers."

"The Premier should ensure that the majority of this new plant is built in Western Australia because WA has world-class fabrication facilities."

The decision reached over the site will now be subject to an Indigenous Land Use Agreement, expected to be completed by the end of this year or early next year.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said in Adelaide on Friday that a number of important steps remained before the hub gains any final approval.

"Yes, it's good to see that there is an agreement that has been struck, but the environmental assessment process still has some way to go," he said. "And I must say again that my expectation is that process will not be completed until 2010."

"We will make sure that we comprehensively and rigorously have an assessment that deals with the environment of the region and the potential impact on matters of national environment significance that a hub of this kind might have."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the agreement showed how negotiation was better than litigation. — with AAP



An aerial view of the proposed liquefied natural gas hub site in the Kimberley.

"It was not a threat. It was a statement of reality, and why would I do that? Because as the Premier of Western Australia I was not prepared to see the economic opportunity lost to this state or this nation."

"And I was not prepared to see an opportunity lost for improvements to the poverty and the disadvantage of Indigenous people."

Woodside Chief Executive Officer Don Voelte said the company was aiming to be operational at James Price Point by 2015, drawing on the massive gas reserves in the Browse Basin and other LNG assets off the

relationship with the local community and not repeat the mistakes made on the Burrup Peninsula.

"Woodside has been questioned on their history and what happened in the past in the Burrup, and it's certainly been the basis of our negotiations that we do not want a repeat of the Burrup happening in the Kimberley in terms of the relationship companies have had with Indigenous people," he said.

Mr Voelte agreed that the way the company had conducted business on the Burrup had hurt many TOs and local



Digging deep for their country



ROSS
Ruttle
(front),
Gavin
Trindall

and Aaron Edwards removing graffiti from Sandstone Caves in the Pilliga Nature Reserve, between Coonabarabran and Narrabri, in north-western New South Wales. The trio were amongst a group of six Aboriginal men nominated by their communities to work on a National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) project aimed at helping the Gamilaraay people's strong connection with the area.

● See page 74 to read more about the project.

Rat anger on Moa

Infestation forces IBIS to shut shop

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THE Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) has angrily rejected suggestions that it should accept responsibility for a rat infestation which forced the closure of the St Pauls IBIS store on Moa Island early this month.

The stoush follows a recent visit to the Torres Strait and several Cape York communities by a Parliamentary Committee which has received complaints about the prices and availability of fresh food and other supplies in some communities, and is making inquiries into community stores.

Thursday Island-based IBIS CEO Richard Bowler told *The Koori Mail* last Tuesday that the rat infestation that forced him to close the store on 3 April was symptomatic of an island-wide problem which would need to be fixed before the store could re-open.

"I have a team of exterminators in the community most of this week, which we will pay for in an attempt to try to reduce the hazard in the rest of the community," he said.

"I will not be able to open the store until I am sure that it is safe to do so."

But Mr Bowler said it would be wrong to suggest that the IBIS food store was responsible for the rat problem on Moa Island.

"It would be responsible to say that council and community are responsible for



Trouble in paradise ... an aerial view of Moa Island, in the Torres Strait.

the rat problem in the IBIS food stores," he said, adding that IBIS spent thousands of dollars on pest control throughout the region and had only recently received any help from community councils.

"IBIS as a company has gone it alone for many years without councils and communities assisting in fighting pest problems."

"IBIS kills hundreds of rodents every

around its stores, and the local community was outraged by IBIS management's lack of action."

"Under the Food Act 2006, food stores are not permitted to allow the entry of pests or harbour pests on their premises," he said.

"IBIS needs to take responsibility for the issue and not waste time pointing the finger at other parties. Playing the blame game is not going to help the community."

'IBIS needs to take responsibility for the issue and not waste time pointing the finger at other parties. Playing the blame game is not going to help the community' – TSIRC CEO John Scarce

month through its pest control program, but the large population from surrounding areas within St Pauls and Kubin communities quickly replaces those rodents.

"We have asked the TSIRC to work with us to solve the problem completely. We comply with all of the laws and regulations regarding control of pests, but we cannot solve the problem for the whole community."

However, TSIRC CEO John Scarce hit back last week, saying IBIS was solely responsible for pest control within and

Mr Scarce said the council received a copy of a petition dated 26 March 2009 and signed by members of the St Pauls community citing the 'Island Industries Board (IBIS) failure to act regarding the infestation of rats in the local store'.

"It goes on to state: 'Many of the perishable goods are placed in the cooler by the staff after close of business and again brought out in the morning to be sold. However, the other items are left on the shelves for the rats to have a field day'."

Mr Scarce said the TSIRC was very concerned about the health and safety implications of an infestation in a community food store and, at the same time it had contacted IBIS management, it also contacted the Tropical Population Health Unit which was sending a health worker to the area to assess the problem.

"We understand that access to fresh fruit and vegetables is vital to the health and well-being of the community, so council are also providing free bus services from St Pauls to Kubin so residents can continue to buy food," he said.

The Koori Mail has received a copy of a report about the rats by Townsville-based Pest Control Company NQCC which advises that unless addressed, the rodents will create significant health issues for the young and elderly.

The problem could spill over to the entire Torres Strait islands and the Northern Peninsula Area (NPA), it said.

"For the last five years we have been lobbying the ICC, QBuild, Queensland Health and TSIRC to have regular pest control services done for all houses and community assets for all the islands, and have even spent time in education and awareness of the health issues caused by these pest

plagues that develop due to a zero-pest-control program for all these communities," the report said.

"The tip/dump, water treatment plant and the sewerage treatment plant are havens for rodents and are

not being serviced on a regular basis or at all for pest control."

"This creates a very large population of rodents breeding in the local area today, the surrounding scrub around the communities is an excellent environment for rodents to breed and have shelter from predators."

"The season is ideal for rodent populations to increase in numbers, and the territories for the males has to be expanded, hence the movement into St Pauls and Kubin communities over the last couple of years."

Govt considers reversing burden of proof



ROBERT FRENCH



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people may no longer have to prove their connection to land, under a radical change to the native title claim system being considered by the Federal Government. Under the proposal, the Government has reportedly committed to exploring the idea of shifting the burden of proof of connection to land from Aboriginal claimants to states, territories and others.

The Government's 'mind is open' to reversing the burden of proof in some aspects of native title claims, Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland told Fairfax newspapers.

The native title system costs \$120 million a year to manage and has cases dating back 10 years or more among the 477 claims still outstanding.

The Government's stance follows comments last week from High Court Chief Justice Robert French that all native title

applicants should be presumed to have a 'continuous existence and vitality since sovereignty' necessary to establish their claim under the legislation.

Many claims had failed because Indigenous groups could not prove an ongoing cultural connection to land, often because of European dispossession, he said.

The *Native Title Act* should be amended so that extinguishment of native title could be disregarded if the claimant and a

state government agreed, he said.

Mr McClelland said the Government would consider shifting the burden of proof.

"If someone is the occupier of premises, you assume they have title to those premises," he said.

National Native Title Council Chairman Brian Wyatt said many Indigenous Elders died before their rights were recognised under the present native title system, while Indigenous leader Warren Mundine called for debate for 'real, substantive change'. — AAP

Landmark Broome agreement hailed

Yawuru, WA Govt settle issues

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



AN in-principle agreement between the West Australian Government and the Yawuru people over native title and heritage issues in

Broome has been hailed as a landmark decision and the key to land releases for housing, commercial development and infrastructure.

One of the Yawuru negotiators, Peter Yu, said it had been a 'hard and arduous road to travel', with more than 12 years spent through the court processes before achieving the Federal Court ruling in April 2006 that the Yawuru people held native title rights and interests over Broome and surrounding areas.

Meanwhile, he said it took a further two-and-a-half years to reach in-principle agreement which consisted of a land and cash settlement package, but which still needed to be negotiated in finer detail.

"It's a landmark decision in terms of settlement of native title in an urban area, which is rapidly growing and where the economy, once it picks up, is likely to be important in terms of our participation in that economy," Mr Yu said.

The land component was valuable in terms of future development opportunities it brought to the Yawuru people, he said.

"It's the situation in any negotiations, where nobody and

'It's a land and cash settlement package, but it doesn't mean it's handed to us on a silver platter. We've got to jump through the same regulatory hoops, just like everybody else'

— Yawuru negotiator Peter Yu



'The traditional owners will be properly compensated for the extinguishment of their native title rights and interests in the land, as is their right under the law'

— Attorney-General Christian Porter

no community is going to become instantly rich," he said.

"We didn't get everything we wanted. And we've got tremendous challenges in front of us.

"It's a land and cash settlement package, but it doesn't mean it's handed to us on a silver platter. We've got to jump through the same regulatory hoops, just like everybody else."

Mr Yu said litigation had been an unpleasant and onerous experience, especially

considering the burden of proof which had been required.

It had been particularly hard for the elderly people, many of whom were required to give evidence, and he said there was great sadness for those who had subsequently passed on, and were not able to celebrate the latest progress.

However, he said the experience had also shown the resilience of the Yawuru people, who had stuck together throughout the negotiations.

"As a result of continuous governments opposing our position and undermining our position, we've been able to pull through, together," Mr Yu said.

WA Attorney-General Christian Porter said the negotiations had been extremely complex.

He said the previous Government's failure to resolve the matter meant that land shortages for development had pushed median house prices in Broome up to \$653,000.

"Three years after the Federal

Court decision, the Liberal-National Government has negotiated an agreement within its first seven months of Government," Mr Porter said.

"There's no doubt that the failure of the previous Government to finalise the native title claims over Broome contributed to rapidly increasing housing costs and skewed development in the tourist centre of the north-west, where the population is expected to double over the next 15-20 years."

The Attorney-General said the new agreement would ensure quick and efficient development of WA's foremost tourist town, while at the same time protecting Aboriginal heritage.

"And the traditional owners will be properly compensated for the extinguishment of their native title rights and interests in the land, as is their right under the law," Mr Porter said.

He said that in line with the State Government's commitment to addressing Aboriginal disadvantage, benefits from this agreement would flow to all members of the Yawuru community, and would help to alleviate the many areas of social and economic disadvantage they experience.

Mr Porter said other Broome residents would also benefit from the ongoing availability of land for residential, commercial and industrial development.

"This Government has put much effort into resolving outstanding native title issues such as this because the ability to reach final decisions is for the betterment of all people of WA," he said.

"The agreement will facilitate the release of land for housing, commercial development and infrastructure, and will ensure that development in Broome can proceed unimpeded for decades to come."

The final agreement is expected to be reached in June and will include two Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), which would be submitted to the National Native Title Tribunal for registration.

Fraud ruled out by NITV investigation

By KIRSTIE PARKER



AN independent investigation into allegations of high-level mismanagement and misuse of public funds within National Indigenous Television (NITV) has found

no fraud.

However, the investigation recommended improvements to the national Indigenous TV company's administrative processes, which its Chairperson Professor Larissa Behrendt says will be fully implemented.

Prof Behrendt said in a letter to NITV's members last week that the organisation's Board had taken the allegations very seriously and had full confidence in NITV management and staff.

"The Board has taken the opportunity that this investigation presented to review the operations of the company and to look for ways to improve governance and administrative processes," she wrote, while insisting that much of the material contained in the investigation report must remain confidential.

NITV's former company secretary, business development manager and corporate services manager Neville Perkins raised the allegations with the NITV Board in May last year, later writing to the Federal Government about his concerns.

The matter is understood to have strained the relationship between Mr Perkins and NITV's Chief Executive Officer, Patricia Turner, who is also Mr Perkins' cousin and a former CEO of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). In her letter, sent last Thursday, Prof Behrendt advised NITV's members of the key outcomes of the investigation undertaken by consultant Jon Isaacs and accounting firm Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu.

"Importantly, there were no findings of fraudulent activity made against any individual," Prof Behrendt said.

She said some of the recommendations that NITV had adopted included the development of an internal complaints management policy, strengthening record-keeping practices and improvements to procurement processes and financial controls.

"I know you will welcome these



NITV CEO Pat Turner and Head of Television Paul Remati after the launch of the not-for-profit company in February 2007.

improvements, which will serve to strengthen the robustness of our organisation as we strive to deliver the objectives for which the organisation was formed in 2006," Prof Behrendt wrote.

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had used the investigation as a positive process.

The Sydney-based lawyer also used her letter to members to praise NITV's staff, many of whom had contributed to the investigation, and to reflect on NITV's achievements.

NITV was officially launched in 2007, with a budget of just under \$50 million over four years to buy, commission and broadcast Indigenous programming.

Since the launch, Ms Turner and her second-in-charge, Head of Television Paul Remati, have brokered partnerships with Pay TV giants Foxtel and Austar which Prof Behrendt said had grown NITV's potential audience from an initial 200,000 Australians in a limited broadcast 'footprint' to more than six million people.

"During the 14 months to February, NITV has commissioned some 530 hours of new content, which is now in the process of being broadcast and is helping to educate, entertain and inform Australians about their Indigenous culture," she wrote in her letter.

"I am sure you'll all agree we have come a long way in a short period of time and have much of which to be proud."

NITV has its head office in Alice Springs, with a second office in Sydney.



Indigenous board, NITV sits within the portfolio of Environment, Heritage and Arts Minister Peter Garrett.

Prof Behrendt told members that Mr Garrett had noted the findings and had been encouraged that the NITV Board

Jobs part of Pilbara mining covenant



A COMMERCIAL agreement between CITIC Pacific Mining (CPM) and the Kuruma Marthudunera (KM) native title group will not only provide financial compensation, but also at least 10 full-time jobs for local Aboriginal people.

The KM people have traditional rights to a large area of the Pilbara, south-west of Karratha, and the Cape Preston area in particular is culturally significant, with a high density of sites and artefacts.

The majority of KM people now live in Roebourne, Wickham, Onslow, Karratha or Tom Price and retain a strong connection to their country.

News of the announcement came last week after 12 months of negotiations, and KM Elder Elaine James said the agreement would benefit the whole group and allow them to look after their old people.

"It's good that we've come to an agreement, but also sad that many of our old people are no longer around to see this," Ms James said.

"The most important part is that companies have started to recognise the importance of working with our Elders."

Under the agreement, the KM people agree to support CPM's iron-ore project, including consenting to the grant of future titles required for the purpose of infrastructure.

Compensation

In return, CPM will provide financial compensation to the native title group by way of milestone and annual payments. The agreement also includes positions for a minimum of 10 full-time employees with the company, and business and training opportunities.

To ensure the agreement works in practice, the KM group and CPM have formed a 'relationship committee', to meet regularly and review progress on employment, training and business opportunities, matters of cultural heritage, environmental and land access issues.

CPM Chief Executive Barry Fitzgerald said the company was pleased to have signed an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with the three native title claimant groups in the area, including the Kuruma Marthudunera people.

"From very early on it was important for us to spend time talking with each group about working together," he said.

"I'm pleased to say seven of the 40 Indigenous people we already have working with us on the project are from the KM group, and we look forward to continuing this important relationship."

Simon Hawkins, Chief Executive Officer of Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation which represents over 25 native title claims in the resource-rich Pilbara, Murchison and Gascoyne areas, said CPM had approached the negotiations with sensitivity and respect.

"The Kuruma Marthudunera people appreciated the company's willingness to sit down and negotiate with the group," he said.

"The next step is to build on this relationship and see the agreement successfully implemented."

'The Board has taken the opportunity that this investigation presented to review the operations of the company and to look for ways to improve governance and administrative processes'

— NITV Chairperson Larissa Behrendt



When it comes to jobs, he's a winner



Koori Job Ready Program co-ordinator Rohan Tobler instructs Clayton Byrne on forklift operation.



ROHAN Tobler, of Sydney, has won an award for helping young Aboriginal people find jobs in the building and construction industries.

The Construction Forestry Mining Energy Union (CFMEU) organiser is a co-ordinator at the Koori Job Ready Program, which is based at the Yaama Dhiyaan Training Centre in Darlington.

The program gives students a taste of different construction trades through an eight-week course which includes classes in first aid, interview skills and budgeting skills.

Mr Tobler recruits students for the course, teaches subjects such as carpentry and concreting, and helps students find work when they have finished the course.

He was recognised for his work by the

Australian Council of Trade Unions, which awarded him the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award.

Last year, 85 per cent of students found work after completing the Koori Job Ready Program.

"It's not a matter of putting someone in any old job," Mr Tobler said.

"It's about finding out what someone is interested in and helping them find work in that area."

Students come from all over NSW. Some are as old as 56. Most have never had a full-time job.

Former students continued to be mentored after they leave the program and are helped with issues such as work, money and housing.

"We call it mentoring, but it's more like

friendship," Mr Tobler said. "We try to help them settle into their new job and to deal with some of the other issues that brings about."

Mr Tobler also liaises with building companies to get them to put in place Aboriginal employment plans.

Agreement

Recently, an agreement was negotiated with construction company Watpac for 60 Indigenous positions on its Channel 7 project at Australian Technology Park in Redfern.

The employment plans have so far seen 194 positions filled by Indigenous people out of a target of 205.

"My hope is that one day there will be no need for programs like this and Aboriginal

people will have the same opportunities as everyone else," Mr Tobler said.

Outside of work, Mr Tobler is Vice-Chair of the Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council and he coaches troubled youth in the Green Valley Area. He is also Chair of the CFMEU Reconciliation Committee.

In accepting the award, Mr Tobler praised everyone involved with the Koori Job Ready Program.

"It's not really just for me, it's for the whole program, all the staff here and participants," he said of the award.

Mr Tobler follows in the footsteps of his dad and former CFMEU organiser Les Tobler, who was the driving force in getting the Koori Job Ready Program going and who earlier won the ACTU Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander prize.

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Cullacabardee community hits back

Abuse claims anger

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE

MEMBERS of the Cullacabardee community on the northern outskirts of Perth say the community has been unfairly dealt with in recent media reports comparing it with a failed Lockeridge camp, which was closed after a statewide sex abuse inquiry.

Two articles in *The West Australian* newspaper over the past month suggested that sexual and alcohol abuse was rife in Cullacabardee, prompting the WA Opposition to raise the matter in State Parliament.

Opposition child protection spokesperson Sue Ellery said the children at Cullacabardee were at risk, calling for the Department for Child Protection (DCP) to take into care any child who suffered abuse or the fallout from alcohol abuse.

"Thirty-four per cent of the children living at Cullacabardee have been subject to the attention of the DCP, but none of them have been taken into care," Ms Ellery said.

"I am concerned that the Department is aware of a community where so many of the children have been exposed to violent crime, drug and alcohol abuse, neglect and family violence and yet it has not taken any of those children into care, nor referred the families for intensive parenting support."

WA Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said only one child had been referred for investigation by the DCP, and Cullacabardee Community Chairman Ian Quartermaine said the child abuse allegations in the media were wrong and offensive to the great majority of community members.

"They put child abuse in the paper but there's no such thing as child abuse out here, and also comparing us with Lockeridge camp," Mr Quartermaine said.

"I said to both reporters that Cullacabardee community is no

comparison to Lockeridge camp. I wanted to clarify that fact; I did not say that there was child abuse happening out here in the community."

Mr Quartermaine said that out of the 19 families living at Cullacabardee, only two were regarded as dysfunctional, with the rest leading normal and healthy lives in the idyllic surrounds of the community.

"The parents have got to be pulled up on their drinking behaviours and drug problems that they've got and they should have counselling really. But there's only maybe two families here that's doing that," he said.

Nyoongar mother Rebecca Garlett also spoke up for the community, saying it was a peaceful and safe place for children to live and there were plenty of weekly activities.

"The paper was wrong because there are good things that happen here at Cullacabardee," she said.

"We go to art classes here in the hall and there's Sunday school happening and all of us mums get together for the benefit of our children."

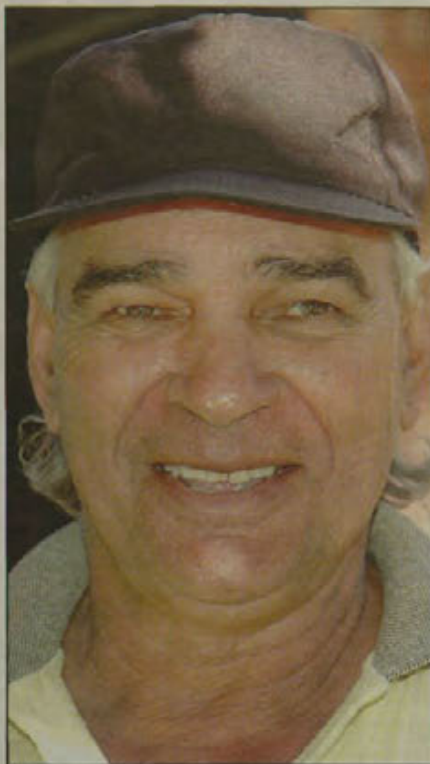
Minister McSweeney agreed that the community was well kept and said she saw no

evidence of abuse or neglect in the families she met during a visit to the community last Wednesday, adding that only one of 17 referrals to the DCP had needed to be followed up.

"If there's only one open case, it means that a report has been made against the child, the department has investigated and only one of those cases is open," Ms Sweeney said. "So that's only one child out of all those children that they're investigating."

"Everything is documented and those children are monitored. They have a meeting once a week out there between different departments, not only child protection but health and immunisation."

"The children certainly don't to me look neglected. I was a welfare officer before I came into Parliament, so if they were neglected I'd be the first one to be out there."



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Cullacabardee Community mother Rebecca Garlett ... "The paper wrote wrong because there are good things that happen here at Cullacabardee."

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True Love truly

New research sheds light on intermarriage

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

WHAT'S love got to do with it? Well, a fair bit actually, if you read the latest research by Monash University examining intermarriage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

People and Place, by Genevieve Heard, Bob Birrell and Slew-Ean Khoo, says the cultural and socio-economic divisions between black and white Australia are being broken down and, as a result, more than ever, Aboriginal men and women are partnering with and marrying non-Aboriginal people.

This was reflected in the 2006 national Census, which also revealed a multitude of factors underpinning these statistics.

Where we live – urban, rural or remote – seemed to be a deciding factor. The research pointed to location as a determining factor of intermarriage, more significant than education or income.

In all major cities, the overwhelming majority of partnered Indigenous people lived with, or were married to,

non-Indigenous people.

In rural or remote areas, this fact was only true of those Indigenous people who held tertiary qualifications or earned a high income.

So what does all of this really mean?

The start of a more tolerant and diverse society, or the dissolution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity and culture?

Dubbo couple Lee and Naomi Willis started going out in 2004 after they met while studying at university. Naomi, 24 grew up in the Cape York community of Pormpurraw and was 'promised' to another Aboriginal man from her community.

She remembers being told this when she was a young girl but didn't think much about it, things just being 'the way they were'.

However, Naomi said that while it was important in her community to carry on the traditions, she always knew she had the right to chose her own destiny.

She said the most important thing, whether someone chose to stay in their community and marry traditionally or to leave to seek a partner further afield, was to have a



Dubbo couple Lee and Naomi Willis with their daughter Gillinga-Belle, now aged 2.

choice, and not be forced into anything.

"My family have always been supportive of what I wanted to do, but because I married an Aboriginal man it made them feel better," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"For my kids, I hope they marry an Aboriginal person, but it is their right and they do have a choice."

When Naomi left Pormpurraw as a young woman to further her dreams, she vowed to herself she would never marry an Aboriginal man. And then she met Lee.

They now have a

two-and-half-year-old daughter, Gillinga-Belle, with another on the way. When the couple married in 2006, a simple message adorned their wedding cake, 'Nay bilong Lee'.

Lee, 35, himself a Stolen Generations member, expresses similar sentiments, and says it is just easier – culturally and otherwise – to be with another Aboriginal person.

He doesn't believe Australia is becoming a more tolerant society. Lee said that because people weren't allowed to be as overtly racist, the problem had gone underground,

which he believes is more dangerous.

And he said he knew that his wife understood him better because she too, was Aboriginal.

"Naomi understands why my birthday doesn't mean a great deal to me because I was taken away from my family or why, for example, we don't celebrate Australia Day," he said.

"What would I do if my daughter brought home a white man?" Lee asks.

"While we can't choose for her, I hope she would bring home an Aboriginal man, or at least another

minority, because it is just easier.

"But, in the end, we don't really care who she brings home – as long as she's happy and they treat her right."

The Monash University research indicated the chances of Aboriginal women living in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Hobart partnering with a non-Indigenous man were extremely high – up around the 83 per cent mark.

Delving into this even further, there were indications that Australia's

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strong history of socio-economic and cultural division between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people had little or no bearing where there were opportunities for people to mix together, with similar levels of education and earnings.

By contrast, fewer Indigenous people living outside of capital cities were partnered with non-Indigenous people.

The researchers said there were several reasons behind this: Firstly, there was simply less opportunity for people in remote areas to mix in social settings with non-Indigenous people. And there were significant differences in the education and income levels between the two cultures.

When *The Koori Mail* spoke to non-Aboriginal man David Price, he was taking his wife Bess Nungarrayi Price a cup of tea in bed.

The first time he laid eyes on Bess some 30 years ago, he said, he thought she was the 'most mesmerising woman' he had ever seen.

And he said he also knew, in the way that some people do, that they were meant to be together. In fact, both were in previous marriages that were coming to an end.

"She is magnificent and beautiful and she has this internal strength," he declared of his wife.

When the couple first met in the Northern Territory in 1976, David, with his working class Catholic background, was a teacher in the local school, where Bess was a teacher's assistant.

He said there hasn't been a day in their married life together where they had been subject to racism or negativity, and that included both of their families, whom David said were happy

they had found the right partner. In fact David joked that he thought he was marrying into an exclusive club.

"As soon as I saw Bess, she was my wife. We rescued each other," he said.

He acknowledges the terrible blight of sexual exploitation of Indigenous women in the early days, but said there was an equally strong history of stable and loving relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

David agreed that intermarriage these days was the norm, and that finding a partner was more about finding someone with the same set of values than about skin colour.

controlling, her partnership with David was the opposite. She was simply looking for someone who treated her as an equal and respected her.

While she said she knew there were some good, respectful Aboriginal men out there, she'd found those qualities in David.

"I took my chances and Dave took his chances, we were so young then but 30 years down the track we've gotten to know each other," she said.

Bess says she encountered no racism or negativity towards her marriage to Dave, but says she wouldn't have been bothered by what other people thought of them anyway.

"We have been through a lot together and we treat each other as human beings first, that is the most important thing," she said.

And that is what the research has been unable to measure. The human variants on how and why some people come together across different cultural and age barriers – different and yet the same.

Why some couples make it to their 50th wedding anniversary while others don't make it past their first year.

The research found that there were few impediments to marriages between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people

from similar socio-economic backgrounds. And with more Indigenous people moving to the cities, attending universities and forging careers, the levels of intermarriage were likely to continue.

While some Indigenous people would argue differently, the research also suggested that the social divides were becoming less.

Perhaps that is for the next research paper to explore and for the next generation of young Indigenous Australians to question.

'But, in the end, we don't really care who (our daughter) brings home – as long as she's happy and they treat her right'
– Lee and Naomi Willis

So how have he and Bess survived three decades of marriage?

"With grim determination," he joked. "But we are now stronger than ever."

And Bess, a Yuendumu woman, would agree.

She said that while she was very young when they first started going out – just on 18 – her family were supportive of the relationship and glad to see Bess with someone who treated her well.

She said that whereas her first marriage was abusive and



David and Bess Nungarrayi Price on their wedding day at the Old Telegraph Station, Alice Springs, in 1980 and, below, as they are today.



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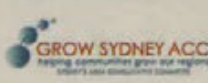
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Yuendumu receives health funds boost



THE Federal Government says Indigenous Australians with mental illness in Yuendumu in the Northern Territory

will have greater access to mental health support, thanks to \$2.3 million in new funding over the next three years.

The Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corporation (Mt Theo) will receive funding as part of the Government's \$284 million commitment to the Personal Helpers and Mentors (PHaMs) program from 2006-2011.

The Government says the program in Yuendumu was designed in consultation with the community and service providers in Central Australia and had been tailored to better serve Indigenous Australians with mental illness in remote communities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Member for Lingjari Warren Snowdon said on Friday that mental illness could have a devastating effect on people's lives 'leaving them feeling isolated, vulnerable and at risk of



JENNY MACKLIN

drug and alcohol misuse'.

"The program targets those most in need - people who cannot manage their daily activities or live independently because they have a severe mental illness," they said in a statement.

"Personal helpers and mentors work one-on-one with participants helping them achieve their goals - for example, managing everyday tasks.



WARREN SNOWDON

"By building confidence and increasing connections within the community, personal helpers and mentors can help overcome crippling social isolation."

Ms Macklin and Mr Snowdon said the PHaMs program improved the lives of people with mental illness by building a stronger community.

They said the funding would make a real difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians with mental illness in Yuendumu.

Respected NT leaders pass away



TRIBUTES have flowed for two respected Northern Territory leaders - one from the north, one from the south -

who passed away earlier this month.

The combined Executive Councils of the Northern, Central, Anindilyakwa and Tiwi Land Councils met in Darwin last Thursday and extended their condolences to the families of Tiwi Elder and the Territory's first Aboriginal politician, Mr Tungatalum, and senior Warlpiri man Mr L Turner Jampijinpa.

Mr Tungatalum was a Member of the Legislative Assembly in the NT from 1974 to 1977 as the Member for the Tiwi Islands. The 66-year-old was also a member of the Tiwi Land Council and is survived by his wife and two sons.

The Country Liberals' Shadow Indigenous Policy Minister, Adam Giles, paid tribute to Mr Tungatalum, saying he had helped 'set the platform

for many of today's leaders and future leaders'.

"It is hard to over-estimate the importance of his achievement in being elected to the seat of Tiwi in the Territory's first fully-elected Parliament," Mr Giles said.

"He was a trail blazer and it always takes courage to be the first to break new ground."

Inspiration

Former ALP National President Warren Mundine described Mr Tungatalum as 'a leader, a pioneer in the Territory, and an inspiration for Indigenous people throughout Australia'.

"Mr Tungatalum will be missed, but his legacy will remain. In fact today it is stronger than ever," Mr Mundine said.

"His devotion to the political representation of Indigenous Australians has inspired many."

Mr Turner, from Nyirripi in Central Australia, was one of the painters of the Barunga Statement and the Central

Land Council's logo.

CLC Chairman Lindsay Bookie said Mr Turner was a former field officer at the CLC and later an Executive member and a delegate for many years.

"Everybody liked him and he was well respected both for his knowledge of Aboriginal law and his ability to stand up and defend Aboriginal rights," Mr Bookie said.

CLC Director David Ross said Mr Turner was always extremely active and engaging.

"He was always involved in a wide range of activities, from managing the footy team, running the local community council at Nyirripi or representing his community in a wide range of forums," Mr Ross said.

"He never allowed governments to run rough shod over Aboriginal people and he was very vocal about the Intervention by the Australian Government."

"He was always prepared to stand up and articulate what many people felt about those types of issues."

Extra funding good news for TSI health

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

TSI

A \$28 MILLION funding boost for infrastructure in the Torres Strait will improve the overall health of the region's residents and help to close the gap, according to the Torres Strait Regional

Authority (TSRA).

TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris welcomed an announcement by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last week to extend the region's Major Infrastructure Program (MIP) for a further two years.

The funding has been matched by the Queensland Government, bringing the total funds for Torres Strait projects to \$56 million.

"The highly successful MIP is a multi-million-dollar joint Commonwealth and State government supported program delivered through the TSRA, that produces much-needed environmental health infrastructure for Torres Strait remote communities," Mr Kris said.

The funding would provide more than just basic infrastructure and had already assisted to build community capacity by providing employment opportunities and skills and training development, he said.

"Thus far, over 300 people have been

'The MIP has brought environmental health benefits to the Torres Strait, with improved infrastructure playing an important role in halving the incidents of communicable diseases...'

— TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris



employed and over 30,000 accredited training hours have been delivered along with a substantial number of infrastructure contracts being awarded through MIP to regional local government councils and businesses," Mr Kris said.

"It has also brought environmental health benefits to the Torres Strait, with improved infrastructure playing an important role in

halving the incidents of communicable diseases such as shigellosis, salmonella and hepatitis A over the past ten years."

The funding will see reticulated sewerage being finished in all 15 outer island communities, including unserviced or new housing allotments, as well as Badu Island hospital.

The funding will also allow for the roads

in most communities to be sealed and paved along with drainage upgrades, bringing them in line with state standards.

The improvements will also alleviate stormwater flooding threats, reduce the risk of dengue fever through eliminating or decreasing mosquito breeding sites and remove dust hazards.

The TSRA also hopes to use some of the funding to maintain the region's environment and ecosystems by creating a regional solid waste project to implement sustainable waste disposal practices.

Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela said the council looked forward to continuing the good work already being implemented through the project.

"The commitment of these funds will help to ensure a continuation of important infrastructure projects vital to the health and well-being of the people of the region," he said.

"The MIP provides environmental health projects for Torres Strait Islanders through major works such as water treatment and storage, roads and drainage."

Mr Gela said the council looked forward to working with the State and Federal governments to ensure priority was given to projects that met the needs and desires of local residents.

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Bolt's double dutch

Commentator's rave falls flat

By KIRSTIE PARKER



SUGGESTIONS by a non-Aboriginal newspaper commentator that fashion, politics and 'plum jobs' rather than actual heritage had driven the 'choice' of some academics, artists and activists to identify as Aboriginal have provoked disdain and disgust in the Indigenous community.



ANITA HEISS

Andrew Bolt made the claim in a column for Melbourne's *Herald Sun* newspaper last Wednesday, stumbling his way through the antecedents of such high-profile Indigenous people as 2009 Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson, lawyer Larissa Behrendt, authors Anita Heiss and Tara June Winch, photographer Bindi Cole and broadcaster Daniel Browning.

"Why are so many people eager to proclaim their Aboriginality, despite it being such a small part

of their heritage," asked Bolt in a column titled 'It's so hip to be black' and published in other News Ltd papers.

"I certainly don't accuse them of opportunism, even if full-blood Aborigines may wonder how such fair people can claim to be one of them and in some cases take black jobs," he raved.

"I'm saying only that this self-identification as Aboriginal strikes me as self-obsessed, and driven more by politics than by any racial reality."

"It's also divisive, feeding a new movement to stress pointless or even invented racial differences we once swore to overcome. What happened to wanting us all to become colour blind?"

Almost none of those singled out by Bolt were inclined to respond on the record when approached by *The Koori Mail*. A withering 'I wouldn't bother dignifying that kind of rubbish' was common, although Anita Heiss – described as having won several 'plum jobs reserved for Aborigines' – was in a more expansive mood.

Dr Heiss said she had heard of Bolt, 'the son of Dutch migrants born in Adelaide making a career from being an Australian journalist', but did not tend to read his work.

"It's always badly written and never researched," she said. "I'm surprised the article made it into print."

Dr Heiss said that as a proud Wiradjuri woman, born in Gadigal country and living on Dharawal land, she would encourage a boycott of the *Herald Sun* and ABC TV's program *Insiders* on which Bolt sometimes appeared.

Others approached by *The Koori Mail*, queried whether Bolt actually believed that any Indigenous Australians would take their cues from someone with no expertise or experience in the area of Indigenous heritage, especially when he'd 'stuffed up so badly' the descriptions of those he wrote about.

None of the so-called 'plum jobs' held by Dr Heiss were Indigenous-identified, as claimed by Bolt. The Sydney-based author's roles as a presenter and chairperson of Koori Radio in Sydney were both voluntary. And Bolt incorrectly described Professor Behrendt's well-known Aboriginal father, the late Paul Behrendt, as German.

Highlighted a positive

Koori Mail reader Chris Bonney said he thought Bolt's article actually highlighted a positive.

"It shows that we Aboriginal people have very strong culture," he said. "That's why we continue and will always be the world's oldest continuous living culture. That's something to be proud of."

A message of support posted on Anita Heiss's Facebook made some tongue-in-cheek observations and suggested that Bolt was merely posturing for his own financial benefit.

"Does he live in the outback? No – the city, just like a Dutchman. In fact, while he claims to be an 'Australian', BOTH of Andrew Bolt's parents are in fact Dutch. Still, for political and financial reasons he claims to be an 'Australian' columnist. He's not even a real man: one of his parents was a woman!"

Bolt's column invoked more serious consideration from prominent academic and women's advocate Professor Boni Robertson and CEO of the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia, Neil Gillespie.

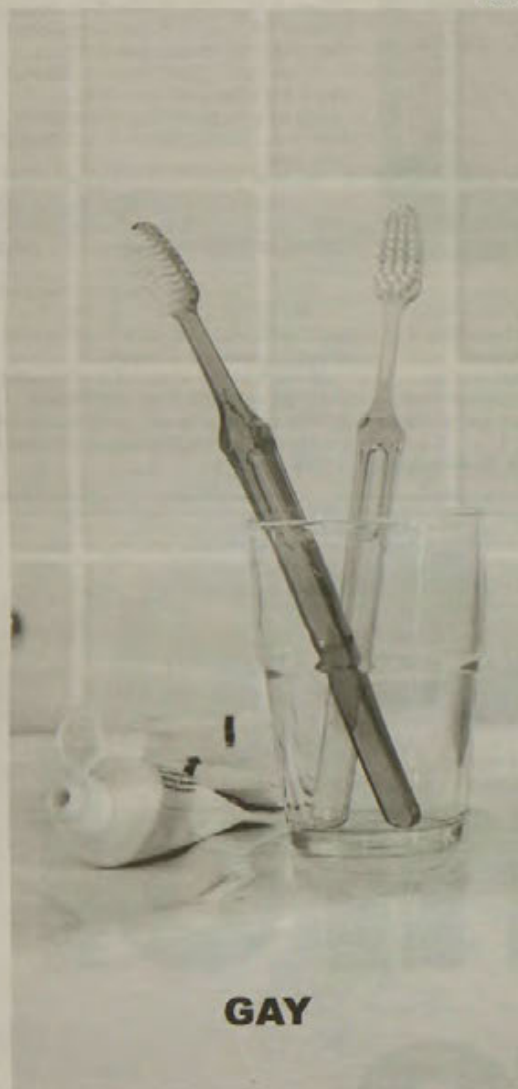
The pair said they could only assume Bolt's comments were 'either a misprint or a misunderstanding of what constitutes being Aboriginal in today's society'.

"Andrew Bolt appears to be one of those sad individuals that reflect racist attitudes that were introduced and encouraged in the Howard years," Mr Gillespie said.

Prof Robertson said all the people mentioned in Bolt's article were 'dignified and well-respected members of our communities' and suggested the journalist familiarise himself with legislative requirements that underpinned a person's right to identify as Aboriginal.

Bolt's online blog appeared to register quite a bit of support for his pronouncements. However, one Indigenous woman told *The Koori Mail* that she had posted a critical comment on it, only to see it quickly taken down, suggesting it was moderated for more than just the usual legalities.

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It's all Deadly Funny

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



ORGANISERS of the Melbourne Comedy Festival say Indigenous stand-up comedy has well and truly

arrived in Australia as a discipline and has much in store for audiences at home and overseas.

The grand final of the Deadly Funny comedy competition was held in Melbourne at the weekend, with 12 comedians picked from state finals in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia.

The *Koori Mail* will have a full report on the winners next edition.

The WA end of the competition was developed with four weekly workshops leading up to the state final in late March, won by Perth-based Nyoongar actor Derek Nannup who had some strong competition on the night at the Charles Hotel comedy lounge.

Mr Nannup said it was a new experience for him and quite different to acting.

"When you're acting you become a character, you get to hide behind another character," he said.

"Unfortunately with comedy, it's just you. It's you, your stories and your yams, which is, you know, a



Comedian and MC Sean Choolburra gets a lift from WA winner Derek Nannup (left) and other contestants at the WA final of the Deadly Funny series organised by the Melbourne Comedy Festival. Also pictured are Karla Hart, Ingo Collard, Anthony Menchetti, Dennis Simmons and Deadly Funny national organiser Jason Tamiru.

bit of a challenge, but good fun."

Mr Nannup's routine was based around historical prejudices experienced by Indigenous Australians since colonisation, and seeing such serious issues portrayed in live comedy made a

refreshing change for audiences.

Part of his routine was comparing differences, but also marking the similarities between black and white Australia.

"You've got to understand, it's not bad being black. We're the

same as you. We've got a lot in common," he quipped to non-Indigenous audience members.

"For example, traditionally we would paint up and put our little dulpis on. We'd put the white paint on and we'd dance around.

"Whitefellas do the same thing, you've just got a different name for it. You call it a day at the beach. You put on your white paint, zinc cream and your little dulp, but you call them budgie smugglers, and then you walk across that hot sand."

Mr Nannup said he enjoyed the experience but wasn't sure yet if he wanted to make a career out of stand-up comedy.

"I'm just taking it as it comes, I'll see how I go. I've done a lot of theatre and clowning and circus deals and a little bit of everything, so at the moment this is just something new and exciting," he said.

Deadly Funny national organiser Jason Tamiru said he thought people wanted to listen to a different expression in the art form which is comedy.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander comedy is unique. It's quite obvious it's one of a kind. Has it got a future? Most definitely," he said.

Mr Tamiru said the field of 12 performers for this year's grand final in Melbourne was particularly strong and was shaping up to be the best year ever in the search for good black Australian comedy.

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'Now, it's all about chasing the holy grail'

— Titans rugby league player Scott Prince after agreeing to stay with the Titans for the rest of his playing days
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Our life was simple once

LIFE was simple once. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people had very little in the way of recognition, access and equity, and relatively few friends.

While that was a terrible situation to be in, we knew where we stood and the only way was up.

But there can be no doubt that we have, in fact, made some significant advances over the years. While they're largely symbolic and sporadic, take as examples the 1967 Referendum, the High Court's Mabo decision, and greater recognition for the Stolen Generations.

Without exception, those advances have been made with support from others in higher or more influential places: unionists, pro bono lawyers and sympathetic philanthropists.

Over time, an especially strong marriage formed between the Aboriginal and environmental movements. Things changed from being black on white to black and green and for a while it was this union against nasty governments, farmers, miners and others.

Life has again moved on and the two parties in that union have begun to 'see other people'. That shift is no more evident now than in Cape York, where major Aboriginal interests are pitched firmly against the environmental lobby over the declaration of three wild rivers there.

Cape crusader Noel Pearson has accused the Qld Government and the environmentalists of a sleazy deal over green preferences during the recent state election.

It is sad that it has come to this, but the parting of ways has, in fact, been brewing



for a while — and not just in the Cape.

Some Aboriginal people have accused some greenies of hitching their wagon to the Aboriginal cause, only to desert it when there is nothing in the fight for them. The fact that rainbow-hued anti-nuke flags and greenie banners at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra often outnumber the red, black and yellow (and blue, green, white and black) has not gone unnoticed.

But back to the Cape, and things are getting more complicated still. Alongside the loud and strident voices of Noel Pearson and the Cape York Land Council, other traditional owners have welcomed the wild rivers declaration. While there is probably still a single Aboriginal cause in the general sense, there are many different Aboriginal perspectives. The Government should listen to them all.

But make no mistake, Pearson's departure from the Cape York Institute, which championed the Government's welfare reform agenda, is a big deal. The truth is, the Government needs Pearson on-side to give the reforms real traction.

The wild rivers declaration is done and dusted, but we predict some major tinkering with the relevant legislation soon. Like we said, life was simple once.

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A Yarn With...



RUTH GORRINGER

Councillor, Palm Island, North Qld

Favourite bush tucker?
Curried turtle.

Favourite other food?
Crayfish/fish.

Favourite drink?
Pineapple juice.

Favourite music?
Gospel.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Walking and netball.

Favourite holiday destination?
Palm Island of course!

What are you reading?
The Koori Mail.

What are you watching?
NITV.

What is your greatest highlight in life?
Married life and my four children.

What do you like in life?
Networking/communicating with others.

What do you dislike?
Violence.

Who would you most like to meet and why?
Comedian Sean Choolburra. I'd have a laugh and yarn with him.

Who would you invite for a night around the camp fire?
My husband and my sisters.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Improve our education and get a greater knowledge of politics.



A group photograph of the forum participants.



Cathie Shoesmith and Toni Phillips, from Proserpine.



Kim Barba and Vanessa Coleman, from Mackay in central Queensland.

Plenty of good talk at forum



GIRUDALA Community Co-operative Society held its second Regional Indigenous Women's Forum 'Women Lot-A-Good

Talk' in the picturesque Whitsundays of north Queensland early this month.

Funding from the Department of Families, Housing, Community Service and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) and support from the Qld Department of Communities and Office for Women allowed 70 women from the Burdekin to Sarina in north Queensland to participate in the forum.

The forum had a theme of 'Resilience and Relationships'.

Facilitated by Majella Andersen, of Black Business in Brisbane, it featured former tennis ace Evonne Goolagong-Cawley as guest speaker.

Organiser said that Ms Goolagong-Cawley captivated the women with her life's journey as a shy girl growing up in the small town of Barellan, NSW, to becoming one of the greatest women tennis players.

Forum sessions covered topics such as Depression - recognising the symptoms; What is a Healthy Relationship; Family law issues; Balancing your roles and time management; Your Centrelink entitlements; Family Well-being with 'Which Way, One Way'; and Finance and Careers.



Tennis great Evonne Goolagong-Cawley speaking at the women's forum.



Stacey Quakawoot and Maureen Backo had a good catch-up.



The Girudala staff. Front, from left, Maureen Backo and Christene Roney. Back, from left, Leanne Prise, Josephine Ferguson, Michelle Hooke, Bernadette Russell, Zanniece Bickey, Cheryl Van Vuuren and Angela Curtis.



Vicki Toffetti, Erica Fewquandie and Joan O'Loughlin were there.

Is this research on the money?

JUST when you think researchers have researched the life out of Aboriginal culture and people, along comes a research paper on intermarriage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Monash University brought this paper out as part of a larger study of intermarriage in Australia. The authors crunched the numbers from the 2006 Census to study the numbers of intermarriage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and what this may mean.

There are many interesting points in the article, but the two most interesting points I found was around women, men and money (Sorry! No data on same-sex relationships in this report!). The authors concluded that

Indigenous men who earn big money – regardless if they live in the country or city – are more likely to be with non-Indigenous women. Also, Indigenous men who earn little money are more likely to be Indigenous women.

Are these men being inspired to go for these big jobs with the big moola because of their non-Indigenous partner? Are Indigenous men with an Indigenous partner while poor, then getting with the non-Indigenous partner when earning big money?

This research brings up more questions than answers.

I don't know why Indigenous men who earn big money are more likely to be with non-Indigenous women or why Indigenous men who earn little

money are more likely to be with Indigenous women. But there is a key in that text and it's the words 'more likely'. The fact is you can't tell for 100 per cent certain, swear on your mumma's silk pyjamas, that this is fact. The stats might not back you up, and it might be 'more likely', but there are exceptions.

There are Indigenous men out there who earn big dollars – in the city and the country – who are with Indigenous women. They might be a minority, but they do exist!

Each person in Australia has the right to determine where they live, who they get together with, whether they go to uni and what career (if any) they decide to follow.

But this doesn't explain why

Indigenous men earning big money are more likely to be with non-Indigenous women no matter if they are in the city or country. Regardless, at the end of the day it's about personal choice and it's obvious that a lot of richies marry non-Indigenous people.

I'd love to interview some of these fullas and find out why!

For me and others who are h'educated, city-dwelling Aboriginal women looking for Aboriginal partners we'll keep this info in the back of our minds ... while praying that we are the exception to the rule.

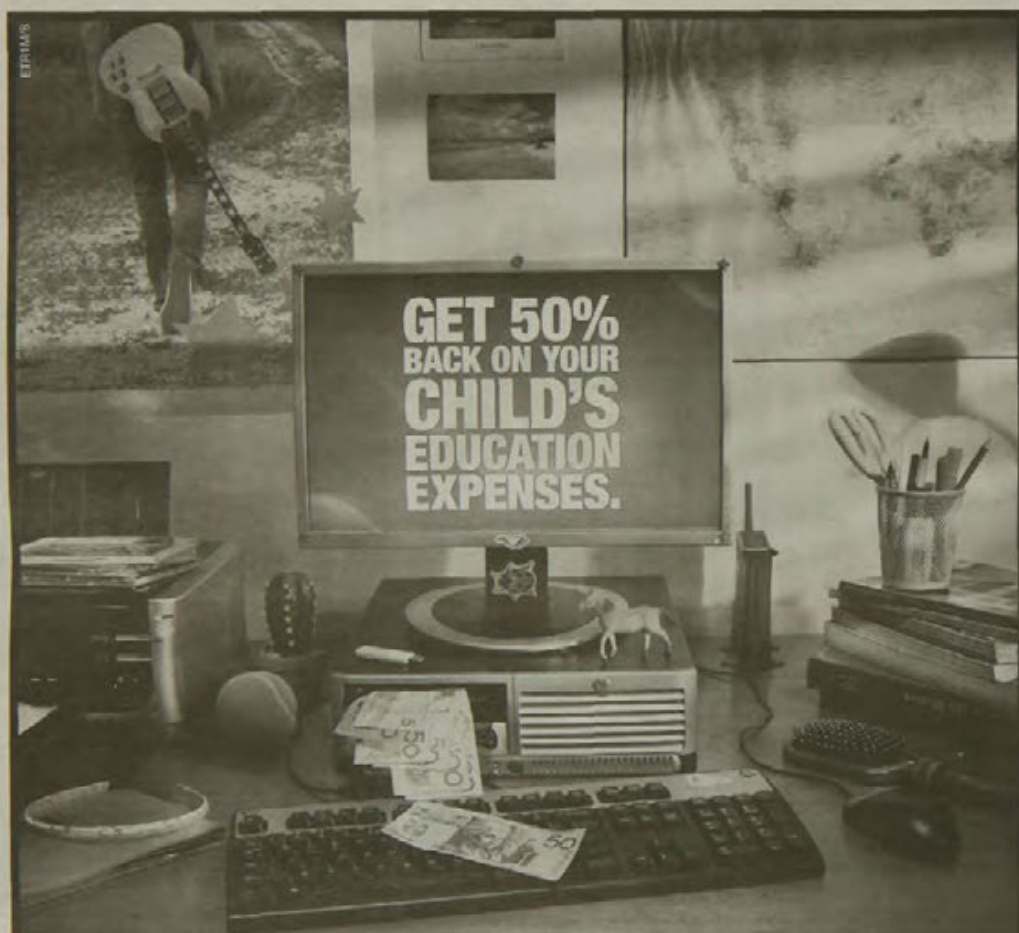
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Toddler claims 'are not correct'



THE Federal Government has described as 'silly' suggestions that toddlers would be trained to be politically correct towards Indigenous people.

A row erupted last week when some media reported that child-care centres would be 'forced' to fly the Aboriginal flag and teach children about racism and reconciliation.

The media reports concentrated on a small section of a comprehensive guide for teachers, which is part of the proposed Early Years Learning Framework.

A section discussing fairness, bias and social justice suggests educators 'can actively seek ways to introduce a spirit of reconciliation into the everyday life of the centre'.

"For example, display the Aboriginal flag and invite an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to talk about its importance with children and families; pay respects to traditional owners of the land when meeting for formal occasions at the setting; participate every year with children and families in community-based events that occur during (NAIDOC) week or in Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) celebrations for Children's Day.

'Let kids play'

NSW Opposition community services spokeswoman Pru Goward seized on the draft guidelines, saying children should be left alone to play.

"It is unnecessary and will cause enormous angst in the community," Ms Goward told News Ltd newspapers.

But Maxine McKew, the Parliamentary Secretary for Early Childhood Development, said the reaction was ludicrous.

"We're not forcing child-care centres or pre-schools to do anything," she said. "No one is going to be forced to fly any kind of flag."

Ms McKew said she welcomed genuine debate about the draft framework, but suggestions teachers would have to be politically correct were wrong.

"At the core of this learning framework is making sure that children are developing the communication skills – learning language, learning how to get on with each other, all these important things," she said.

University of South Australia early childhood education expert Anne Glover described the media reports condemning the guidelines as sensationalist.



Another form of oppression

RECENT declarations of wild rivers (Lockhart, Stewart and Archer River basins) are a kick in the guts for Indigenous people's economic development aspirations on Cape York.

The declaration is all about power and backdoor deals to gain supremacy.

At no time have Aboriginal groups had their concerns heard, considered or recognised.

It's the same old Government approach of 'talk to them (Indigenous people) [but] don't worry about their concerns; we know what is right for them'.

The continuation of Government paternalism and ignorance on Indigenous issues just demonstrates their desire to control our destination.

Wild river policies are just another form of oppression; they strangle-hold Indigenous people's capability or capacity to manage land in the interest of future sustainable economic development.

We understand the importance of protecting the environment for the future. Managing the land and sea has always been part of our lifestyle, but there needs to be a balance. Our people need real jobs.

The only way Indigenous people will ever get away from handouts is by practising some basic human rights (the freedom to control our own destiny).

We have freehold land ideal for green sustainable economical opportunities.

One of our desires is to establish a joint venture with a private company to plant trees, the seed pods of which can be utilised to produce oil then converted into bio-diesel.

The wild rivers legislation has totally destroyed our aspirations; this is just an example of total ignorance on the part of government.

What can we do to enhance our existence and competitiveness in the State's economy? Nothing at the moment.

All land entitlement or land in our possession is overwhelmed by government policy and blockages to ensure our existence stays on the end of the welfare cycle.

Just as we plan to tackle social issues in our remote communities in ways of economic ideas on the land, we're once again subject to authoritarianism all in the name of 'power and control'.

We cannot continually be kicked in the guts by the Government. We need the Government to recognise our existence and take into account that there are human beings living on Cape York - Aboriginal people who want to break the welfare cycle by laying a foundation for proper sustainable economic development.

WAYNE BUTCHER
Chairman, Mangkuma Land Trust
Lockhart River Area, Qld

'The wild rivers legislation has totally destroyed our aspirations; this is just an example of total ignorance on the part of government'



Poetry

Not Forgotten

To the mission they took my mum and dad
To a life they wished they never had
No say, no choice, why they were taken away?
Their parents never had any say...

Neglected children they were told
By Government officials of days of old
Put out to work and no play
Little did they know they had any say

The mission people thought they were doing right
Little did some people care about their plight
For these human beings they said had no place
To this land they brought disgrace
Little did they know about this special race...

Were put here by God who understood
Wishing perhaps people would Realise that they were good
That this was a test for all
Little did they know what would befall

These proud people who just wanted to be
Left in peace for the world to see
That Mother Earth to them is their rightful place
A place where they never lived in disgrace

Sunset Dreaming

See the dark clouds slowly fading
as they pass into the night
These are my special dreaming
of what was very right
For the Aborigine of this land
knew how to care for I am told
They did not damage or dig for gold.

My Dreamtime tells of how the birds and mountains got their path
They tell of our tribal ways, our tribal birth
The colours of the rainbow and how the Serpent made the rivers
They tell us our ancestors and how we must obey

For in my Sunset Dreaming the people live as one
No one is better off, we are equal everyone
For our Mother Earth has given us a true nature's gift to hold
So in my Sunset Dreaming our land, our culture, is our precious gold

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Ipswich, QLD

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Rightful ownership?

I HAVE been researching the true meaning of 'native title' and have found that there are only two types of traditional inheritance.

Firstly, there's a patrilineal inheritance which occurs when all the sons must follow the father's lineage including land ownership and rights.

Then comes the matrilineal inheritance, meaning when all the daughters follow on behalf of the mother's lineage of land ownership and rights.

Ever since colonisation there has been a mixture of identities, but I still believe that there are many questionable facts over who these individuals can claim underneath.

So whenever this happens, it is preferred by most to become a lot less traditional in their own interpretation of lineage and custom, but rather it would be unusual and could not apply 'traditionally' to a single Aboriginal parent in order for them to be exclusive of both genders.

I wish to question the misrepresentation of these ancestral facts and withstand that whomsoever believes that they are the rightful individuals should speak up at once and condemn the tactics of these fake individuals.

The fake individuals I am speaking about are the ones who are aggressively seeking out historical evidence to disempower the rightful owners.

My four grandparents, both parents, wife, and children are all Indigenous and

therefore I am not one to be envious of someone else's single parent lineage, but I am interested enough to see 'the rightful lineage of ownership' elevated to the top.

We can only be ourselves, but some individuals want to try and become the one and only person who is eligible at representing and therefore re-position themselves under a dual lineage of 'traditionally acknowledged' land ownership and rights which is socially unacceptable and wrongful.

Primarily, I am just wanting my well-researched opinion of this matter to be clear, but I am also very interested in finding out how can this be allowed by 'native title' claimants and 'land councils'?

Finally, if your father is known to be the sole survivor, then the son should automatically be the one who is left to continue the rightful ownership to land or anything else, and vice versa for the daughter should she become the rightful heir to inherit.

Lastly, why then does the National Native Title Tribunal make these allowances for individual persons to either skip a generation or two. Is it maybe just to make up for our own previous Government's acceptance of land-grabbers who have never been rightfully endorsed from the patrilineal or matrilineal lines as well?

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Right to live on country

I AM writing after reading the story Report blasts housing 'inaction' (*The Koori Mail*, 25 March) about the report From Rhetoric to Reality: Can 99-year Leases Lead to Home Ownership for Indigenous Communities?

The report's author, Sara Hudson, argues that governments have failed to provide decent housing for Indigenous Australians, and that a lack of private property rights on most Indigenous land is the principal barrier to home ownership.

I think Ms Hudson is right. State and Commonwealth governments will not allow Indigenous native titleholders to reside on their native title property under the amendment of the Queensland Aboriginal Land Act.

Indigenous people have the right to reside on the land from which they were born, their spiritual land. We, the Indigenous people, were here long before colonial days when we experienced invasion of this country.

PHILLIP MOW
Indinji
Gordonvale, Qld

Searching for Johnny Hoani

SA Link-Up is seeking to contact Johnny Hoani in regards to a family matter.

Johnny is around 58 years of age. If anyone knows of his whereabouts, please contact me at the SA Link-Up Program, Nunkuwarrin Yunti of SA Inc, PO Box 7202, Hutt Street SA 5000 or via phone on (08) 8223 5217 or fax (08) 8223 6086.

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Caseworker
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Mundine is a victim of cyber racism

ANTHONY Mundine is Australia's boxing world champion – one of our most accomplished sports stars and a proud Indigenous Australian.

But the non-Indigenous population of Australia thinks otherwise. He is not even respected as a champion.

From the start of his career to the present day, he has been stereotyped and slammed by the mainstream media in an attempt to downgrade his image and portray him badly.

I admire Anthony for the way he can speak his own mind and have an honest opinion about things. This is something the

mainstream media hates; when a 'Bama' is speaking his mind about certain issues or problems, they portray them as 'troublemakers' or 'big-mouths'. Well, big thumbs down to those media guys.

Lately, Australia has reached a new kind of level of hatred against Mundine in the form of cyber racism.

The website YouTube, which is nearly everyone's favourite video website, has a lot of Choc's boxing videos on it and it is on these videos where you can find very racist and derogatory comments made from lots of Aussies, slamming 'Choc' because of his

skin colour and rapping ability.

It's totally un-Australian for a fellow Aussie to down an Australian world champion. This negative energy in mainstream media does nothing to help with the reconciliation and healing process.

Reconciliation Australia has a hell of a job ahead of it after the YouTube experience. Just click on any Aboriginal video such as those about the Northern Territory intervention and they're like goldmines to rednecks.

There are non-Indigenous people on the website making very highly

offensive videos of our people.

It's just a shame that people continue to keep their racist family values and pass them on to their next generation and so forth.

Big support for Choc, even though he has a lot of haters. He'll eventually prove them and all of the rednecks wrong as he has been doing all his career.

Keep knocking 'em out Brotherman. And stay strong.

BRAD HIGGINS
Yarrabah, Qld

Sports need fair go

THE *Koori Mail* certainly presents a wonderful picture of Indigenous sport and its impact on its values to the Indigenous people.

Equally pleasing is the excellent support being delivered by ARL, AFL and basketball and other sports such as athletics, netball, swimming, touch and soccer doing what they can with their available financial resources.

Unfortunately, when it comes to the remote Indigenous communities and those that stand alone from Australian communities, there's a serious gap.

It is wonderful to hear and read about the reaction of the Indigenous communities when they are visited by high-profile sportspeople, and the impact they have.

But without communities having proper structures in place, and without reasonable facilities, the joy and enthusiasm of the visit soon disappears and is soon forgotten.

The impact of the lack of proper organisation and structure in communities was brought home to me recently when I received an email from a sports development person in the Northern Territory bringing to the Australian Indigenous Games Foundation's attention the plight of three young Indigenous Year 12 students.

These students are interested in careers in sport and recreation and are already contributing within the community, only to find that to make further headway in their ambitions they need to complete further formal courses.

The hurdle is that the course required cannot be delivered in their community unless there are 20 enrolments. Various solutions are being examined, but the cost of \$20,000 is described as prohibitive.

I find this difficult to accept, as the benefits of a successful outcome could be significant.

As President of the Australian Indigenous Games Foundation, I asked relevant governments to assist, but have experienced long delays in obtaining a response.

I write this letter to see if I can get some offers of assistance or push the 'powers that be' into taking the development of Indigenous communities seriously.

Surely it is time to recognise the importance of proper community development and for the community to be involved in decision-making instead of constantly being told what they are going to get from government administrations.

Governments have failed every time, but they still want that control.

Let's introduce the old-fashioned Australian ideal of a 'fair go'.

BOB McCULLOUGH
President
Australian Indigenous Games Foundation

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"But it's even more important for me to be healthy for my daughter."

"As a parent, I know how important it is to make sure my daughter is healthy. This means making sure she eats well and gets enough physical activity, but it also means making sure I set the right example by living a healthy life as well."

How much physical activity do I need?

Getting enough physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle, but you don't need to be training for hours a day. All you need is at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity on most or all days of the week. Moderate physical activity can be a brisk walk, a swim, a bike ride, mowing the lawn or even some vigorous housework.

You can even break up your physical activity into smaller periods. For instance, walk the kids to school in the morning, and then walk to pick them up again in the afternoon. (If you're pregnant, have been previously inactive or suffer from a medical condition, you should check with your doctor or health worker before doing vigorous physical activity.)

By making a few small changes – like playing a game of footy with the kids after school or walking to the shops instead of driving – you are making a big difference to you and your family's health.

"These small changes can make a real difference," Rohanee says. "Get into the habit of being more active, and you'll soon be feeling the benefits."

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UNCLE TED BUCHANAN

I RECENTLY went to the funeral of my cousin, Edward 'Ted' Beresford Buchanan, on the north coast of New South Wales, at a little place outside Kempsey called South West Rocks.

It would have been the biggest funeral that happened in that little town for some time.

Ted was a well-respected Aboriginal Elder with both white and black people.

The little Catholic Church called Star Of The Sea was bursting at its seams. There was no standing room inside or outside the church.

They brought Ted's coffin in and it was blessed and smoked with all the beautiful wild flowers and driftwood from the beach. There were a lot of his white fishing mates there and different people got up to pay their respects and then it was my turn to read my tribute to him.

I told the crowd that he and I were the first two Koori kids in our class in the little public school on top of the hill in South West Rocks in 1952. In those days, there was a lot of prejudice. We used to have to get coupons for food. We weren't



Uncle Ted, top row far right, and this tribute's author Jan Brown, second row third from left, in their 1952 school photo.

really allowed to go into town. Certain people would have to bring the food out to us.

In those days there were only two houses - more like huts - on the Aboriginal reserve. I moved to Nambucca Heads, then to Sydney where I married and lived.

Ted went on and became one of the 'big gun' fishermen in my eyes. He was the only man I knew who

could go fishing with no bait. He would just pick up a crab, crack it open and throw it on his line and come home with a bag full of fish.

It was as if he and the sea were one. He could tell me where the fish were travelling. He could tell the tides by the moon, and he could tell when there was bad weather coming and warn all the fishing mates not to take their

boats out because the storm was going to hit at, say, exactly 5.30pm.

Ted graduated from Mother Nature's University. Like many Aboriginal people, he ran on life's skills, but he was very special in his gifts from Blame. Each time I came up for a visit with my little family there were always oysters, crabs and fish waiting for me.

I will truly miss my brother. And of course my seafood!

After the service, Ted's casket was driven one more time down to the Aboriginal Reserve, up through South West Rocks, then near the main beach. We later held his wake on the Aboriginal Reserve with cakes, biscuits and cups of tea for all the people who had travelled a long way.

About 5pm, my daughter Donna and I looked up and there were about 40-50 birds flying in a circle around the Reserve where Ted lived. It was so beautiful. We could not believe it and one woman said 'Look Jan, the birds are going to miss him too'.

JAN BROWN (nee Buchanan)
Sydney, NSW

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Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 8 June 2009.



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Grateful family breathes easier

ON Sunday 29 March, I received a phone call from my sister-in-law advising me that my brother Sylvester Tyrone Cook, better known to many as Sly or Gardo, had been rushed to Robina Hospital, Queensland, and was in the Intensive Care Unit with pneumonia.

The doctors placed Gardo into an induced coma so that

his body would be able to fight the pneumonia. He was placed on a ventilator to assist him with his breathing.

It seemed touch and go there for a time, and what happened placed a lot of stress on his immediate and extended family.

I would like to extend my many thanks and the thanks of my younger brother Vincent

and sister Johnaleen to the hospital staff of the Intensive Care Unit of Robina Hospital, especially the nurses that cared for Gardo, the doctor who provided his time to explain to all the family the circumstance and seriousness of Gardo's illness and treatment that they were proceeding with to get him back on the road to a full

recovery. I would also like to thank all of those close family and extended family members and friends who phoned and provided moral support and prayers.

I believe these not only helped in Gardo's recovery but provided, myself, Vincent and Johnaleen with much-needed emotional support and strength.

On a personal note I would like to thank my wife Kerrie-Ann for her love and moral support in what was a very emotionally draining week.

Gardo is now on the road to a full recovery.

WAYNE COOK
Mardi
Central Coast, NSW

YOUR POETRY

The Clever Country

I love a sunburnt country, crying out for a drink...
'never-clever-land', where few ever stop to think.
Why do the bombs keep falling - but ***-all rain,
why are we fighting someone else's war... again?

Fooling clever people is really not that hard,
no ripples in the matrix... can't see beyond the
yard!

When the bankers go down - guess who takes the
pain,
all those years of work, slipping down the drain...

Their brothel is going down... faster than a ...
a new dawn coming - of that you can be certain.
Their 'titanic' was a global information culture...
build your island in the sea of mass-mediated-
culture.

The ego-self-illusion... take it out and kick it,
to 'reset' the balance, all you do is flick it.
Aligned not in-line - is the only way to be,
ask a friend, (in a tribe), she will help you see...

STEVE PALMER
Ballarat, Vic

Judas Kiss

Our women are not like your women
Our women are different, spiritual women of
substance
Which way? Which way?

Our women have fine clothes
Dressed all in satin
Possum skin gone now, all white are their ways
Which way, which way?

Our women are special, your women are savage
We eat real tucker, our children grow strong
Which way, which way?

We come to free country. Make way for the cattle
And timber and tucker
Tucker makes you strong now
Which way, which way?

Your people all gone now, we serve the one God
Her cares for our women, you can't care for yours
We work with the master
You people go now!
Which way? Which way?

We go to the hills now where Biamee protects us
Wooroompareh, Birrigen, friend!
We seek his shelter, under his wings
Go faster, go faster
The dogs are at our heels!

They are slow these wadjilas, lazy fulla riding
Run like the wind and pick up the children!
And how did they catch us?
Before we found shelter?
Safe in the arms of our Father, our friend?

Look! Look!
Here comes a black face shouting in lingo
"Our women are different, women of substance"
"Which way you black dog!"
Which way, which way!"

SHARON LIVERMORE
Kempsey, NSW



New South Wales
Government

IMPORTANT CHANGES

TO THE NSW ABORIGINAL TRUST FUND REPAYMENT SCHEME

The NSW Government announced it would set up the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS) in November 2004 to repay Aboriginal people (or their descendants) money which was put into Trust Funds by either the NSW Aborigines Protection Board (APB) or the Aborigines Welfare Board (AWB) between 1900 and 1969 and not repaid.

Recently the NSW Government decided to make a number of changes to the Scheme to make it more efficient and to ensure the equal treatment of claimants.

The ATFRS continues to operate as an evidence based Scheme.

It is not a compensation Scheme and ex gratia repayments will only be made in relation to money placed into APB or AWB Trust Fund accounts and never repaid.

CHANGES TO THE ATFRS INCLUDE:

- Where money is found to be owing to direct claimants registered with the Scheme an ex gratia repayment of \$11,000 will be repaid.
- The closing date for applications to the Scheme is 31 May 2009, although it will continue to operate for at least 12 months after that date. No new claimants or applications will be accepted after the 31 May, 2009.
- In the case of Descendant claims, if a repayment is assessed as being owed an ex gratia repayment of \$11,000 will be made according to the following distribution but only to eligible claimants registered with the Scheme by 31 May 2009.
 - If there is no will, the repayment will be paid 100% to a spouse of more than two years (including de facto partners) if they are still alive and have registered with the Scheme. There are slightly different arrangements for a spouse of less than two years and these will be set out in the revised ATFRS Guidelines.
 - If there is no spouse alive then the repayment is distributed in equal shares between the living children of the deceased person who have registered with the Scheme.
 - If the spouse and children of the deceased Trust Fund holder have also died then the money will be distributed in equal shares to the living grandchildren of the deceased person who have registered with the Scheme.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Aboriginal people (or their descendants) who came under the jurisdiction of the NSW Aborigines Protection Board (APB) or the Aborigines Welfare Board (AWB); and who
- had money put into Trust Funds operated by either of the Boards between 1900 and 1969, which was never repaid; and who
- have registered their applications with the ATFRS by 31 May 2009.

HOW TO MAKE A CLAIM?

- To make a claim you will need to complete a Claim Form which can be obtained by visiting www.atfrs.nsw.gov.au and downloading a form and faxing it to 02 8243 9466.
- Alternatively, you can call the ATFRS free call number on 1800 765 889 and talk to a Project Officer about how to register with the Scheme.

**REGISTRATIONS AND APPLICATIONS MADE AFTER 31 MAY 2009
WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The Scheme will continue processing claims for at least 12 months after that date.

For more information about the ATFRS changes, eligibility or registrations

VISIT: www.atfrs.nsw.gov.au

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Griffith

Come and hear about the free dispute resolution services available to help you and your family. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Enquiries: Rose Gordon, Indigenous Project Officer, Energy & Water Ombudsman NSW (EWON), phone (02) 8218 5221 roseg@ewon.com.au

Visit www.goodservice.nsw.gov.au



Mangoola Coal

Mangoola Coal Aboriginal Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Studies

Notification and Registration of Interest in Consultation

Mangoola Coal seeks registration of interested Aboriginal groups or individuals to participate in the consultation program for Aboriginal cultural heritage and archaeological assessment relating to the proposed relocation of a 500kV transmission line for Mangoola Coal (in the Upper Hunter Valley within the Muswellbrook Local Government Area).

Aboriginal stakeholder groups or people with ancestral connections to the Upper Hunter Valley region are invited to register interest to Greg Newton, Environment and Community Officer

Registration must be received by 5 pm on 6 May 2009 by fax 02 6543 4318, email mangoolaenquiries@xstratacoal.com.au or post PO Box 495 Muswellbrook NSW 2333.



Aboriginal Advisory Panel

An opportunity to contribute and make a difference

Nominations are being sought from interested individuals/organisational representatives to fill a vacancy on the City of Port Adelaide Enfield Aboriginal Advisory Panel.

The Aboriginal Advisory Panel has two key purposes -

1. To provide input to Council on matters relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community
2. Provide a mechanism for members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to communicate and raise issues with Council.

Membership criteria for the Panel include:

- Must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, and/or
- An agency/organisation or part of an agency whose primary role is to provide services for persons of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island descent
- Must live, work or have a strong connection with the City of Port Adelaide Enfield area
- Knowledge and connections within the community, ie those who have knowledge
- Applicants applying as an agency representative need to have knowledge of local community as well as their agency
- Young people are particularly encouraged to apply

Nominations will close on Friday 8 May 2009 and must be submitted on an application form that can be obtained on the Council website www.portenf.sa.gov.au or by contacting Janet on 8405 6868, email janet.taylor@portenf.sa.gov.au

H.J. Wierda City Manager

inDIG stage draws



From left, Marcia White (Rockhampton), Tony Lewis and Janet Blair (Tyagarah).



Wujal Wujal visitors from Cape York Felicity Yougie, Mabel Yougie and Marie Shipton.



The Stiff Gins at Bumbaline.



Headline act Ben Harper.



• ABOVE: Members of the far north Queensland band Tribe of Jubal backstage.

• LEFT: Christine Anu's back up singers and a Torres Strait Islander dancer during the Bluesfest.

Easter Bluesfest revellers



The Tribe of Jubal drummer during a performance on the inDIG stage.



Dan Sultan rocking out.



Jason Mraz performs.



Christine Anu was among the performers.

Rain and mud no problem at Byron

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



EVEN pouring rain and deep pools of mud couldn't keep punters from revelling in the true spirit of Bluesfest at Byron Bay.

The five-day Easter weekend festival in far northern NSW saw performances by blues and roots musicians from overseas and across Australia – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists amongst them – enjoyed by crowds of up to 85,000.

Within the first few hours of the rains on day one of the festival, gumboots of all colours and designs were being sold by the hundreds in stalls by the sides of roads right across the beach town.

And if you didn't have them you were in trouble, with other footwear being abandoned after becoming stuck in the muddy grounds of Belongil Fields.

Many who did brave the elements eventually gave in to temptation to just slide about in mud for a while. Yet despite all this the mood was overwhelmingly 'up'.

Big names

There were some big names amongst this year's headline acts, including Ben Harper and Relentless 7, John Butler Trio, Michael Franti and Spearhead, Xavier Rudd and Jason Mraz.

However, with more than 100 bands and 220 performances on six stages across five days, many blues fans said they had experienced some new bands they'd never even heard of.

Among this year's 20th birthday celebrations was the inaugural inDIG stage launched to enthusiastic crowds.

Saltwater Band featuring Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu was a festival favourite and played to large crowds at their first Bluesfest. The band spoke to *The Koori Mail* backstage before preparing for their first gig and said they were playing on behalf of their community of Elcho Island, and

always kept this in mind when performing their music before audiences.

They were overwhelmed at the level of support they received for their music and lyrics, which maintain deep traditional roots and enable them to fulfil their role of keeping culture alive and sharing it with others.

Members said they consulted with Elders when writing their songs and that maintaining a strong cultural link was a vital element to their music.

Three fans Felicity Yougie, Mabel Yougie and Marie Shipton travelled all the way from Wujal Wujal in Cape York to see the band perform, and said they hadn't been disappointed.

Rock and blues crooner Dan Sultan was seen rocking out with the crowd to singer Terrance Simien before performing his latest tracks, with some old favourites thrown in.

Sultan, who just finished playing the Chill City festival in Melbourne, said he was enjoying listening to the music he had grown up with.

Other highlights from the inDIG stage were the harmonies of Redfern's Stiff Gins, who are currently recording tracks at Sydney's Gadigal Music studios for their upcoming album.

The duo held the crowd with their heartfelt songs of family, love and loss.

North Queensland's Tribe of Jubal, reggae band Banawurun and popular duo Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter also gave some strong performances before the crowds.

Traditional owner Yvonne Stewart said the inDIG stage, named Bumbaline in honour of a much respected local Elder, was just the start of what she anticipated to be an important part of the Bluesfest.

She said the stage had proved to be one of the most popular at the festival and she expected it to grow every year.

And she had been impressed by the quality of Indigenous performances she had seen and was looking forward to what next year had in store.



Artist Paul Patten with local Traditional Owner Yvonne Stewart and her husband Wally at the Bumbaline stage.



Three young fellas enjoying the festival John Pupangmirri, 11 (back) with little brother Lincoln, 8 and friend Keanu Buchanan, 7.



Manuel Dhurrkay and Lloyd Malalung from Saltwater Band backstage before their performance.



Xavier Rudd with local Aboriginal dancers onstage during his performance.

'SYTYCD is not for everyone. Despite what the judges say, it's not the 'be-all-and-end-all' of a career in dance. But it is an experience and I don't regret any of what I went through.'

Super dancer ... Nikki Ashby goes out on a limb to tell *Koori Mail* readers about her experiences on *So You Think You Can Dance*. Photo by BINDI COLE

No regrets

EVER wondered what it's like to appear on national television, fighting for an opportunity you've waited for your whole life? Tough judges and a fickle voting public are just part of the process for dancers struggling to make their mark through the international television phenomenon *So You Think You Can Dance* (SYTYCD).

As a fair chunk of the nation's viewing public settles down on the sofa to watch the final of this year's Australian series this weekend, one of our own – Aboriginal dancer **NIKKI ASHBY** – spills the beans on what life is like competing in the internationally-recognised dance-off...

DANCERS can handle the most strenuous, craziest of circumstances without any recognition or the credit they deserve. That was my conclusion, after auditioning and making the Top 40 in 2008's inaugural Australian series of *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Hip Hop receives hardly any credit in the mainstream dance industry and has many of the

Indigenous Australia's own entrant reflects on life after *So You Think You Can Dance*

hardest styles to master such as popping, locking and breaking. On the bright side, the hip hop community is one of the most supportive in the dance world.

I auditioned for the show in Melbourne with two dancers in my hip hop dance theatre company known as The Movement Hip Hop Crew.

We decided to go in together and had to dance freestyle to selected music in front of the producers, even before making it before the actual judges.

It was a process that took all day and we never knew how long it would be before we were called for a 30-second freestyle audition.

Once selected to audition for the judges, I and hundreds of other dancers had two days to prepare a dance piece.

With full tilt adrenalin running through your veins, I can only describe this as highly intense, nerve-racking and extremely

frustrating. You wait, warm-up, wait some more, warm-up, fight off the urge to throw up and wait some more. And all the while, you're feeling that this was a mistake.

You're obsessing about your audition piece, whether you've got enough skill incorporated into your choreography, chosen a good song, got the right gear or the right shoes that won't make you slip on the stage or just simply if the judges are going to know enough about the style you're presenting to judge you on it.

'No pressure'

Then you finally have your moment – 90 seconds on stage to give your everything for opportunities and exposure that previously never existed on such a scale for Australian dancers. Really, there's no pressure!

After you've finally auditioned, the judges tell you what they think

about you, your life story, personality, dance history and anything else they care to mention.

Your response to this relies totally on if you want to get through to, at least the choreography stage. If you do get through, there's another four or five hours of the audition stage to fret that maybe you're just not what they're looking for.

At this stage, you're being judged on everything; not just your skill or ability to pick up the steps, but attitude – and whether you dare to challenge the judges' authority.

It was a long, sore, tiring and stressful day and I was literally the last person to be given my result.

'No thanks' wasn't the result I wanted to hear, and I was devastated. After more than 20 years of dancing all mainly in lead roles, choreographing, teaching and performing with companies

nationally and internationally to become a favourite in the hip hop scene, it certainly shattered one's self-esteem.

But it wasn't over for me. All I could think about was 'I will do this again in Sydney'. Hesitant, but still determined, I had to return and re-audition.

This time, I had to really prepare and think about the message I wanted to get across to the entire nation. I didn't want to portray some invented character. I needed to be the person I knew I was and whom most of the Australian dance community knew me to be ... in just 90 seconds.

Classic

So I danced Contemporary/Indigenous to Archie Roach's classic *Took the children away*.

Finally, I had made a statement, something for me and for my people. I didn't care if I didn't make it through for this piece. I just wanted it to be seen and heard ... and it felt amazing.

I was pushed to my limit by being asked to attend the choreography for a second time. I believe this was added pressure to see if I would break.

Proudly, I can say I fought for my spot. I didn't give up. I powered through, nailed the routines and won a place in Top 100 week.

● Continued facing page

'I just wanted it to be seen and heard ... and it felt amazing'

Dubbo base for ICV



INDIGENOUS
Community
Volunteers (ICV) is
expanding its work
in south-east

Australia with a new regional office and team based in Dubbo, western New South Wales.

The independent, non-government organisation uses volunteers to work on projects to 'close the gap' on disadvantage amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Projects focus on a range of areas from health, education and construction to website business development.

Liberal NSW Senator and Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Affairs Marise Payne officially opened the Dubbo office earlier this month.

"ICV does a wonderful job linking indigenous communities around Australia with skilled volunteers for short-term projects initiated by the communities themselves," Senator Payne said.

"The organisation's new South East Region office, located in Dubbo, will mean expanded opportunities for community partnerships not just in central



Senator Marise Payne officially opens the Dubbo office and, right, South East Regional Manager Lee Willis-Ardler, who will lead the Dubbo office.

western NSW, but throughout south-east Australia – NSW, ACT, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania.

New Regional Manager Lee Willis-Ardler will lead the Dubbo office.

"More than half of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in Sydney and Melbourne, and over two-thirds of

Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people live in NSW or Victoria," he said.

"It is critical for us to have a well-located and accessible team.

Committed

"We are committed to results. Communities across south-east Australia need to know that we are here, relevant and approachable."



because of a lack of strategic direction and resources, but ICV was able to help by providing a volunteer with experience in business development and management.

"ICV was very approachable and flexible. They didn't say 'do this or do that', they asked us what we want," said Julie Webb, the Parkes Aboriginal Multi-Purpose Centre's corporate development officer.

"We felt the centre had a lot of potential but we didn't know how to get there."

ICV's South East regional staff in Dubbo organised a volunteer to help develop a business plan. Rob Bradley travelled from the Blue Mountains to meet with staff and consult about what the community needs and wants to offer.

Mr Bradley's work has provided the 'scaffolding' to help the centre build better partnerships with local groups including existing partners the Parkes Council, library, CDEP job network and NSW Police.

"We now aim to restart a mothers-and-babies-focused medical centre which the centre is now confident it can secure funding for," Ms Webb said.

Dancer has no regrets

● From facing page

With 100 of the finest dancers in the nation networking, building friendships and competing together, Top 100 week was exciting, enlightening and ... totally exhausting.

Each day became harder with hours and hours of routines where even the slightest yawn or sit down could lose you a spot.

Popping, latin and contemporary dancing our way through, dancers were sent packing every day with virtually no notice.

The pressure was almost unbearably overbearing when only 40 contestants remained. After having already danced for 12 hours, we were given a piece of music, split into groups and told to return to the hotel and work together overnight to create a 'hot' dance routine to perform in front of the judges the next morning.

Six hours of practice and just three hours of sleep later, my group managed to push through the choreography. We had to perform twice for the judges and emotions ran high and tears flowed, even out of the strongest of male dancers. Luckily, my group made it through.

As tiring and tedious as the week was, I managed to push through with not one bad remark or criticism from the judges (aside from looking 'awkward' in borrowed stilettos).

Yep, I was on my way to be a part of the first top 20 contestants in Australia.

Judgment night

Judgment night finally came along and, after a well-earned sleep, all the dancers dressed up and had dinner together before being moved to a marshall area to wait (for 11 hours in my case, as one of the last competitors to hear).

Watching the parade before me, I had a strong gut feeling that I hadn't made it through and this turned out to be right.

After such an emotional week, it was tough to feel unworthy – so publicly – again. But I picked myself up and decided the experience was worthwhile.

I decided there were no losses, only gains. Then I realised I had to wait to watch



A DESCENDANT of the Kurna and Narrunga peoples of South Australia, Melbourne-based Nikki Ashby is the founder and artistic director of The Movement Hip Hop Crew. Since SYTYCD Australia 2008, she has taught dance at Northlands Secondary School in Melbourne, co-ordinated the Indigenous opening of the Moomba Parade, and performed, choreographed and mentored in many events. She was named Indigenous Artist of the Year at the 2008 Melbourne Fringe Festival, and was the first and only Aboriginal B-girl to enter an international 'B-girl' battle, competing at the annual 'She Got Game' international B-girl competition in Melbourne, where she took out Best Australian B-girl Crew for *Reckonstyle*. Lately, Ashby's career path has taken a diversion from dancing to acting and she worked with her sister and fellow dancer Caleena Sansbury on *Urgent*, a show about three young sisters from different mothers who meet for the first time – a familiar experience for Nikki. She ended 2008 by starring in a three-month national tour for Ilbjerri Theatre Company's show *Chopped Liver* and performing cabaret-style as part of Miss Constantina Bush and the Bushettes at the 2008 VIPA Awards. Recently, Ashby headed to the Northern Territory for a one-month touring dance program in communities such as Beswick and Daly River. Later this year she'll perform at The Dreaming festival in Queensland and will take part in Vibe Alive and Vibe 3 on 3 tours around the country.

Photo by BINDI COLE

the series unfold on the telly and feel every emotion of the whole SYTYCD experience all over again. Dang!

SYTYCD is not for everyone. Despite what the judges say, it's not the 'be-all-and-end-all' of a career in dance. But it is an experience and I don't regret any of what I went through.

If you are a strong Indigenous dancer – whether in a company or independent – I

recommend you go for it. But maintain your identity, stay true to who you are and don't be persuaded to change into something that you're not.

People will always have opinions of you, good or bad. But only you know yourself and know where you want to be.

I'd like to thank all the communities who supported me during the show. I received so many great comments and feedback

from our mob who took the time to express their faith and pride in me. This alone made the whole thing worth it and showed me I could continue as a dancer.

My experiences have taught me to be thankful for each and every opportunity that comes your way. Whatever you do, do it with passion, integrity and love. Peace out!

● The final of SYTYCD Australia will screen Sunday, 26 April, on Channel Ten.

Foley Shield attracts crowds



Torres/Cape players enjoy an ice bath before the final.



Mackay supporters Colin Doolah, Matilda Doolah, Thelma Mosby, 75, Vivien Eseli, 13, and Caroline Eseli, 18.



● ABOVE: Some of the young entertainers get ready to perform as part of the Foley Shield cultural activities.

● RIGHT: Plenty of smiles ... Ali Doolah, Matilda Eseli and Thelma Eseli at the football carnival in Townsville, north Queensland.



Spirits high at league carnival

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



MOB came from Cape York, most Torres Strait Islanders, Cairns, Mackay, Mount Isa, Hughenden, Normanton and further afield for the revamped

Foley Shield rugby league competition at Townsville over the Easter weekend.

It was estimated that Torres Strait Islander people outnumbered Aboriginal people, mainly due to the fact that Torres/Cape made their historical debut in the popular competition, which started in 1948.

Every team had Indigenous players, and Queensland Rugby League Northern Division Chairman Greg Sutherland made a classic quote after Torres/Cape won their third game from as many matches against reigning titleholders Townsville to qualify for the grand final.

"These spectators here don't care if you are 'black, white, brown or brindle' and they have applauded the Torres/Cape players because they played good and fair football," he said.

'History'

"This is history, with one new team making the final and another which used to be in the comp back in too."

New combined sides Torres/Cape, Innisfail/Eacham and Mid West/Mount Isa competed against regulars Townsville, Cairns and Mackay.

Innisfail/Eacham, which included several Yarrabah players, won the final beating Torres/Cape 32-22 before a huge crowd.

The *Koori Mail* was there for the three days starting on Good Friday and ending with the final on Easter Sunday.

The local Torres Strait Islander community seized the opportunity to

showcase their culture to the wider community.

Genus Passi organised dancers before the Torres/Cape games, and they were a hit with the crowd.

"We did several dances and the crowd loved them," he said.

As an unexpected bonus, visiting NRL club Gold Coast Titans trained on an adjacent field in preparation for their game at Dairy Farmers Stadium against the Cowboys, which they won 14-10.

Amongst the Titans was Preston Campbell, who played in headgear with Aboriginal colours.

Supporters

The *Koori Mail* spoke to many visitors including Mackay supporters Colin Doolah, Matilda Doolah, Thelma Mosby, aged 75, and Vivien Eseli, 13, and Caroline Eseli, 18.

"We barrack for Mackay but hope Torres/Cape does well," Mr Doolah said.

Doug Pitt was carrying the water bottle for Mackay. He said it was great to see so many Indigenous footballers in such a mainstream competition.

Four generations of the Baira family were there on day one to watch Weipa-based Jimmy Baira shine for Torres/Cape in an upset 28-24 win over Cairns.

It really turned out to be 'Good Friday' for great grandmother Maria Dendulk, her daughter Maria Baira, Maria's daughter Romeenah Baira, and Romeenah's baby Jamestyn Baira.

Showers failed to dampen the spirit or enthusiasm of the spectators, many of whom wore raincoats or donned garbage bags.

Players who were injured were invited to have an ice bath and many took up the invitation.

The consensus at the end of the carnival was that it was a big win for the Indigenous community in general from far and wide, many of whom have few visits to the big smoke.

from north Qld, Torres Strait



Genus Passi, right, and entertainers before they dressed in traditional costumes.



Mavis Satrick proudly holds the Torres Strait Islander flag with three of her 21 grandchildren.



Preston Campbell was in town for the Titans' NRL clash with the Cowboys.



Marie Mosby, left, and other supporters.



Rose Faud, left, and Gina Dorante, both from Thursday Island.



Torres/Cape star Garreth Smith with partner Florrie King Smith and their children.



Dancers ready to perform at the carnival.



Former Cowboys NRL coach Graham Murray with Genevieve Meldrum.



Doug Pitt from Mackay.



Jason Nixon, from Napranum, carries the esky.



Aaron Daniel, left, and James Binawell, from Dauan Island.



Lama Ahmat, left, and Peter Baira enjoyed the carnival.

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Child Safety Placement and Support Services

The Queensland Government has grant funding available for a non-government organisation to provide Child Safety placement and support services in the Indigenous community of Yarrabah.

The purpose of this grant funding is to deliver a placement and family intervention service to children and young people subject to statutory child protection intervention, and their families, in Yarrabah. The family intervention service is part of an integrated service response which will operate from a foster care house located in Yarrabah.

The Foster and Kinship Care Service will provide safe places for children and young people who have entered the statutory child protection system, so that they are able to safely remain in their community while their longer-term needs are being assessed. The Family Intervention Service will provide practical supports to families to address child protection concerns, minimising future risk and building capacity for children to safely remain in, or return to, their family homes.

The functions required of these organisations, together with eligibility and assessment criteria, are set out in the Indigenous Community Child Safety Placement and Family Intervention Service Funding Information Paper, which can be accessed via the department's website at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar/index.html or by phoning (07) 3224 4546.

Intending applicants are advised to contact Vicki Hopkins, Community Support Team, Far Northern Zone, on (07) 4048 9351.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 1 June 2009.



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Indigenous Youth Parliament Applications now open

Queensland will be hosting its first Indigenous Youth Parliament to give young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders the opportunity to have a say and learn about the way Parliament works.

We want to hear from young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders aged 18 to 25, who are interested in sharing their opinions and debating with other young Indigenous people.

Apply now to:

- learn about parliamentary decision-making processes
- learn about the democratic processes used in State Parliament
- develop leadership skills, and
- develop networks with other young leaders.

For more information or to obtain a copy of the application form call 1300 55 59 54 or visit www.communities.qld.gov.au.

Application closes **Monday 27 April 2009.**



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DVD producer Josephine Wright, Tarwirri Vice-President Jidah Clark, DVD producer Nicki Johnson, and Tarwirri members Tim Goodwin and Jamie-Lee McConnachie at the launch of *Chasing the Law*.

Push for more law students

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Law Institute of Victoria has launched a short film aimed at encouraging more young people to study law and pursue their dreams.

Chasing the Law features interviews with successful Indigenous law students, lawyers and a barrister with Victoria's support organisation for Indigenous law students and legal professionals, Tarwirri.

Tarwirri produced the DVD in response to the low number of Aboriginal law graduates across the State, reflective of a national trend in Indigenous law graduates.

Only three Indigenous people were admitted into the law profession in Victoria last year and Tarwirri wants to see that number increase.

Third-year Deakin University law student Jamie-Lee McConnachie knows all too well the 'blood, sweat and tears' that go into finishing a law degree.

She will graduate in 2010 and states categorically that it has been the hardest thing she has done in her life.

Five-year journey

A Tarwirri member, Ms McConnachie said she became involved in the project knowing how hard the struggle had been for her. So much so that after graduating in 2001 with a Bachelor of Criminal Justice, it took her five long years to navigate her way into a law degree.

Ms McConnachie said that on her first day, lecturers told them to take a look at the student sitting beside them, because by the end of the year they would have dropped out.

"Whether you're black or white, a law degree affords you no concessions," she said.

"In my first week I picked up one of my textbooks and felt like I was reading Chinese, that's how hard it has been."

McConnachie said that at 25, she likens the study of law to the elite training of an athlete in the 'pure discipline of mind, body and spirit'.

She has come a long way from the nine-year-old girl who waited while her nana worked as a cleaner in the local solicitor's office.

She said even at that young age, she was acutely aware of the prevalence of racism in her country town.

What stuck a chord with her then was the way the non-Indigenous solicitors spoke to the Aboriginal clients, with respect and without bias or prejudice. Ms McConnachie said that was when she knew what she wanted to do with her life.

"Studying law has enriched every single facet of my life. I think about how my grandma wasn't even allowed to go to school and I am inspired to keep going," she said.

"This is for my grandma and for my brothers. When you hold a dream in your hands, there's nothing more empowering. I'm just a little black girl from Mt Isa with a dream."

And now that dream is just over a year away from becoming a reality.

Ms McConnachie also acknowledged the political forces that compelled her to finish her degree so she could start helping her community.

"Deaths in custody are a driving force to finishing. I think about what a vulnerable position it would be to be in trouble with the law and not knowing what to do," she said.

"These are our brothers, cousins and uncles getting locked up, often victims of circumstance and limited education."

When she finishes next year, she plans to sit her bar exams and then go on to work for legal aid and start the next chapter of her life.

The *Chasing the Law* DVD is available free for education institutions. Contact Aislinn Martin on (03) 9607 9474 for more information.

Pro bono suggestion 'an insult'

By DARREN COYNE



THE Aboriginal legal service in South Australia is considering another complaint to the United Nations

against the Commonwealth and State governments' failure to fund the service adequately.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie told *The Koori Mail* that the situation was 'ridiculous', with the Commonwealth Government suggesting the ALRM should try to access pro bono legal services.

"They're suggesting we take a begging bowl to the legal profession to get representation for Aboriginal people who are seeking representation regarding being members of the Stolen Generations," Mr Gillespie said last week.

"That's appalling. I bet the Legal Services Commission would never be told to seek pro bono services for its funding, so why is this suggested to the ALRM?"

No-one came

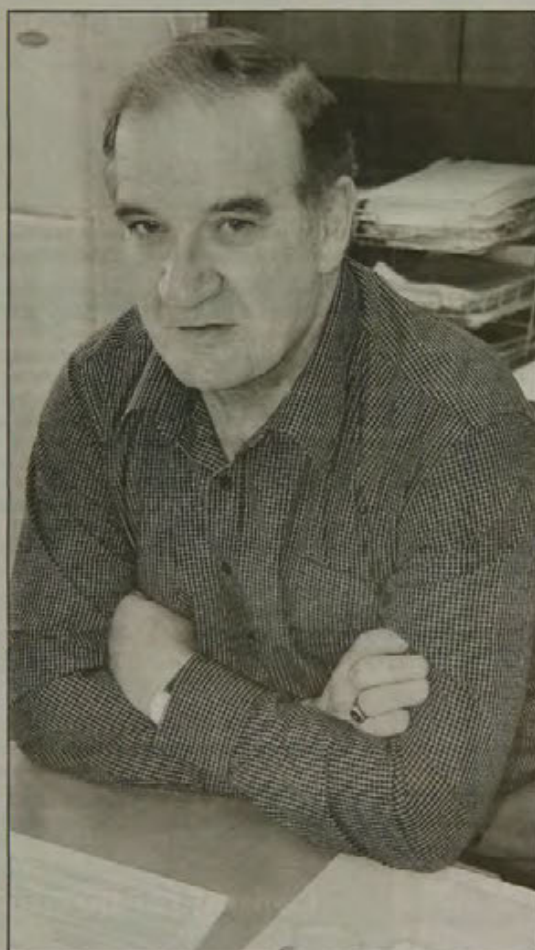
Mr Gillespie said the ALRM recently held a Stolen Generations Forum and despite many being invited, not one politician from the State or Commonwealth governments bothered to turn up.

"Not one representative attended to explain their positions to members which was very, very disappointing," he said.

The ALRM has argued previously that its funding, and funding for other Aboriginal Legal Services around the country, had remained static since 1996, despite promises of increases by Labor prior to the last election.

Mr Gillespie said it was time for both levels of government to be put 'under the microscope', adding he would welcome an opportunity to debate attorney-generals from both State and Federal governments on the matter of funding.

He said ALRM would lodge a complaint under the UN Convention for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the UN Declaration on the Rights of



South Australian Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie: "They're suggesting we take a begging bowl to the legal profession to get representation for Aboriginal people who are seeking representation regarding being members of the Stolen Generations."

Indigenous Peoples, and UN the Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

"Australia is seeking to become a member of the UN Security Council and one of their claims is that Australia is a principal advocate of human rights," Mr Gillespie said.

Concerns

"ALRM intends to write to all members of the UN General Assembly expressing concerns at Australia's claim to having a good human rights record, especially when it has a complaint lodged with the CERD committee."

"The Government is denying access to justice to members of the Stolen Generations, so we

need to take it further.

"We need to put Australia under international scrutiny for its human rights failures as it continues to deny justice to Aboriginal people and the Stolen Generations."

The *Koori Mail* reported last September that the ALRM was lodging a complaint with the UN over the 'racist' treatment of Aboriginal people.

Mr Gillespie said the complaint had been effective.

Since then, the Australian Government has endorsed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms of Indigenous People, James Ananya, is expected to visit Australia in August this year.



Australian Government

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

INDIGENOUS STAFF SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR STUDY IN 2010

Scholarship applications are now open for eligible Indigenous higher education staff across Australia who actively encourage Indigenous students to gain formal higher education qualifications.

The program reflects the Australian Government's commitment to Indigenous education, and provides professional development opportunities for Indigenous scholars.

How the scholarships will work:

- Five national Indigenous Staff Scholarships are awarded annually for a 12 month period.
- Successful applicants can take 12 months leave from employment to undertake full-time study in their chosen academic or professional area.
- Provides up to \$12,000 to cover tuition fees and student contribution amounts for the year and a stipend payment (living allowance) of \$24,200. These amounts are indexed annually.
- Priority will be given to staff undertaking postgraduate awards and who have not previously received an Indigenous Staff Scholarship.
- Scholarships will be awarded on merit against the selection criteria detailed in the guidelines.
- Scholarships will be awarded by the Minister for Education on advice from the Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council.

Applications close 5 June 2009 (No late applications will be accepted)

Program information, guidelines and the application form are available at: www.deewr.gov.au/IndigenousStaffScholarships



Australian Government

Department of Immigration and Citizenship

Applications open for Diverse Australia Program Community Grants

(incorporating the National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security)

Addressing Intolerance

Eligible organisations are invited to apply for community grants under the Diverse Australia Program (DAP) and the National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security (NAP). Funding is available to help incorporated not for profit community organisations address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance. Projects should work towards developing strong social cohesion by bringing all Australians together, and encouraging people to participate in Australia's social and economic life.

In 2009 \$2 million is available for community grants. This includes funds to help build the capacity of small organisations to implement community relations projects and manage government funding. Under this arrangement, amounts of up to \$5000 are available for less complex projects and activities.

Funding of between \$5000 and \$50 000 will be available for major projects.

Application process

Applicants should read the 2009 'Guidelines for Community Grants' before applying. The guidelines contain detailed information about the selection criteria and the priorities for 2009.

The guidelines and application forms are available at www.harmony.gov.au. Enquiries should be directed to 1800 782 002. More information on the NAP is available from www.immi.gov.au/nap

Information can be provided in languages other than English by calling TIS National during business hours on 13 14 50.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is 6 pm AEST Friday 8 May 2009.

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NSW FOGs back the rights of consumers



PROTECTION of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander consumer rights in the marketplace was on the agenda when two New South Wales Former Origin Greats (FOGs) met with Fair Trading Indigenous workers and managers last week.

Former international-level rugby league footballer Cliff 'Napper' Lyons and captain of the 'Invincibles' Australian touring side Max Krilich have stepped forward to offer their support in a bid to provide better services to Indigenous Australians.

State Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge said the sporting identities talked about their experiences of how confidence, teamwork, fair play and good leadership would help Fair Trading fight for Aboriginal rights.

Ms Judge welcomed the support of NSW FOGs, who joined Fair Trading in enjoying a strong history of supporting Indigenous Australians.

"NSW Fair Trading is a national leader in providing services for Aboriginal communities and last year celebrated a decade of its Aboriginal Action Plan (AAP)," she said.

The Minister said the plan was a commitment to improving Indigenous people's knowledge of consumer protection laws and achieving greater access to consumer protection programs.

"Fair Trading has improved service delivery to Aboriginal people through dedicated employment, sporting and community sponsorships, education services, information sessions, housing and tenancy initiatives and joint activities with a number of other government, community and Indigenous agencies."

Saving language



THE revival of the Wiradjuri language has taken a major step with the

recent graduation of 18 Aboriginal language teachers at Narrandera and Wagga Wagga.

The students graduated with TAFE-accredited Certificates in Aboriginal Language.

The Wagga Wagga graduates were Shane Atkinson, Yvonne Gilchrist, Brenda Kerry, Owen Walsh, Rhonda French, Robert Green, Lorraine Parker, Sandy Warren, Elisabeth Edwards and Michelle Gemmell.

The Narrandera graduates were Roland Williams, Des Bourne, Stewart James, Derek Lyons, Kelly J Lyons, Kelly G Lyons and Leanne Smith.

Wiradjuri Elder and one of the successful students, Aunt Sandy Warren, gave a welcome to country in language at the awards presentation in Wagga Wagga.

Another Wiradjuri Elder, Stan Grant Snr, who initiated the course after receiving support through the Government's NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre, taught the graduates.

Training in the Wiradjuri language is continuing at Narrandera TAFE, Wagga Wagga and other Aboriginal communities.

Mr Grant said the Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre had been a big help in many ways.

"The on-going support is very important because it has helped us to provide the right resources for the course," he said.

"Learning language is geared towards learning about our culture."

"Since running these courses to teach and revitalise our Wiradjuri language, we can see our students adopting important elements of our culture that we call Yindymarra, which means to show



At the Wagga Wagga ceremony were Uncle Stan Grant (teacher), Brenda Kerry, Megan Edwards, Robert Green, Aunt Sandy Warren, Owen Walsh and Libby Edwards.

patience, respect and honour, and to be courteous.

"This is a vital part of behaviour to the traditional people of the land and of our culture and heritage."

The Language Centre administers the NSW Government's Community Language Assistance Program, which provides grants of \$5000 to \$25,000 to projects to revive NSW Aboriginal languages.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the graduation was another important step for language revitalisation in NSW.

"These graduates now have formal TAFE qualifications in the Wiradjuri language that can be used to teach in schools and Aboriginal communities," he said.

Mr Lynch said New South Wales was taking a national lead in revitalising

and protecting Aboriginal languages.

"Since 2005, the NSW Government has invested \$1.9 million on the Aboriginal Research and Resource Centre and community language grants," he said.

"Before the arrival of Europeans, at least 70 Aboriginal languages and dialects were spoken in the area now called NSW."

The 2006 Australian Census estimated that only 804 people in NSW spoke an Aboriginal language in the home.

"Language is an important part of culture and Australia's Aboriginal people have the longest living culture in the world," Mr Lynch said.

For more information on the NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre contact (02) 9219 0700 or visit the NSW Aboriginal Languages Research and Resource Centre website: www.alrrc.nsw.gov.au



New South Wales Department of
Aboriginal Affairs

REVITALISING NSW ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES

The NSW Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, the Hon. Paul Lynch MP invites Aboriginal community organisations to lodge submissions for grants of between \$5,000 and \$25,000 for community language projects.

This program is aimed at preserving and revitalising NSW Aboriginal languages. The types of projects that are eligible include recording, documenting, teaching and raising awareness of Aboriginal languages across the State.

For further information, detailed selection criteria and application forms, please visit the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' web site at www.daa.nsw.gov.au or telephone the Department of Aboriginal Affairs' switchboard on (02 9219 0700).

Applications close: 22 May 2009.

Advertisement

Young Indigenous Leaders' Forum Calling for nominations now



If you are an aspiring young Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders aged 18 to 25 who want to work towards positive outcomes for your community, apply now to the Young Indigenous Leaders' Forum.

The forum is part of the Queensland Government's commitment to reconciliation and provides an opportunity for 20 young people to:

- learn about leadership from a variety of inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander speakers
- boost your leadership skills
- develop networks and
- discuss issues and share knowledge about issues impacting on Indigenous communities.

For further information on the Young Indigenous Leaders Forum, including application forms, call 1300 555 954 or visit www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au

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Applications close Monday 27 April.



Queensland Government
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Haiden Briggs, Albert 'Budda' Solomon and Ken Bell, of Wallaga Lake, prepare the dilapidated building for renovation as the new Outreach Centre.
Photo LAURELLE PACEY

Work begins on Wallaga Centre

By LAURELLE PACEY



CONSTRUCTION of a multi-purpose outreach centre at Wallaga Lake Koori Village, on the NSW far south coast, is under way, but the project is about much more than a building.

It is also addressing a range of service delivery and social issues among the community's 170 residents.

Services are still to be finalised, but will include a medical clinic, health and employment services.

Project co-ordinator Bruce MacPherson is working with Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Council and the community to ensure the project develops in the way they want.

He is employed by Eurobodalla Shire Council, which is the auspicing body and responsible for the day-to-day management, but the project is cost-neutral to the council.

The council has a memorandum of understanding with Merrimans and a funding agreement to co-ordinate and establish the centre and associated services with the Commonwealth Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) through the Indigenous Coordination Centre (ICC), Department of Health and Ageing, and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

It has been a long and some might say tortuous road to reach this stage involving an inter-governmental steering committee which meets quarterly, and a local interim steering committee which meets monthly.

The steering committee has a senior Elder and a young person from Wallaga as well as representatives from Merrimans Land Council, Eurobodalla Shire Council, Anglicare,

Katungal Medical Service, Mission Australia and the ICC.

Mr MacPherson said that initially, the plan was for a purpose-built demountable building, but he soon became aware that was not what the community wanted.

"Instead, they wanted to renovate a dilapidated building which had been the CDEP office and, more recently, a medical clinic, so the funding and design were renegotiated," Mr MacPherson said.

"This caused some delay, but the community felt it was worth it. One benefit of renovating an existing building is it provides job opportunities for the community as well as fixing a community eyesore.

"With Merrimans we identified four separate contracts within the tender process that could be done by a local work crew employed by Merrimans, and there will be further casual work with the local builder who was the successful tenderer."

Training has been provided.

Merrimans CEO Ron Nye said it had been a long process "but we've got it right at the moment".

"Things have changed a lot at Wallaga and this is a good project," he said.

The Outreach Centre is expected to be finished in about ten weeks.

The project employs two people directly - Mr MacPherson and an engagement officer Kerry Parsons, from Wallaga who's work initially involves addressing three main issues identified by the community - school attendance, employment and recreation as well as assisting in the Centre's management.

The council will hand over the Centre's management to Merrimans or an organisation approved by them at the end of the three-year contract.

Disaster funds to repair roads



THE Queensland Government has announced more than \$9.22 million in State and Federal disaster funding to help

repair roads in the Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council area that were damaged in last year's monsoonal storms and flooding.

The natural disaster caused major damage to the Lockhart road network and Local Government Minister Desley Boyle says it is critical that the

roads are repaired quickly in order to avoid unnecessary disruption to the community.

"The Bligh Government recognises this infrastructure is a vital council asset, particularly for rural and remote councils," Ms Boyle said.

"This grant will ease the cost pressure on council and give local residents peace of mind."

The funding will assist in repairing submergence damage to roads throughout the shire.

The council will contribute \$169,000 towards the

repair work.

"Major repair works were carried out on Old Site Rd (\$2,493,364 worth of works); Pascoe to Wenlock (\$2,174,617); 3 Ways to Pascoe (\$2,549,287) and Lockhart Access Road (\$625,495)," Ms Boyle said.

State Member for Cook Jason O'Brien said the financial burden of the natural disaster would have disadvantaged ratepayers if Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council alone was required to foot the bill.

Expression of Interest to Become a Board Member

The Namoi Catchment Management Authority (CMA) was established in 2004 to work with landholders, business, industry, community groups and councils to address natural resource management issues in the Namoi Catchment.

Namoi CMA is governed by a Board consisting of a chair and six Board members. In September 2009, five Board member positions will become vacant and Namoi CMA is now undertaking recruitment of these positions in order to make recommendations for appointment to the NSW Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Board Members have an active involvement in community activities and an understanding of the key economic, social and environmental issues facing the Namoi Catchment.

Reporting directly to the NSW Minister for the Environment and Climate Change the Board is responsible and accountable for the creation and implementation of the Catchment Action Plan and associated investment strategies and corporate governance. Board Members are appointed for a term of up to three years on a part-time basis and are eligible for reappointment.

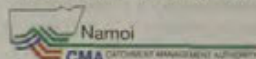
Board Members should reside within the Namoi Catchment and must be able to demonstrate:

- An active community involvement and an appreciation of the diverse range of community values and sensitivities;
- Understanding of the key environmental and natural resource management issues, including soils, water, landscapes, native vegetation and native animals;
- Working knowledge of land use systems and a capacity to encourage sustainable developments within the Catchment;
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others; plus
- Broad knowledge and practical skills in some of the following areas

Primary production	Local Government
Natural resource management systems	Consultation, negotiation and facilitation
Social and economic analysis	Communication
Aboriginal cultural heritage	Community capacity building
Community education	Business administration or law
Conservation and the environment	

If you are interested in finding out more about how to become a Board Member or would like to express your interest please call Anne Ferguson or Rebecca Pyle on 6742 5220 or email anne.ferguson@cma.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively you can download an information package at www.namoi.cma.nsw.gov.au

Applications close on Friday, 15 May 2009. Please note all applications must be submitted on the application form contained in the information package.



Australian Government



Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct National Consultation Forums

A self-regulatory voluntary code of conduct is being proposed for the visual arts industry. It will set minimum standards for the commercial arrangements between dealers, agents and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists by defining terms of trade, and the rights and responsibilities for the sale and management of artworks. The purpose of the code is to promote fair and ethical trade with artists as well as transparency with the promotion and sale of artwork.

Make your input to the national consultation on the draft Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct to ensure that we stop unscrupulous and unethical practices in the visual arts sector. A Discussion Paper has been developed which will assist the nationwide consultation process on the content and operation of the Code and raises 39 discussion points for consideration and response. It provides a background to the code and we want your feedback and comments. We are requesting responses by Friday 1 May 2009. A hard copy of the Discussion Paper is available upon request.

Consultation Forums

Adelaide

Date: Monday 27 April 2009

Time: 10am-5pm

Venue: Cabaret Space, Nexus Multicultural Arts Centre, Lion Arts Centre, Corner North Terrace and Morphett Street, Adelaide

Perth

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2009

Time: 9.00am-3pm

Venue: Theatre, Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth

Broome

Date: Wednesday 29 April 2009

Time: 9.30pm-5pm

Venue: Portlight Room, Mercure Inn Continental, Weld Street, Broome

Go to the website

For more information visit the website http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/news/news_items/consultation_on_draft_indigenous_art_code_of_conduct

Contact Us

If you would like to discuss the draft code, contact Lydia Miller, Executive Director

If you would like to attend a consultation forum, contact Katie Long

Phone: (02) 9215 9173 Toll-free: 1800 226 912

Email: keepingculturestrong@australiacouncil.gov.au

Write: Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board of the Australia Council.

KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

Registration of Interest Aboriginal Heritage Project Box Hill NSW

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholders to be consulted for an Aboriginal archaeological and cultural heritage project in the suburb of Box Hill within the Hills Shire LGA. The consultation for this project will be conducted according to the DECC (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements.

Registration of interest does not guarantee employment.

Parties are invited to register their interest with Austral Archaeology.

Contact: Evan Raper

Austral Archaeology Pty Ltd, Shop 1, 92 - 95 Percival Road Stanmore NSW 2048

Tel: 02 9568 6701, Fax: 02 9568 6702

Closing date: Friday 1st May 2009.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BUTCHULLA PEOPLE

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

THE BUTCHULLA PEOPLE include the descendants of the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

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| 1. Mable Sandyscape | 8. George Gundy |
| 2. Mother of Lappy | 9. Willy Wondunna |
| 3. Mother of Charles Richards | 10. Jack Morris |
| 4. Garry Owens | 11. Mary Ann (mother of Susan Rooney) |
| 5. Annie Morris/Annie Gala nee Morris | 12. Roger Bennett |
| 6. Granny Polcus/Jenny Brown | 13. Percy Coulson |
| 7. Willy Brown/Mambo/Nambo | 14. Mother of John and Rosie Broome |

This Notice invites all persons who are members of the Butchulla People (the description of whom is set out above) to attend a meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: Saturday to Sunday, 09 - 10 May 2009

Venue of Meeting: Mantra Hervey Bay Resort (Marina Room), Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Hervey Bay

Time of Meeting: 10.00AM - 4.00PM

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise two (2) new native title determination applications, each generally described as follows and indicated in the map further below:

1. a native title determination application relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests of the Butchulla People over lands and waters on Fraser Island; and
2. a native title determination application relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests of the Butchulla People over relevant areas of land and water (other than Fraser Island) in the Wide Bay/Fraser Coast Region of Queensland as indicated.

An Information Session to assist the group to prepare for the meeting will be held on:

Date of Session: Friday, 8 May 2009

Venue of Session: Mantra Hervey Bay Resort (Marina Room), Buccaneer Drive, Urangan, Hervey Bay

Time of Session: 10.00AM - 4.00PM

The proposed claims are situated within the Fraser Coast/Wide Bay Region of Queensland as shown on the map below:



Figure 1: Please note that this map is indicative of the areas of the claims and not the actual boundaries of the claims. The boundaries of the claims will be provided at the Authorisation Meeting.

All Butchulla People are invited to contact Kieren Gibbs, Communities Project Officer, of Queensland South Native Title Services on 1800 663 693 no later than close of business Wednesday, 29 April 2009, to register their intention to be present at the information session and authorisation meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with travel and accommodation costs for attending the authorisation meeting. However, morning tea, buffet lunch and afternoon tea will be provided to participants at the meeting.



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Anzac Day 2009: Commemoration service moved to Redfern Park



THE Redfern Anzac Day march is on again this year.

However, in a departure from previous years, the formal commemorative service is being held in Redfern Park, rather than a local church.

The event is being organised by the Coloured Digger Project Steering Committee, headed by Pastor Ray Minniecon.

The committee takes its name from a World War II poem The Coloured Digger, written about an Aboriginal soldier by one of his non-Indigenous comrades.

Pastor Ray Minniecon said the change to Redfern Park had been made in response to a desire in the Redfern community for Anzac Day to be commemorated differently.

"Moving the commemorative service to Redfern Park enables the service to be supported by a wider range of traditional and contemporary cultural performances by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists," Pastor Minniecon said.

He said it would also enable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ex-servicemen and servicewomen and their family members to tell their stories in a 'yarn tent'.

Photographs, memorabilia

Photographs and other memorabilia of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander military service would be displayed and there would be activities for younger community members, Pastor Minniecon said.

"The Redfern Anzac Day events allow the local community to recognise the service and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diggers," he said.

"Some Diggers returned home to find that while they had been away fighting for their country, their children had been taken from them and placed in institutions or their wives had been denied access to their pay.

"Some of those stolen children, who later became known as part of what we now know as the Stolen Generations, live in Redfern today.

"Later on, Aboriginal Diggers were not permitted to march with their comrades on Anzac Day or to join with them in after-march events and, for a variety of reasons, many did not gain access to veteran's benefits.

"All too often, the names of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Diggers were omitted from war memorials in cities and towns across the length and breadth of Australia.

"All too often our people were denied the honour, recognition and respect accorded to other servicemen and servicewomen."

But Pastor Minniecon said their families and communities did not forget. And now, two, three and more generations later, Aboriginal servicemen and servicewomen and their family members had an opportunity to publicly and appropriately acknowledge the service, sacrifice and courage of these servicemen and servicewomen.

Where and at what time

Saturday, 25 April 2009:

1pm - Gather at The Block, Redfern
1.15pm-1.20pm - Welcome to Country
1.30pm-1.45pm - Proceed to Redfern Park for Service

1.45pm-2.15pm - Commemorative Service
2.15pm-4pm - Informal gathering and refreshments, Elders' yarn tent and displays, cultural performances
4.30pm - Finish

"For some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the Redfern march and service on Anzac Day provides a first opportunity to honour, recognise and pay respect to grandfathers, fathers, mothers and aunts and uncles," he said.

"For some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people the Redfern march and service gives Anzac Day real meaning for the first time.

"The whole community is welcome to join Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander servicemen and servicewomen and their families in fellowship and to support them as they march and worship in Redfern on Anzac Day."

Pastor Minniecon said the coming together of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous people at Redfern was an affirmation of community, family and mateship - not a celebration of war and violence.

"The Redfern Anzac Day has also prompted calls by NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Diggers and their families for a commemorative sculpture or memorial recognising their service and sacrifice," he said.

"The Coloured Digger Project has been lobbying the City of Sydney and the NSW Government for a sculpture."

Avoid clash

Pastor Minniecon said the steering committee was conscious of the need to try to ensure the march did not clash with the main Sydney march and other mainstream events being held elsewhere on Anzac Day.

For that reason, the Redfern march is being held in the early afternoon to avoid clashing with the main Sydney march.

"We hold the Redfern Anzac DAY march and service after lunch so people can participate in the main Sydney march with their comrades and then join us in Redfern," he said.



David Williams and Pastor Ray Minniecon lead the 2007 march through Redfern.

Vandals hit sacred sites



VANDALS have defaced sacred Aboriginal sites, including rock art at Uluru and rock faces in Kakadu, in the past few months.

Two rock faces in the heritage-listed Kakadu National Park were graffitied in the second week of April, along with a toilet block.

Shannon Murray, from the Kakadu visitor services team, said no rock art in the park – which is among the oldest in the world – had been affected.

"There have been three incidents of graffiti in the past week. I'm glad to say none of it defaces the rock art," she said.

But vandals made two separate rock

scratches of graffiti on Ubirr lookout, one of the most revered sites in the park. Texts was also daubed in the nearby toilets.

"If you've visited Ubirr, you know that you walk through the galleries looking at rock art which is tens of thousands of years old," Ms Murray said. "Then you climb steeply for 80 to 100 metres to a rock platform with a spectacular view over the Magela floodplain.

"Here someone, or several people, have scratched their own graffiti on the rock floor."

A spokeswoman for Parks Australia was unable to confirm reports that traditional owners were furious about the vandalism.

"It's happened about 30 metres away from the rock art," she said.

But Ms Murray said local Aborigines

expected visitors to treat their land with respect. "They are always distressed when anyone defaces their country," she said.

"They ask everyone to respect not only the rock art, but all of Kakadu's natural and built environment."

In a separate incident earlier this year, vandals also damaged rock art at Uluru in central Australia, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage.

"There was a nasty defacing of rock art at Uluru at Mutitjulu waterhole some months ago," Ms Murray said.

"The area has had to be fenced off for repair – something that neither the traditional owners nor the tour operators were happy about."

Traditional owners asked for a professional restorer to make repairs to the art, which cost several thousand dollars, Ms Murray said.

People who deface any surface in a Commonwealth park – be it a rock face or toilet wall – face fines of up to \$2500.

Damaging heritage rock art is punishable by fines of up to \$110,000 or two years' imprisonment.

"It is art to be cherished – and in fact the entire area is protected – so we would plead with everyone not to deface the areas," Ms Murray said.

The damage to Uluru has now been repaired, while the graffiti at Kakadu has been cleared up. – AAP

PUBLIC NOTICE

SOUTHERN BARADA AND KABALBARA PEOPLE'S

NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

THE SOUTHERN BARADA AND KABALBARA PEOPLE include the lineal descendants of the following Aboriginal apical ancestors:

Bob Lotus, Lizzy Payne, Daisy (wife of Booyah McDonald), Maggie (wife of Toby Barker & Peter Darwin & Michael Angus), "Polly" Mary (wife of Robert Noble & Bert Fox), Robert Noble, Lizzy (wife of Paddy Flynn), Polly (wife of Thomas Mitchell), Lucy Ross and Kitty Eaglehawk

This Notice invites all persons who claim to be the members of the Southern Barada and Kabalbara People (the description of whom is set out above) to attend a meeting at the time and location below:

Date of Meeting: 02 May 2009

Venue of Meeting: Travelodge Hotel Rockhampton

Time of Meeting: 10.00AM – 4.00PM

The purpose of this meeting: to authorise a native title determination application for the Southern Barada and Kabalbara People relating to the recognition of native title rights and interests over Southern Barada and Kabalbara lands.

An Information Session to assist the group to prepare for the meeting will be held on:

Date of Meeting: 25 April 2009

Venue of Meeting: Travelodge Hotel Rockhampton

Time of Meeting: 10.00AM – 4.00PM

The proposed claim is situated within the Capricorn Coast of Queensland as shown on the map below:

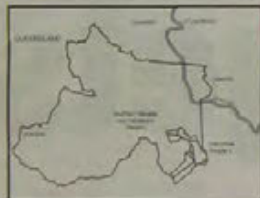


Figure 1: The bold line symbolises the proposed Southern Barada and Kabalbara claim boundary. The hatching represents part of the current Darumbal People #2 claim. The crosshatching represents areas of land that currently overlap with the Darumbal People #2.

All Southern Barada and Kabalbara People are invited to contact Queensland South Native Title Services (Louise Martin on 1800 663 693) to register their intention to be present at the general information session and authorisation meeting.

QSNTS regrets that it is not able to assist with transport to or from the meeting. However, morning tea and lunch will be provided to participants at the meeting.



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Research highlights need for jobs action



NEW research has added weight to calls for the Federal Government

to urgently fund a socio-economic model trial in western NSW in order to increase access to employment – especially for Indigenous and long-term unemployed.

Research just completed by the Western Research Institute of Charles Sturt University shows that socio-economic conditions in the far west of NSW have declined significantly over recent years.

Barwon Darling Alliance (BDA) Chairman Sam Jeffries said the need for government to act to ensure business expansion had never been clearer.

The research, commissioned by BDA, showed that since 2000-01, gross regional product for the Barwon Darling area had declined by 39 per cent. Over the same period, employment fell by 1393 jobs or a 17 per cent reduction, leading to a reduction in household income of 22 per cent.

Social ills

"It's well known that many isolated communities with a large percentage of Aboriginal populations dependent on welfare are beset with social ills," Mr Jeffries said.

"There is no easy fix, but there's hope, especially when Aboriginal and white communities commit to work together and to try new approaches."

Mr Jeffries said BDA was a unique organisation that had, since 1997, seen the elected local Indigenous and non-Indigenous representatives of the region work together for the betterment of communities.

"The trial we propose seeks to turn around the long-term social and economic negative trends of the region," he said.

"If successful, such a trial would give Australia a mechanism with which to substantially improve depressed rural areas."

"A reversal of the declining trends in depressed rural areas is no longer theoretical, but has in fact been successfully accomplished in a number of Western economies over the past 20 years, yet Australia lags behind."

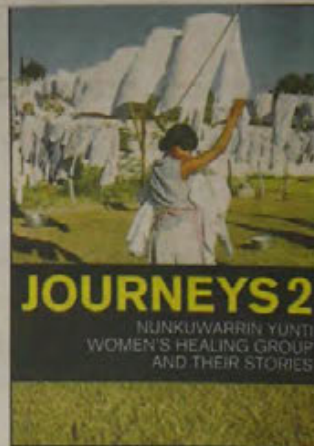
"Indeed this report shows that the situation would not be so bad now had the previous Government implemented a trial when it was first proposed."

Mr Jeffries said BDA had sought meetings with a range of key government ministers and policy makers.

"We call on government to once and for all give a clear commitment to fund this trial to allow disadvantaged regional communities to better their own futures," he concluded.



The launch of the DVD *Journeys 2* at the Mercury Cinema in Adelaide on 31 March, with representatives from the Women's Healing Group in attendance and, right, the DVD cover for *Journeys 2*.



Women on journeys to healing



A WOMEN'S healing group that meets fortnightly at Nunkuwarrin Yunti in Adelaide has produced a DVD of eight digital stories called *Journeys 2*. The digital stories are compared to 'mini movies', running an average of four minutes each and incorporating still images, voice over and sound effects.

Counsellor and group

facilitator Marion Burns said the stories were a powerful tribute to the strength of Aboriginal women.

Creating them had also been very healing, she said, as the women supported each other, listening and advising, during a retreat at Nunyara Conference Centre in the Adelaide Hills 20 minutes from the city, where professional film-makers were in attendance.

"They journey through the extraordinary challenges of

domestic violence, removal from family, drug addiction and mental illness, loss of children, home, culture and community," Ms Burns said.

"In embracing the healing love for their families and through reconnection with culture, each woman's story is a testament to living life with pride and purpose."

Ms Burns said many other women were keen to make their digital stories, so there were plans to continue the project,

subject to funding. The first DVD, called *Journeys From Heartache to Hope*, was produced last year by the group.

A booklet with support materials has been written to accompany the DVD. It contains background information and a guide for audience viewing and debriefing.

To buy either DVD for \$30 each, request an order form by contacting Barbara Myles on barbaram@nunku.org.au

Apprentice gets big Beach break



DIERI teenager Ben Dadleh, from Port Augusta in South Australia, has become the first formal apprentice of Australian oil and gas producer Beach Petroleum.

The 18-year-old's big break came in November last year when Dieri Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Shane Kemp approached the company on his behalf. Ben was offered a work experience trial at Beach's oil and gas fields at Kenmore, in the south-west corner of Queensland near the South Australian border.

"Ben had wanted to get into this kind of work for some time but hadn't been able to find a sponsor in Port Augusta, which was really disheartening for him," Mr Kemp said.

"But when I approached (Operations Coordinator) Doug (Roberts) and they came up with this unique opportunity, Ben showed that he had the motivation and self-belief to follow up on it."

"This sort of opportunity does not come along often – in fact, it's a real once-in-a-lifetime chance."

After a successful trial, Ben was awarded Beach's first formal apprenticeship earlier this month, in conjunction with a four-year mechanical engineering course he is undertaking at TAFE SA in Port Augusta.

The apprenticeship also came with some Federal funding in the form of a six-month salary subsidy, channelled through Port Augusta's Bungala Aboriginal Corporation.

Within weeks of starting his employment, Ben has already gained the respect of his managers and colleagues, who are predicting a bright future for him.

"Being stuck out here in the desert with only six other men for company and daily



Beach Petroleum's Production Manager Gordon Moseby, Managing Director Reg Nelson, Ben Dadleh, and Operations Co-ordinator Doug Roberts.

temperatures that can go over 50 degrees is not the kind of working environment that appeals to everyone," said Ben's field supervisor, Don Franklin.

"It's even tougher because there's a big age gap between Ben and the other employees. But despite that, he seems to be getting on with everyone really well."

"He's a very well-mannered and responsible young man, who's keen to learn and doesn't stand around waiting like so many young people do. We all think he's going to do really well."

Beach Petroleum Managing Director Reg

Nelson said real, long-term employment opportunities could be developed for Indigenous people if the corporate sector, government and local Indigenous people all worked together.

"Creating pathways to rewarding and sustainable careers is one of the most constructive contributions that a company like ours can make to the Indigenous communities with which we engage, particularly in remote areas where these communities are often bypassed by progress in industry," he said.

The Dieri people have a native title claim over an area that includes Beach's oilfields in the western Cooper Basin.

Leaders of tomorrow get a hand



ABORIGINAL people in New South Wales now have a new

path to follow on their journey to becoming leaders.

The Canberra-based Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) and the NSW Aboriginal Land Council have entered into an historic partnership to provide scholarships to help Aboriginal people throughout NSW gain vital leadership qualifications.

Announcing the partnership on 1 April, NSWALC's Chairperson Bev Manton and AILC's Chief Executive Officer Rachelle Towart said it was an important step forward.

"The more Aboriginal Australians gaining formal leadership qualifications the better," they said.

Ms Towart said it was particularly pleasing to have one large, self-funded Aboriginal organisation assist another Aboriginal-owned organisation.

"The AILC was an Indigenous company, formed in 2001 and provided Australia's only



Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre Chief Executive Officer Rachelle Towart, left, and NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton, right, jointly announced scholarships encouraging Indigenous leadership in NSW.



accredited course in Indigenous Leadership, as well as non-accredited short courses in specific leadership skills," she said. She said the NSWALC Certificate IV level scholarships would be widely advertised throughout the Land Council network and awarded to those who had already completed lower level certificate courses, but wanted to further develop their leadership skills and knowledge.

Ms Towart said while the course would extend knowledge and capacity in relation to core leadership attributes such as

Indigenous leadership, culture and history, it would also cover areas such as governance, ethics, financial literacy and how to engage with key stakeholders, networking and mentoring as well as conflict resolution and goal setting.

Ms Manton said NSWALC had welcomed the opportunity to fund the additional scholarship places.

"There are many employed within the local Aboriginal Land Council network who wanted the chance to further improve their skill base," Ms Manton said.

"This provides that

opportunity. Once again it proves how serious NSWALC is about initiating programs to enable Aboriginal people to further their education.

"That was why NSWALC established and funded its own \$30 million Educational Endowment Fund."

She said funding for the new initiative would be drawn from the Education Endowment Fund.

An NSWALC spokesperson said scholarships would be available for at least one applicant from each of the nine regions covered by NSWALC, and possibly more.

Better service for TI, Bamaga



RESIDENTS on Thursday Island and Cape York now have better access to Centrelink services.

This follows visits to Thursday Island and Bamaga last month by Human Services Minister Joe Ludwig and the Federal Member for Leichhardt, Jim Tournour.

On Thursday Island, Senator Ludwig opened a refurbished local Centrelink Customer Service Centre at the corner of Hastings Street and Victoria Parade.

"This new look centre will provide the local community with better access to Centrelink services and support," Senator Ludwig said.

"It offers the full range of Centrelink services for families, seniors, young people, students, job-seekers, people with a disability and carers.

The centre also gives local residents access to Centrelink's new eService arrangements, with a computer, two telephones and a job search kiosk for

customer use.

"eServices are a quick and convenient way for Centrelink customers to report, update or simply view their details, potentially skipping long waiting lines."

Member for Leichhardt Jim Tournour said the newly refurbished centre had been outfitted with the latest technology to meet the growing local demand for better access to government services.

"I encourage people to make full use of the services," Mr Tournour said.

Centrelink established a presence on Thursday Island about 15 years ago.

The centre has on-site customer parking and disabled access amenities.

At Bamaga, near the tip of Cape York, Senator Ludwig and Mr Tournour opened Centrelink's new Remote Area Service Centre at 7 Adidi Street.

"This gives locals access to the full range of Centrelink services and other government support, including Medicare Australia, the Child Support Agency and Australian Hearing," Senator Ludwig said.

"This makes it easier and more

convenient for residents, with a one-stop-shop to important government information and payments."

Senator Ludwig said people could also access government services online through the new self-service hub.

"Customers can use a computer and telephone to do their business quickly, without waiting in line," he said.

Mr Tournour encouraged the local community to visit the new centre to find out if they might be eligible for government benefits.

"These are difficult economic times and it's important people understand what support is available to them," he said.

"There are four Centrelink staff on site, and Social Workers and Financial Information Service officers from Cairns can provide specialist services as needed."

The new centre was built in partnership with the local community, taking inspiration from traditional handcrafted canoes from the local cultural heritage. The office is open 8.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday.



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ATTENTION ALL ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE (AHO) TENANTS

From 6 July 2009 the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) will change how it calculates rent for AHO households in properties managed by Housing NSW. Rents will be calculated on the basis that all eligible household members are receiving their full entitlement of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA). This is because CRA is a rent supplement to assist people on lower incomes to meet the cost of renting.

This means that the AHO will be able to access more government funding to improve homes and housing services for Aboriginal people across NSW. The extra funding will assist the AHO to maintain and improve the condition of the properties you live in and upgrade existing properties to the standard the community expects.

If you and your household members are eligible for CRA, each of you should apply to Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs. It is important that you apply now to make sure you will be getting your CRA as soon as is possible after 6 July.

From mid-May you will receive a letter that tells you your new CRA rent. If you already receive CRA, you should take that letter to Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs so that they can adjust your CRA to cover your new rent.

No rent will be higher than market rent. CRA rents are not intended to place households out-of-pocket and no-one will be out-of-pocket if they apply for CRA.

Community information forums were held in 10 locations throughout NSW from mid-March to early April 2009 to explain CRA rents to AHO tenants, their household members and Aboriginal advisory services.

If you did not attend any of these forums; are still unsure of what to do; or have any questions, please contact:

- Centrelink's Indigenous Call Centre on 13 6380 or
- Aboriginal Housing Office Information Service on 1800 727 555 or
- Housing NSW on 1300 HOUSING (1300 468 746)



Attorney-General
Robert McClelland

Formality and cost of Royal Commissions questioned



THE Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) is reviewing the Royal

Commissions Act to see if there are cheaper and less formal ways to explore systemic failures on issues of public importance.

In 1987, a Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody was established. Four years and an estimated \$50 million later, and this highest form of inquiry, reserved for controversial matters of extreme public importance, handed down its findings.

And in recent times, police handling of the 2004 death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee has also sparked calls for a Royal Commission.

Now, Attorney-General Robert McClelland has asked ALRC to review The Royal Commissions Act, which has been in force since 1902 – in particular to see whether less formal alternatives may sometimes be appropriate.

ALRC President Professor David Weisbrot said Royal Commissions played a very important role in ensuring systemic failures were addressed, but were also usually

very expensive.

"Precise figures are surprisingly difficult to pin down, but we estimate that, in today's dollars, the Royal Commission into the Building and Construction Industry cost taxpayers over \$70 million, the one into the collapse of insurer HIH cost over \$47 million, and the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody cost over \$50 million," he said.

"A key concern for the ALRC is whether an alternative model of executive inquiry might provide similar advantages and outcomes to Royal Commissions, in terms of

respect, independence, protection of witnesses and so on, while offering more flexibility, less formality and greater cost-effectiveness."

Royal Commission powers are another issue under the spotlight, with the Act currently granting a wide range of coercive information gathering powers.

Commissioner in charge of the ALRC Inquiry, Professor Les McCrimmon, said a Royal Commission could apply for a search warrant, summon witnesses to give evidence and require the production of evidence.

He said the exercise of such powers must be balanced carefully against the rights of those being investigated.

"The Royal Commissions Act also contains a number of criminal offences that can be used to punish failures to comply with the requirements of a Royal

Commission," Prof McCrimmon said.

"We will be exploring whether civil penalties may be more appropriate in some of these contexts."

The ALRC released an Issues Paper earlier this month seeking feedback on 49 questions posed as part of the current review.

It has also developed an online discussion forum organised around the key questions being considered, making it easy for people to share their ideas and experiences.

For further information about the Review of Royal Commissions Issues Paper visit www.alrc.gov.au or see <http://talk.alrc.gov.au> for the online discussion forum.

The closing date for written submissions in response to the Issues Paper is 19 May 2009. The final report and recommendations are due to be presented by 30 October 2009.



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

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The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is responsible for the administration and development of the Aboriginal housing sector in NSW in accordance with the Aboriginal Housing Act 1998. The Act requires the input of Regional Aboriginal Housing Committees (RAHCs) who currently operate on a 3 year term basis. The role of the RAHCs is to advise the Board of the AHO on the development of housing programs and policies at a regional level.

SELECTION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

- Aboriginality
- Local and regional knowledge in relation to housing provision
- Genuine commitment to and knowledge of housing issues
- Good communication skills
- Credibility within the local Aboriginal community
- Ability to think strategically and accept and respect the directions set by the Regional Committee as a whole
- Ability to commit to the time required for attendance and to actively participate in meetings
- Full time residents of NSW

DESIRABLE

- Employee or member of Aboriginal Housing Organisation
- Tenant of Aboriginal Housing Organisation or AHO tenant
- Employee or member of Aboriginal Youth Group
- Employee or member of Aboriginal Elders Group
- Employee or member of a registered Aboriginal controlled organisation

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Regional Aboriginal Housing Committees will include:

- 1 Chairperson (nominated by the AHO Board)
- 1 AHO Board Member (nominated)
- Up to 5 community representatives
- Regional Manager, Aboriginal Housing Office (non-voting)

All expenses associated with attending the RAHC will be met by the AHO including the payment of incidentals allowance.

People who require assistance in completing their Expression of Interest should contact the AHO on the number listed below.

For information packages contact Ms Carly Puckeridge (02) 8836 9462
Enquiries – Ms Sharon Hollier (02) 8836 9415

An application detailing how you meet the selection criteria and region you live in will need to reach the AHO by the 15th May 2009. Please ensure your Expression of Interest is based on the above Selection Criteria and any supporting documentation is required.

Applications to: Chairperson, NSW Aboriginal Housing Board, Marked "Confidential: Application for RAHC Membership", PO Box W5 PARRAMATTA WESTFIELD NSW 2150

Chance to complain

CONCERNS that Aboriginal people in South Australia are not using health and community services because of bad past experiences has prompted a new project called Ever Felt Like Complaining?

South Australian Health and Community Services Complaints Commissioner Leena Sudano said more needed to be known about Aboriginal people's experiences to improve services.

"We hear stories about Aboriginal people not using services because they've heard on the grapevine that they are unsafe or poor quality," she said. "I'm concerned that Aboriginal

people walk away rather than complain when they're unhappy."

Project leaders Sandy Miller and Sally Gibson have extensive experience in the health and community services sectors and will be consulting with several Aboriginal communities, and people who work in Aboriginal and mainstream health and community services, during April and May. They also will use a survey, available online, to inform the project.

Aboriginal people are invited to complete a survey form available at www.hcsc.sa.gov.au under the What's New section, by 31 May 2009.

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'eMentoring' project designed to help carers



AN 'eMentoring' project will link aged and community care workers in Queensland with skilled and experienced mentors, with an emphasis on connecting with Aboriginal and Torres Strait staff and people living and working in rural and remote areas.

The Qld Department of Health and Ageing has awarded Aged Care Queensland (ACQI) a grant to set up the

system of support and professional development, which relies on computer technology.

A spokesperson said the idea behind the project was that if staff felt supported in the workplace, they were more likely to remain in their jobs. This was especially important at a time of chronic staff shortages in the aged and community care industry.

Aged and community care workers can volunteer to join the project as either a

mentor (an experienced member of staff) or a 'mentee' (a less experienced member of staff who is seeking some help to meet personal goals).

Once participants have been accepted into the project they will be matched up and supported as they develop their mentoring relationships.

Participants will be given free mentoring and computer training, help with accessing appropriate computer equipment, and free travel and

accommodation so they can attend mentoring workshops.

The long-term goal of the project is to show that eMentoring is an effective tool for workplace development in aged and community care, so similar schemes can be rolled out throughout the country.

For further information about the project, contact Sarah Stewart, sarahs@acqi.org.au or (07) 3725 5555, or <http://sarah-stewart.blogspot.com>

Cairns centre to be twice as big

By CHRISTINE HOWES



ONE of the star attractions at a celebratory 'sod turning' for the Mookai Rosie

Bi-Bayan centre in Cairns last week was its founder, Aunty Rose Richards.

The ceremony marked the start of construction of a new 24-bed accommodation facility to help expectant Indigenous mothers and their babies.

For the past 26 years, 'Mookai Rosie' has helped Old Cape, Gulf and Torres Strait community mothers and children when they have needed to be in Cairns for medical reasons.

Centre Chief Executive Lillian Simpson said it was good to see Ms Richards still supporting them whenever they needed her.

"She's retired now, but it's good to still have those people around. A lot of our activists have passed away

but some are still here and still seeing the good work carried on," Ms Simpson said of Aunty Rose.

"When Rose was working at the Cairns Base Hospital she saw women and children coming back for medical or health reasons and there was just no accommodation and no support for them.

"We are currently operating a 12-bed facility out of an old renovated Queenslander in Earlville, which now we find is inadequate.

"It has been a long-time struggle ... five years for us to receive the funds to go from 12 beds to 24.

"There's no birthing facilities in the remote communities, the pregnant women come down to Cairns and when they do they find accommodation is very scarce and expensive.

"And also for education programs relating to things like nutrition, women's reproductive health, pre- and post-natal care



At the ceremony were, from left, Thea Buttmann, Wuchopperen Health Service CEO Sandi Taylor and Wuchopperen Treasurer Cilla Preece.



Lillian Simpson, Federal Minister Jenny Macklin and Aunty Rose Richards at the 'Mookai' site.

and also support and environmental health.

"So that's what Mookai Rosie is all about. It's not just to accommodate, it's three meals a day and we also have a bus service as well, to take them to and from their appointments, and make sure they attend."

Also at the celebrations were Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny

Macklin and local MP Jim Turnour.

"Mookai Rosie currently turns away at least one woman a day, which indicates a clear need to expand these services," Ms Macklin said.

Unique

Ms Simpson said Mookai Rosie was unique. "It is unique in its own way and I think that we are

the only one in Australia who service and give support to the mothers and children like that," she said.

"The women that had children at Mookai Rosie within the past 26 years, their children are coming back which just says that the service that we give here and the moral support, makes it a home away from home for them.

"In the long run I'd like to

see birthing centres throughout these communities, but high-risk pregnancies will continue to come to Cairns and that's what we're there for, especially for high-risk pregnancies and underweight babies.

"We just can't wait for it to start and by February next year we should be moving into our new place. We're so excited."

Workshop participants get it together

NSW YOUTH workers and counsellors from across New South Wales met in Sydney last week to update their skills on the latest cannabis harm minimisation techniques for youth.

State Community Services Minister Linda Burney said 30 allied health workers who were involved in the state's drug and alcohol program, Getting it Together Scheme (GITS), had attended the training workshop

in Sydney. Ms Burney said that effectively addressing teenage drug use must begin with supporting those working with at-risk and vulnerable young people.

"The workshop has been designed for psychologists, counsellors and youth workers to show them how they can help young cannabis users to change their thinking and from this, change their behaviour," the Minister said.

Ms Burney said the statistics on cannabis

use among young people were worrying, with the 2005 Australian School Students' Alcohol and Drug Survey revealing 18 per cent of high school students aged between 12 and 17 have used cannabis.

"Youth workers and counsellors involved in GITS are at the frontline, helping young people with substance abuse problems.

It's important that we equip them with up-to-date, evidence-based information on cannabis use so that they can continue to

help our teens get their lives back on track," she said.

The early intervention program will receive \$1.8 million as part of the State's overall \$269 million commitment to tackling illicit drug use. The program also links in with the five-year Keep Them Safe strategy, the NSW Government's response to the 2008 report on the Special Commission of Inquiry into Child Protection Services in NSW, led by retired Supreme Court Judge James Wood.

Dental project helping kids

NT THE smiles are now a little brighter in the remote Barkly region of the Northern Territory. That's because 40 Aboriginal children have been receiving specialist care from a team of visiting dental surgeons.

The children recently travelled by bus from their homes to the Tennant Creek Hospital, where a team from Westmead Hospital in Sydney weaved their dental magic.

The team included three dentists, an anaesthetist and registrar, nurses and dental assistants.

The week-long surgery was the fourth time that the team had provided services in the NT over the past 12 months.

Team leader Dr Angus Cameron, the Clinical Associate Professor and Head of Discipline for Paediatric Dentistry at Westmead Hospital, was part of the project group that visited Tennant Creek Hospital last year to plan the surgery.

"Our team loves working in the Territory and this is an incredible opportunity to give children from remote communities access to specialist dental care," he said.

Training

NT oral health professionals in the Top End are also expected to benefit, as Dr Cameron will visit four times a year for clinical consultation and staff training.

The week of dental surgery was supported by Tennant Creek-based Aboriginal Health Service Anyinginyi Congress.

Anyinginyi works with communities to promote the dental visit and transported children and carers from outlying communities. Children and their carers were provided with accommodation in Tennant Creek.

The surgery is part of the Helping Hands Project funded by the Australian Government Intervention, which complements Central Australian oral health services. It includes follow-up for children who have had health checks or are eligible for them.

Helping Hands Child Oral Health Project Manager Julie Hornbrook welcomed the increase in dental outreach services.

"Whilst surgery can be effective in treating acute dental problems, prevention is the best strategy," she said. "Oral hygiene and a good diet are vital to the healthy development of children's teeth, which appear at between six and nine months."

A number of communities on the Barkly Tableland have been prescribed by the Australian Government intervention and nominated for additional health services for Indigenous children, including dental and hearing.



Pictured above and below: Members of the Westmead Hospital dental team check children at the Tennant Creek Hospital.



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mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services. In addition there are also mobile and relocatable services.

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Atherton until 1 May, Mossman until 4 June.

Gold Coast: Helensvale until 4 June.

Nambour: Tin Can Bay 20 April until 7 May, Maleny 11 until 22 May.

North Brisbane: Nundah until 31 May.

Rockhampton: Theodore 15 until 22 April, Moura 24 April until 7 May, Springsure 11 until 22 May, Biloela 25 May until 19 June.

Toowoomba: Dalby until 22 May, Surat 15 until 20 April, St George 21 April until 6 May, Mungindi 7 until 9 May, Dirranbandi 10 until 12 May, Bollon 13 May.

Townsville: North Ward until 29 May.

As age is the biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer, the program targets women aged 50-69 years. Women over the age of 40 are also eligible. Women can arrange a free BreastScreen by calling 13 20 50, for the cost of a local call, and will be connected to their nearest BreastScreen Queensland Service. Individual and group bookings are also available.

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The closing date for applications is **Friday 8 May 2009.**

For further information contact:

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Well-being of kids the goal



A STRATEGY aimed at optimising the development of Aboriginal children and their families from pregnancy to school entry in far western New South Wales has been launched in Broken Hill.

Those attending were told that organisations needed to work more collaboratively.

Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation has been the main driver of the strategy, which is focused on communities in Broken Hill, Central Darling, Wentworth, and Balranald shires and the Unincorporated Far West, and Acting Regional Director Nola Whyman said it was well-received by those who attended.

"There is documented evidence that investment in promoting child development and well-being in the early years is more cost effective than addressing ill-health, poor social outcomes and educational deficits later in life," she said.

"This strategy clearly maps out what all

organisations need to do to improve child development and well-being."

The Aboriginal Child Development and Well Being Strategic Framework is the result of work undertaken by the Far West Aboriginal Child Development and Well-Being Group, which was formed last year and includes representation from non-government and government organisations across child education, welfare and health.

Development

The strategy advocates a focus on early literacy, parenting programs, early childhood education and community development.

Ms Whyman said it reflected the ongoing commitment by Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation to work with the community and all the other agencies that had an influence on child development and well-being.

"The challenge of creating sustainable systems that support multi-sectoral collaboration over long periods of time will

require effort and commitment," she said.

Ms Whyman said effective prevention, early intervention and the promotion of health and well-being would require:

- Better networking between services, and joint planning and implementation of strategies

- The organisation of services around the needs of families with young children, not the needs of the provider, a particular program or the particular organisation

- A move beyond the static model of risk to one based on a life-course perspective, in particular early-life factors

- Good communication between organisations and the families and children with whom they work

- Joint monitoring and evaluation of strategies implemented.

Ms Whyman said that as well as commitment from local service providers, the rate of progress would be dependent on more equitable Commonwealth and State funding for primary level health services and funding for services in the remote communities of far western NSW.



Project leader Luke Sykes says that drug and alcohol interventions that work for the broader community don't always enjoy the same success in Aboriginal communities.

Drugs, grog the focus for project



A NEW research project in the Upper Hunter region of New South Wales aims to find ways to improve drug and alcohol interventions for Aboriginal people.

The project is seeking community input, with the Upper Hunter Drug and Alcohol Service starting to interview community members this month.

Project leader Luke Sykes said anecdotal evidence suggested drug and alcohol interventions that worked for the broader community did not always have the same success rates amongst Aboriginal communities.

"For example, Aboriginal people can be hesitant to access the counselling, intervention and rehabilitation services that are being offered," he said.

There could also be other underlying social reasons behind drug and alcohol dependency which needed to be addressed, and Mr Sykes said all people from the Upper Hunter community, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, were invited to contact him to provide input into the study, with all calls treated in confidence.

Solutions

"We acknowledge this gap in our service and are relying on people in the Upper Hunter to help us find local solutions to local issues," he said.

"The results of this research will be used to develop a new strategic direction for future drug and alcohol interventions among the Aboriginal community."

The research project is funded by Coal & Allied's Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee (ADCC) which supports local projects that help build a sustainable future for the Upper Hunter Aboriginal community.

Coal & Allied, which has three mining operations in the Hunter region, is mainly owned by mining giant Rio Tinto.

The ADCC is scheduled to meet again on 25 June, 8 September and 24 November. Applications for funding must be submitted at least three weeks before these dates to be considered.

For details, contact ADCC Executive Officer Cate Sims on (02) 6570 0360 or email cate.sims@riotinto.com for guidelines and an application form.

To get involved in the Upper Hunter Drug and Alcohol Service's research project or for more information, contact Luke Sykes on (02) 6543 2677.



From left, Ken Pascoe of the Dubbo Community Mental Health Team, Clinical Leader George Ferguson, team trainee Chloe Smith Bourke, and Dubbo trainees Monique Gordon, Alicia Johnson and Steven Stanton.

Trainees target mental health



MENTAL health care for Aboriginal people in and around Dubbo in western New South Wales has been given a boost with the appointment of five new Aboriginal mental health trainees.

Three of the trainees started their orientation program earlier this month and a fourth is expected to start work soon, with a fifth set to start by the end of 2009.

The trainees will undertake

a three-year traineeship in the local mental health service which will involve on-the-job training partnering with mental health clinicians and undertaking a Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) course.

Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Services Director for Greater Western Area Health Dr Russell Roberts said this ensured the link between mental health theory and practice.

The trainees will rotate through all areas of the mental health service during

their first two years. In their third year they will select an area of the service in which they will focus their final year of learning.

"On successful completion of their workplace and university-based learning, the trainees will be employed in full-time clinical mental health positions in the Mental Health Team in Dubbo," Dr Roberts said.

He said this would help the service respond to the needs of the local Aboriginal community.

"It is well known that higher

levels of psychosocial distress exist within Aboriginal communities," he said.

"Hospitalisation rates for mental disorders are high and suicide levels are a major concern in Aboriginal communities."

The NSW Aboriginal Mental Health and Wellbeing Policy 2006 - 2010 targets the building of a highly skilled and effective Aboriginal mental health workforce across NSW.

Dr Roberts said Greater Western was 'leading the way', with 28 Aboriginal mental health positions.

One foot after the other, and you will get there, says podiatrist James

PhD next for busy father

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JAMES Charles is 'knee-deep' in a PhD and it's only five weeks since he began. He is already starting to wonder what he has taken on, but remains steadfast about his final goal – better foot care for Indigenous people.

The Kaurna man of Adelaide is one of only a handful of Indigenous podiatrists and the first Indigenous podiatrist with a Masters Degree in Australia.

Graduating from the University of South Australia in 2004 with a Bachelor of Podiatry, Mr Charles has been working on a community level ever since, and believes early intervention is the key to preventing the high rates of amputations of Indigenous people who have been diagnosed with diabetes and who are also smokers.

He said the worst thing was seeing amputations that were 100 per cent preventable, and it was that which had informed his research.

The former construction worker has just taken a year off from his full-time job in Aboriginal health, where he worked three clinics in the Adelaide northern suburbs.

The father of five boys aged from three to 15 knows how busy life can get. Even so, he knows that it will get even busier as he delves further into his PhD, which could take him up to five years.

As a father and husband, he said he is driven to succeed because of his family.

"It's surprising what you can do when you put your mind to it and you know what you want," he said.

"You keep jumping the next hurdle and don't look too far ahead, as well as blocking out any negativity and staying focused and on track."



James Charles at his Masters graduation – University of South Australia.



From left, Qld Senator Jan Lucas, Paul Munn (Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services) and Professor Michael Good at the Yarrabah launch.

Programs 'must take in lessons from Yarrabah'



ABORIGINAL health programs must incorporate spirituality if they're to have any sustainable impact on Indigenous health, according to a new report.

The Role of Spirituality in Social and Emotional Wellbeing Initiatives: The Family Wellbeing Program at Yarrabah was launched in the far north Queensland Aboriginal community of Yarrabah earlier this month.

It is one of two new discussion papers from the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health.

Investigating the relationship between spirituality, religion and health, it stems from the Family Wellbeing Program, which was developed in response to Yarrabah's former catastrophically high suicide rate.

Empowerment

Evaluation of the program, which helps families and individuals make positive life changes, found that participants in the program who were able to better connect with inner spiritual beliefs often increased their sense of personal empowerment and control.

This in turn offered protection against suicide and other self-destructive behaviours.

The paper also reports on improved parenting skills resulting from the program and argues that the Yarrabah research should inform the development of Indigenous mental health services and policy.

In the foreword, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy Max Charlesworth notes that early white observations saw the beliefs and practices of Indigenous Australians as 'magic' rather than religion.

Sophisticated

He said it was now recognised that Indigenous Australians had a sophisticated and complex religious life but their spiritual beliefs were 'geosophical' or earth-centred and not 'theosophical' or God-centred.

"Thus the earth, or country or terrain of particular groups is believed to be impregnated with the power of the Ancestor Spirits, (which) humans draw upon as their saving grace," Prof Charlesworth said.

He said the authors of the 'ground-breaking report' were not appealing to Western values, but reminding Indigenous peoples of values that had always been part of their own 'Dreamings'.

"Attempts to help Indigenous Australians to cope with the cataclysmic shock caused by the brutal dissolution of their family and kinship structures have mostly

ignored the spiritual resources that have been developed by Indigenous peoples over more than 50,000 years," he notes.

Senimelia Kingsburra, from Yarrabah, who created the artwork on the front of the discussion paper, says that for her spirituality was about finding the calmness in the busy spaces of her life.

"Spirituality is about tapping into the still places I go to when I'm on country and I feel like I'm part of all the things around me," she said.

"In that still place, creativity and wisdom come from somewhere inside of you... Family Wellbeing helped me notice all these things. It made me become aware of the many different connected parts of my life and it gave me a different way of looking at it."

The second discussion paper, *Research Dancing: Reflection on the Relationships between University Based Researchers and Community Based Researchers at Gurriny Yealamucka Health Services*, documents the highly successful research partnership between the Yarrabah community and the University of Qld and James Cook University.

● To download copies of the two discussion papers go to: http://www.crcah.org.au/publications/downloads/DP7_FINAL.pdf or http://www.crcah.org.au/publications/downloads/DP8_final-web.pdf



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Her focus in language

JEANIE Bell has a goal to strengthen Australia's Indigenous languages and improve the relationships between communities and linguists, a project she has been pursuing at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

This was also the focus of a paper she presented at the recent First International Conference on Language Documentation and Conservation, held in March at the University of Hawaii.

"For me it's a serious subject because I am trying to bring out some of the issues and tensions that exist between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people working in communities," Jeanie says.

"My paper hopefully will generate ongoing discussions and promote feedback, and I valued the opportunity to talk with people from a broader perspective who are working in other countries."

Jeanie has been studying linguistics and working on language revival programs since the early 1980s. When she attended Monash University to study linguistics in 1977 she was already in her late 20s, and more than 30 years later she still approaches the challenges of language revival and education with the same enthusiasm.

"We are trying to make a significant contribution to saving languages and I know it is recognised by people in Australia and around the world," she says.

"Of the 250 traditional languages once spoken on this continent as recently as 100 years ago, there are now only 20 to 30 languages considered healthy and viable. As an Indigenous person myself and someone who has been involved in higher education and language for a long time, I know the work being done here is important."

Jeanie has been with the Batchelor Institute for three years, taking up her position as a lecturer in the Centre for Australian Languages and Linguistics (CALL) in the Faculty of Education after completing with first class honours her Masters of Arts in Linguistics at the University of Melbourne. This highly accredited academic is modest about her achievements, but emphatic about what she wants to achieve in her work with Aboriginal communities.

"The opportunity to work at a unique place like the Batchelor Institute is a privilege,"

Jeanie Bell at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.



Jeanie says. "We are training Indigenous people to be linguistically capable of working on their own languages and help other people to develop the processes to help with language revival. This is ground-breaking work but it takes time and commitment."

One of the attractions of coming to work at the Batchelor Institute, aside from the dynamic linguistic program, was the breadth of experience of the individual members of the faculty.

"This institute attracts interesting people - people who have worked overseas, in Aboriginal education, and who bring lots of different disciplines," she says.

"I think that this university, more than any other university I have been involved with as both a student and lecturer, offers a really positive experience for the lecturers and the students. You get to know your students here."

Batchelor Institute offers a wide range of higher education language courses, including Languages and Linguistics, Australian Languages and Creative Writing.

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Our cover photo

Pictured with students at Kurna Plains School in Adelaide's northern suburbs is Leon Stanley, who has been a teacher, a public servant and a principal. See more from South Australia on pages 50-51.

Further education for a better future



LEFT: Charmaine Starr PTS Student

Act NOW to secure your place in a 2nd semester 2009 Higher Education study program at Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

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RIGHT: Narelle Warrell, Henry Lucas and Gavin Arnold in Science Lab

Not sure what study involves or if you have the right skills?

Batchelor Institute also offers introductory courses that will help students to develop their skills so they can successfully complete the course work.

These include the Preparation for Tertiary Studies (PTS) course which gives students a 'taste' of what university is all about and helps students to decide which course of study is best for them. Most importantly PTS helps build confidence in tackling academic writing and course work and there are no HECS fees for the PTS course.

Gavin Arnold from Perth liked the practical approach of PTS. 'I didn't think I'd like science because I remembered school - no prac, just classroom study. This one is so much more experimental - now I'm thinking about environmental studies. I'm ready now, to go on to a higher course. PTS is great - it got me up and started me thinking - now I want a good career - something I like instead

of just a job.'

Narelle Warrell, also from Perth, has been doing experiments at Batchelor's science lab in the new Desert People's Centre, Alice Springs. 'At school maths and science were my favourite subjects but I've really found out a lot of new stuff, like pracs and algebra and exploring traditional and western technology and science.'

Charmaine Starr decided to move to Batchelor for her Nursing studies. 'I knew what I wanted to do work wise, but I wanted to be sure I could do it the proper way. Doing the PTS course has prepared me for my current course. I can now confidently work on the computer and write essays without much to worry about. It helped me gain more knowledge that I needed to complete my studies in the near future.'

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Coming to a screen near you...

An innovative game show for Indigenous Australian children is in production at the Queensland University of Technology.

The TV game show *Letterbox* has kids learning for fun, says Co-executive Producer Wayne Denning.

Mr Denning, a QUT Masters of Business Administration graduate, is Managing Director of Carbon Media, the new media agency which is producing *Letterbox*.

QUT has played an important role in helping him build Carbon Media from a three-person business to employing more than 20 people in only 18 months through its commercial arm QUT Creative Enterprise Australia (CEA).

CEA helps nurture and mentor small creative businesses like Carbon Media and is the first Australian company to focus on accelerating the growth of commercially-driven creative ventures.

CEA has already supported about 100 businesses which have earned more than \$6 million in investments. It offers 12-month interest-free business loans to help creative businesses in their project development.



Left to right, Ervyn Fisher (11, Murgon State School), Elizabeth Rautenberg (11, Laidley District State School) and Cody Schloss (12, Corinda State High School) with *Letterbox* co-executive producer and Carbon Media Managing Director Wayne Denning.

In fact, Carbon Media's rapid growth meant CEA fast-tracked its plans for the new Accelerator Hub,

which it opened to give Carbon Media and other emerging creative businesses room to grow.

With support from QUT, Carbon Media launched into the \$1 million production of *Letterbox*, a kids' game show which is creating lots of firsts.

When *Letterbox* airs mid this year on the Foxtel and Austar channel NITV, it will be the first TV game show made especially for Indigenous Australian children.

It is also the first TV series filmed at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct, and it was filmed in record time – 100 half-hour episodes in 11 days.

Mr Denning said the different *Letterbox* challenges played by contestants aged 11 and 12 helped to make spelling and grammar fun.

"The children have been able to practise the spelling and grammar games since December last year, so that's where the real learning element comes in," he said.

"They have stepped up to the challenge and have really done their homework. When the show airs, the games will be put online for all children to play."

The show has an Indigenous language segment which features six languages from around Australia.

The English language challenges are based on national education standards and have been created with assistance from Macquarie Dictionary.

● More on QUT – page 66

Talent is on show during Wilin Week

A WEEK of 'courageous conversations', dance, theatre and musical performances by Indigenous artists will be the highlights of 2009 Wilin Week, this year from 28 April - 1 May.

Open to the public, the week is convened by the Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, at the Faculty of the VCA and Music, the University of Melbourne.

Free performances will be held at venues in the faculty campus, highlighting the breadth and depth of talent of Indigenous people, many of whom are studying at the Faculty of the VCA and Music.

With the overall theme of 'Courageous Conversations', Wilin Week will also facilitate an open 'national talking circle' on the future of Indigenous performing arts, talent identification and new horizons for Indigenous people in the arts. Keynote speakers include dancer and choreographer Michael Leslie and Indigenous

arts lawyer Terri Janke.

As well as being an Indigenous arts lawyer, Ms Janke is a published author and consultant. A significant part of her client base involves the advancement of protection for Indigenous Australian people in respect of intellectual property matters. She has been involved in matters in representing Indigenous composers, writers, film directors, film producers, artists and others across many fields of the arts and culture.

Positive impact

As an internationally recognised professional dancer and choreographer, Michael Leslie understands the positive impact that creative expression has played in his own life.

He identifies with the challenges Indigenous people face in pursuing their goals and dreams because he has been faced with the same challenges.

His work tackles a range of challenges and issues faced by youth including negative

self-talk, poor school attendance, low literacy and numeracy skills, poor concentration, a lack of mentoring and discipline and low respect for others.

Other guest speakers taking part in the 'Courageous Conversations', which are open to the public, include Liza-Mare Syron, Rachel Maza-Long, Karen Casey, Wesley Enoch, Diat Allerink, Jardine Kwat, Rick Brayford and Kim Walker.

Wilin Centre Head Michelle Evans said this year's Wilin Week featured outstanding Indigenous talent.

"The line-up of performers this year is very special, and includes Australia's first Indigenous opera singers to be enrolled at the Faculty of the VCA and Music," she said.

"The Wilin Centre is about nurturing, supporting and also identifying Indigenous talent."

● For the full Wilin Week program visit www.vca.unimelb.edu.au/wilin

● See page 63 for more from the Wilin Centre



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students enrich your studies through the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) at The University of Melbourne.

The University of Melbourne, situated at the forefront of innovative education, announces its new Bachelor of Arts (Extended) degree. This course is designed specifically for aspiring and motivated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who do not have the results for direct entry into the New Generation Bachelor of Arts. The new degree, delivered over four years full-time, provides bridging subjects, on-campus living, and extensive support from the Centre for Indigenous Education.

The Bachelor of Arts (Extended) is coordinated by the Faculty of Arts, and provided in collaboration with the Centre for Indigenous Education, Trinity College, the Academic Skills Unit and the Australian Indigenous Studies program.

Applicants for the Bachelor of Arts (Extended) must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent and have completed a VCE or interstate equivalent qualification. Non-school leavers, mature age students and alternative pathway applications will be considered. Successful students will be selected on their likelihood to succeed in the Bachelor of Arts. Qualifications will be accessed on application.

The Centre for Indigenous Education, University of Melbourne are looking for candidates for the BA Extended 2010 interested students should call Michelle Earthy on 03 8344 5330 Email: meathy@unimelb.edu.au



Support on offer

A PROGRAM to support Aboriginal people with post-secondary training, higher education and pathways leading to employment has been developed by the South Australian Department of Education and Employment Services' (DECS) Aboriginal Education and Employment Services unit.

As part of the program, there are currently two special project trials during 2009 in Port Augusta and the Northern Suburbs of Adelaide centred on 'The Hub' model.

'The Hub' engages the Aboriginal community in educational and employment pathways and at the same time builds relationships between education, industry, organisations, and Aboriginal communities to create a culture of sustainable employment and retention in the work force.

'The Hub' implements mentoring, counselling, tutoring and work-readiness strategies to provide intensive culturally-inclusive support to Aboriginal young people from the start of secondary schooling into post-school pathways.

It's a real plus!

A CULTURALLY-RELEVANT mathematics resource has been developed to help improve Aboriginal students' numeracy.

The *Interactive Numeracies: Maths situations in everyday Indigenous family and community life* resource has been developed by the South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services' (DECS) Aboriginal Education and Employment Services (AEES) unit and is specifically aimed at increasing Aboriginal students' interest in and understanding of mathematics by providing maths problems that are applicable to their daily lives.

The resource contains seven problem-solving tasks with hands-on materials and a CD-ROM consisting of digital mathematics games and film clips of urban, rural and remote Aboriginal community members explaining why numeracy is important to their lives. There is also a handbook that details how and why the resource was developed plus teaching instructions.

The resource was jointly-funded by AEES, which contributed \$100,000, and the Federal



Cowandilla Primary School students with a new maths resource designed and developed in South Australia to help improve Aboriginal students' numeracy skills.

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace relations – \$54,000.

The maths problems are based around everyday situations such as organising a family get-together, going on a football trip, budgeting for Xmas and playing card games.

The resource has been designed to cater for the numeracy levels of Year 3 students up to students in further education.

Students, school staff and community members from Point Pearce, Port Lincoln, Adelaide, Raukkan, Port Augusta, Coober

Pedy and Oodnadatta were involved in the development and trialling of the resource.

"The maths kits are about making maths relevant, interactive and fun," says DECS Curriculum Services Policy and Program Officer Caty Morris.

"The aim is to show students how they are already using mathematics in everyday life and develop their skills."

"Although the resource has been developed with Indigenous students in mind, it is also relevant for non-Indigenous students."

AEES Executive Director David Rathman says: "The Department of Education and Children's Services is committed to the inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives in the curriculum and teachers in the classroom and this project contributes to achieving this."

The resource is also in line with DECS' Aboriginal Strategy 2005-2010 target to increase Aboriginal learners' successful participation in rigorous, relevant and challenging numeracy programs.

For more information contact Caty Morris on (08) 8226 4311 or visit www.aboriginaleducation.sa.edu.au/pages/educators

Maths kits for Aboriginal students – Order now!



Interactive Numeracies, formerly known as *Numeracies in Indigenous Communities*, is now available and is suitable for Years 3/4 right up to TAFE.

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SA's DECS on the job

INCREASING the number of Aboriginal employees, particularly leaders, in the South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services' (DECS) 400 pre-schools and 600 schools, is a key priority of the DECS Aboriginal Strategy 2005-2010.

"Young people need role models," DECS Chief Executive Chris Robinson says.

"We want more Aboriginal people in education leadership roles in South Australia."

DECS recognises that Aboriginal teachers are invaluable in helping more of the State's Aboriginal children and students achieve their potential.

DECS Aboriginal Teaching Scholarships provide financial support of up to \$10,000 throughout recipients' tertiary studies and guarantees permanent employment in DECS on completion of their teaching degrees.

The scholarship is open to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, who are:

- Students enrolled in teaching at university
 - Year 12 school leavers
 - Aboriginal Education Workers
 - Graduates with an appropriate degree who are enrolled in teaching at university
 - Mature-aged students enrolled in teaching at university
- The Aboriginal Recruitment

'Young people need role models ... We want more Aboriginal people in education leadership roles in South Australia'

Guarantee offers permanent employment within DECS to eligible people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent who are studying teaching at university or who are qualified teachers not currently employed within the State's public education system.

DECS offers support, including personal support and

guidance, to its future teachers during their studies and to teachers working in the field. There are also opportunities to network with other Aboriginal teachers.

Aboriginal people are also encouraged to apply for the Tarkaritya Tirkandi Aboriginal Traineeship Program, which offers trainees aged 17-28 employment as Administration

Officers, Early Childhood Worker and School Services Officers and opportunities to gain nationally-recognised qualifications.

Aboriginal people considering employment in education in South Australia may like to

apply to be an Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO), a role formerly known as Aboriginal Education Worker. ACEOs support individual Aboriginal students and their families in DECS school or pre-school environments.

For more information about employment in DECS visit www.decs.sa.gov.au



Zena Bucksin (pictured in foreground with other trainees) is one of the successful graduates of the SA Education Department's Tarkaritya Tirkandi Aboriginal Traineeship Program, open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 17-28. This program gave her a head start into the next stage of her career - she is now undertaking tertiary studies to become an early childhood teacher.

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ECU bridges the gap

EDITH Cowan University's Kurungkurl Katitjin Centre for Education and Research 2009 Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC) intake numbers increased from last year, with a sizable regional class from Geraldton in Western Australia also making a strong start.

From Year 12 students to mothers, ECU says the group's diversity has made for many productive class sessions so far.

Many students took advantage of Commonwealth and IUOC scholarships. As Debbie Taylor, from the Geraldton Centre, explains: "I have won two scholarships with ECU and it has helped me to get equipment to aid with my studies, such as my lap-top."

Keryne Ronan is a mother of six who has now found the time to come back to university. "IUOC has an option that allows me to engage in degrees after a single semester, accelerating my study skills to help the community," she said.

Geraldton students Gemma Merrit and Craig Pickett also appreciate the IUOC's Indigenous content.

All IUOC students agree with Geraldton student Teri Dalgety, who says: "So far studying has been really enjoyable. The tutors and co-ordinator are great people and are very approachable when I am in need of support."

SOME IUOC students relocated closer to ECU by utilising the funding provided by Abstudy and the Commonwealth Indigenous Assess Scholarships. These payments remove certain elements of financial instability created by the need to attend



Debbie Taylor, from the Geraldton Centre, is studying at Edith Cowan University.

university onsite and can amount to close to \$10,000 in the first year.

Others who may not be in a position to move closer to the campuses still have the option to study the course in an external mode.

● To contact Kurungkurl Katitjin at ECU, call the centre free on 1800 648 994 or see www.kk.ecu.edu.au

Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT)

Darren Hammond came to Edith Cowan University in Perth, Western Australia, from Moree, NSW, to look at gaining entry to start a degree in secondary teaching.

Being from Moree – which some say is

the birthplace of Indigenous civil rights – Darren's dream was to engage in a degree that allowed him to present cultural studies to the younger generation. But even though he was an outstanding pupil, he had never completed the studies for direct entry to uni.

His cousin Amy Hammond, who completed an Advanced Diploma in Stage Management at ECU, suggested he apply to take the Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT), an Indigenous alternative direct entry pathway. He passed this and is now on his way to being in a position to reach his goals.

The ISIT and other ECU support mechanisms, like the Commonwealth Indigenous Access Scholarship, have taken care of some of the financial burdens of education, allowing Darren to concentrate on the important academic elements of his studies. Darren says it has been a really great experience at ECU and that its relaxed environment has helped him greatly.

ECU is strong in service degrees, and this translates into a safe and empathetic study environment. These elements are crucial for all new Indigenous university students.

ECU has become the premier Western Australian university for teaching, and now produces well-regarded educators in nursing and health, legal and business, natural sciences and other courses. ECU also has the WA Academy of Performing Arts, a world-renowned institution with its own Aboriginal theatre group course.

● To test for entry into any standard entry degree, or to apply for non-standard entry courses offered at ECU, call 134 ECU (134 328).

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"ECU not only gave me a pathway to a University Degree,

but its Vice Chancellors Indigenous Australian Scholarship gave me additional support that allowed me to fully concentrate on my studies."

- Scholarship winner and Law & Justice graduate, Julie Pickett.

The Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC) unlocks barriers to Indigenous Australians accessing and engaging Higher Education.



"Kurungkurl Katitjin and IUOC fully appreciates and supports personal and academic needs. Receiving a Commonwealth Scholarship removed many financial burdens and Kurungkurl Katitjin helped me find suitable accommodation that created a quiet and affordable environment. I feel that I am now well on my way to a meaningful and successful career."

- 2009 IUOC student and potential legal eagle, Justin Walker.

"As a mature student IUOC is giving me a second chance. Its structure allows me to use life experiences, which has given me the confidence and skills to lead and motivate. This makes me feel wanted and needed, supporting my development as a role model for my peers."

- 2009 IUOC student and potential social scientist, Glenn Moore.

Entry Pathways and Scholarships



Are you an Australian Indigenous person that wants to improve their current situation? ECU offers alternate entry pathways for our many courses. Once a student, ECU also supports programs that help ease the social and financial burdens of study, like access to scholarships, accommodation and tuition.

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THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM

The Ngunnawal Centre Foundation Program assists students who may not have completed secondary school or college, and mature age students to prepare for tertiary study.

In addition to attaining study and communication skills, on-campus students participate in a unit of work that is related to their chosen degree. Foundation students are guaranteed a place at UC on successful completion of the Program.

The Centre assists all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students on campus with study areas, a computer lab, access to the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme, cultural and learning support, library research skills and accommodation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Centre or call Suzanne

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Joyce out to master yet another degree

JOYCE Graham is a Kamilaroi Country woman who is about to set out on her toughest test yet – completing her Masters of Research in Counselling and Psychotherapy.

In 1989, Ms Graham was among the first Indigenous students to graduate from the University of Canberra Ngunnawal Foundation Program with a Community Development Degree (Applied Science in Health Education).

"I would not have survived if it had not been for the Ngunnawal Foundation Program," she said.

"As a single mum, I received amazing support, both emotionally and academically, and was given access to all the resources I needed."

"It was a real community. In fact I met family members I didn't know I had through the program."

Ms Graham holds degrees in Community Development,

'I would not have survived if it had not been for the Ngunnawal Foundation Program...'

– Joyce Graham



Community Counselling and has a post-graduate qualification in Administration.

Her life goal is to assist Indigenous communities to find their voice, as she has done for

herself. "It is all about working with people and helping them heal from the traumas and hurt that has affected them," she said.

Ms Graham manages the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander Liaison Service at Canberra Hospital. She believes her further studies will give her an opportunity to explore in more depth her counselling skills.

"I intend to explore the area of

'expressive art therapy' as a healing modality for Aboriginal women who have been traumatised," she said.

"The ultimate goal is to develop a counselling theory that can sit within Aboriginal culture and enhance the healing process."

"The therapy will encompass traditional aspects of Aboriginal culture through drawing, story-telling and dance."

"My work at the hospital has made me aware of the importance of Aboriginal nurses and midwives supporting Indigenous people through the health system in a culturally appropriate way."

"I would encourage anyone thinking of a career as a nurse or midwife to consider the University of Canberra, Bachelor of Midwifery, because to have a healthy baby means a strong culture."



Not everyone's ready to start uni at the same time

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NAISDA celebrates newest graduates

THE Gosford Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, on the NSW Central Coast, rang to the sounds of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dancing and music on 3 April when NAISDA Dance College held its 2008 graduation ceremony there.

Four new Careers in Dance Diploma graduates received congratulations from NSW Minister for the Central Coast John Della Bosca, who stepped in for NSW Premier Nathan Rees after he was called away to flood-stricken Bellingen.

Mr Della Bosca presented diplomas to Rudi Bremer, from Sydney, Nancy Cook, from Darnley Island in the Torres Strait, Tamara Pearson, from Cape York, and Ghenoa Gela (see main story facing page).

The four Diploma graduates were joined by 14 other NAISDA students who were presented with their Careers in Dance certificates by



Central Coast Federal MP Belinda Neal. The ABC's *Message Stick* presenter, Miriam Corowa, gave the keynote speech, while NAISDA Board member Warren Mundine was Master of



Ceremonies and Darkinjung representative Kevin Duncan gave the Welcome to Country.

NAISDA Dance College is Australia's national tertiary college for Indigenous

dance, and is a member of the Australian Roundtable for Arts Training Excellence.

● Pictured here are some of the people at the graduation ceremony.





Class of 2008 graduate Ghenoa Gela inspires the audience at the NAISDA Graduation Ceremony this month.
All photos by AMANDA JAMES

WHAT Ghenoa Gela wanted from school was a life. But what she got was a series of dead-end jobs that didn't take her anywhere – not even out of her home town of Rockhampton in central Queensland.

And then Ghenoa heard about NAISDA Dance College. She auditioned, was accepted, and in 2005 became a developing artist at NAISDA.

For this proud Ilan girl, giving the graduate address at the NAISDA Graduation Ceremony this month for the class of 2008 was a major milestone on her journey through life.

"When I began studying here my single passion was dance," Ghenoa said.

"And what a place to be!

We got to dance every day and sing every second day.

"But my journey through NAISDA has taught me so much more than just dance. Now I want to make a difference in the world for others – to start a positive ripple effect in some way for the younger Indigenous mob coming through."

NAISDA is where some of Australia's deadliest dancers began their careers. Here on the sunny NSW Central Coast – with its surf beaches and supportive community life, only an hour by train from the buzz of Sydney – is where you, too, can develop as an artist or, like Ghenoa and many other graduates, find yourself drawn to other careers.

NAISDA gives you the

skills to make your own choices.

All NAISDA students are taught a ground-breaking VETAB-accredited curriculum. At NAISDA you'll taste a full range of performing arts – from ballet, music, drama and traditional dance to contemporary Indigenous, jazz and hip hop, as well as in-depth traditional culture studies.

Traditional culture is at the heart of the NAISDA experience, and all developing artists enrolled at NAISDA take part in the college's unique life-changing residencies.

So what does it take to get into NAISDA? Commitment, physical fitness and sustained effort are the qualities that will qualify you to develop

as an artist at NAISDA. Got what it takes? Deadly!

Getting into NAISDA – Here's how:

Enrolment at NAISDA is through an annual three-to-five day audition program. If you're eligible for Abstudy, your participation will be fully funded.

What happens in the Auditions program?

Auditionees take part in dance-related classes including traditional and contemporary Indigenous dance, attendance and literacy. Committed attitude and keenness to learn are viewed as very important.

You will stay on-campus at NAISDA for the program,

with Abstudy covering travel, accommodation and meal costs of all eligible auditionees.

The audition process includes assessment interviews on your readiness for admission and also your eligibility for recognition of prior learning.

At the end of Auditions Week, NAISDA writes to all auditionees at their home addresses to tell them if they have been accepted.

How old must I be?

You must be at least 18 years old to start studying at NAISDA, but can attend your audition program before you turn 18. Enrolment of developing artists over the age of 30 is at the discretion of NAISDA.

Tell me more – what do I do now?

For more information check out the NAISDA website, or email naisda@naisda.com.au or call toll-free 1800 117 116 and ask for a NAISDA Dance College audition package.



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Action during two of the high-energy performances from the NAISDA Dance College 2008 End-of-Year Show, titled 'Tharramali'.

Call NAISDA toll-free on 1800 117 116

IASU Gurinbey seeks ambassadors

THE Indigenous Academic Support Unit, Gurinbey, based at Charles Darwin University's Casuarina campus, is recruiting volunteers to participate in the Indigenous Student Ambassador Program (ISAP).

The program is a new concept designed by the Indigenous Academic Support Unit (IASU) to meet the growing demand for CDU Indigenous students to participate in promoting higher education throughout the wider community.

Coordinator of the IASU Roz Anderson said the ISAP was a great opportunity for Indigenous students to become role models within the community.

"The program not only ensures that high-achieving Indigenous students are appropriately recognised for their contribution to the community and to the university, but it also provides them with the opportunity to undertake voluntary community work that will really enhance their CVs when it comes to

applying for jobs," Ms Anderson said.

To apply to become a CDU Indigenous Student Ambassador, students must be more than 18 years old and enrolled as a student at CDU. They must also demonstrate a solid record of grade achievement.

For the selection criteria and to apply to volunteer, contact your local IASU or the ISA Program Manager, Cheri Williams, on phone (08) 8946 7763 or email cheri.williams@cdu.edu.au

Empowering students to new career pathways

CHARLES Darwin University's Indigenous Academic Support Unit (IASU) is helping Indigenous students to expand their horizons when selecting their courses.

The IASU, which comprises a team of highly skilled and qualified Indigenous staff, provides academic support to CDU's Indigenous students across a range of disciplines.

Indigenous support centres are located at four campuses: Casuarina (Gurinbey), Palmerston (Duwun), Katherine (Yangan.garr) and Alice Springs (Akalye), with staff also at Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy learning centres.

The IASU team provides a culturally safe environment where Indigenous students studying at either higher education or VET level receive support during their studies. Coordinator of the IASU Roz Anderson said the unit facilitated this through a wide range of programs designed to enhance Indigenous students' academic capabilities and provide them with increased personal and professional development opportunities as they progress through their studies.

"It is so important for Indigenous students to be able to identify a place on campus where they can receive support during their studies," she said.

Committed staff

"Through the efforts of our committed staff, the IASU helps Indigenous students adapt to the university environment and gain a better understanding of what is required of them in their higher education or vocational course studies."

The IASU provides invaluable services such as tutorial support, matching tutors to students' requirements through specific units of study, advocacy support, study options, and educational and career pathways available at CDU.

"Through consistent and appropriate advice and support, the IASU team has contributed to students' decisions to move into other areas of study, such as the sciences," Ms Anderson said.

"As a result, there are now more Indigenous students represented in undergraduate degrees such as pharmacy and engineering."

Ms Anderson also attributes CDU's recent appointment of a Pro Vice-Chancellor specifically for Indigenous Leadership, Professor Steven Larkin, as a significant factor in encouraging and enabling Indigenous students.

"It is the first time an Indigenous person has been appointed to such a senior level within an Australian university and that speaks volumes for CDU and the focus we place upon Indigenous participation," she said.

Prof Larkin said he aimed to position CDU as Australia's leading university in Indigenous studies.

He said this would be achieved "through strategic and effective incorporation of Indigenous knowledge systems throughout the university and improving Indigenous enrolment and graduation rates".

CDU helping to close gap

MANY more Indigenous students will have the opportunity to study at Charles Darwin University via the university's Indigenous Alternative Entry Program (IAEP). The program recognises candidates on their individual merits rather than by prescribed generic entry criteria.

The program, designed for Indigenous students wanting to enter an undergraduate degree at CDU, takes into account applicants' existing skills, work experience and capacity for tertiary study in order to make a recommendation for the best study pathway to help them achieve their educational goals.

This recommendation may include an offer of a place in an undergraduate course or within a Vocational Educational Training (VET) program with a charted pathway to a degree.

The program, which will run over two days, is an initiative of CDU's Indigenous Academic Support Unit (IASU).

Coordinator of the IASU Roz Anderson said the process was designed to assess an applicant's capacity to undertake study at first-year degree level as well as identify any particular educational strengths and weaknesses that needed to be addressed for them to succeed in their studies.

"During the program, students are provided with lots of useful information about the university in terms of the enrolment process, what support is available to them and what scholarships they can apply for," Ms Anderson said.

"It will also provide them with the opportunity to meet staff



Damien Mick and Emmalee Rowland apply through the Indigenous Alternative Entry Program through Charles Darwin University.

from the IASU and discover what type of support can be provided, including practical assistance with the enrolment

(Gurinbey) on 16-17 June 2009. A second IAEP will be conducted at Alice Springs campus (Akalye) on 24-25 June 2009.

application form. Application forms must be completed and returned as soon as possible to the program coordinator. Eligible

students may be able to access assistance to travel to Darwin to participate in the IAEP. Applications must be received at least six weeks beforehand to allow for travel arrangements to be made.

For more information about the IAEP, contact Kathy Arbon on phone (08) 8946 6037 or email kathleen.arbon@cdu.edu.au



Kamara Green and Braedon Talbot check out their study options at Charles Darwin University. CDU's Indigenous Alternative Entry Program (IAEP) means many more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will have the opportunity to study at the university, which is based in the Northern Territory.

process, tutor requests and scholarship applications."

The next IAEP will take place at CDU's Casuarina campus

Applying for the IAEP is a separate process and prospective students should contact the IASU for an

See www.cdu.edu.au for more info on Charles Darwin University

Vic students lead way

A GROUP of Wotjobaluk students have become the first group of Wergaia speakers to complete the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) subject Indigenous Languages of Victoria: Revival and Reclamation of Wergaia.

The students celebrated their achievement during a VCE Top Scorers function last month at the Victorian School of Languages in Melbourne.

One of the students, Richard Kennedy, said several had distinguished themselves by receiving a subject score of between 40 and 50, and many had dedicated their achievements to the late Uncle Jack Kennedy who passed away in September 2005.

"As one of the students, I feel extremely proud to have achieved this," said Mr Kennedy.

"It has assisted me with reconnecting to my ancestral roots, giving me greater awareness of my identity and belonging."

"It also saddens me to see what is happening to my northern neighbours, to see that their language is being eroded away as happened with us in Victoria."

Mr Kennedy said the milestone achievement came about



From left, Principal of the Victorian School of Languages Frank Merlino, students Marjorie Pickford and Richard Kennedy, linguist and teacher/researcher Dr Julie Reid, Victorian Education Minister Bronwyn Pike and students Belinda Marks, Jenni Beer, Katrina Beer, Natasha Kennedy and Kylie Kennedy. Photo by Marian Kennedy

following a workshop, facilitated by the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation of Languages (VACL) and the Victorian Department of

Education, in Horsham during 2005 which looked at ways to revive and reclaim the Wergaia language.

He said that from that meeting a process was set in place to create a written resource using historical data and knowledge from

community members that could be used for generations to come.

"The group meeting decided that we needed to train people to be able to educate our people to understand and speak our language," Mr Kennedy said.

"Firstly, by offering each family group the choice for at least one member to participate in a process to learn, understand and speak the language that could be re-assembled from historical data."

Mr Kennedy said this knowledge could then be passed to the rest of the community in phases and a process developed for it to be used in the school system to enable the preservation of the language for the future.

In 2006, 15 people from five Wotjobaluk families undertook to study VCE. VACL also provided funding to create a written word list, and linguist Dr Julie Reid was engaged as a teacher and researcher for the grammar and dictionary using the historical sources.

The grammar and dictionary was published and presented to the community at Horsham in 2007, and the nine students made history last year by completing the VCE subject which will help them to revive and reclaim the Wergaia language.

Ricky's sights set on the top

RICKY Macourt has set himself the ambitious target of becoming Australia's first Indigenous Prime Minister.

And even though Queensland is a long way from Canberra, the Gold Coast is where the Nambucca Heads (northern NSW) man has started his path to The Lodge by studying a Bachelor of Laws degree at Bond University.

Mr Macourt is a recipient of the Sunland Foundation Scholarship which is awarded to students with Indigenous heritage. The scholarship is for students who have completed Year 12 studies at an Australian secondary school, displayed exceptional academic and leadership attributes, and shown enthusiasm for extra-curricular activities.

Legal classrooms have been the breeding grounds for many Federal MPs, promoting robust debate and testing ideas. Mr Macourt is confident Bond University will provide the same platform.

'Honoured'

"I think we will have an Aboriginal prime minister in my life time, and if it turns out to be me, I will be very honoured," he said.

Mr Macourt's goal to become an influential Aboriginal leader has been inspired by other prominent Indigenous identities such as NSW Minister Linda Burney.

"She is such a strong woman," he said. "And other Aboriginal identities like Warren Mundine (former National President of the Labor Party) and Noel Pearson (lawyer and activist) aren't afraid to put themselves

out there in the public domain either."

Many of Mr Macourt's peers will take advantage of the lucrative opportunities offered in the legal fraternity.

But he intends to use his legal knowledge to return to the Aboriginal community and work as a legal aid representative.

"I want to be able to change the mentality that exists in our community which suggests that if you're Aboriginal, things aren't meant to work for you, or that you're naturally going to have trouble," he said.

'Better person'

"I knew if I went and did legal aid I would be a better person and enjoy life more if I helped others."

"When I was younger I skipped class a lot and couldn't read very well, but now I am a scholarship holder at Bond University."

Bond is a private university that runs trimester study schedules – a contrast to public institutions that run two semesters annually.

The accelerated degrees prepare students to enter the workforce earlier from a teaching environment that fosters smaller class sizes and exposure to some of Australia's best learning resources.

As a Sunland Foundation Scholarship holder, Bond University will provide for Mr Macourt's tuition, meals, on-campus accommodation and activities.

"The room I have at Bond is bigger than the room at home," he laughed.



Bond University student and scholarship recipient Ricky Macourt ... "I think we will have an Aboriginal Prime Minister in my life time, and if it turns out to be me, I will be very honoured."

Women awarded Loris Williams scholarships

THE Australian Society of Archivists (ASA) has announced the winners of the 2009 Loris Williams Educational Scholarship.

They are Tania Schafer, an Indigenous Resources Officer for the State Library of Queensland's Heritage Collections, and Sue Newman, Project Officer - Aboriginal Liaison with State Records New South Wales.

They received their \$3000 scholarships on 8 April, at separate ceremonies in Brisbane and Sydney.

Tania Schafer is from the NSW/Queensland border area. She is connected to the Mununjali people through her mother and to the Bundjalung people through her father.

She is a qualified teacher and librarian who has worked for the State Library for 16 years, helping Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people research their family histories.

Ms Schafer is passionate about providing better access to archival collections for Indigenous people, and was instrumental in creating a name index to the Tindale Collection.

She is studying for her Masters of Information Management and Systems at Monash University on a Monash Indigenous Archives Scholarship.

Sue Newman is a Dunghutti woman descended from the Foy family of Walcha, northern NSW.

She now lives on the NSW Central Coast where she is an active member of two Aboriginal Corporations - the Darkinjung Land Council in Wyong, the Mingaletta Aboriginal Corporation in Umina.

Ms Newman started at State Records NSW as a volunteer and was appointed to the staff in 2005. She was involved in developing



Tania Schafer with Old State Archivist Janet Prowse, left, and Old State Librarian Lea Giles-Peters.



Sue Newman receives her Australian Society of Archivists Loris Williams Scholarship from Catherine Robinson, a past President of the ASA, during a ceremony in Sydney.

the exhibition *In Living Memory: an exhibition of surviving photographs from the records of the NSW Aborigines Welfare Board, from 1919 to 1966* which is now touring to 17 communities in NSW.

Ms Newman often works with the families of people whose

photographs are in the exhibition to record their perspective alongside the official record. She is studying for the Graduate Diploma in Science (Information Services) at Edith Cowan University.

The Loris Williams scholarships provide \$3000 towards the cost of

studying for professional qualifications in archives and records.

The winners also receive complementary membership of the ASA and a mentor to help them develop professional contacts.

Both women plan to use their scholarship money to improve their home computing environment, which is essential to them as distance education students.

The scholarship is named in memory of the late Loris Williams (1949 - 2005), the first Aboriginal person in Queensland and the second in Australia to gain professional qualifications as an archivist.

Information on the scholarships is available at <http://www.archivists.org.au/indigenous-scholarship-applications-open>

Victorian students receive support

TWENTY-FOUR Indigenous Victorian students have been awarded the inaugural \$5000 Wannik Education Scholarships.

State Education Minister Bronwyn Pike said the scholarships, to support students through their final years of secondary schooling, would help to give recipients every opportunity to succeed in school and get the best possible start in life.

"Education is the Government's number-one priority and these scholarships provide a fantastic opportunity for Indigenous students who have excelled academically," she said.

The scholarships are part of the Victorian Government's \$31 million education strategy for Indigenous students, Wannik, Learning Together - Journey to Our Future, which Ms Pike said was a comprehensive plan to help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

This year's recipients are Year 11 students from 19 schools across Victoria intending to complete their VCE (HSC) or equivalent. They will each receive \$5000.

The scholarships will be awarded annually.

This year's recipients:

Senada Aldobasic (Dandenong HS), Shane Fry (Ballarat HS), Kieren Antonio (Necomb SC), Tya Fry (Oberon HS), Bidja Atkinson (Echuca College), Danielle Harrison (Bairnsdale SC), Corey Badenoch (Mildura Senior College), Renee Howe (Beechworth SC), Jacob Bates (Brauer SC), Mariah Nagorcka (Portland SC), Bryce Baxter (Bairnsdale SC), Nathan Pender (Bundooora SC), Noreen Burns (Robinvale SC), Chelsea Priest (Benalla College), Meg Cameron (Bairnsdale SC), Ebony Ridgeway (Castlemaine SC), Peter Craze (Bairnsdale SC), Derek Stephens (Ballarat SC), Josh Daffy (Bendigo Senior Secondary), Sharna Vandermeer (Mildura Senior Secondary), Sean Denniss (Wodonga Senior Secondary), Aidan Grinham (Swan Hill College), Angelika Fevalaeki (Robinvale SC) and Demity Nicholls (Swan Hill College).

Celebration for Macquarie Uni

ONE of the largest groups of Indigenous students to graduate from Macquarie University will receive their degrees this week. Most of the 30 students are enrolled either in the Bachelor in Community Management (BCM), or Bachelor of Teaching - Early Childhood Services (BTeach), which are offered through Warawara, the University's Department of Indigenous Studies.

For many Indigenous students, participation in higher education would not be possible without a unique academic program that

suits their needs. A significant number are mature-age, work full-time and come from geographically diverse areas.

The BCM and the BTeach are different in the way they are delivered because they accommodate the students' family, community and work commitments. Students attend on-campus residential schools plus undertake external studies. This mixed mode of course delivery is known as block release.

This is the 17th year of operation of the Community Management degree program and

the 11th year of the BTeach. Many Indigenous Macquarie graduates from these programs have gone on to pursue further tertiary studies, while others have significantly improved their professional prospects.

As part of this year's graduation celebrations, Warawara will host a graduation dinner tomorrow (23 April) to honour the achievements of all Macquarie University's Indigenous graduates. The guest speaker for the event will be NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton.

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NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney has invited non-profit community organisations, local government and government agencies to submit expressions of interest to operate two new services to help Aboriginal families with small children in metropolitan Sydney.

The NSW Government has allocated \$167,137 to the Deadly Tots – No Gammin Project which aims to raise awareness and provide culturally appropriate educational resources to Aboriginal parents and carers,

on topics including healthy child development, early literacy and transition to school.

"Unfortunately, there are very low rates of participation among Aboriginal children in all early childhood services," Ms Burney said.

"This means Aboriginal children with physical health issues, emotional, social or cognitive delays may not be getting the help they need early enough."

The project will operate in suburbs including Hornsby, Manly, Pittwater, Ryde, Warringah, Botany Bay, City of Sydney,

Hurstville, Kogarah, Randwick, Rockdale, Sutherland, Waverley, Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Strathfield and Glebe.

Meanwhile, \$103,511 has been allocated to the Inner West Aboriginal Child and Family Network Project, which aims to provide a forum for local services to help Aboriginal families. The project will cater for families in Ashfield, Burwood, Canada Bay, Canterbury, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Strathfield and Glebe.

Ms Burney said both projects were part of the Aboriginal Child, Youth and Family Strategy – the NSW Government's prevention and early intervention plan to provide Aboriginal children and young people with the best start in life.

Applications and details for each expression of interest are available on the NSW Department of Community Services website at www.community.nsw.gov.au/EOI. Applications must be submitted by close of business next Thursday, 30 April.

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SA student numbers up

SOUTH Australia has recorded an increase in the number of Indigenous school students, a recent report from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows.

The number of Indigenous students in SA schools rose from 8398 in 2007 to 8634 in 2008, according to the bureau's *Schools Australia* report.

SA Education Minister Jane

Lomax-Smith says it's a major step in closing the gap between the achievements of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

"It's terrific to see that more young Indigenous South Australians are enrolled in school where they can get support to achieve their potential," she said.

"Teachers, Aboriginal Community Education Officers

and others in our schools are working hard to set Indigenous students on the path to a successful future.

"Last year, 133 Indigenous students were awarded the South Australian Certificate of Education and five of those achieved a merit in a SACE subject, two more than the previous year," Dr Lomax-Smith said.

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Opera singer and Wilin Centre Program Manager Deborah Cheetham ... "Every year I am inspired by the depth of both practised and raw talent in the Indigenous community around Australia."

THE Melbourne-based Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development has started auditions for its second annual Spring Intensive Program for Indigenous singers who have experience, or show promise, in the area of classical vocal music.

The Wilin Centre, in partnership with Short Black Productions, is again presenting the 2009 Spring Intensive Course as part of its ongoing Indigenous Talent Identification Program.

This year's Spring Intensive will run from 14-24 September at the Faculty of the VCA and Music, the University of Melbourne and then tour in Moama/Shepparton.

The 2009 Spring Intensive also coincides with the creation of *Pecan Summer*, Australia's first Indigenous

opera written and composed by Deborah Cheetham.

Ms Cheetham, who is the Wilin Centre Program Manager, a renowned soprano and Yorta Yorta woman, described the program as a unique opportunity for

"Those singers who are offered a place will then undertake a 10-day intensive training program in September, at the Faculty of the VCA and Music in Melbourne, providing them the opportunity to hone their talent as they work with

auditions, at times quite tentatively, but then once they start performing, you can see it is a true passion for them.

"The Wilin Spring Intensive is an extraordinary opportunity and it is so satisfying to see young men and women go on to further their careers because of the program."

Ms Cheetham added that as a result of the Talent Identification and Spring Intensive program in the past, the Faculty of the VCA and Music in Melbourne is now home to the only Indigenous opera students in Australia.

Auditions are currently being held around Australia. They are: Perth May 9-11, Brisbane June 12-13 and Canberra June 26-27. Anyone wanting to audition in Melbourne should email Ms Cheetham at cheed@unimelb.edu.au

'The Wilin Spring Intensive is an extraordinary opportunity and it is so satisfying to see young men and women go on to further their careers because of the program'

— Wilin Centre Program Manager Deborah Cheetham

Indigenous singers.

"Following on from the success of the 2008 Program, this year up to eight places will be made available to Indigenous singers who show promise in the genre of classical vocal music," Ms Cheetham said.

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On the right course

THIRTEEN Indigenous students from around Australia are now undertaking the new Bachelor of Arts (Extended) program at the University of Melbourne.

The BA (Extended) is a new course for Indigenous students whose secondary school results do not allow direct entry to the University of Melbourne's Bachelor of Arts degree. It was launched by the Provost, Professor Peter McPhee, earlier this year.

The BA (Extended) 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 helps 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



Students undertaking the new Bachelor of Arts (Extended) program at the University of Melbourne with Project Officer Michelle Earthy, front second from left, and, at right, University of Melbourne academics Professor Marcia Langton and Professor Ian Anderson.

Education and the Academic Skills Unit. Students will be supported through the Centre for Indigenous

Education, and will reside at one of the colleges affiliated with the University of Melbourne. Funding

is provided through the residential cost option initiative of Abstudy, or through College scholarships.

Students who are admitted to the BA (Extended) and successfully complete the first two bridging years will progress into the regular Bachelor of Arts course in their third year.

Building on the solid foundation of a Bachelor of Arts degree, students can go on to begin a career and enter the workforce, undertake an honours program or embark on a professional graduate program.

Associate Professor Marion Campbell, Director of Academic Programs in the Faculty, says the program is an exciting initiative that combines the academic excellence of Melbourne Arts with the Trinity College Foundation Studies expertise in preparing diverse cohorts of students for university entry.

She says the Centre for Indigenous Education is excellently positioned to provide specialised student support for this new cohort of Indigenous students. "The course is a unique experience and provides a great opportunity for students to immerse themselves in University life," she says.

● For details about the course, call Michelle Earthy on (03) 8344 5330 or email: meathy@unimelb.edu.au

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Cadetship pays off



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney, left, with solicitor Renee Dane and her mother Julie.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

RENEE Dane always loved a good argument, even as a child. So it made perfect sense to her family when Ms Dane started studying a combined law and social science degree at the University of Western Sydney.

By that stage, the budding young legal eagle knew where it was she wanted to focus her attention.

Her commitment to community welfare work drew her towards the Indigenous Cadetship Program co-ordinated by the NSW Department of Community Services (DoCS) Aboriginal Services Branch, under which she completed a work placement with the organisation for each year of her degree.

That was back in 2005. Last year, Ms Dane became the first Aboriginal solicitor to be appointed by the department following a cadetship, and she was more than happy to put away the books and get started on the next phase of her life.

A normal working day for Ms Dane might see her settling affidavits in Children's Court care and protection matters or providing advice in relation to Family Court cases where child protection concerns are held.

She might also be making applications to the Victims Compensation Tribunal on behalf of children in the Minister's care or providing legal advice to DoCS caseworkers.

So is she daunted by the prospect of the big courts and mounting responsibility? Not likely.

This young woman knows her capabilities and is not afraid to have her say.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney says confident and smart Indigenous people not afraid to hold back are coming through the ranks.

She said there was now more than ever before support and programs available for young Indigenous people across a range of industries.

But by Ms Dane's own admission, she couldn't have done it without the cadetship.

With three months annually dedicated to working with DoCS and being teamed up with mentors in the field, she came out with a solid understanding of the system.

Family support

However, it was also the family support that helped get Ms Dane through the arduous task of completing a law degree.

As the first member of her family to finish high school and attend university, Ms Dane said it was their influence that inspired her to work for DoCS.

Her mother Julie has worked on a community level with families for years, and remains her greatest supporter.

Ms Dane said that, despite all of the challenges, she was confident of using her new role to make a difference.

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The best of hip-hop



THE latest offering from Gadigal Music and ABC Music is out, bringing together a notable line-up of indigenous hip-hop performers from across the country.

The *Making Waves Hip Hop* compilation was launched last week in Sydney at the Oxford Arts Factory with high-energy performances from a number of artists including Street Warriors, Impossible Odds, Jimblah and

The Last Kinection.

The Hip Hop album is the second follow-up release to *Making Waves – Singer Songwriters* released last year and features 19 tracks from 12 Indigenous artists hailing from Brisbane to Armidale, Melbourne, Newcastle, Adelaide, Perth and the Torres Strait Islands.

One of the artists featured on the album are The Last Kinection, who spent part of 2008 on the road with Australian group The Herd.

Others include Munkimuk, Impossible Odds, Wire MC and Brotha Black.

Deadly Award nominees Street Warriors and Tijimba and the Yung Warriors also appear on the album alongside freestyler Knowledge Bones, Eskatology and the Dreamtime Brothaz.

Gadigal Music Projects Manager Michael Hutchings said the album promised to capture a mix of seasoned performers and as well as up-and-coming Indigenous hip-hop artists.

"We really want to help the artists get

to that next stage within the music industry and we believe this is a good way to do that," he said.

Mr Hutchings said the next stage for Gadigal Music would be to continue to build on the success of the *Making Waves* range of albums.

He said two strong possibilities in the pipeline included a *Legends* album featuring classic Indigenous bands such as Warumpi Band and Coloured Stone, as well as a collaborative album featuring Indigenous and non-Indigenous artists.



Naomi Wenitong and the hip-hop group The Last Kinection.

Naomi back on centre stage

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



IT'S hard to imagine that only last September Naomi Wenitong, one-third of hip-hop group

The Last Kinection, was involved in a car accident so severe she remained in hospital for months afterwards.

It's hard because today you wouldn't know from speaking to the bright and vivacious singer, formerly of popular music duo Shakaya.

Firstly, Naomi is quick to laugh at everything, likening the first stages of her recovery to a scene out of the popular comedy *50 First Dates*.

She says that upon first waking up after the accident, her

mum played her recorded messages of hope and recovery from friends and family members.

But she says that due to the short-term memory loss she sustained from the head trauma, each time she watched the footage was like a new experience.

Needed reminding

Her mum had to gently remind her that she had already seen it, several times already.

"I just woke up one day a few months later," Naomi said.

Today, she can laugh, despite the fears of her family who spent many worried hours by her bedside.

But there are still whole chunks of her life she can't easily recall, if at all.

Rehabilitation is ongoing, spent half-way between Newcastle and her other home town of Cairns, in far north Queensland.

By her own admission, she 'broke everything', including one of her legs, her wrist, pelvis, jaw and has since been fitted with a titanium pole in one of the more severe breaks.

But she considers herself fortunate to be alive and able to continue to live her dream of performing hip-hop.

Many people would be aware that The Last Kinection were involved in a horrific car accident in September last year on their way home from the final weekend of The Herd's Summerland Tour, which they supported nationally.

They recently finished laying

down some tracks for the latest Gadigal/ABC Music release *Making Waves Hip Hop* and are now rehearsing for the CD launch in Sydney.

The group is then set to take their full show on the road with a tour in the middle of the year.

Life has never been busier.

The end of 2008 saw the independent release of their debut album, *Nutches*, which has been described as a politically-infused depiction of their life experiences.

Naomi says it is powerful tool to be in the position of maintaining creative control and being able to write about and perform on the issues that are important to the group, like suicide and domestic violence.

In the male-dominated industry of hip-hop, Naomi is

fast gaining recognition for her lyric and melody skills and has also been called one of Australia's best female MCs.

When they returned to the stage earlier this year in their first big gig since the accident, it was to support Public Enemy on the Newcastle leg of their Australian tour.

Toured on crutches

Naomi was still on crutches and says it was a huge moment for her to walk back on stage.

With a determined focus and new appreciation for life, Naomi says she's looking forward to the next stage in both her musical life and personal journey.

For more information on upcoming gigs go to www.thelastkinection.com

By DARREN COYNE



WHEN Bundjalung artist Albert (Digby) Moran began painting 20 years ago, he swore he would never use blues or greens.

He thought at the time that he should concentrate on the more traditional colours associated with Aboriginal art – the colours of the earth.

But as he reflected on his luscious home environment of the far north coast of New South Wales – with its deep, dark forests, wide rivers, and brilliant blue oceans, that promise was bound to be broken.

"These days I like to throw colour around because we live in such a beautiful area," he said.

When *The Koori Mail* caught up with him last Wednesday, the sun was shining for the first time in weeks.

The break provided a window for the artist to finish the last section of his latest project – an 85m mural at the recently opened sport and aquatic centre in the Lismore suburb of Goonellabah.

The mural depicts the animals and bird-life that flourish in Bundjalung country – the parrots and sea eagles, platypuses and kangaroos, turtles and goannas, catfish and eels.

"I always paint within my own boundaries. I don't do crocodiles or barramundi, I paint what surrounds me," he said.

Another promise Mr Moran made when he took up art was probably a little harder to keep than the one about using blues and greens.

But with his newfound zeal for painting, it is one he has honoured – and it has honoured him in return.

"I gave up alcohol and cigarettes and took up painting and it was the best decision I ever made. I've never looked back," Mr Moran said.

The softly-spoken painter who grew up on Cabbage Tree Island, south of Ballina, admits that he had led a knockabout life, drinking and fighting, cutting sugar cane and labouring, and boxing in Jimmy Sharman's boxing tent.

"I spent my younger life doing labouring jobs and only did art in school

Colours reflect environment



Digby Moran at work on the mural at the new Sport and Aquatic Centre in the Lismore suburb of Goonellabah.

so I'm pretty much self-taught," he said.

"I did go to TAFE at one stage to do a three-year art course, but I pulled out because it was too European for me."

His earliest memories of art came from family.

"I grew up watching my grandfather making walking sticks and boomerangs. He'd burn designs into them using a piece of wire set in a block of wood," Mr Moran recalled.

Once he took up the paintbrushes, however, he found his true place in the world, and speaks of that place with passion.

"It's like meditation. It's another world," he said. "It's beautiful, the feeling and mood it creates. It's very relaxing and time just passes by."

Now in his 60s, the artist is proud of his legacy of public art, which adorns buildings and schools throughout the Northern Rivers area.

He also enjoys teaching his grandchildren, and invites other children to contribute whenever possible. But he sees no sense in rushing them.

"They'll get into it later on when they're ready. You don't push them," he said.

"When I started, I had no idea that one

day I would be Australia Day ambassador, or be taking part in the Living Library program. I had no idea I would have exhibitions overseas.

"I used to be shy but I've had to talk at exhibitions over the years and it opens you up as a person. Now I love doing it."

When he is not painting, Mr Moran works at Namatjira Haven, near Alstonville, a local drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

"I do a few days a week there and I can relate to those blokes because I've been through that type of shit myself," he said.

These days Mr Moran's work is highly regarded. He paints by commission, and has held numerous exhibitions, including in Germany and Austria, where he is set to return in June.

For now though, the last ten metres of an 85-metre mural has his undivided attention – at least until the rain starts again.



Moran's paintings reflect his own environment – hence no barramundis or crocodiles in his works.

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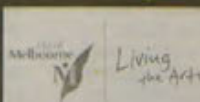
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Indigenous art code: There's still time to comment

THERE'S just a week or so left for people to comment on a discussion paper on a draft code of conduct aimed at stamping out unscrupulous behaviour in the Indigenous visual art industry.

The draft code, developed with industry input and released by Arts Minister Peter Garrett in December, was a key recommendation of the Senate Inquiry report into the Indigenous visual arts and craft sector, which revealed unscrupulous and illegal commercial practices towards Indigenous artists.

It specifies a set of minimum standards for dealers, agents and artists, and defines terms of trade, rights and responsibilities for the sale and management of artworks.

Twenty submissions were received in response to the draft code and these can be viewed online at the website of the Australia Council for the Arts, which will hold consultation forums in Alice Springs, Adelaide, Perth, Broome, Darwin, Cairns, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and Hobart before the end of this month.

Hard copies of the discussion paper are also available upon request.

Comments gleaned from the forums will inform a final report to be handed to the Government.

Write stuff for festival

NSW

ORGANISERS of the Sydney Writers' Festival from 18-24 May are promising a

program of inspirational speakers and stimulating events.

The acclaimed 'Celebrating the Voice - Indigenous Writers Night' returns, featuring readings by Dr Anita Heiss, Auntie Barbara Nicholson, Dr Ernie Blackmore and friends. This free event is on 21 May at Wollongong City Gallery from 6-8pm.

On 22 May, Indigenous law expert Megan Davis, Murri playwright and artistic director Wesley Enoch and academic Sarah Maddison will discuss the new generation of Indigenous writers, leaders and thinkers with founding editor of *Griffith Review* Julianne Schultz. This free event is at Bangarra Theatre in Sydney's Walsh Bay from 2pm.

Sarah Maddison will also be discussing her new book *Black Politics: Inside the Complexity of Aboriginal Political Culture* during a free session at the Campbelltown Arts Centre on 23 May from 2pm. She will be joined by Indigenous academic and book contributor Larissa Behrendt and the session will be followed by a Q&A led by Indigenous curator Djon Mundine.



LARISSA BEHRENDT

Ms Maddison and Professor Behrendt can also be seen in a free session on 24 May at the Sydney Dance Company studio in Walsh Bay at 5.30pm discussing the issue of why Aboriginal communities still struggle so hard to be heard in mainstream politics.

On 23 May at 10am the first Aboriginal minister to be ordained in Redfern, Pastor Bill Simon, will speak to academic John Maynard



WESLEY ENOCH

in a free session called Back on the Block at the Sydney Philharmonia Choir Studio in Walsh Bay.

His story of being locked up in the notorious Kinchela Boys Home, and the ensuing anger that poisoned his life for the next two decades eventually leading to his imprisonment, is told in the book *Back on the Block*.

Later in the day, Pastor Simon will be joined by Yorta Yorta



MEGAN DAVIS

woman Lorraine McGee-Sippel to share stories of growing up in a session called Stories from The Stolen Generation.

This free session starts at 1.30pm at the Bangarra Theatre and will also include poetry readings by Emma Jones and Wiradjuri woman Elizabeth Hodgson, who spent her childhood in a home for fair-skinned Aboriginal children in a Sydney suburb.



SARAH MADDISON

Later on at the same venue, Rachel Perkins, Louis Nowra and Bruce Pascoe will talk about the SBS series *First Australians* - the story of the collision of two worlds that created contemporary Australia. This 4.30pm session costs \$15/\$10.

● For more information on Indigenous festival sessions see the National Calendar on page 72.

ANU gallery hosting Mawurndjul's works

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RENOWNED Aboriginal artist John Mawurndjul's works are

featured in a new major survey exhibition now at the Australian National University Drill Hall Gallery in Canberra.

Mawurndjul's homeland is near Maningrida, western Arnhem Land, where he was taught painting by his brother Jimmy Njiminjuma and uncle Peter Marrahwanga.

His early work consisted of small bark paintings using rarrk, the cross-hatched infill associated with moiety identity.

Mawurndjul's imagery usually depicted native species and mythological beings.

However, his more recent work has centred on Mardayin themes, a ceremony he was initiated into early in life, and connections to important places in his clan lands.

These later paintings embody his dedication to finding new ways to express his preoccupation with land and spirituality. As Mawurndjul says: "My head is full up with ideas."

A book on the artist's work, *Between Indigenous Australia and Europe - John Mawurndjul*, was also launched at the exhibition opening last week.

Curator of the exhibition and one of the book's contributors Apolline Kohen said she first met the artist in Maningrida where she was director of the



Aboriginal artist John Mawurndjul with Apolline Kohen at the Venice Biennale 2007.

local arts and culture centre.

Ms Kohen, who is originally from Paris and is currently the Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory (MAGNT) Acting Director, said she later took John Mawurndjul to Paris several times, and his works now feature as an installation piece in the Musée de l'Homme in Paris.

"I have always been fascinated with Indigenous art and love the aesthetic sense that you see in works by Indigenous artists such as John Mawurndjul, Rover Thomas,

Kitty Kantilla, Yala Yala Gibbs and Makintji Napanangka (winner of 2008 \$40,000 Telstra Award)," Ms Kohen said.

"The book explores John Mawurndjul's works and the dual perspective of how his art is viewed and approached, as his work is both grounded in his country in northern Australia and displayed internationally."

The ANU Drill Hall Gallery is on the ANU campus, Kingsley Street, off Barry Drive, Acton. The exhibition is open Weds-Sun, 12pm-5pm and runs until 24 May.

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Warwick artists show their works



MORE than 20 Aboriginal artists from family and clan groups based in the Warwick area of Queensland are exhibiting their work at the Warwick Art Gallery as part of the upcoming Peace Festival. The exhibition, Past, Present and

Future, is the culmination of a four-month project involving the development of artworks, and incorporating workshops in digital photography, screen printing, pottery decorating, sculpture, painting, and textiles (Shibori).

The exhibition opened last week with a performance by Roger Knox and will

run until Sunday 10 May.

The exhibition artworks are for sale and also at the project's stall at the Peace in the Park on Saturday 2 May.

The Peace Festival, is Warwick's biennial arts and cultural event.

More than 30 different activities make up the festival, which runs from 24 April to 4 May.

Hopes and dreams come to fruition

Kaylah Tyson.



YOUNG alumni of the Brisbane-based Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) are seeing the hopes and dreams that sustained them during their training come to fruition as they land professional work in the performing arts.

Acting students Andrew Legg and Paula Nazarski have been cast by the Queensland Theatre Company in the upcoming production of *The School of Arts*.

Paula Nazarski has been cast by Queensland Theatre Company in *The Crucible* and Rhonda Purcell will perform in the La Boite production of *Oodgeroo* in August.

Meanwhile musician and singer Georgia Corowa, who completed her Advanced Diploma last year, has been cast in a concert production of *Sing, Sing*, playing nationally in major venues before heading off to New Zealand and the United States.

All this comes on top of a record-breaking number of major main-stage performances in 2008 by ACPA students that saw them performing at the Old Performing Arts Centre in a successful season of their own production of *Reflections*, appearances at the Sydney Opera House in the nationally televised *Deadly Awards*, on the Riverstage at the opening of the Brisbane Festival, and in multiple NAIDOC Week appearances.

ACPA chairperson Sheryl Sandy said she had high aspirations for the Centre as a training organisation that had created an environment in which young Indigenous people could develop their talents and – through performance – walk tall within their own community and the broader Australian community.

"Their role in increasing knowledge, understanding and respect for Indigenous culture contributes to the stature of Indigenous people and to the culture of the nation as a whole," said Ms

Sandy, a member of the Mununjali people from Beaudesert and surrounding areas.

"And they become highly visible role models for Indigenous youth."

She said an important role for ACPA was to engage with the professional performing arts industry to build the networks that would support its students to gain employment when they left the organisation.

And crucial to this were the long-term partnerships ACPA was building with leading organisations such as the Qld Performing Arts Centre.

ACPA Artistic Director and leader of its artistic and creative program Leah Purcell, who is one of Australia's leading actors, said at the 2008 December Graduation performance that her vision for ACPA was to continue to deliver excellence in performance and training, and engage highly-skilled and respected trainers.

Herself an ACPA graduate, Purcell takes an active role in the Centre's performance program, directing, leading and tutoring students to ensure excellence on the stage and the skills necessary to move into the contemporary professional industry.

ACPA recruits in Queensland and nationally. Its next auditions will be held on Monday 1 June and Friday 5 June 2009 at 1/27 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. Contact Laurel Mason on (07) 3846 7211 to book, or for more information visit www.acpa.net.au

Courses are supported by Abstudy.

● INSET: Jesse Martin.



Robert Mann.



Robert Mann in a musical mood.



Current ACPA Certificate IV and Diploma students, group shot (above) and close-ups (right).

Exposure takes some licking

By MARGARET SMITH



SYDNEY artist Elaine Russell and four other Indigenous artists have had their artwork issued as new Australian stamps.

Elaine says she's honoured to feature alongside fellow artists Naru Rupert, Judy Napangardi Watson, Jan Billycan, and Tjuruparu Watson.

Australia Post chose her painting, depicting Elaine's childhood on a NSW mission, from the National Gallery collection.

Originally born in Tingha, near Inverell, Elaine was ten when her family moved to La Perouse and then to Murrumbidge Mission, near Lake Cargelligo, where her father was employed as a handyman.

After five years at Murrumbidge, her mother became ill and they returned to the Tamworth area.

Now Elaine reflects that all the moving around helped her see the country with fresh eyes, while the mission left an indelible mark.

Her paintings tell stories of Aboriginal families living frugally, but also of happy times when she played with her brothers and sister in the Lachlan River.

Two years ago Elaine returned to the mission just in time to see her old home being pulled down.

The trip overwhelmed her with

memories, especially how she and her brother would set rabbit traps before school to catch possums.

"If we were lucky, Mum would cook us possum stew for dinner," she said.

"We used to build billycarts out of boxes, and marbles out of old records we'd melt down in a fire and mould to shape.

"We collected yabbies and had a lovely vegetable garden."

She remembers adopting a baby possum as a pet, and it used to sleep in her jumper while she was at school. Her family had a dirt floor hut until a better house was built for them.

But Elaine also has unpleasant recollections because government-appointed mission managers forbade her family to speak their people's language.

"The language is lost to me forever, and the Elders are all gone now," she said.

Elaine says that while at school she loved painting, for which she won prizes. One was a trip to Singapore, 'but Mum wouldn't let me go, as I might have been stolen'.

On her visit to Murrumbidge, Elaine also addressed a school assembly at Lake Cargelligo High School. She told the children: "We Aboriginal kids were only allowed to stay at school till fifth grade. You should value your education, try hard and let nothing stop you."



Artist Elaine Russell.



The Australian stamp featuring Elaine's artwork.

Photos by JACK CARNEGIE

said. "My teacher said paint about your childhood, and all the memories flooded back."

Elaine went on to have her work exhibited and bought by major state galleries, and it is the feature of three children's storybooks.

Her book *A is for Aunty* has been in print for a decade and was commended by the National Book Council. Her other books include *The Shack that Dad Built* and more recently, *Nan, Dad and me at the Zoo*, which was launched by the NSW Governor Marie Bashir.

Elaine says her paintings have become brighter lately to attract children's attention, and she frequently gives talks in schools so they have a better understanding of the past experiences of Aboriginal people.

She's currently giving workshops at the Art Gallery of NSW during the school holidays at 11.30am each morning until this Friday, 24 April.

New body to link artists with industry



A NEW project called B Up Front has been launched which will link Indigenous artists with mainstream performing arts companies.

The project includes a website, data base and referral service which will link artists with industry, and vice-versa.

It was launched on 8 April by the Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) Milos Miladinovic.

Mr Miladinovic said Australia's future international distinctiveness in arts and culture would 'be built upon its unique heritage of 40,000 years of Indigenous life in this land'.

"Our Indigenous visual arts are already showcasing Australia internationally in a highly prominent way, but apart from Bangarra Dance Theatre, opportunities for Indigenous performing artists are few and far between in Australia - particularly in Queensland with very little infrastructure to support the development of artists and work," he said.

"Mainstream companies are in the main well disposed to the development of work by Indigenous artists and fostering new talent, but are wary of transgressing cultural protocols and offending Indigenous communities.

"So if our cultural potential as a

nation is to be fulfilled, a way forward has to be found to link together the financial supporters of the arts, mainstream companies and festivals, and the emerging and vital Indigenous performing artists".

Mr Miladinovic said the B UpFront project would provide that link.

He said the project would provide support services such as master classes for Indigenous artists that would be delivered by established artists.

There would also be career and business mentoring opportunities. "B UpFront's objective is to bring together the financial support from the Australia Council and Arts Queensland, the goodwill of the mainstream companies and festivals and the talents of our emerging and vital Indigenous performers to form the partnerships that will unlock the potential of our Queensland Indigenous performing artists.

"In time B UpFront will go national and grow the relationships between the wider performing arts industry and Indigenous artists that will ensure Australia develops its own unique cultural voice in the performing arts.

Mr Miladinovic said the website for the project was still being constructed and would be available to visit in about two weeks. The address will be bupfront@acpa.net.au



Clockwise, from above:

● Ernie Dingo, who was MC at the launch of B UpFront.

● Anthony Newcastle (Manager B UpFront program).

● Dean Tyson performing at the launch.

● Georgia Corowa was another performer.



Welcome 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@koomail.com, faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

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 ypg@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 or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

Until 11 May: Breakthrough – Emerging Indigenous Contemporary Musicians Initiatives. Call for applications. The aim of the initiative is to support three emerging Indigenous musicians/groups to produce a high-quality recording, including a selection of original tracks, suitable for broadcasting and commercial release. Applicants will be assessed on Performance or recording experience, industry partnerships, capability and a quality project plan. Details: (02) 6275 9958 or email contemporary.music@environment.gov.au or visit www.arts.gov.au/indigenous/breakthrough

Until 29 May: Kids in Community Awards. Call for nominations. KIC Awards feature nine categories – six recognising the contributions of individual and groups of young people in two age divisions (13-18 years and 19-25 years), and three recognising the contributions of other community members. Details: (02) 6624 4053 or email info@kic.com.au or visit www.kic.com.au

Until 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 or visit www.tandanya.com.au

22 April-2 May: Alison Nampitjinpa Anderson-Secret Symmetries Art Exhibition. Held at the ACGA Gallery, Federation Square, Melbourne from 10am-5pm. Details: (08) 8981 9985 or email gallery@karenbrowngallery.com or visit www.karenbrowngallery.com

24 April: Anzac Day Long Weekend-Corroboree. This is an invitation for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to participate in a Corroboree with the tradition custodians of the Worimi Nation. Cost is by donations. All welcome. Held at Bulahdelah NSW (located between Newcastle and Taree). Details: Malcom Carrall on (02) 4987 9274 or email ctcbulahdelah@gmail.com

24 April: Soul'd Out – Supporting live band music. This is a live event supporting band

Sydney Writers' Festival: What's on – when and where

18 May: New Voices in Australia Poetry. Leading voice for Australian poetry Ron Pretty launches four new collections from across the country. Ali Cobby Eckerman, Helen Hagemann, Kimberley Mann and Andrew Slattery will read selections from their new works. All welcome. Cost \$5 per person and free for participants. Held at the Hotel Gearin, Katoomba from 7.30-8.30pm. Details: 1300 369 882 (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.varuna.com.au or www.swf.org.au

19 May: Rocket Reading. Poets Jennifer Maiden, Elizabeth Hodgson and Julie Chevalier read, followed by an open mic section, three-minute limit, competing for the Rocket Cup. MC Linda Godfrey. Free and all welcome. Held at Wollongong City Gallery from 6.30-8.30pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

21 May: Celebrating the Voice – Indigenous Writers Night. The acclaimed *Celebrating the Voice – Indigenous Writers Night* returns, featuring readings by Dr Anita Heiss, Aunt Barbara Nicholson, Dr Ernie Blackmore and friends. Held at Wollongong City Gallery from 6-8pm. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 4228 0151 or (02) 9252 7729 or email scowc@1earth.net or visit www.swf.org.au

21 May: Capturing Contemporary Australia. In his latest book, James Arvanitakis deciphers our chaotic and rapidly changing world. He facilitates a discussion, sharing personal experiences to explore how we can analyse the dynamics of our everyday lives to challenge and change ongoing injustices. Cost \$10 per person or \$5 concession. All welcome. Held at the Museum of Sydney, AGL Theatre from 2-3.30pm. Details: (02) 8239 2211 or (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

22 May: Terms of Engagement. A new generation of Indigenous writers, leaders and thinkers are ready to break the mould with new thinking, activism and engagement that offers a positive way forward. Megan Davis, Sarah Maddison and Wesley Enoch discuss with Julianne Schultz. Free and all welcome. Held at Bangarra Theatre from 2-3pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

22 May: NSW Premier's Literary Awards. Chloe Hooper, Louis Nowra, Rachel Perkins and Tobby Riddle discuss their NSW Premier's Literary Awards shortlisted works with Caroline Baum, sharing the inspiration behind their writing. Free and all welcome. Held at the Sydney Theatre, Richard Wherrett Studio from 6-7pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

22 May: Projecting and Finding History. History has been politicised over the past decade. The debate points to the need for new ways of telling and engaging with history. Historians Ann McGrath, Ann Curthoys and Maria Tumarkin explore how this might be done. Free and all welcome. Held at Sydney Philharmonia Choir Studio from 11.30am-12.30pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

23 May: First Australians. Rachel Perkins, Louis Nowra and Bruce Pascoe talk about *First*

Australians, the dramatic story of the collision of two worlds that created contemporary Australia, told from the perspective of Australia's first people. Cost \$15 per person or \$10 concession. All welcome. Held at Bangarra Theatre from 4.30-5.30pm. Details: (02) 9250 1988 or (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au or www.sydneystheatre.org.au

23 May: Stories from The Stolen Generation. Pastor Bill Simon, the first Aboriginal minister to be ordained in Redfern, and Lorraine McGee-Sippel, a Yorta Yorta woman, share their stories of growing up. With poetry readings by Emma Jones and Elizabeth Hodgson. Free and all welcome. Held at Bangarra Theatre from 1.30-2.30pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

23 May: Black Politics. Author Sarah Maddison and contributor Larissa Behrendt discuss *Black Politics: Inside the Complexity of Aboriginal Political Culture*, followed by a question and answer session led by Dion Mundine. Free and all welcome. Held at the Campbelltown Arts Centre from 2-3pm. Details: (02) 4645 4247 or (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

23 May: The Block. Stolen, beaten and used as child labour, and after eight years in a boy's home, a life of self abuse and crime finally saw Bill Simon imprisoned. Today Bill helps other members of the Stolen Generations find a voice. He talks to John Maynard. Free and all welcome. Held at the Sydney Philharmonia Choir Studio from 10-11am. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

23 May: Another Country, Another Story. with Nicolas Rothwell. Nicolas Rothwell, author of *Another Country*, reads from his latest book *The Red Highway* and is joined in conversation by Dion Mundine. Free and all welcome. Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre from noon-1pm. Details: (02) 4645 4247. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

23 May: Launch of The Red Highway. Join Black Inc. for the launch of Nicolas Rothwell's *The Red Highway*, a hypnotic and haunting story that evokes a mesmerising part of the country. Launched by David Marr. Free and all welcome. Held at Bangarra Mezzanine from 6-7pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

24 May: Metaphors of Space. An architectural display and poetry reading on the theme of home and public space, with Chris Smith, David Musgrave, Elizabeth Hodgson, Peter Boyle, Pam Brown and Andy Quan. Free and all welcome. Held at Bangarra Mezzanine from 2.30-4pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

24 May: Black Politics. Sarah Maddison's new book *Black Politics* builds a picture of the last 25 years of Aboriginal political history. With Larissa Behrendt, they explore the issue of why Aboriginal communities still struggle so hard to be heard in mainstream politics. Free and all welcome.

Held at the Sydney Dance Company from 5.30-6.30pm. Details: (02) 9252 7729 or visit www.swf.org.au

All welcome. At Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: Liz Nowell on (08) 8224 3234 or email visualarts@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

25 April: Redfern Anzac Day Commemoration. The Coloured Digger Project and Babana Aboriginal Men's Group invite you to the commemorative 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 from 1pm-4.30pm. Details: Ray on (0417) 929 701 or David on

(0409) 813 741 or Mark on (0411) 282 917.

27 April: Family Drug Support Meeting 'Stepping Stones to Success'. Do you have a family member or loved one with drug and alcohol problems? This support group offers a place to talk and listen with others struggling with similar problems. Held at the Guide Hall, Carlyle St, Byron Bay, from 7-9pm. Details: Margaret on (0427) 857 092 or FDS Office on (02) 4782 9222 or visit www.fds.org.au

30 April-1 May: Inaugural Moreton Bay Region Youth Workers Retreat – supporting young people and youth services. This retreat is an opportunity for youth workers to learn and rejuvenate in a peaceful environment with colleagues. The retreat will offer training, first-class guest speakers, stress management strategies including yoga, dance classes, massage and more. Open to all professionals who work locally to support young people in the Moreton Bay region. Held at the Quality Hotel, Clear Mountain, Qld. Details: Karen on (07) 3283 0352 or Francis Mills on (07) 3283 0399 or Jarryd on (07) 3283 8767 or visit www.redcliffeyouthspace.org

1-2 May: Symposium: Art Practice and Appropriation Post The Apology. Convened by Ivan Dougherty Gallery and the University of NSW Centre for Contemporary Art and Politics in conjunction with the Building Papunya Tjupi Papunya Art Exhibition. Details: Ivan Dougherty on (02) 9385 0726 or email m.farmer@unsw.edu.au or visit www.cofa.unsw.edu.au/galleries

1-23 May: Building Papunya Tjupi. Papunya, a remote Northern Territory settlement, was made famous as the birthplace of the internationally celebrated indigenous Western Desert painting movement. This exhibition will showcase the talent of the artists who have been working at the centre over the last 18 months. All welcome. Details: Tracey Clement on (02) 9385 0675 or (02) 9385 0726 or email ldgpress@cofa.unsw.edu.au or visit www.cofa.unsw.edu.au/galleries/ldg

2 May: Cake, Coffee and Auction Night. Come along and help support the East Coast Christian Indigenous Youth Network raise funds for their fifth anniversary camp to be held in October. Cost \$5 adults with kids and pensioners gold coin donation and kids under five free. Cost includes entry, food and beverages for the night. All welcome. Held at Mount Druitt Indigenous Church, Sydney. Details: Mark Naden (02)4393 6865.

2-23 May: Jila Ngurrara 'Waterhole Country' Art Exhibition. This is an art exhibition featuring works from Mawukura (Mulgra) Jimmy Nerrima, who is a highly respected Walmajarri Elder and medicine man from the north-western area of the Great Sandy Desert. Held at Brigitte Braun Gallery, 4 White St, Windsor, Melbourne 3181. Details: (03) 95212324 or (0417) 184 260 or email artplace@ilinet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

4-10 May: Contemporary Dreaming Exhibition. Exhibiting East Coast Contemporary Aboriginal Artists. You are invited to meet the artists and view outstanding contemporary works by seven east coast Aboriginal artists. View works never before exhibited. All welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Held at the State Library of Qld, The Studio Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank from 10am-5pm daily. Details: (07) 3886 1785 or email

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NATIONAL CALENDAR



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5-8 May: Leadership workshop for Indigenous men with prison experience. The leadership workshop aims to increase leadership skills, promote leadership and empowerment, strengthen community connection and offer support to take up leadership roles. All welcome. Held in Adelaide. Details: Adrian on (02) 6121 4150 or TJ on (02) 6121 5678 or 1800 249 873 or email indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au or visit www.fahcsia.gov.au

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

11-12 May: 'Made on the Kitchen Table' Arts Workshops for Koori women from south-western Sydney. These two information workshops are to let Koori women in the Liverpool, Fairfield, Campbelltown and Bankstown areas know about upcoming arts workshops. Women will have the opportunity to learn new skills and knowledge in arts, business, copyright and exhibitions. 11 May held at Miller Community Health Centre and 12 May held at Bonnyrigg Public School from 11am-1pm. Lunch will be provided. Details: (02) 9612 5215 or email blacklock@casulapowerhouse.com



● **LEFT:** Smiling children's faces from the 2008 Long Walk. This year's Long Walk will be held on 23 May from Federation Square to the Melbourne Cricket Ground, where entertainment will include The Granadines, Rachel Worrpanda, and the Joe Geia Band, followed by the Dreamtime at The G match between Richmond and Essendon.

20 May: Melbourne Conversation: Footy Social Justice and Indigenous Wellbeing. Featuring John Harms, Michael Long, Margaret Worrpanda, Alan Brown and Sean Gorman. Held at the Town Hall, Melbourne from 6pm onwards. Details: Jeff Taylor on (03) 9658 9965 or call (03) 9230 0362 or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

21-23 May: Second Australian Postvention Conference 'Connectedness: A Link To Hope'. This conference provides a wonderful opportunity for delegates throughout Australia and New Zealand to network and share together their experience and knowledge. Australian and International presenters include Prof Ian Webster, Prof Graham Martin, Dr Judith Murray, Dr Sheila Clark, Dr Frank Campbell, Dr Scott Poland, Darrell Henry (Indigenous psychologist) and many more. All welcome. Held at the Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre. Details: Alan Staines on (02) 9890 2400 or (0412) 164 575 or visit www.hotelnetwork.com.au or www.suicideprevention.salvos.org.au

21-27 May: Meg Davoren-Honey's Tribute to Indigenous Women Art Exhibition. Opened by Michael Long, MC by Deborah Cheetham. Held at Victorian Artists' Society from 6.30pm onwards. Details: (03) 9230 0362 or email

admin@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

22 May: Indigenous Men's Forum. The forum will explore how to increase opportunities in business, sport, education and other sectors of the broader community as well as discuss barriers facing Indigenous men seeking leadership roles. Cost: \$49.50 per person. Held at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, Harrison Room from 9.30am-4pm. Details: (03) 9230 0362 or email admin@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

23 May: The Long Walk. The walk will take place at Federation Square to walk on to the MCG. Featuring The Granadines, Rachel Worrpanda, Joe Geia Band, Barracking by Red Dust Theatre, Koorie night market, traditional Indigenous games, Tiger Stripe and Skeeter, 3KnD, NITV and more. Dreamtime at the G, Richmond v Essendon in the headline game of the AFL's Indigenous round. Details: (03) 9230 0362 or email admin@thelongwalk.com.au or visit www.thelongwalk.com.au

26 May: Australia's National Sorry Day 2009 'Sharing a Journey of Healing'. This day is to commemorate the history of forcible

removals and its effects on the Stolen Generations. Details: (02) 6122 7006 or email management@nsdc.org.au or visit www.nsd.org.au

27 May-3 June: National Reconciliation Week 09. The theme for this year is 'See a person, not a stereotype'. We're using this theme to link in with RA's national advertising campaign that challenges perceptions and debunks Indigenous stereotypes. Details: (02) 6273 9200 or 1300 729 547 or email enquiries@reconciliation.org.au or Martha.Piper@reconciliation.org.au or visit www.reconciliation.org.au

1-5 June: Aboriginal Centre for the Performing Arts (ACPA) student recruitment auditions. Enrolments now open for courses from Certificate III to Diploma levels in the performing arts. Abstudy will fund the courses for eligible students. All welcome. Held at 1/27 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. Details: (07) 3846 7211 or visit www.acpa.net.au

8 July: Kids in Community Awards Night. Held at Lismore Workers Club. Details: (02) 6624 4053 or email info@kic.com.au or visit www.kic.com.au

23-25 November: Fifth National Indigenous Education Conference: Theme: 'Strength in Community: Closing the Gap'. The conference theme will emphasise the challenges of accelerating outcomes for Indigenous students and successfully engaging Indigenous communities with education and training in order to strengthen culture and improve quality of life for our people. All welcome. Held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania. Details: (03) 9277 5555 or visit www.cdesign.com.au/niec2009

Presented by The Koori Business Network

Yulkuum-Jerrang: 2nd Indigenous Economic Development Conference Growing Our Future 27 - 29 May 2009 The Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne

Inspiring Indigenous Business Conference over three days with a dynamic program including Victorian, Australian and international speakers, workshops Aboriginal Youth Mean Business Forum, Murrumbidgee Trade Fair, Inaugural Dard Victorian Indigenous Business Excellence Awards, Gala Dinner and other social and business networking opportunities.

Doing Business

Business matching, trade discussions and business opportunities - local, national and international businesses are represented at the Conference and available to do business, including the Manitoba Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce, represented by Canadian Aboriginal businesses.

Indigenous Entertainment

Well known Indigenous performers such as Deborah Cheetham, Jimmy Little, Liz Cavanagh, Joe Geia, Maori Cultural Groups and Maryanne Sam. A diverse range of Indigenous artists will also be showcased including dancers, storytellers, basket weavers and more.

Interested?

For more information or to register online, visit www.kbnconference.vic.gov.au or contact the Conference Organisers on: 03 9870 2611.

For callers outside the Melbourne area (free-call) 1300 799 526. Sponsorship is available for Victorian Indigenous community delegates to attend the conference.

Speakers

The conference will include keynote addresses, panels, workshops, Yarning Circles, case studies and presentations. Indigenous business leaders, entrepreneurs and industry representatives from Australia and around the world will share their expertise and experience.



National Chief
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of Melbourne



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Sustainable Tourism
Development Project



Julie Andrews
Timezone Fitness





Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



Six on the job

Pilliga workers help to protect country

NSW THE efforts of six Aboriginal men nominated by their communities to work on a recent project in the Pilliga Nature Reserve in New South Wales will help to maintain the Gamilaraay people's strong connection with the area.

The team members were employed by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) for two weeks in the Pilliga Nature Reserve on a project that Baradine-based NPWS ranger Michael Murphy said aimed to protect rock art and promote broader community appreciation of the Aboriginal cultural values of the reserve.

The reserve, which is located between Coonabarabran and Narrabri on the north-western slopes of the Great Divide, is about 80,000 hectares in size and adjoins significant areas of State Forest. It is rich in landforms, features and soil types and provides a large, unpolluted catchment contributing to the Namoi and Castlereagh river systems. It contains many Aboriginal sites significant to local tribes.

"The team worked with local NPWS staff and rock art experts from Gosford to complete the



The NPWS Pilliga Nature Reserve project work team comprising of Mick Long, Ross Ruttle, Gavin Trindall, project team leader Mark Cain, Ron Long and Aaron Edwards.

work at Sandstone Caves," said Mr Murphy.

"The Sandstone Caves is an important area for the local Gamilaraay Aboriginal people and a popular visitor attraction."

The team, comprised of Aboriginal people from Baradine, Gwabegar, Coonabarabran and Gunnedah, also assisted with other Aboriginal site protection and monitoring works in the nature reserve.

"The team did a great job installing new dual language

signs, helping build a viewing platform to enable visitors to see the rock art, installing seating, maintenance work on the walking track and removing graffiti scratched into the rock," Mr Murphy said.

Managed

The Pilliga Nature Reserve is managed by the NPWS in co-operation with the Gawambaraay Pilliga Co-management Committee made up of Aboriginal Elders and

people from the local area.

"A highlight of the project was a visit on the last day by three Elders of the co-management committee who were very impressed by the results achieved," Mr Murphy said.

"The Sandstone Caves offers a beautiful one-hour return bush walk to one of the few places where ancient Aboriginal rock art can be easily viewed by the broader community."

Mark Cain, of Coonabarabran, was team leader for the project.

"The guys all worked hard and enjoyed themselves. It was good to be working to protect our Aboriginal heritage," he said.

Mr Murphy thanked the team for their work and the Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council for its assistance with the project.

The Sandstone Caves are not well signposted at the request of the co-management committee to help protect the site. For directions on how to get there, call the NPWS on (02) 6843 4000.

It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email advertising@koorimail.com or see our website – www.koorimail.com

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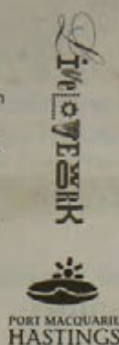
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IT Traineeship (Aboriginal)

The job description, and information on how to apply, is available from Council www.pnhc.nsw.gov.au/jobs (ph 6581 8111); AES (ph 6586 3900); or Aboriginal Connections Employment Services (ph 6584 1080).

Applications close
Friday 8 May 2009.

PNR026301



Legal Aid
NEW SOUTH WALES

OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION Legal Support Officer (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 1/2. Permanent Full-Time. Head Office & Various. Job Reference No: FL09/035.

Total remuneration package valued to \$57,790 pa including salary (\$48,173 - \$52,370), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide quality secretarial, clerical and administrative services to Legal Officers and clients across the key program areas in Legal Aid NSW's legal practices.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Good organisational and priority setting skills and ability to cope with a high volume workload.
- Ability to provide effective administrative and clerical support in a legal practice; good computer, word processing and secretarial skills.
- High level interpersonal and communication skills including ability to deal with sensitive issues.
- Commitment and capacity to provide high-level customer service in an efficient and understanding manner to people from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Ability to adapt to change and work in a team environment with minimal supervision.
- Capacity to type legal documents and to acquire knowledge of legal terminology.
- Ability to quickly acquire an understanding of legal environment, court operations and local support agencies.

Notes: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. A permanent position currently exists in the Family Law Division at Head Office. An eligibility list will be created in order to fill future permanent and temporary Aboriginal Identified Legal Support Officer vacancies in Head Office and Sydney Metropolitan areas.

Inquiries & Information Packages:

Christine Johnson (02) 9219 5694.

Applications to: Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238; or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: Friday, 1 May 2009.

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Canberra Institute
of Technology

Centres
Yurauna Centre

Office Manager

Administrative Services Officer Class 4

Salary Range: \$53,616-\$58,213 (PN: 54617)

Coordinate and manage the operation of the Centre's office and reception area. Assist with delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across CIT. Implement and monitor enrolment, assessment recording and reporting procedures. Provide first line support to students, including use of computers.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Appropriate qualifications relevant to position and driver's licence desirable.

Contact Officer: Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308
caroline.hughes@cit.act.edu.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 or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

Applications close: 30 April 2009

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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. This position is available only to Aboriginal people.

A permanent full time vacancy currently exists at Wyong High School for a School Administrative Officer.

For full position criteria and to apply for this position go to www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au.

Closing date for applications is
Friday 8 May 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

Enjoy making a difference in your community

As part of our plan to develop employment opportunities for Aboriginal people the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is recruiting 90 Residential Support Worker (RSW) - Aboriginal positions across New South Wales.

The role of RSW is challenging and rewarding. These are 12-month positions where you will be working to support people with a disability living in our community-based group homes. You will also receive training in Certificate III in Disability Work, and support from a cultural mentor.

This opportunity can lead to great employment opportunities within our Department. The work is not always easy, but the rewards are generous and it will bring out the best in you.

- Are you keen to learn?
- Do you enjoy a challenge?
- Do you know someone who would be good in this job?

If you have access to the internet, visit the website www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers/ for more information about these positions.

These roles will be advertised in the next edition of the Koori Mail



We aim to be an employer of choice for Aboriginal people

DADHC is committed to empowering Aboriginal people and their communities through employment and training. These positions are partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Employment Education and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Structured Training and Employment Program (STEP).



World Vision

Project Manager - Pilbara Early Childhood Project

- Salary packaging benefits
- Newman, Western Australia

World Vision is Australia's largest overseas aid and humanitarian organisation. Our mission is to engage Australians in the effort to eliminate poverty and its causes. World Vision's Australia Program works to alleviate disadvantage among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Owing to rapid growth of the Australia Program, we are seeking to appoint a Project Manager to develop our Pilbara Early Childhood, Care and Development Project in remote Indigenous communities in the Pilbara. This position will be based in Newman, Western Australia.

As an experienced Project Manager, you will lead project design and implementation. You will have demonstrated strategic skills in project management, leadership and strategic partnerships in cross-cultural settings.

The following qualities will make you an ideal candidate:

- Relevant qualifications in community development studies, Early Childhood or Education
- Knowledge of program management including design, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation
- An excellent understanding of the cultural, political, economic and social issues affecting Aboriginal people in remote Western Australia
- Team management experience

We strongly encourage people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to apply.

To obtain information about our Core Values and to obtain a copy of the position description, visit the employment page of our website: www.worldvision.com.au

Please send a resume, with a covering letter addressing the selection criteria, to Nathan Callaghan at: careers@worldvision.com.au

Applications close: Friday 8th May, 2009

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES



Health Careers & Opportunities in the Northern Territory

If you want your career to go places then join Health and Families in the Northern Territory.

The challenges and opportunities in health and community care in the Territory are like no other in Australia, from remote Aboriginal health to tropical health and Australia's National Critical Care and Trauma Response Centre. Continued investments in Aboriginal health, remote health, acute care, child protection and community services offer many opportunities for health professionals who want to be part of making a difference.

HEALTH PROTECTION

COORDINATOR REMOTE SEXUAL HEALTH - MALE

Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Class 4 (\$58,918-\$62,060)

Aboriginal Health Clinical Class 5 (\$65,203-\$72,274)

Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Program - Darwin
Permanent

We are looking for an Aboriginal Male Health Worker to join the Centre for Disease Control in Darwin. This position is offered an AHW 5 or an AHW4 with the potential to move to an Aboriginal Health Worker Clinical Class 5 within 12 months.*

The primary focus is to build the capacity of rural/remote primary health care services within a designated area. This will involve travel to Top End remote communities to provide comprehensive Sexual Health and Blood Borne Viruses programs within communities.

You will be a Registered Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory, preferably with Sexual Health experience in a rural or remote primary health care health setting. You will have skill in health promotion, health education and clinical training.

For further information on this vacancy, please contact Wendy Armstrong - Sexual Health & Blood Borne Viruses Unit on (08) 8922 8606, or email wendy.armstrong@nt.gov.au

*special conditions apply

Quote vacancy number: 1998

Closing date: 1 May 2009

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All applications should address the selection criteria. A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247 or email recruitment@nt.gov.au

Information on the Territory and its great lifestyle is available at www.theterritory.com.au

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES

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www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Youth Justice Case Workers - Multiple opportunities

North & West Metropolitan Region

Community Care Division, Youth Justice

CPW-2 Salary \$46,115 - \$56,623 (+Superannuation)

CPW-3 Salary \$58,235 - \$65,506 (+Superannuation)

Youth Justice Case Worker (CPW-2) 2 X Full Time, Ongoing, Ref. no. DHS/NWR/20193

Senior Youth Justice Case Worker - Multicultural (CPW-3) Full-Time, Ongoing, Ref. no. DHS/NWR/20780

Senior Youth Justice Case Worker - Koori Intensive Support (CPW-3) Full Time, Fixed Term: 7 months, Ref. no. DHS/NWR/111334

The Youth Justice Program works with young offenders aged between 10 and 20 years who will generally be on a Children's court or in some cases, Adult Court Order. Youth Justice Workers work across three main areas: Youth Justice Custodial Centres, Youth Justice Units and Courts - the emphasis being on the diversion and rehabilitation of young offenders.

Youth Justice Units are a highly effective means of providing supervision and support to young people on community based orders. Youth Justice Workers also provide assessment and court advice and support to young people attending court.

What are we looking for in an applicant?

You will have demonstrated experience, attributes & knowledge relevant to the position for which you are applying. You will also have a relevant tertiary diploma or degree and a full driving licence.

If these opportunities appeal to you, you may wish to discuss it with Eva West on (03) 9479-0379. Please quote reference no. listed above. Closing date for applications is Sunday 10 May 2009.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices. Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.

To apply online and view the job description, visit

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



Aboriginal Employment Support Officer

Aboriginal Employment Capabilities Framework

Regional Business Support Stream

Metro North and Northern Regions

Location negotiable within region

Temporary Full-Time

Clerk Grade 7/8

Position number: DADHC-09-19198

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

Aboriginal Employment Support Officer undertakes activities to address issues raised by Aboriginal staff to gather & evaluate information & recommend solutions, also develops methods to complete tasks within best practice guidelines & project dimensions.

Selection criteria

- Aboriginality and an understanding of the contemporary workforce issues affecting Aboriginal people and the broader Aboriginal community.
- Experience in the development and implementation of targeted employment and retention programs.
- Proven project management skills with experience in managing multiple projects within tight time and budget constraints.

Job notes

These Temporary Full-Time positions are available for a period of up to 18 months under the terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. There is only one position available in each region and the location of each position is negotiable within the region. Applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Enquiries

Diana Kapera (02) 4978 6278

Apply on-line

To apply and obtain full details, please visit DADHC's website www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or phone 1800 185 466

Applications close Friday 8 May 2009

This position is partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Structured Training and Employment Program (STEP).



Australian Government
Department of Education, Employment
and Workplace Relations



The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care is an equal opportunity employer.

Attorney General's Department
Crime Prevention Division
Credit Caseworker

Clerk, Grade 7-8

Customer Service Officers are the first point of contact for the customers of LawAccess NSW providing legal information.

Temporary Part-Time (21hpw) AG09/207
Salary package \$52 949 - \$43 348 - \$47 983

Selection Criteria:

- Tertiary qualifications in social work, psychology, health or other related disciplines or equivalent experience;
- Advanced written, oral and interpersonal communication skills;
- Extensive experience working directly with people from one or more of the following groups: people with disabilities; or alcohol or substance dependency issues; or homeless persons; or people in situations of domestic violence or family breakdown;
- Demonstrated knowledge of locally available education, treatment and rehabilitation programs, as well as other social welfare support services including for those from CALD backgrounds;
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and available court based or diversionary programs;
- Advanced skills in liaising, negotiating and advocating for clients with a wide variety of stakeholders;
- Experience in contributing to the development of operational policies and procedures;
- Experience in the use of computer systems and operations including Word, Excel, Email and use of the Internet.

The Court Referral of Eligible Defendants into treatment (CREDIT) program is a Local Courts based initiative managed through the Crime Prevention Division. Eligible defendants at Local Courts who are at a high risk of re-offending can voluntarily enter onto CREDIT. They will be assessed on a number of factors and may be offered facilitated access to support and available services. This includes education and training, treatment, rehabilitation or social welfare assistance. This position provides information and undertakes assessment of defendants at Local Courts using an assessment tool to identify needs in the areas of alcohol and drugs; housing; gambling; mental health; intellectual disability; domestic violence, literacy and vocational skills.

Inquiries Name: Geetha Varughese
geetha_varughese@agd.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Business Systems & Planning Unit
(02) 6668 8509

Applications to: agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 8 May 2009

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**ABORIGINAL
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
OFFICER**

Grade 3, MC2274

Fixed Term until April 2010

\$50,175 - \$60,922

GEELONG MAGISTRATES COURT

The Magistrates' Court of Victoria is the third tier of Victoria's court hierarchy, and is established by the Magistrates' Court Act 1989. Together with the Supreme and County Courts and the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), the Magistrates' Court forms part of the Justice Portfolio of the Attorney General of Victoria.

The position of Aboriginal Community Engagement Officers is an initiative of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement.

The aim of the Aboriginal Community Engagement Officer is to address the issue of over-representation of Indigenous people in the Victorian justice system by working with Indigenous clients when they enter the court system. In addition, the service helps Aboriginal people to maximise their chances of rehabilitation through culturally appropriate and sensitive intervention.

The purpose of this service is to, assist and advise the Court of matters relating to cultural issues that exist for Indigenous people in Victoria; provide advice and access to services for Indigenous offenders and families that come in contact with the Court; raise awareness within the criminal justice system of cross-cultural issues; provide advice and report to Magistrates and relevant Court staff in relation to appropriate courses of action for Indigenous offenders; liaise with members of local Aboriginal communities to inform them of the court process; and consult, negotiate and liaise with Government agencies and non-Government organisations to coordinate service delivery and promote knowledge of issues relating to Aboriginal persons.

You will have a demonstrated knowledge of Victorian Aboriginal culture and society and an ability to communicate effectively with Victorian Aboriginal people.

To apply or for position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au

For further information contact Mr Michael Bolte, Senior Registrar, Barwon South-West region. Telephone: (03) 5225 3333.

Applications close on 8 May 2009.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

The Magistrates' Court provides a smoke free environment. All successful candidates must undergo and satisfy police and other security checks

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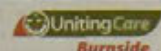
Part time Administration Officer

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information and to apply visit our website. Applications close 1 May 2009

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Apply online at our website or call Dave Ryan on (02) 6885 5010

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**JERRINGA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Jerrinja Local Aboriginal Land Council (JLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the JLALC'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 recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Contact Officer Mr Kerry George, by email: Kerry.George@alc.org.au or on (02) 61243555.

Applications can be forwarded to Kerry.George@alc.org.au or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

Mr Kerry George
New South Wales Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 619
Queanbeyan, NSW 2620

Applications close Friday 1 May 2009

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

**Aboriginal Child & Adolescent Mental
Health & Wellbeing Manager**

MH Kids - Full-time - Based at Gladesville Hospital

Position No. 680173/0498/08

MH Kids is the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) policy, service development and service planning unit of the Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Office (MHDRO), NSW Health, and has a statewide brief. We are based at Gladesville and hosted on a remote basis by The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW) and our staff members are employees of CHW.

We aim to improve the mental health of NSW children, adolescents and those who care for them by working collaboratively with policy makers and service providers to support the best use of available evidence, the dissemination of relevant information and the development of meaningful partnerships for service planning and development, workforce development and clinical service innovation.

Criteria: People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent as per Part 9(a), Section 122x of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. You are required to have appropriate tertiary qualification in health and/or relevant experience in a health related field with an understanding and working knowledge of indigenous mental health issues. You will have demonstrated understanding of mental health service delivery, particularly for children and their families in NSW and experience in leading complex and comprehensive initiatives with understanding of policy and planning.

Demonstrated understanding of other Human Service Departments and their involvement in mental health particularly for indigenous populations and children and their families will be looked upon favourably. Your high-level negotiation and communication skills both written and verbal are second to none as is your ability to manage specific projects and to prioritise a range of competing responsibilities and tasks within specific timeframes. You'll have a track record in establishing partnership arrangements across agencies/services.

Details: Position description is available online at our website.

Enquiries: Sandra Herriot on (02) 9816 0438 or email sherriot@chw.health.nsw.gov.au

Closes: 30/04/09.

Send applications to:
Staff Services Department,
Locked Bag 4001,
Westmead NSW 2145

visit the website for job information

www.chw.edu.au



RSM Bird Cameron

Chartered Accountants

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PART TIME

**BALRANALD LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL
(ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED)**

The Balranald Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) is seeking suitable applicants for the above part-time position. The Acting CEO will be responsible to the Community and Members and will report initially to the Administrator and subsequently to the Office Bearer Committee. Salary offered will depend on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the administration and financial management, on a day to day basis, of the Land Council, whilst maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavour to obtain its aims and objectives, with emphasis on submissions, maintaining accountability, staff supervision and personnel payroll. The position will initially be on a part-time basis for approximately 20 hours per week.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, as well as be able to work independently, strong communication and negotiation skills, the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in OH&S practices.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Council function, administration, funding procedures, knowledge of the local area, rental property management experience, driver's license and Aboriginality.

GENERAL: Applications should specifically consider the relevant job description, a copy of which is available upon request. Applicants should provide a minimum of 2 recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

Applications close: 5:00pm Friday 8 May 2009

Enquiries to: Michael Smyth, 55 Berry Street, Wagga Wagga, NSW 2650. Ph: (02) 6921 9055

Applications to: Andrew Bowcher, 55 Berry Street, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650.



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

**GRADUATES
LIVE LEARN & LEAD**

The Attorney-General's Department is seeking graduates who are interested in working at the forefront of program delivery, policy and legal development. The exciting work graduates are involved in includes international prisoner exchange, indigenous law and justice, counter-terrorism, telecommunications and surveillance law, identity security, money laundering, intercountry adoption, family law, illicit drugs, international assistance and treaties, and national security.

As a graduate, you will be motivated, enthusiastic, possess integrity, and have strong communication, interpersonal, analytical and research skills.

Graduates are offered:

- Work rotations offering practical experience

How to apply

Applications are accepted online at www.ag.gov.au (1 - 31 May 2009)

Contact details

Graduate Program Coordinator T: 02 6141 3572 F: 02 6141 3674
E: graduatecoordinator@ag.gov.au W: www.ag.gov.au

- A comprehensive induction program plus training and development activities throughout the year
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- Relocation assistance from interstate to Canberra
- Study assistance
- Flexible working conditions

Eligibility requirements

Applicants must be Australian Citizens and hold, as a minimum, a qualification equivalent to a three-year Australian undergraduate degree prior to commencement. Health, security and character clearances, and evidence of qualifications must also be met.

"The amazing diversity of the Department allows people from different backgrounds to come together and work towards common goals."

Alex

The Attorney-General's Department is an equal opportunity employer. People with disabilities, and Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply for the Graduate Program.

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ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Metro South Region
Allena/Warrumbucca Branch
Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: HCS-09-19034

Salary package is valued up to \$65,550 per annum (Salary: \$53,855 pa to \$59,402 pa) includes leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position is responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.
- A focus on customer service and administrative, record keeping skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Sound organisational skills and ability to supervise staff; ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system and ability to undertake training.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access. Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Judith Murray (02) 9245 1822 or (02) 4633 2111

Information Packages: Robert Cutmore (02) 9245 1822 or www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Applications to: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Branch Manager, Home Care Service Allena/Warrumbucca Aboriginal Branch, 12a Dudley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

Closing date: Friday 24 April 2009

041-190309

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

PROJECT MANAGER

Clerk Grade 11
RESITECH
Head Office, Ashfield
Permanent Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-09-19078

Total remuneration package valued up to \$109,568 per annum (Salary: \$95,253 pa - \$99,291 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Resitech is seeking experienced Project Managers with a technical background in architecture, engineering or building to project manage multiple projects including residential construction, acquisition and upgrading.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Consistent demonstration of project management competencies, along with extensive experience in managing complex construction and upgrading projects from inception to commissioning.
- Demonstrated technical expertise in building design and construction.
- Proven leadership abilities with capacity to develop and foster a multi-skilled team and state-wide resource network in an environment focussed on superior customer service and continuous commercial business performance improvement.
- Ability to understand and address the impact of finance and financial processing on the business, including the capacity to achieve revenue targets.
- Sound written and oral communication skills with proven ability to interact in a tactful and diplomatic way with clients and peers and to negotiate agreed outcomes and resolve conflicts.
- Proven analytical and problem solving skills with an ability to interpret complex information and provide technical advice that supports decision-making.
- Demonstrated success in managing priorities to deliver multiple projects within strict deadlines.
- Current NSW Driver's Licence and the ability to travel within NSW.

Job Notes: There are two (2) Permanent Full-Time positions available. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria. Resitech is a service agency of Housing NSW and provides project management and other related services to internal and external clients. Projects range from acquisition and disposal of property to fire safety and other upgrading of dwellings, to design and construction of new housing developments.

Inquiries: Colin Simpson (02) 8753 8170

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 1 May 2009

041-190784



Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer

Native Forest Operations, Forests NSW,
located at Wauchope

NOTE: This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Forests NSW currently has a vacancy for an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer who assists in developing and implementing training, information programs and sessions on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage issues, including general awareness and more detailed training in specific aspects. The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Officer surveys Aboriginal Cultural Heritage sites within the Region for the purpose of identification, planning, protection and recommending management practices. They also monitor Aboriginal sites within native forest areas, plantations, and private property where Forests NSW enters into joint management arrangements. The rate of pay for this position is \$991 per week.

Enquires: James Jagers: phone- 6586 9712 or 0427 264 561 or email James.J@sf.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages (Recommended as contains Selection Criteria and guide to applying): Amy Cannon: phone- 9407 4226 or email hr@sf.nsw.gov.au

Full applications to: PO Box 100, Beecroft NSW 2119 or email jobapplications@sf.nsw.gov.au

Close Date: 8 May 2009.

Reconnect Caseworker: Get a career that matters.

Aboriginal identified fulltime position - Dubbo

This Caseworker at our Reconnect Program in Dubbo provides early intervention services to young people who are at risk of becoming or have recently become homeless. Caseworkers will be working with young people and their families in the Dubbo area to provide services to assist young people in the community.

In accordance with Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position. Aboriginal females are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants will require:

- Previous experience in a similar role
- Ability to be accepted by Aboriginal families and communities in the delivery of culturally sensitive family interventions

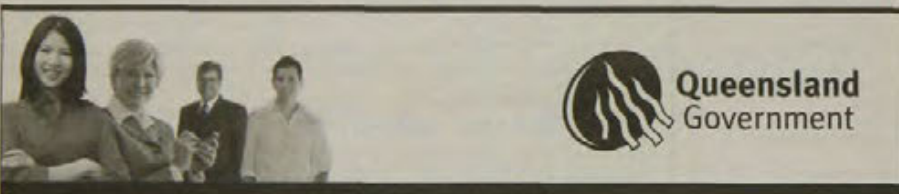
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30 April 2009

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Apply online at our careers website or call Liz Price on (02) 6884 5254

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



Principal Policy Advisor

Policy Unit, Indigenous Services

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$89 899 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

REF: QLD/NRW0461/09

Key Duties: Provide high quality advice on complex native title policy issues and other processes relating to indigenous lands; Research and analyse complex questions of fact and law developing options on major policy matters of particular importance; Represent Indigenous Services and/or the Department of Environment and Resource Management, as required, at high level policy or other forums.

Enquiries: Andrew Luttrell (07) 3406 2289

Closing Date: Monday, 27 April 2009

Child Safety Support Officer

(Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Child Safety

Salary: \$54 514 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Rockhampton

REF: QLD/CHS0468/09

Key Duties: To provide high quality culturally appropriate child protection services to children and families served by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice and information to departmental staff.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2009

Team Leader (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$43 987 - \$48 294 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/COM0491/09

Key Duties: Develop, coordinate, monitor and supervise activities of Support Workers in the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are homeless or have alcohol-related social issues.

Skills and Abilities: Experience in leading and managing staff.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2009

Support Worker (Specified)

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

(Seven permanent full-time positions 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: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/COM0500/09

Key Duties: Provide supervision and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients who are homeless or have alcohol related social issues and may be intoxicated.

Skills and Abilities: Sound problem solving and decision making skills. Well developed interpersonal skills.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 5 May 2009

Project Officer

Advice and Assessments Team, Indigenous Services

(Temporary part-time until 30 April 2010. Guaranteed 15 hrs/wk; additional hours based on work demand)

Natural Resources and Water

Salary: \$11 278 - \$12 402 p.a.

Location: Woolloongabba

REF: QLD/NRW0455/09

Key Duties: Undertake complex tenure/land use investigations. Prepare detailed reports; Provide advice on matters related to the assessment of native title.

Enquiries: Kathy Dawson (07) 3238 3754

Closing Date: Monday, 27 April 2009

Official Visitor - Indigenous (Identified)

Office of the Chief Inspector

(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.)

Queensland Corrective Services

Salary: \$300 per visit

Location: Woodford

REF: QLD/CS122/09

Enquiries: Nicole Meakins (07) 3239 6517

Closing Date: Monday, 11 May 2009

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TMF 090401



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Commencing in July 2009, the RTA will help you gain a Certificate III Traineeship qualification while you gain on-the-job experience providing team based customer service for E-Toll, vehicle registration and driver licensing products and services in response to public enquiries.

We are looking for motivated people to start their career with one of our Contact Centre Traineeships. Your training includes Contact Centre experience in a team environment under the guidance of experienced supervisors.

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Salary range - \$17,010 pa to \$26,298 pa

For general enquiries about the role contact Claire McKay on 4925 1841.

For an information pack and to apply please visit

<https://www.onetest.com.au/rtanewcastle/ap23333>

For technical support with our online application form contact: Onetest on 1300 137 937.

Applications close: 1 May 2009

The RTA is actively working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve. We encourage diversity in our teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future. Two positions are identified for people from Aboriginal backgrounds.

To be eligible, traineeship applicants should not have a Certificate III or higher qualification in the last seven years.

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this
web address or by contacting the application kit line
on (02) 4926 7626.

Aboriginal Carer Support Project Officer

Glen Innes or Moree
Temp Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 62215
The position/s is identified for Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander people under section 14(d) of the Anti-
Discrimination Act.
Enquiries: Viki Brummell, (02) 6739 0131 or
Candice Dahlstrom, (02) 6751 1606.
Closing Date: 8 May 2009.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are
encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance
with relevant award. Hunter New England Health
promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics,
Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal
Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

Aboriginal Senior Programs Officer

Offender Management & Professional Development

Web Search No: 008028 (Warrinda - Metro)

Level/Salary: 5 PSQA \$66,752 - \$73,775 pa

The primary tasks of the Aboriginal Senior Programs
Officer are to: Deliver a therapeutic FDI program that
promotes pro-social/abiding behaviour in Aboriginal
offenders. The senior programs officers are required to
be the lead program deliverer of Aboriginal programs
for challenging clients, co-facilitate groups with other
DMPD and external staff. Provide advice and support on
professional practice in therapeutic group service delivery
to the delegated co-facilitators, and provide advice to
Community Justice Service on program content, design
and delivery.

For further job related information: Please contact
Erin Sweeney on (08) 6250 9210.

Visit: www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key the Web Search
No: into the Search Box to access/download detailed
information or Ph: 9476 0011 to be mailed an
application pack.

Closing Date: Monday, 11 May 2009 at 4.30pm.



Wuchopperen Health Service is a community owned and
managed organisation delivering holistic primary health care
and social health services to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander people of Cairns and surrounding districts.

We currently require the services of the following positions, to
form part of our Social Health team; these positions represent
an exciting new partnership between Wuchopperen Health
Services and Djarragun College.

2 x COUNSELLORS Social Health Unit

The new workers will be located at Djarragun and will work as
integrated members of the College's health team, by providing
counselling and support to the students.

Djarragun College is a school that caters for the needs of
Indigenous students. The foundational principles of respect
and healthy living are central to the holistic programme that
is delivered at the school. Improving the health outcomes of
students is one of the keystones to achieving successful
educational outcomes for Indigenous youth.

The College has a growing enrolment with a current
population of 550 students from Pre Prep to Year 13. It is
located on Maher Road in Gordonvale.

Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander mental health workers,
psychologists, social workers, or mental health nurses would
be considered as suitable applicants for these positions.

Closing Date for applications: 5pm, Monday 11 May 2009
Ideally applicants for the above positions will:

- Demonstrate relevant experience and/or qualifications.
- Possess a current driver's licence (essential).
- Possess, or be eligible for, a Blue Card (for suitability to
work with children and young people)
- Consent to a broader criminal history check, where
relevant.

For information about these positions or for a recruitment
package, please contact hr@wuchopperen.com. To be
eligible for interview, applicants must respond to the selection
criteria in the position description.

For further organisational details, please refer to our
websites: www.wuchopperen.com and
www.djarraguncollege.qld.edu.au

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are
encouraged to apply.

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
EPM17307	Approx. 112 km NW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°28'S Long.142°56'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council and Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 176 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 54 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1211 h, j, k, o, s, t, u, y, z 1283 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1284 f, l, q, r, v, w, x 1355 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u 1356 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t	Planet Minerals Pty Ltd 121 023 514
EPM17435	Approx. 85 km W from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°21'S Long.142°45'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 221 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 68 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2000 j, k, p 2001 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2002 f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 2073 c, d, e, k 2074 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, y, z 2075 l, q, r, v, w 2147 a, b	Nottum Pty Ltd 123 515 560
EPM17521	Part 1: Approx. 51 km NE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°01'S Long.143°57'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 61 km NE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.17°54'S Long.143°58'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area or Part 1: 293 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 90 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 1728 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1798 c, k 1799 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1800 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 1872 c, d, e, j, k Townsville 1657 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, p, q, u, v, z 1729 a, e, f, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 33 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1656 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	KS Mining Pty Ltd 120 136 754
EPM17591	Approx. 79 km WSW from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°29'S Long.142°50'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 78 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2146 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2147 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2219 a, b, f, g, l, m	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd 085 782 994

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPARUA, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



health • care • people **Careers in Health**

Health Worker Advanced (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health)

Child and Youth Service - Bayside, Wynnum Community Health Service Centre, Wynnum, Metro South Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$64 546, comprising salary between \$51 305 - \$56 572 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H0981Q01722. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide high quality generalist health care with special emphasis on hearing health, aiming to deliver outcomes in early detection of ear disease and ensure consistent and effective ongoing management of ear disease. Work in partnership with other Indigenous Hearing Health Programmes in Brisbane as well as government related agencies working in hearing health. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Enquiries:** Sonya Preston on 0413 784 813. **Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5601, (07) 3136 5603 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Tuesday, 28 April 2009.

You can apply online at
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 to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



NSW Department of
Community Services

NSW DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER CASEWORK, ABORIGINAL CLERK GRADE 9 Vacancy No: DOCS-09-19244

Location: Metro South-West, Intensive Family Based Service - Campbelltown

Employment Status: Permanent Full-Time

Remuneration: Total remuneration package valued up to \$93,434 per annum (Salary: \$82,356 pa - \$84,671 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Profile: Manage and lead a team of Caseworkers who provide services to vulnerable children, young people and families.

Promote the development of best practice casework aligned to DoCS policies and guidelines. Work with other agencies to achieve high quality service delivery for our clients. Provide professional support and supervision for staff.

Selection Criteria:
IMPORTANT NOTE: Summary Selection Criteria only. You MUST address Full text version which is in Additional Information in the Job Package.

1. Aboriginality and demonstrated commitment to improving services for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people.
2. Current Driver's Licence.
3. Experience in the field of child protection, social welfare and/or child development, including working with Aboriginal children, families and community.
4. In-depth understanding (or capacity to quickly acquire such understanding) of DoCS' specific statutory responsibilities, policies, procedures and delegations, including the Children and Young Persons (Care & Protection) Act, 1998.
5. Understanding of cultural issues and social equity principals, and skills in developing and building community capacity in Aboriginal communities.
6. High level planning and organisational skills to manage workflow, and prioritise allocation of work in a high volume output focussed environment.
7. Highly developed written and verbal communication skills with an ability to negotiate complex and often sensitive issues with clients, staff, government agencies, and community partners.
8. Ability to lead and manage a team and provide effective professional guidance and supervision to Caseworkers, including debriefings, case practice analysis, and professional mentoring, to deliver effective service outcomes to clients.

Notes: It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant criminal records checks, apprehended violence order checks, completed disciplinary proceedings checks, together with structured referee reports and prior employment checks, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Inquiries: For information about the position, please call Bianca Jarrett on (02) 9716 2225 or email: bianca.jarrett@community.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: For a Job Application Package visit: www.community.nsw.gov.au/careers or contact 1800 149 919.

Apply: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 8 May 2009

DOCS 09/09/09

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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
EPM17440 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 64 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.139°15'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 63 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.139°18'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 35 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 87 l, u, z 88 v 159 e 160 a, f, l, m, q, r Area of Part 2: 3 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 160 h	Mount Isa Mines Limited 009 661 447
EPM17511 Approx. 16 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°38'S Long.139°37'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council		Area: 115 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 36 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 451 u, z 523 c, k, p, l, u, y, z 524 a, f, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 525 l, q, v 595 e 596 a, b, c, d, e 597 a	Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd 009 188 078
EPM17513 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 55 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°14'S Long.139°24'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 69 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.139°17'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 3: Approx. 58 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°13'S Long.139°18'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 280 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 87 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 89 c, k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 90 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 161 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 162 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o 233 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 305 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p Area of Part 2: 74 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 23 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 16 u, v, w, x, y, z 88 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, w, x 160 h, c, g Area of Part 3: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 160 n, s, w, x	Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd 009 188 078
EPM17514 Approx. 48 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°18'S Long.139°20'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council		Area: 436 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 136 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 88 d, e, j, k, o, p, l, u, y, z 89 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o 160 d, e, j, k, o, p, l, u, y, z 232 d, e, j, k, o, p, l, u, y, z 304 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 305 a, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 306 q, r, v, w 376 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, l, u, z 377 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, y, z 378 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 450 a, b, c, d, g	Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd 009 188 078
EPM17519 Approx. 42 km N from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°20'S Long.139°31'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council		Area: 433 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 125 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 92 r, s, w, x 161 u, z 162 q, r, s, l, u, v, w, x, y, z 163 e, j, k, n, o, p, z 164 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 233 e, k, p, u, z 234 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 235 b, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 236 a, f 306 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, l, u, x, y, z 307 a, b, f, g, v 378 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, u, z 379 a, f, l, q, r, v, w 450 e, k 451 a	Summit Resources (Aust) Pty Ltd 009 188 078

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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), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

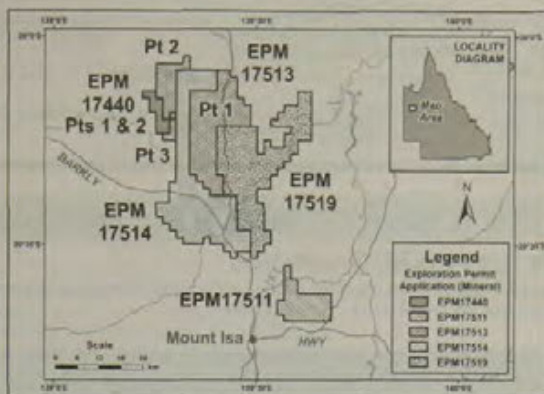
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM13886	Approx. 98 km WSW from Springsure Centred at approximate Lat. 24°30'S Long. 147°10'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 56 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1 lat x 1 long) Block Number Sub-blocks 254 t, u, y, z 326 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p 327 a, b, f, g, i, m	Ipo Pacific Resources Pty Ltd 104 553 504

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Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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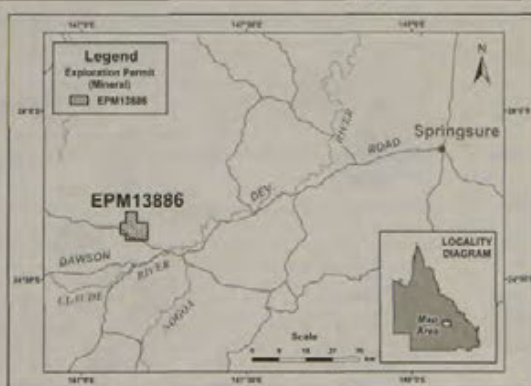
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Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 13 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

DIVISIONAL MANAGER QUALITY ASSURANCE

Clerk Grade 9/10
Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Coffs Harbour or Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: DOH-09-19082

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: Improve the delivery and cost-effectiveness of asset-related programs by supporting asset teams in the use of Quality Assurance principles and practices in accordance with HNSW policies.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Minimum 5 years experience or qualifications/certification in quality management principles and associated Australian Quality Standards.
- Extensive knowledge of and demonstrated experience in quality assurance, accreditation and continuous improvement systems.
- Demonstrated effective inter-personal communication, negotiation and influencing skills.
- Highly developed research, analytical and problem solving skills within a quality management environment.
- Proven ability to work collaboratively with multiple stakeholders to ensure all interests are represented to best advantage.
- Ability to investigate issues in a timely and commercially-sensitive manner.
- Proven ability to manage competing priorities in a high volume work environment.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Divisional position and the successful applicant may choose to work in this position from either Newcastle or Coffs Harbour. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Greg Starr (02) 4925 6328

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 1 May 2009

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

ABORIGINAL
Clerk Grade 5/6
Access & Demand
Greater Western Sydney Housing Services Division
Parramatta & Campbelltown
Permanent & Temporary Full-Time (2 positions)
Position No: DOH-09-19104

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: To provide specialised advice and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients including those with complex needs and develop and manage relationships, partnerships and networks between communities and the Department.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- 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.
- Ability to balance individual client needs with business requirements.
- High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution skills.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client service to people with complex needs in a high volume work environment.
- Demonstrated ability to establish and maintain effective partnerships and relationships with a wide range of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal human service groups and organisations and experience in working in a casework environment.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: There is one Permanent Full-Time position available at Parramatta and one Temporary Full-Time position available at Campbelltown for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. An eligibility list may be created to fill future permanent and temporary vacancies across the Greater Western Sydney Division. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Grant Johnson - Parramatta (02) 8713 4630 or (02) 9891 8118 and Camilla Baker - Campbelltown mobile 0419 165 306 or (02) 9754 6848

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 1 May 2009

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre (ACRC)

Manager

35 Hrs per week SACS Grade 5

For enquiries and job packages: ring Tracey on (02) 4782 6569

All applicants must have received the Job Package to complete the application. This position is covered by the SACS Award paid according to MCRN above-award rates.

Applications to:

ACRC Employment Committee,
PO Box 334, Katoomba 2780.

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday 15 May 09

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act, 1977

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
EPM17012 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 19 km ESE from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°46'S Long.139°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 905 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 284 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1316 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1387 c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1388 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1389 v, w, x 1459 d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1460 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1461 a, b, f, l, q, v 1531 c, k, p 1532 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1533 a, b, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1604 e 1605 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1606 a, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1607 q, r, s, v, w, x 1677 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1678 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1679 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1749 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k 1750 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k 1751 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k	Superior Resources Limited 112 844 407
	Part 2: Approx. 27 km N from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.21°27'S Long.139°33'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 51 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1743 b, c, g, h, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	
EPM17559	Approx. 59 km SSE from Dajarra Centred at approximate Lat.22°12'S Long.139°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 318 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1820 f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1821 q, v, w 1892 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1893 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1894 f, g, h, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1965 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k 1966 a, b, c, e, f, g, h, m, n, s	EBL Pty Ltd 129 060 760

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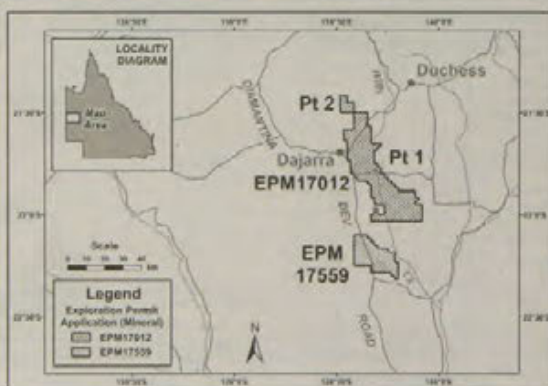
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Notification Day: 15 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water



BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE
(TAREE, NSW)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EX OFFICIO POSITIONS

Biripi is seeking the services of two professionals who have expertise in the finance or legal fields; you would be required to advise the Board on important matters in these respective areas of business; the Board meets on a monthly basis.

As an ex officio member of the Board you would not have voting rights, however you would be assisting the other Board members to determine the best course of action required in relation to financial or legal matters that would benefit the ongoing sustainability of Biripi AMS.

Should involvement in community decision making be of interest to you, please make enquiries about these important roles.

Contact: Ray Matthews
Chief Executive Officer
Telephone: 02 6591 2415
Email: rmatthews@biripi.org.au
Applications close: Friday 8th May, 2009

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing)

Healthy for Life Coordinator (Registered Nurse)

This is a funded and based position within Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service and is responsible for the over-all implementation, monitoring and management of the Healthy for Life program for round 3 sites- Dubbo and Peak Hill. The program is part of an ongoing initiative implemented by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing targeting child & maternal health and chronic illnesses within identified and funded communities.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a very high level of skills and experience in either child & maternal health or chronic illnesses, and have experience in providing health services to Aboriginal communities. The Healthy for Life program has been funded to provide further positions, to which the Healthy for Life Coordinator will be responsible for managing in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Suitably qualified and skilled people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons will need to contact Trish George Healthy for Life Coordinator at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 3545 for an information package which details the "Essential & Desirable Criteria" to be addressed in application.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 24th April 2009.



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE
Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority

Aboriginal Community Support Officer

(2 positions)

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 4/5
City/Town/Suburb: Nowra and Batemans Bay
Employment Status: Temporary
Job Reference No: CMA2009/011

Salary Package: \$72,365
Salary Start: \$57,210 **Salary End:** \$65,578

Job Description: Support Aboriginal Communities involvement in natural resource management. Assist in planning and implementing natural resource conservation and rehabilitation projects.

Job Notes: These are temporary positions under Sections 27, 28 and 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002 for a period of up to 2 years. This position will be required to attend community meetings in the evening and on some weekends. Applicants should obtain an information package for full details of the role and must address the selection criteria outlined in the advertisement.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups.
- Good facilitation skills. Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills.
- Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network.
- Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals.
- Understanding of funding processes and ability to identify funding sources. Current drivers licence.

Inquiries: Ken Davies phone (02) 4224 9714.

Information Packages: Please send an e-mail to cma.info@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 011 in the subject line. This is an auto response.

Applications: E-mail your application to applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au with the Job Reference Number & your name in the Subject line. Or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124.

Closing Date: 08/05/2009

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service Aboriginal Family Health Worker

(Funded by the NSW Department of Health)
Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service currently has a vacancy within its Social & Emotional Well Being Team for an Aboriginal Family Health Worker (Female).
All prospective applicants will need to contact Patricia Bullen, Clinical Team Leader at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 68453545 for an information package, or to obtain further information.
Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
Application close at: 5pm on Friday 1 May 2009.



THE AUSTRALIAN FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL FAMILY THERAPY & COUNSELLING LTD

Are you a Community Services Worker?
Do you have a passion for helping our people?
Do you want a qualifications that are recognised against national standards?

Then you need to contact the AUSTRALIANS FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY - ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE AUGUST 2009 INTAKE.

The Australian First Nations Academy (AFNA) is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has based its Curriculum on Aboriginal ideology and the cultural context of Rural, Remote and Urban First Nation's peoples, inclusive of western ideology, mainstream practices, and processes in service delivery. To ensure that all graduating students are suitable for employment from remote communities to the government.

Students are given support through individual and group tutoring sessions. Qualified professional counselling is available to those who wish to access the counselling program by appointment.

AFNA provides students with a relaxed and supportive learning environment which offers you access to resources, a library and internet facilities as tools that assist you in your learning. All courses on offer are full-time Abstudy approved, delivered in block mode format.

On offer in August 2009
Certificate IV - Community Services
Vocational Graduate Diploma in Community Services

If interested contact the Programs Department Staff to obtain your student prospective and enrolment applications kit.

Danielle Prior - Community Services Training Programs
Administration Officer - (07) 4032 5555

Your completed Applications can be sent to:
Dallas Hure - Programs Department Community Services
Training Manager

PO Box 905M, MANUNDA OLD CAIRNS 4870
P: 07 4032 5555 E: Dallas.hure@afna.com.au

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FAMILY CASE WORKER (PART TIME)

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic organisation that supports more than 6000 people with a disability and their families throughout NSW and the ACT. We are currently seeking a Part Time Family Case Worker (25hpw) to join our Family Support Programs team based in Moree NSW.

If you are looking for a fulfilling and satisfying work environment that provides personal and professional challenges, flexible working conditions and a supportive and effective team environment, while assisting families, Aboriginal Communities and people with a disability to achieve their goals, this position will be of interest to you.

The person we are seeking needs to have:

- * Experience working with Aboriginal families and communities
- * Experience working with individuals with a disability and their families
- * Current First Aid Certificate (or commitment to gain)
- * Relevant Qualifications (or commitment to undertake further training/studies)
- * A minimum current Class C driver's license

Working for Northcott we will provide you with professional support and supervision, areas for professional development, flexible working conditions and 5 weeks annual leave. Salary will be in accordance with the Northcott Collective Workplace Agreement.

We encourage you to visit our website for a position description www.northcott.com.au

Please contact Allira Cutmore on 6752 6953 or 0405 313 044 with any queries.

If you would like to meet in person before you apply, please call Allira or alternatively call into the Moree office at Criterion Centre, 8/147 Bala Street.

Applications to The HR Coordinator, PO Box 4055,
Parramatta NSW 2124 or email to
employment@northcott.com.au
Closing Date: Friday 8 May 2009

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.
Northcott is an EEO Employer

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)*.

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1275	Approx. 83 km WNW from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.25°50'S Long.149°12'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council, Roma Regional Council and Dalby Regional Council	Area: 881 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 286 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1503 f, u, v, w, x, y, z 1504 h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1505 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1575 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 1576 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 1577 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 1644 o, p, t, u, y, z 1645 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 1646 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 1647 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 1648 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 1649 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, n, q 1716 d, e, j, k, o, p 1717 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 1718 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
EPC1389	Approx. 79 km SW from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°37'S Long.149°23'E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council	Area: 110 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 36 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2225 v, w, x, y, z 2226 v 2297 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 2298 a, f, l, q, v	Winzil Energy Pty Ltd 131 402 072
EPM17492	Approx. 87 km ENE from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.25°56'S Long.150°48'E Local Government Area: North Burnett Regional Council and Dalby Regional Council	Area: 306 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1593 k, p, u, w, x, y, z 1594 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1595 k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1596 f, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 1664 e, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z 1665 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, p, u, v, z 1666 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, q, r, v, w 1667 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1668 a, f, l, q, v, w, x 1740 h, c, d	Central Minerals Pty Ltd 125 394 201

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* and also subject to the General Conditions Version 2, 14 March, 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102. Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

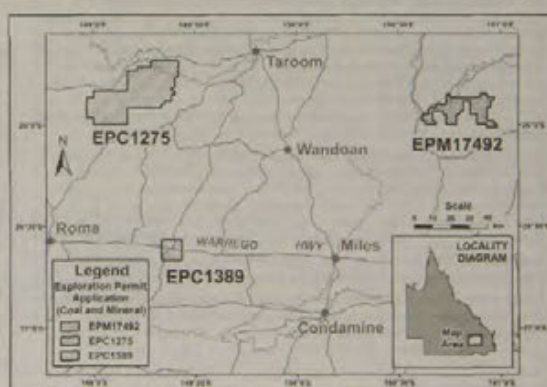
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 13 May 2009



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Active kids are healthy kids

Friday 15 May 2009



Film Workshop Facilitators

The Wakakiri Outback program gives young Australians in remote communities the opportunity to take part in a national arts festival. Facilitators run workshops with students to produce a 7 minute film about their community. Wakakiri is seeking talented film workshop facilitators to join our team on the 2009 Outback tour.

Positions available:

Director/Editor - responsible for overseeing the production of the film
Camera operator/editor - responsible for all technical aspects involved in making the film

Desirable Criteria:

1. Experience in running film workshops for young people
2. Experience working with Indigenous communities and children

Job information pack please contact: Anna Bowring, Event Manager
 email: anna@wakakiri.com freecall: 1800 650 979



Indigenous Academies Manager

AFL (NSW/ACT) currently has an opening for an Indigenous Academies Manager.

The position is responsible for the management, planning, development and operation of AFL Indigenous Academies in NSW.

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies, and cultures and a demonstrated ability to communicate sensitively and effectively, including the requirement for proper negotiation and consultation, with Indigenous people. Outstanding leadership skills and capability as a sports coach, teacher and/or mentor of young people, particularly in a socially disadvantaged community setting and strong demonstrated management capabilities.

Visit www.afl.com.au/careers for further information and to apply via the AFL online recruitment system. Alternatively, applications can be mailed to Human Resources, GPO Box 1449, Melbourne, Victoria, 3001.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply

Applications close Friday 1 May 2009

AFL wishes to acknowledge the financial support of the Australian Government under the Sporting Chance Program through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations



The Fred Hollows Foundation

Manager - Indigenous Program

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health.

This is a full time position that reports directly to the CEO and is based in the Darwin office. This position is responsible for managing the Foundation's interrelated development initiatives in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

Key responsibilities include-

- Guiding program strategy and managing key relationships
- Program Development
- High level operational program management
- Advocacy, community education and awareness

We are seeking a diligent and eager individual who has-

- Extensive program management experience in Indigenous community development
- Strong strategic capacity evident by a track record in effective capacity building and development of new projects
- Existing relevant networks as well as strong relationship-building abilities
- Superior written and verbal communication skills including substantial experience in proposal development and advocacy
- Motivational leadership style with proven management experience
- A willingness to travel on a regular basis

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Application process: For further details call Helen Tran on (02) 8741 1900. Address selection criteria, provide current work referees details, resume and cover letter to hfh@hollows.org or fax to (02) 8741 1999 by COB Friday 1 May 2009.

This position is deemed to have potentially unsupervised contact with children. Successful candidates will be subject to a police check.

Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Ltd

Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Ltd is undertaking both open cut and underground coal mining operations in north east Mudgee. In keeping with an agreement reached with the North East Wiradjuri People, Moolarben Coal is seeking the services of a

Native Title Cultural Heritage Officer

The successful applicant for the above position will be contracted directly to Moolarben Coal Pty Ltd and will report to the Moolarben Coal-North East Wiradjuri Ancillary Deed Implementation Committee.

- The position holder will assist the Implementation Committee with:
- Coordination and implementation of the Ancillary Deed
- Planning, coordination and implementation of the various training activities required
- Implementation of any other necessary activity required by the Implementation Committee
- Attend all meetings of the Implementation Committee.
- Management and monitoring of identified archaeological sites that have not been salvaged.
- Advising construction and operational personnel (including employees and contractors) on cultural heritage issues.

Essential criteria

- Preparedness to understand the role of Traditional Owners and to accord them the respect deserving of that position
- An understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage issues
- A knowledge of Aboriginal heritage
- Knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal organisations in the area of the Project
- Knowledge of the EP&A and Mining Acts and Moolarben Coal's conditions of consent and site Aboriginal management plans.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance
- Current driver's licence

An attractive salary is offered for this position - which is an identified Aboriginal position. Therefore, Aboriginal applicants are encouraged to apply.

Duty statements and position documentation can be obtained by contacting Sharyn on 02 6262 9930. Closing date for applications is **Friday, 22 May 2009.**

Applications must be in writing and marked "Confidential" and addressed to the General Manager, Site Office, Moolarben Coal Mines Pty Ltd, Lot 4250, Ulan Road, Ulan NSW 2850.

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPC773	Approx. 25 km SSW from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°45'S Long.147°45'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 163 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 550 l, m, n, o, q, r, s, v, w 621 e, g, k, m, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 622 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, v 693 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, m, n, r, s, w, x 694 a 765 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702 (55%) Itochu Coal Resources Australia Pty Limited 072 596 733 (25%) ICRA NCA Pty Limited 106 260 584 (10%) Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited 061 524 249 (10%)
EPC774	Approx. 79 km SE from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.21°10'S Long.148°14'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 381 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 119 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 769 g, h, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 770 v 841 d, e, k 842 a, f, g, i, m, n, r, s, t, x, y, z 914 d, e, j, k, o, p, u 915 a, f, g, i, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 987 a, b, c, g, h, j, n, o, p, r, t, u, y, z 988 v 1059 d, e, j, k, p 1060 a, f, g, i, m, r, s, w, x, y 1132 b, c, d, e, k, p 1133 f, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 1205 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1206 l, q, v 1277 b, e 1278 a, f, j	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702 (55%) Itochu Coal Resources Australia Pty Limited 072 596 733 (25%) ICRA NCA Pty Limited 106 260 584 (10%) Sumisho Coal Australia Pty Limited 061 524 249 (10%)

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Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 2, 14 March 2007 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and Address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPARAOO, QLD 4151.

Further information: Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3218 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

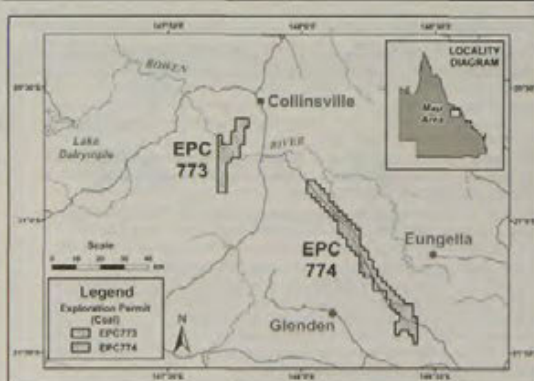
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed 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: 13 May 2009



Queensland Government
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KIMBERLEY PROGRAM OFFICER

The Australian Conservation Foundation (ACF) has been a strong and effective voice for the environment for 40 years and is committed to inspiring people to achieve a healthy environment for all Australians.

We are seeking a talented and experienced project manager to lead ACF's work in the Kimberley region. In this pivotal role, you will develop and manage diverse projects that deliver strong environmental and cultural outcomes to increase Indigenous led conservation through land and sea management initiatives. Your exceptional advocacy skills and experience building and nurturing strong relationships with Indigenous organisations will support the emergence of a culture and conservation economy for Indigenous communities in the region. If you want to use your skills to contribute to a sustainable future for all Australians we want to hear from you.

This position will be based in Broome.

Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Visit www.acfonline.org.au/jobs or phone 03 9345 1179 for a full Position Description.

Applications accepted until 9am Monday the 27th of April 2009

Attorney General's Department Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW Conciliation Officer

ATSI Team Leader (Identified), Clerk, Grade 7-8

The primary role of the ATSI Team Leader is to investigate and attempt to conciliate complaints lodged under the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Permanent Full-Time AG09/202

Salary package \$88 249

Salary start \$72 247

Salary end \$79 972

The Conciliation Officer - ATSI Team Leader investigates and conciliates complaints under the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW), supervises the Board's indigenous services team, networks with indigenous and other communities, advises the President and managers on indigenous policy issues.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY available (02) 9268 5522.

Inquiries Name: Tracie Harvey (02) 9268 5514

tracie_harvey@agd.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and experience working within NSW indigenous communities;
- Demonstrated ability to investigate complaints or grievances and skills in alternative dispute resolution;
- Demonstrated high level analytical skills and ability to apply legal concepts and work in a legal environment;
- Good understanding of human rights issues and knowledge of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW) and of the principles of procedural fairness and ethical practice;
- Demonstrated excellent communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work co-operatively as a part of a team and experience as a team leader;
- Ability to manage high volume workload and set priorities;
- Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or high level of relevant experience related to core work of the position and the Anti-Discrimination Board;
- Ability to implement Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety and Cultural Diversity principles.

Closing date: 8 May 2009

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Attorney General's Department LawAccess NSW

Customer Service Officer

(ATSI Identified), Clerk, Grade 3-4

Customer Service Officers are the first point of contact for the customers of LawAccess NSW providing legal information.

Temporary Full-Time AG09/204

Salary package \$ 65 072

Salary start \$ 53 855

Salary end \$ 58 969

LawAccess NSW are looking for people with excellent customer service skills and the ability to provide timely, accurate and effective legal information, assistance and referrals to a diverse range of people. Aboriginal Customer Service Officer positions are being offered under the LawAccess NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employment strategy. This program aims to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander undergraduate law students combine their law studies with employment in a legal environment.

Applications are invited from Indigenous law students enrolled at a NSW university. An eligibility list may be created to fill temporary vacancies as they arise. Applicants must obtain an information package and address all selection criteria in the advertisement. TTY (Telephone Typewriter) facilities are available for people who are speech or hearing impaired. If applicants require this service, please call on TTY: 8688 7790.

Inquiries Name: Julianne Evans

julianne_evans@agd.nsw.gov.au

Applications to: agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- Ability to work individually and as part of a team;
- Excellent interpersonal skills including verbal communication, negotiation and conflict resolution skills;
- Commitment to and experience in providing excellent customer service to a diverse range of customers;
- Ability to apply initiative in demanding situations and to plan and organise personal workload, set priorities and meet performance targets;
- Flexible problem solving skills and an ability to collate and analyse information and make timely and effective decisions;
- Understanding of the legal system and legal issues confronted by customers;
- Excellent computer skills.

Closing date: 8 May 2009

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS 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 miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
77/213	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	4.96ha	Okm E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°49' Long 119°31'	Yilgarn

Purpose: Minesite accommodation, associated facilities.

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 22 April 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 22 July 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 miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 22 August 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)* in relation to the area of the miscellaneous licences.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice 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:

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EPM17552	Approx. 52 km NW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°26'S Long.138°58'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 190 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 59 (each 17lat.x 17long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2891 t, u, y, z 2892 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2893 q, r, v, w 2963 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 2964 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 2965 a, b, f, g, i, m, q, r, v, w	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684
EPM17553	Approx. 64 km NW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°19'S Long.138°55'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 187 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 58 (each 17lat.x 17long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2747 x 2818 p 2819 b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2820 f, g, i, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 2891 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 2892 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p	Red Metal Limited 103 367 684

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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), 22nd August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld)* by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

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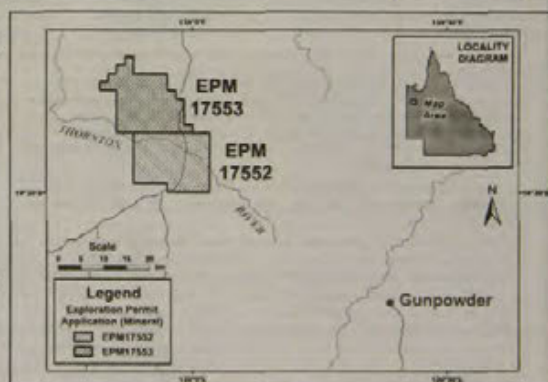
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Notification Day: 13 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

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The Fred Hollows
Foundation

Manager – Indigenous Program

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health.

This is a full time position that reports directly to the CEO and is based in the Darwin office. This position is responsible for managing the Foundation's interrelated development initiatives in rural and remote Aboriginal communities.

Key responsibilities include-

- Guiding program strategy and managing key relationships
- Program Development
- High level operational program management
- Advocacy, community education and awareness

We are seeking a diligent and eager individual who has-

- Extensive program management experience in Indigenous community development
- Strong strategic capacity evident by a track record in effective capacity building and development of new projects
- Existing relevant networks as well as strong relationship-building abilities
- Superior written and verbal communication skills including substantial experience in proposal development and advocacy
- Motivational leadership style with proven management experience
- A willingness to travel on a regular basis

Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Application process: For further details call Helen Tran on (02) 8741 1900. Address selection criteria, provide current work referees details, resume and cover letter to thf@hollows.org or fax to (02) 8741 1999 by COB Friday 1 May 2009.

This position is deemed to have potentially unsupervised contact with children. Successful candidates will be subject to a police check.

DIOCESE OF BATHURST CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Expressions of Interest are sought for an

AEW (Aboriginal Education Worker)

Full Time, Temporary Position (Start: Monday May 25, 2009 or suitable negotiated date; Finish: December 18, 2009) at MacKillop College, Bathurst (Girls, Years 7-12)

Criteria - Applicants must be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of, and sincere commitment to, the aims and philosophy of Catholic Education.
- Provide confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background.
- Demonstrate a sound and exemplary employment history.
- Demonstrate an exemplary level of skill in literacy and numeracy especially as it relates to assisting students.
- Demonstrate knowledge of educational issues which affect Indigenous students and knowledge of local issues which impact on Indigenous students.

Applications will close: Wednesday, May 6, 2009, COB.

Please ring 0268 827355 (Catholic Education Office, Dubbo) for an information package which will contain an application form, job description and relevant information about the position and school.

Please note that the application form will ask for the names and phone contact details of a local Catholic Parish Priest, a previous employer and one other professional person as referees. Supporting documentation of experience and/or qualifications will also be requested.

* All AEW positions in the Bathurst Diocese are funded by the Commonwealth Aboriginal Education programs. These positions are dependent on the continuation of the funding into the future.

Child Protection Legislation requires preferred applicant to be subject to employment screening.

Port Stephens

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a community partnership

ABORIGINAL PROJECT FUND Call for Funding Proposals

Funding proposals are being sought from non-government community organisations for funding under Council's 'Aboriginal Project Fund'. This is a small grants program to encourage the development of projects that meet priority needs identified within the Port Stephens Aboriginal community.

For further information and a copy of the Information Package please contact: Council's Social Planning Co-ordinator, Paul Procter on (02) 4990 0323.

Applications close: 29 May 2009.

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Aboriginal Corporation

93.7FM KOORI RADIO 2LND
JOB DESCRIPTION



Programming Manager Radio - NEG \$

Applications close 5pm 8th May 2009.

A fantastic opportunity exists to join in Australia's leading Koori Radio Station 93.7FM as Programming Manager. The position is responsible for the day to day operation of the station and works in conjunction with the Production Manager and General Manager. This is a full time position, working Monday to Friday with some flexibility in times.

Essential Skills are:-

- Aboriginality.
- Ability to develop and maintain administrative systems
- Well developed communication, negotiation and organisational skills
- A minimum of one year's experience in radio or broadcasting
- Preferable experience in a production environment
- Sound understanding of Indigenous issues
- An ability to work flexibly and in a pressured environment
- Ability to generate reports
- Ability to attend committee meetings on behalf of the organisation
- Ability to work in an environment supported by volunteers.

DESIRABLE:

- Possession of tertiary qualifications in a related field.
- Experience with relevant computer audio software (Eg. Acid, Pro Tools, Daisit, Audio grabber)
- Current driver's license.

For a copy of the full position description please email info@entertainmentpersonnel.com.au

Applications to Patricia Powell-Hughes Entertainment Personnel on info@entertainmentpersonnel.com.au or post to Box # 215, The Entertainment Quarter, Lang Rd, Moore Park NSW 2021

For any further information call 02 9383 4520

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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EPM17518	Approx. 87 km NNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°40'S Long.139°06'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 308 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1'lat x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3109 c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3110 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 3181 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 3182 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	SK Australia Pty Ltd 003 964 225

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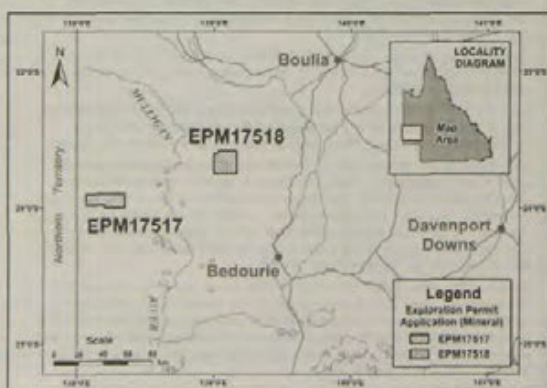
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Notification Day: 13 May 2009



The New South Wales Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Childhood Services Advisory Group Incorporated (ATSIECSAG Inc.) is an independent body that was established by the Commonwealth Government through the Department of Employment Training and Youth Affairs (DEETYA). ATSIECSAG is the recognised peak advisory body for Aboriginal Early Childhood Education and contribute to the successful transition to school for Aboriginal children. The committee provides the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander point of reference for consultation and negotiation on all issues to do with early childhood education and plays an advocacy and advisory role in line with its objectives.

Re-advertised position PROJECT OFFICER

Part-time 3 days per week
Salary package: \$28,000 plus employers' contribution to superannuation.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: Aboriginality, Drivers License.

SELECTION CRITERIA: Aboriginality, excellent communication and liaison skills, proven ability to collate and record data, high level of computer skills, knowledge and understanding of DoC's Centre-based and Mobile Children's Service Regulation 2004, organisational skills, knowledge and understanding of Early Childhood issues, demonstrated understanding of O&HS, EEO, Ethical Affairs Priority Statement (EAPS) Ethical Practice.

Please Note: All positions will be employed on a contractual basis under funding agreement with funding body.

Applicants must be prepared to submit to a 'Working with Children check'.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for these positions and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act, 1977.

For enquiries and information package contact:

Damita McGuinness Phone 95164473

email admin@aeessu.org.au

Applications marked CONFIDENTIAL and posted to: The President ATSIECSAG P.O. Box 276 ENMORE NSW 2042

Closing Date: Friday 15th May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Public Notice of Proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)

Family group meeting **Wakka Wakka # 2 native title claim QUD0032/99** proposed Indigenous Land Use Agreement with Queensland Gas Company limited.

Queensland Gas Company - A BG Group business ABN (11089642553) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (ILUA) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) **Wakka Wakka # 2 people**. Queensland Gas Company proposes to develop an integrated liquefied natural gas (LNG) project comprising the expansion of Queensland Gas Company's coal seam gas operations in the Surat Basin, construction of 380 km gas pipeline connecting the gas fields to Gladstone and the construction of a processing and export plant on Curtis Island in Gladstone Harbor.

The members of the family groups descended from the following apical ancestors are invited to a meeting regarding a proposed **Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA")** with Queensland Gas Company. These will be the descendants of: Mi Mi (excluding the descendants of Dulcie Barnes); Maggie, mother of Crabbie (Crabbie) Chapman (except for the descendants of Janet Chapman) and Henry Hart; Boubijan Cobbo; William Pickering (including the descendants of Jack Hazel nee Law; Tommy Dodd of Taabinga (including the descendants of Tommy Dodd's brother, Alick Little, but excluding the descendants of Bert Doolan; Kitty of Boonara, mother of Edmund and Emily Couchie and Harry Ban Ban; the mother of Jack Bulong; Jim Edwards Snr, Jenny Lind; Nellie Princey Carlo; Willie Bone of Nanango; Clorreen McKenzie; Stockman Bligh; John Bond; Thomas Wonga Simpson.

The project area also impacts on the areas of native title claims lodged by the Port Curtis Coast, Gangulu, Wullu/Djekunde Jangerie Jangerie, Iman, BCJWY (Barungum, Coble Coble, Jarowair, Western Wakka Wakka, Yiman) Bigambul, Mandandanji people and the company is seeking to negotiate with all of those groups through their applicants.

Purpose of Meeting:

- To obtain details about and advice upon the above proposed agreement.
- To endorse three representatives for the Cross Project group: to conduct certain negotiation with company and to report back to the applicants for the Wakka Wakka.

Venue of Meeting: Gayndah Shire Hall

Date: Saturday 16/05/2009

Time: 10.00 am

This meeting is open to anyone who considers that they fall within the description of the native title claim group or they hold or may hold native title in relation to the land or waters of the ILUA Area.

Any such persons are invited to respond in writing to the Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation for inclusion on a database of persons who claim to hold native title to the ILUA Area.

Responses must be received by **1st May 2009** and should clearly set out:

- Your name and details of how you can be contacted.
- The basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the land or waters in the ILUA Area.

Responses should be sent to the Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation at the following address:

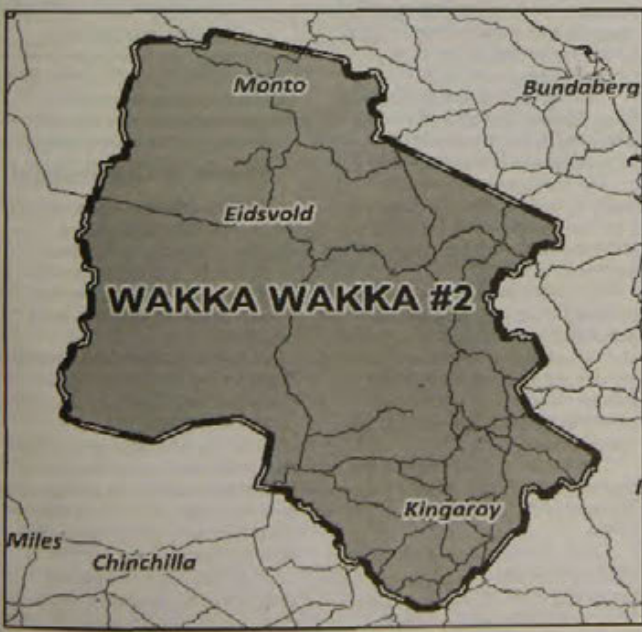
Ms Lorraine Cairns

Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

106 Lamb St Murgon Qld 4605

Phone: 07 1683044

Fax: 07 41683055



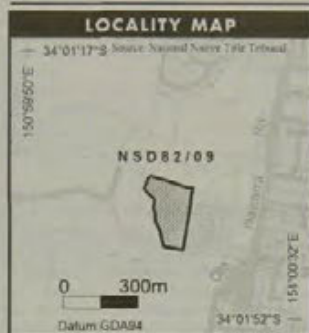
Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 6 May 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 8 August 2009. After 8 August 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 8 August 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 #2

Non-native title interest: Freehold title in certificate of title folio 42/1061416

Federal Court File No: NSD82/2009

Description of agreement area: The area subject to this application covers about 3.5 hectares and is located south-west of Sydney in the vicinity of Barden Ridge. The application area covers Lot 42 on Deposit Plan 1061416 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Sutherland Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



NOTICE 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
15/4647	Uranium Equities Ltd	169.54ha	25km SE'ly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°41'	Coalgardie
15/4829	Focus Minerals Ltd	48.1ha	7km S'y of Coalgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°08'	Coalgardie
15/5316	Neil William Hass	4.84ha	12km SW'ly of Coalgardie	Lat 31°03' Long 121°06'	Coalgardie
15/5317	Neil William Hass	9.66ha	11km S'y of Coalgardie	Lat 31°02' Long 121°07'	Coalgardie
15/5369	Tania Francis Higgins	199.22ha	14km SW'ly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°35' Long 121°29'	Coalgardie
15/5375	Avoca Resources Ltd	18.44ha	35km SE'ly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°41' Long 121°52'	Coalgardie
15/5376	Avoca Resources Ltd	41.02ha	34km SE'ly of Widgeemootha	Lat 31°40' Long 121°51'	Coalgardie
20/2095-6	Plasma Pty Ltd	284.75ha	13km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°19' Long 117°49'	Cue
24/4413	Immerite Resources Pty Ltd	41.13ha	39km N'y of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°23'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4415-7	Heron Resources Ltd	465.63ha	63km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2059	Lyndon Scott Mahoney	199.14ha	33km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 121°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2060	Integra Mining Ltd	144.86ha	35km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°08' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2061	Polymetals (WA) Pty Ltd	122.33ha	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1977	Manfred Kethausen	9.01ha	51km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1172	Robert Mark Henning	77.25ha	99km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°14' Long 122°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2098-9	Peninsula Minerals Ltd	225.24ha	13km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2100	Peter Romeo Gianni	195.17ha	9km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°45' Long 121°05'	Menzies
29/2101	Golddust Drilling Pty Ltd	179.02ha	13km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°08'	Menzies
29/2102-3	Strathmerton Pty Ltd	229.93ha	11km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°06'	Menzies
30/1083	Golddust Drilling Pty Ltd	114.74ha	106km S'y of Menzies	Lat 29°55' Long 119°58'	Menzies
31/1972	Intermetal Australia Pty Ltd	170.06ha	144km S'y of Laverton	Lat 29°54' Long 122°37'	Menzies
31/1975	Jackson Minerals Ltd	125.8ha	133km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°52' Long 122°24'	Menzies
37/7739-40	Golddust Drilling Pty Ltd	341.52ha	10km N'y of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°21'	Leonora
38/3818	St Barbara Ltd	8.08ha	52km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 122°51'	Laverton
38/3819	Glyn Thomas Morgan	7.3ha	50km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°51'	Laverton
38/3820	Glyn Thomas Morgan	4.85ha	52km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°52'	Laverton
38/3821	Glyn Thomas Morgan	9.86ha	44km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°37'	Laverton
38/3822	Glyn Thomas Morgan	29.24ha	11km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°31' Long 122°26'	Laverton
38/3823	Crescent Gold Ltd	123.08ha	11km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°33' Long 122°29'	Laverton
38/3824	Eckra Mines Ltd	80ha	83km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°12' Long 123°41'	Laverton
38/3825	A1 Minerals Ltd	9.65ha	39km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°34'	Laverton
39/4973	Steven Colin Caporn	33.1ha	58km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°58' Long 121°54'	Leonora
39/4974-5	Steven Colin Caporn	354.69ha	55km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°55' Long 121°53'	Leonora
45/2710	Pilbara Manganese Pty Ltd	178.37ha	121km W'y of Telfer	Lat 21°18' Long 121°08'	East Pilbara
45/2735	Gail Anne Swift	22.01ha	64km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°34' Long 119°17'	East Pilbara
58/1464	Ralph Alexander McNab	197.25ha	4km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°05' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
58/1465-7	Dunrobin Holdings Pty Ltd	471.39ha	3km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
58/1468-9	Ralph Alexander McNab	302.71ha	4km S'y of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
58/1470	Ralph Alexander McNab	40.19ha	12km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°09' Long 117°47'	Mount Magnet
58/1471	Ralph Alexander McNab	96.35ha	1km S'y of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°04' Long 117°50'	Mount Magnet
58/1472	Ralph Alexander McNab	156.1ha	5km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°49'	Mount Magnet
63/1732	Avoca Resources Ltd	199.35ha	36km N'y of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 121°48'	Coalgardie/Dundas
63/1733	Avoca Resources Ltd	192.37ha	33km N'y of Norseman	Lat 31°53' Long 121°48'	Dundas

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

Notification day: 22 April 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 22 July 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. 22 August 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



**NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO COMPROMISE INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29**

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified, AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: Part of Lot 301 on Deposited Plan 44369 shown marked A and B on Deposited Plan 44443, being part of Reserve 2165 "Stock Route". Volume 3155 Folio 551 Area: 4024 square metres. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 44369, Deposited Plan 44443. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Toodyay. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" required to create access easements, other than interests of the Crown, and also excluding the grant of any mining tenements under the Mining Act 1978. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Access. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Easement for access. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** The parcels of land identified as A and B are necessary for the provision of access. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 01 June 2009. **DPI FILE:** 00222-2006-01R0. **DPI REF:** 081317

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Martensen, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936, or by telephoning (08) 9347 5053. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 29 July 2009. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 29 April 2009. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 29 July 2009. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 25 March 2009.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS



**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
08/768	North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	311678	253.09ha	50km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°42' Long 115°45'	Ashburton
08/1196	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	311664	174.88ha	55km Wly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°40' Long 115°49'	Ashburton
15/1007	Avoca Resources Ltd	304215	186.72ha	47km SEly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°46' Long 121°57'	Cooragie
		304223	198.25ha	48km SEly of Widjemoor	Lat 31°46' Long 121°58'	
		304224	184.48ha	50km NEly of Norseman	Lat 31°46' Long 121°59'	
		304225	135.14ha	48km NEly of Norseman	Lat 31°46' Long 121°59'	
		304226	194.92ha	45km NEly of Norseman	Lat 31°49' Long 121°59'	
47/1022	Fortescue Resources Pty Ltd	299266	4.61ha	24km Nly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°50' Long 117°47'	Ashburton
		300768	3.91ha	24km Nly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°49' Long 117°47'	
52/1459	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	311642	427.49ha	103km Wly of Newman	Lat 23°20' Long 118°42'	East Pilbara
57/640	Troy Resources NL	313477	26.7ha	1km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°17'	Sandstone
		313524	26.77ha	12km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°18'	
		314062	28.01ha	5km SWly of Sandstone	Lat 28°00' Long 119°15'	
57/642	Troy Resources NL Flair Holdings Pty Ltd	313494	27.82ha	20km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°09' Long 119°20'	Sandstone
357/704	Troy Resources NL Warrimarra Gold NL	313495	68.7ha	20km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°08' Long 119°18'	Sandstone
		314660	25.01ha	14km Sly of Sandstone	Lat 28°06' Long 119°18'	

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 22 April 2009

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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.



The school-based trainees from south-east Queensland during their tour of China, Thailand and Hong Kong as a reward for 90 per cent school attendance and meeting other obligations.

Overseas tour a reward for students who achieve goals



PRIMARY After School Sports (PASS) Australia has taken 22 male school-based trainees in south-east Queensland to China, Thailand and Hong

Kong as a reward for 90 per cent school attendance and meeting other obligations.

They include obtaining reasonable (passing) grades, successful participation in a school-based traineeship, positive involvement in pre-tour leadership and mentoring activities, commitment to rugby union training and no involvement in criminal activity.

The trainees selected to participate in the tour were also required to attend monthly training sessions and to be available to play for the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Union Development Team.

The tour coincided with the Hong Kong Sevens Tournament in April, where the team played in the schoolboy tens competition.

The squad also delivered rugby-specific sports skill games to Chinese primary school children and were also involved in cultural exchange activities.

The preparation for the tour was intended to provide the trainees with enhanced geographical awareness of the Australasian region as well as a greater appreciation for regional, cultural, economical and historical relationships between Australia and Asian nations.

Team members saw significant landmarks such as the River Kwai in Thailand and the Great Wall of China.

PASS Australia was started in 2000 by Brenden Jones, who noticed increasing rates of obesity in young children and the serious issues resulting from this.

It started as a multi-sport and games program for primary school children.

The vision is to encourage all Australian children to be active for life through fun physical activity programs.

Within the school setting, PASS provides primary school children with a continuous program to develop and reinforce physical activity, nutritional and social skills that lead to healthy lifetime habits.

Children learn the basic skills, rules and etiquette of a range of sports and recreational activities in a safe, supervised, non-competitive and enjoyable environment.

In 2001 PASS received a Small Business Award from the ACT Department of Sport and Recreation.

It was at this time that rugby league great Mal Meninga joined PASS and recognised that the After School Sports model could be adapted for Indigenous-specific leadership and mentoring programs.

Moved to Queensland

In 2005, Brenden Jones moved the operation to Queensland and developed the Indigenous Youth Leadership model, which uses peers as coaches and role models to deliver the multi-sport programs.

With the support of the Federal Government, PASS has become the largest employer of Indigenous youth in the State.

Over the past eight years, PASS has grown from a one-man operation to one that employs 25 full-time staff and more than 300 casual staff, with plans to double its capacity in the next two years.

The multi-sport and games programs are being delivered to about 6300 primary school students a week.

Webb pays price for running late



NORTH Queensland forward Carl Webb has paid the price for being disorganised

after he was dropped from the NRL side for turning up 25 minutes late to a recovery session.

Webb was late to the Cowboys' 12 April recovery session after failing to properly organise transportation while he is without a driving licence.

But coach Neil Henry did not tolerate any excuses as he dropped the one-Test prop to the Queensland Cup, along with winger John Williams who failed to show for the session.

"The rules are pretty straightforward," said club chief executive Peter Parr. "The football department have the rules and they expect everyone to abide by them."

"The coach was clear when he got here that he would not tolerate any breach with what he expects of the players."



CARL WEBB

Parr said he did not believe alcohol was a factor in the players missing the session.

"Carl, I'm led to believe, did not have himself organised properly, given he does not have a licence at the moment," he said.

"John slept through his alarm and missed the entire session." - AAP

Team numbers set to double

By ALF WILSON

EIGHT teams are expected to contest the 2009 NAIDOC Week Indigenous cricket carnival at Charters Towers in July.

The inaugural carnival during the 2008 NAIDOC celebrations was held at Mosman Park and four teams battled it out, with local side King's XI defeating Innisfail Waru in the grand final.

Other sides were Black Bream and CDEP Hot Mowers.

The winning team will be presented with the Shirley Huxley Memorial Shield.

The late Shirley Huxley was heavily involved in two decades of NAIDOC celebrations at Charters Towers, which is 130km inland from Townsville.

Organiser Dick Davidson said that five new teams looked set to compete, with the lure being all games played on turf wickets and lush outfield.

"The only one I don't know about from last year is Hot Mowers, but we have interest already from a Townsville Indigenous side, and one from Mt Garnet, on the Atherton Tablelands. Innisfail have indicated

they will bring two sides, and another from around Greenvale," Davidson told *The Koori Mail*.

Charters Towers side Black Bream will be the early favourite for the carnival considering their magnificent effort at the 2009 Goldfield Ashes cricket carnival in Charters Towers over the January 26 long weekend.

Black Bream triumphed in what is arguably the most difficult cricket event to win in Australia when they took out the B-2 section of the Ashes.

A total of 207 teams competed at the 61st Ashes, with 126 teams in B-2.

Meanwhile the highly successful Rainforest Cup Indigenous cricket carnival will be held at Tully from 31 October to 1 November under the Twenty20 format.

The Malanda Eels 10/132 defeated Cooktown 9/109 in the final of the 2008 carnival played under the Twenty20 format.

The other sides were Tully, Mt Garnet, Innisfail and Jumbun. Games were played on turf wickets at two Tully ovals.

There has been talk that a Palm Island side may enter the Rainforest Cup, but organiser Stan Lenoy said there had been no concrete news.



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/953	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881) Deep Yellow Ltd Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	21.35ha	27km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/1050	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	602.41ha	21km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°29' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/1051	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	903.09ha	20km NE of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/1052-4	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	2406.97ha	23km E of Laverton	Lat 28°36' Long 122°38'	Laverton
38/1055	Barrick (GSM) Limited (ACN 002 594 881)	598.44ha	40km SE of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°46'	Laverton
45/1188	Talison Wodgina Pty Ltd	51.31ha	100km S of Port Hedland	Lat 21°12' Long 118°39'	Port Hedland Town
47/569-71	Platina Resources Ltd	2570.68ha	57km S of Karratha	Lat 21°15' Long 116°44'	Roebourne
47/572-3	Platina Resources Ltd	1913.69ha	55km S of Karratha	Lat 21°14' Long 116°47'	Ashburton/Roebourne
47/580-1	Pibara Iron Ore Pty Ltd	1377.5ha	75km NW of Newman	Lat 22°46' Long 119°21'	East Pilbara
47/582	Pibara Iron Ore Pty Ltd	67.87ha	69km NW of Newman	Lat 22°50' Long 119°21'	East Pilbara

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: 22 April 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 22 July 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. 22 August 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT 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
04/1862	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	228.54km²	52km N of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°42' Long 125°36'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1863	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	228.84km²	85km N of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°25' Long 125°27'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1864	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	228.40km²	40km NE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°51' Long 125°51'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1535	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	206.65km²	169km SE of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°46' Long 116°41'	Murchison
09/1548	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	187.94km²	169km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 25°54' Long 116°59'	Murchison
09/1565	Holocene Pty Ltd	621.31km²	45km SE of Carnarvon	Lat 25°10' Long 113°59'	Carnarvon
09/1573	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	50.01km²	98km N of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°10' Long 115°18'	Carnarvon
09/1575	Newera Uranium Ltd	81.57km²	139km SE of Coral Bay	Lat 23°43' Long 114°58'	Carnarvon
09/1581	Deep Blue Enterprises Pty Ltd	27.93km²	28km W of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°06' Long 114°56'	Upper Gascoyne
20/693	James Stephen Hart William John Robertson	570.83km²	171km NW of Cue	Lat 26°25' Long 116°35'	Murchison
39/1431	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	5.98km²	60km S of Laverton	Lat 29°14' Long 122°30'	Menzies
39/1432	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	11.95km²	72km S of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°26'	Menzies
39/1433	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	29.94km²	56km S of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°32'	Menzies
39/1434	Kevin Peter Sibras Geoff Ling	59.66km²	98km S of Laverton	Lat 29°29' Long 122°35'	Menzies
39/1436	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	17.88km²	109km S of Laverton	Lat 29°34' Long 122°40'	Menzies
39/1437	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	26.85km²	97km S of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°37'	Menzies
39/1438	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	17.96km²	59km S of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°37'	Laverton
39/1439	King Eagle Resources Pty Ltd	2.97km²	164km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°53' Long 123°16'	Menzies
39/1441	King Eagle Resources Pty Ltd	2.97km²	161km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 123°16'	Menzies
39/1442	King Eagle Resources Pty Ltd	11.88km²	170km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°55' Long 123°20'	Menzies
47/1819	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd	170.57km²	67km SE of Wittenoom	Lat 22°48' Long 118°39'	Ashburton
47/1841	Iron Dwyer Pty Ltd	221.35km²	44km SE of Wittenoom	Lat 22°36' Long 118°31'	Ashburton
47/1857	Grange Resources Ltd	50.44km²	28km S of Tom Price	Lat 22°58' Long 117°48'	Ashburton
47/1866	Grange Resources Ltd	110.33km²	28km N of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°57' Long 117°35'	Ashburton
47/1958	Mulga Minerals Pty Ltd	3.16km²	83km NW of Newman	Lat 22°49' Long 119°09'	East Pilbara
47/1962	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	22.39km²	65km E of Roebourne	Lat 20°58' Long 116°21'	Port Hedland Town
52/2190	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	3.14km²	7km SE of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 119°46'	East Pilbara
52/2257	Bushen Pty Ltd	53.37km²	54km SE of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°32' Long 118°03'	Meekatharra
52/2284	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	15.74km²	20km W of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 119°32'	East Pilbara
52/2295	Giralia Resources NL	12.61km²	42km W of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 119°19'	East Pilbara
52/2311	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	37.83km²	28km SW of Newman	Lat 23°19' Long 120°15'	East Pilbara
52/2343	Giralia Resources NL	48.59km²	164km E of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°53' Long 116°49'	Upper Gascoyne
70/3124	Swanove Enterprises Pty Ltd	255.42km²	31km NE of Gingin	Lat 31°07' Long 116°06'	Chittering/Gingin/ Victoria Plains
70/3147	Swanove Enterprises Pty Ltd	175.85km²	35km E of Gingin	Lat 31°16' Long 116°16'	Chittering/Gingin/ Victoria Plains
70/3417	Image Resources NL	111.75km²	40km N of Gingin	Lat 30°59' Long 115°52'	Dandaragan/Gingin
70/3551	Image Resources NL	23.39km²	18km S of Gingin	Lat 31°30' Long 115°45'	Chittering/Gingin
74/425	James Ian Stewart Paul Winston Askins	74.5km²	31km N of Munglinup	Lat 33°26' Long 120°58'	Esperance/Ravensthorpe
74/429	Unarex NL	109.36km²	50km N of Munglinup	Lat 33°15' Long 120°57'	Esperance
77/1112	Arko Mining Pty Ltd	102.7km²	35km E of Southern Cross	Lat 31°18' Long 119°41'	Yilgarn
77/1382	Goodwanna Resources Ltd	137.38km²	68km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°40' Long 119°49'	Yilgarn
77/1536	St Barbara Ltd	5.81km²	82km E of Hyden	Lat 32°14' Long 119°45'	Kondinin
77/1636	Mark Gareth Creasy	167.15km²	14km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°20' Long 119°24'	Yilgarn
77/1641	Talga Gold Pty Ltd	165km²	15km NE of Bullfinch	Lat 30°52' Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
80/3087	Aztec Resources Ltd	3.35km²	20km SE of Halls Creek	Lat 18°21' Long 122°47'	Halls Creek
80/4175	Orill Gold Pty Ltd	637.42km²	154km SE of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 19°15' Long 126°30'	Derby-West Kimberley/ Halls Creek
80/4192	Taliman Mining Ltd	189.14km²	64km N of Halls Creek	Lat 17°39' Long 127°36'	Halls Creek
80/4194	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	13.07km²	129km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°13' Long 128°16'	Halls Creek
80/4195	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	19.59km²	114km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°20' Long 128°12'	Halls Creek
80/4196	Thundelara Exploration Ltd	3.26km²	91km NE of Halls Creek	Lat 17°29' Long 128°02'	Halls Creek
80/4198	Andrew Charles Reynolds	13.05km²	111km NW of Halls Creek	Lat 17°41' Long 128°47'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 22 April 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 22 July 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. 22 August 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the State of New South Wales

Notification day: 6 May 2009



National
Native Title
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 (Cwth) (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 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 5 August 2009. After 5 August 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 5 August 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA 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: Gosford City Council

Non-native title interest: Local Government Authority

Federal Court File No: NSD214/2009

Description of application area: The area subject to this application covers about 2.9 hectares and is located in North Gosford. The application area covers Lot 378 on Deposit Plan 755227 as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Gosford City Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Tom O'Reilly on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

Aboriginal Party

Cape Alumina Ltd (CBX) intends to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the Pisolite Hills Project (the Project) pursuant to Part 7 the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACHA).

Project: The Project will export approximately 7 million tonnes (Mt) of dry product bauxite per year over a 10-12 year mine life.

The Project will require construction of a washplant, beneficiation plant and tailings dam on the site. Bauxite ore will be mined and transported by haul truck to the beneficiation plant. Processing will involve screening and washing. Beneficiated bauxite will be transported by road train along a 34km haul road to the port stockpile site at Port Musgrave where it will be loaded onto barges and transported to the Gulf of Carpentaria for trans-shipment into ore carriers for export.

CBX envisages that the Project will mine one or more ore blocks totalling an area of approximately 200-300 hectares per year. Bauxite will typically be extracted from the top three to four metres of the profile and the area will then be rehabilitated immediately on the completion of mining and the area revegetated with a natural mix of native flora.

The Project site, consisting of the mining and processing area, is located approximately 34 km by road from a possible barge port site at Port Musgrave. A site access and service road is proposed from the Peninsula Development Road due west to the Project, a distance of approximately 35km.

Site construction is expected to be carried out in 2011/2012, with mining starting in 2012/2013.

Sponsor's name: Cape Alumina Ltd

Contact details and

Address for service:

Laura Wood

Tenement Manager

Cape Alumina Ltd

GPO Box 122

Brisbane Qld 4001

Fax number: 38919199

For the purpose of this Notice

the Notice Day is:

24 April 2009

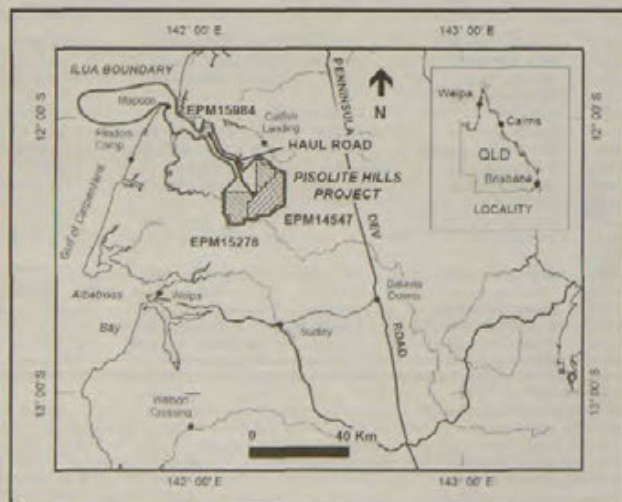
The Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be conducted over the following areas:

Lot 4 on Plan DLH4, Bertiehaugh Station, 50km NE of Weipa, Cape York; Lots 1, 4 & 6 on WP53, Mapoon DOGIT, 50km NE of Weipa, Cape York; Lot 7024 on MP41159, Comalco Mining Lease 7024, Weipa, Cape York; Lot 8 on MP14466, Alcan Mining Lease 7031, Weipa, Cape York.

Unallocated State Land, Ducie River, 70km NNE of Weipa, Cape York.

If you are an Aboriginal Party (as defined by Part 4 of the ACHA) and you wish to take part in the Cultural Heritage Management Plan, you must give a written notice to CBX advising that you wish to take part, by 25 May 2009.

CBX may elect not to endorse any Aboriginal party if CBX is not advised in writing within the required time.



Sport



Tingha Tigers President Dick Hayden signs the code of conduct with Tigers captain James Sheather, Nathan Blacklock and Larry Corowa.

Tingha Tigers tackle violence



INDIGENOUS rugby league stalwart Larry Corowa travelled to Inverell for the

Tingha Tigers' signing of the code of conduct for the Tackling Violence anti-domestic violence campaign.

The Tingha Tigers recently joined Tackling Violence, a NSW Government initiative in partnership with the Australian Rugby League (ARL), National Indigenous TV, Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Women's Corporation and the National Rugby League. Tackling Violence was initiated and is led by Community Services Minister Linda Burney. The NSW Government has so far invested \$150,000 to get the program up and running.

Qld initiative

It is based on a successful Queensland program initiative involving the Normanton Stingers Rugby League Club. Reported cases of domestic violence in Normanton fell by 55 per cent in 2007 compared with the previous year.

Ms Burney said the Tigers had been given \$5000 sponsorship to form and deliver a local campaign to reduce domestic violence and raise awareness of the issue.

"By signing up to Tackling Violence, players have agreed to be role models. They will sign

a code of conduct with penalties for any player that commits violence against a woman or child," she said.

"Domestic violence hurts women and hurts children. "One-third of all child protection reports to the Community Services Helpline last year involved domestic violence."

Full support

Former Tingha Tigers captain-coach and St George star Nathan Blacklock said the Tigers were 100 per cent behind the campaign.

"Domestic violence is a major issue in our community and our players want to do something about it," Blacklock said.

"It's time that we face up to it. Our women should not have to lie and say they've been walking into doors."

Ms Burney, an avid rugby league fan, said further funding would be made available to develop a local TV and radio advertising campaign featuring the Tigers.

The Government, ARL and the Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Corporation will work with the community to provide education and information workshops on domestic violence.

Other NSW rugby league clubs with high Indigenous participation have also joined the Tackling Violence program.

Tahu denies rumours

TIMANA TAHU



WALLABIES and NSW Waratahs centre Timana Tahu has strongly denied sounding out a return from rugby union to the National Rugby League (NRL).

"I'd like to say, coming from the horse's mouth, it is not true," Tahu told a Sydney radio station last Thursday.

A Sydney newspaper had reported on Thursday that a 'third party' had spoken with the Sydney Roosters about the dual international's possible return to the NRL.

Tahu, though, insisted he had no plans to walk out on the NSW Waratahs, where he has mostly been used off the bench this season, and remained committed to pursuing a regular place in the Wallabies starting line-up.

"I don't know who the 'third party' was, but there's no thinking about switching back over to the NRL," Tahu said.

"I've still got another two years here at rugby... there's no conspiracy or anything behind it. There's nothing really to talk about."

"I said this week I wasn't even thinking returning back to NRL and I never will."

"I'm happy to see out my contract."

"I've been happy in rugby union. Going to the Roosters and going back to the NRL, there's not an option there."

The 28-year-old former NSW State of Origin and Australian Test star has earned the bulk of his Waratahs and Wallabies caps off the bench.

"I just want to get as many good games as I can for the Waratahs so I can be an option of making the Wallabies starting side," he said.

"The ultimate goal is to be a starting Wallaby, but first I've just got to get over this hurdle."

"But I've got two more years in rugby so I've got two more

years to prove myself."

Tahu said he accepted his role at the Waratahs.

"I'm positive," he said.

"It's just the way the team's structured and how things are going at the moment."

"For me, it's just getting out there in the last 20, 30 minutes and just trying to do my best and anything for the team that I can do."

Tahu said he had also been in regular contact with Wallabies coach Robbie Deans.

"I've spoken to him just after games and he's been happy with what I've been doing," he said.

"And it seems that everyone else has been happy with how I've been - happy from the Press to my family, friends... I can't figure out one thing that I'm doing bad."

"I've just got to keep on kicking on and hopefully something will open up and I'll get the opportunity of being a starter again."

Waratahs coach Chris Hickey said he was not concerned about the speculation.

"Timana's made it very clear where his future lies and what his commitment is, and also his management, so I think that really is the end of it," Hickey told reporters on Thursday.

"Timana's a fairly honest bloke and you take him on his word and he's indicated strong commitment to rugby and the Waratahs, so I take him on his word in that regard."

Hickey acknowledged Tahu could have become frustrated with his time on the bench.

"Timana hasn't always got the start, which probably leads to some frustration in all players. They'd all like to start but he's always made a really good contribution when he's come off the bench," he said.

Asked if he would be prepared to let Tahu go, Hickey said: "It's something we haven't even discussed or talked about." - AAP

Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of NSW

Notification day: 6 May 2009



National
Native Title
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 17, Law Court Building, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000, on or before 5 August 2009. After 5 August 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Unless there is a relevant native title claim (as defined in section 24FF of the Act) over the area on or before 5 August 2009, the area may be subject to protection under section 24FA 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: Peter Anthony Sanders
Non-native title interest: Grazing licence LJ 329524
Federal Court File No: NSD1746/2008

Description of agreement area:

The area subject to this application covers about 3.4 hectares and is located approximately 55km south-east of Coonabarabran. The application area covers Licence LJ 329524 comprising the eastern part of Lot 62 on DP 755519 located west of Bomera Creek as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Data statement: Non-claimant application boundary compiled by NNTT.

For assistance or further information contact Nakari Thorpe
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING Act 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

1. **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** (ACN 099 732 297) of Tower B, Level 8, 799 Pacific Highway, Chatswood NSW, 2067, as mining operator, proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land (Land):

DESCRIPTION OF LAND AREA

Area A consists of contiguous mineral claims - MC 3819, 3820, 3821 and 3822. This Land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 70 km northwest of Port Augusta within Yundnapinna Station on block 973 in the hundreds of Port Augusta.

The following coordinates are in GDA 94, reading clockwise from the north-west corner of each claim:
MC 3819: 703957mE, 6447179mN; 704178mE, 6447206mN; 704211mE, 6446709mN; 704029mE, 6446734mN.
MC 3820: 704019mE, 6446734mN; 704211mE, 6446709mN; 703959mE, 6445815mN; 703773mE, 6445860mN.
MC 3821: 703773mE, 6445860mN; 703959mE, 6445815mN; 703897mE, 6445660mN.
MC 3822: 750139mE, 6431762mN; 750321mE, 6431838mN; 750381mE, 6431769mN; 750174mE, 6431697mN.

Total area of the contiguous tenements is approximately 44.2 square kilometres.

Area B consists of mineral claim MC3823. This Land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 30km northwest of Port Augusta within Mt Arden Station in the hundred of Port Augusta.

The following coordinates are in GDA 94, reading clockwise from the north-west corner of each claim:
MC 3823: 750139mE, 6431762mN; 750321mE, 6431838mN; 750361mE, 6431769mN; 750174mE, 6431697mN.

Total area of the tenement is approximately 0.015 square kilometres.

2. The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows: Extraction of natural sand is to be carried out as an open cut operation utilising front end loaders and dump truck haulage to a mobile dry screen plant on location. No sumps, silt traps or water storage dams are proposed. Sand will be stockpiled on site. No topsoil or overburden materials are to be stripped from advancing work areas. Any by-product will be used for rehabilitation of

intermediate and final batter faces. Batter faces are to be maintained at natural angles of repose and progressive rehabilitation of terminal batters will be completed. The proposed extraction is to be confined to natural drainage channel and runoff areas.

3. The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following production tenements under the Mining Act 1971: Extractive Minerals Lease for Mineral Claims 3819, 3820, 3821, 3822 and 3823, for which **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** is the applicant.

4. **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** seeks to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act 1971.

TAKE NOTICE that 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 the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the Land, **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** may apply ex parte to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purposes of carrying out mining operations on the Land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

TAKE NOTICE that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** and any native title party or parties have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act 1971 for a determination in relation to 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 **CEMEX AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED** for the purpose of negotiating an agreement in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land:

CEMEX Australia Pty Limited
c/o Piper Alderman
167 Flinders Street, Adelaide SA 5000:
Telephone number: (08) 8205 3333
Facsimile number: (08) 8205 3300
Contact Person: Ms Christie Groves

Cooktown push for league club

By ALF WILSON



A PUBLIC meeting will be held at Cooktown on Wednesday 29 April when a proposal will be put forward to establish a rugby league club to compete in the 2010 Cairns competition.

Such a team would be drawn from the Cooktown, South Cape area and include, but not be restricted to, Cooktown, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal, Lakeland and Laura.

The majority of players would be Aboriginal and it will be proposed that at least two teams, in A grade and under 18, or four sides will be part of the strong Cairns competition.

The A grade competition is now contested by 11 clubs: Cairns Brothers, Kangaroos, Ivanhoes, Yarrabah, Edmonton Storm, Mossman/Port Douglas, Atherton, Mareeba, Innisfail Leprechauns, Southern Suburbs and Tully.

The admission of another side would eliminate a bye in the draw.

Hopevale has proven to be a great breeding ground for quality rugby league players, with north Queensland Cowboys champion back Matt Bowen being the most famous.

Peter Narducci, a QRL coaching and development officer, said that representatives from the Cairns district and Queensland Rugby League would attend the Cooktown meeting in the Shire

Hall in Helen Street from 7pm.

People from the Wujal Wujal, Laura, Hopevale Aboriginal communities will attend.

Hopevale played in the Cairns DRL competition as Atherton Roosters C grade side and made the grand final last year.

"They are doing this again this year and are travelling down here each week and have no home games just like last year," Narducci said.

Push for home games

It is understood that a new team would lobby the CDRL for home games.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander footballers are in great demand in the Cairns, Mackay and Townsville club competitions.

They performed strongly at the prestigious Foley Shield competition held in Townsville over the Easter break when Innisfail/Eacham beat Torres/Cape 32-22 in the grand final.

Hopevale Deputy CEO Harry Deemal, a former champion Foley Shield player, said having a Hopevale team would be a good thing.

"The admission of a team would be a step forward for our people as it would give them something to look forward to at weekends. It would give them some sort of pride," Deemal said.

He was hopeful that some former players aged in their 30s would come out of the woodwork and help.

"Maybe some would even come from as far away as Townsville," he said.

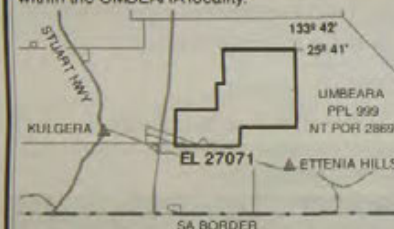
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

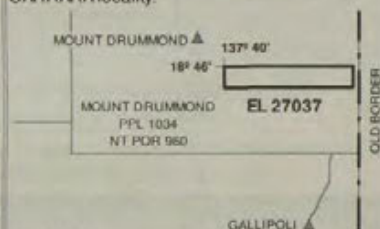
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 27071 sought by ELSINORE NOMINEES PTY LTD, ACN 008 954 292 over an area of 112 Blocks (347 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the UMBEARA locality.



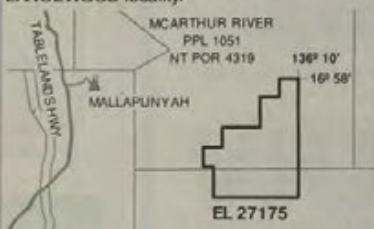
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Exploration Licence 27037 sought by MANTLE MINING CORPORATION LTD, ACN 107 180 441 over an area of 57 Blocks (186 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



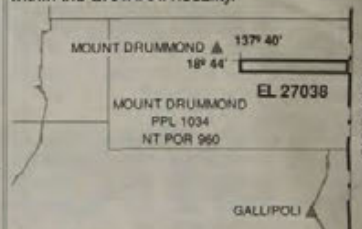
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Exploration Licence 27175 sought by NORTH AUSTRALIAN DIAMONDS LTD, ACN 009 153 119 over an area of 79 Blocks (260 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LANCEWOOD locality.



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Exploration Licence 27038 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 38 Blocks (124 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



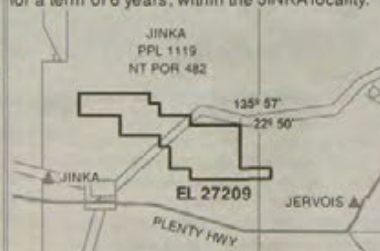
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Exploration Licence 27207 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 10 Blocks (32 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JERVOIS RANGE locality.



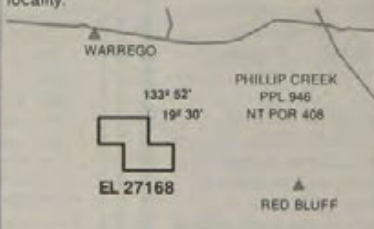
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Exploration Licence 27209 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 64 Blocks (203 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the JINKA locality.



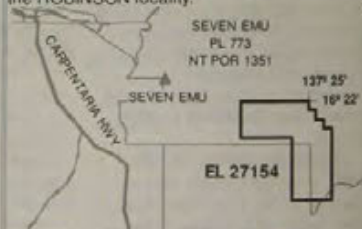
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Exploration Licence 27168 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 4 Blocks (13 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KELLY locality.



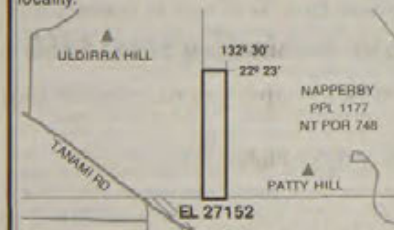
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Exploration Licence 27154 sought by TERRITORY URANIUM COMPANY LTD, ACN 115 770 226 over an area of 73 Blocks (241 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



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Exploration Licence 27152 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 42 Blocks (125 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT WEDGE locality.



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Exploration Licence 27183 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 92 Blocks (264 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PALM VALLEY locality.



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Exploration Licence 27198 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 468 Blocks (1506 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENC locality.



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Exploration Licence 27199 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 384 Blocks (1195 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FAVENC 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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this 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: 22 April 2009

Tahj is happy to have moved to Gold Coast



EXCITING youngster Tahj Minniecon (pictured) admits he feels 'lucky' after leaving

battling A-League club Queensland Roar for cashed-up rivals Gold Coast United.

And the Young Socceroo said he had plenty to prove to Queensland coach Frank Farina in their much-hyped season opening derby in August after hinting that the Roar did not work their hardest to retain him.

Minniecon was one of 13 signed players to attend the Gold Coast's historic first training session at Southport on 7 April.

He lined up alongside the likes of reigning A-League Player of the Year and Golden Boot winner Shane Smeltz and newly-named Gold Coast vice-captain, fringe Socceroo Michael Thwaite.

Injury ensured an abrupt end to Minniecon's days at the Roar last season, cutting short his



involvement in Queensland's run to the 2008-09 preliminary final.

But it seems that was not Minniecon's only source of frustration at the Roar.

Minniecon hinted that the club – soon to be re-named the Brisbane Roar – could have worked harder to keep him.

Now the youngster is determined to show Farina what he missed out on.

"There is definitely a point to prove on my behalf," he said.

"To be honest, I believe I have a lot more to show."

But asked if he had any bitterness towards the Roar, Minniecon said: "Definitely not."

However, Minniecon was clearly relieved to have jumped ship following the Roar's recent headaches.

The Roar recently secured their long-term future by negotiating a new tenancy deal at Suncorp Stadium that will save the financially stricken club \$500,000 a year.

It came after claims that the club's owners were ready to hand in their A-League licence to the FFA.

In contrast, Gold Coast United are sitting pretty thanks to their owner – billionaire Clive Palmer.

"I feel lucky and satisfied to have moved when I did," Minniecon said.

"It's a new challenge. I needed something new – I was getting a bit too comfortable at Brisbane." – AAP



Sarrita King in action for the Northern Territory Storm in the Australian Netball League.

Sarrita sets herself for season with the Storm

By GRAHAM HUNT



INDIGENOUS netballer Sarrita King again has been selected in the Northern Territory Storm squad to play in the 2009 New

Idea Australian Netball League.

King, 21, plays at centre/wing attack.

An 11-week Storm preparation phase of training will start today, with the squad heading to Sydney for the opening competition game on 31 July.

The squad consists of eight players from the 2008 team, plus some new faces.

Coach Stacey West said the squad was a great balance of experienced and inexperienced players.

"It will be a fantastic development and learning experience for the new members," she said.

Storm will travel to Sydney, Melbourne and Singapore for games, as well as hosting a round in Darwin 15-16 August.

There are 11 teams in the 2009 competition.

King, the daughter of celebrated Aboriginal artist the late William King, is an artist in her own right. She is from the Gurundji tribe, from Katherine, in the Northern Territory.

Her mum, Kate Worden, is the Storm assistant coach.

King completed high school in 2005 and was invited to play netball for the South Australian Sports Institute following a couple of years at the Northern Territory Institute of Sport.

She travels from her home in Adelaide to join the Storm for their competition games.

King also is a member of the Adelaide Harlequins Netball Club in the SA State League. In her first year with the Harlequins, she was named best and fairest.

She has been playing netball since she was four.

She lived in Darwin from ages seven to 17 where she played in a range of representative teams, being selected for the NT 21 years side when she was just 16.

She told *The Koori Mail* last year that she enjoyed her netball and had no fixed goals or plans.

"I will just keep doing my best and take it as far as it goes," she said.

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That's the Spirit!



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirit men's basketball team has returned undefeated from a tournament in Tahiti.

The Australian Indigenous team beat the Tahiti national side 77-65 in the final after scraping home against the same team by one goal in an earlier game.

They were playing at the Tahiti Invitational Basketball Tournament in Papeete.

The tour was about establishing future pathways for talented young Indigenous basketballers.

Team manager Kevin Alberts the tour created so many opportunities for the French Polynesian community to see the talent and character of the Australian Indigenous people.

"A key objective was to show the French Polynesian community the talent and similarities between the Indigenous people of Australia and the Pacific Islands," Alberts said.

"The Spirit team gave much exposure for the Tahiti Basketball Association through newspapers and French Polynesian television.

"The Tahitian community really welcomed the team and some families even cooked traditional foods for the team. Members of the Spirit team have created lifetime friends with many families and are sure to visit again with their own families on a social level."

Great ambassadors

Alberts said the Australian team did the Indigenous people of Australia proud on and off the court.

"As a result, the Sports Minister of the Tahiti Sport Federation has offered to pay all expenses for Team Spirit to compete again this December in the Air Tahiti Nui Invitational Basketball Tournament, which involves Japan, New Zealand, France, New Caledonia and other Tahitian teams," he said.

The Spirit team and program has been set up as another pathway for Indigenous basketball players to represent their culture on an international level. It may potentially gain basketball scholarships to American colleges or elsewhere for Australian Indigenous basketballers.

The Team Spirit will visit Hawaii next year and will compete against four American basketball colleges. (See story this page)

"This can potentially lead to basketball scholarships," Alberts said.

The Hawaiian tour will involve men's and women's Indigenous basketball teams.

The Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Spirit team tour to Tahiti was supported by the Queensland and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Council (QAIHC).

● **RIGHT:** The Indigenous Spirit basketballers taking in some of the scenic delights of Tahiti.

Men's, women's teams to tour Hawaii next year

INDIGENOUS basketballers not taking part in the fourth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball tournament in Cairns in September still can stake a claim for selection in the Indigenous Spirit teams to tour Hawaii next year.

Spirit selectors will be at the Cairns carnival to run their eyes over talent

before selecting the Spirit men's and women's teams to compete in Hawaii in November 2010.

Spirit spokesman Kevin Alberts said players not taking part in the Cairns tournament could send videos of themselves playing in A grade or above competition.

The criteria for these players is they must be between the ages of 17

and 26, completed or about to complete school, and play at A grade level or above.

They must supply their name, sex, age, phone numbers and email address, their playing position and their life ambitions.

The video and accompanying information can be sent to: Indigenous Spirit Basketball

Recruitment Team, 2/23 Crest Street, Mt Gravatt, Qld 4122.

Alberts said videos would not be returned and would be destroyed if players were not short-listed.

Indigenous Spirit Basketball Recruitment Team contact details: Email anvjnr_12@hotmail.com Phone 0415 960 905.



The Australian Indigenous Spirit basketball men's team 2009, back, from left, Mark Moseling, Kevin Alberts, Aaron Nagas, Albert Vira and Thomas Samuel; front, Michael Piawan, Gausa Arnold, Jaime Jackway, Francis Loban and Conrad Ahwang.



Don't leave it until the last minute

ORGANISERS of the fourth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander basketball tournament are reminding teams of the August 25 registration deadline.

The tournament will be held this year in Cairns from 21-25 September.

There will be competition in men's and women's A grade and under 18 and under 16 boys and girls. It costs \$250 to nominate a team.

Tournament director Nikita Ridgeway said teams should not leave it until the last minute to register.

National Indigenous Television (NITV) again will cover the tournament.

Last year's tournament in Darwin is being screened now on NITV. Check Foxtel program guides for times of games.

Footy returns to Groote Eylandt



A NEW structured Australian rules program has been launched at Groote Eylandt, off the coast of the Northern Territory. Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) launched the program in conjunction with the Federal Government and the local Anindilyakwa Land Council.

Former Aussie rules star and AFL NAB Auskick Ambassador Robert 'Dipper' Dipierdomenico was on hand to assist with proceedings by staging a junior match.



Robert 'Dipper' Dipierdomenico with some of the Groote Eylandt children at the launch of the Australian rules program on the NT island.

First game

Young locals participated in football for the first time with the help and guidance of Regional Development Manager Robert Clements.

The junior game was followed by formal proceedings and the official launch given by AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley, AFL Ambassador Michael Long and local Elder and Vice-Chairman of the Anindilyakwa Land Council Walter Amagula.

"Football brings people and communities together," said Long.

"It is a chance for these people to come together for a structured competition on a weekly basis."

The junior game was followed by a senior exhibition game between local miners from Groote Eylandt and the Indigenous All Stars. This was the first senior grade game of Australian rules football on the island for eight years, with the Miners overcoming the Indigenous All Stars.

"It will be a slow process but, given time, we aim to have this program up and running similar

to that of the Wadeye football competition (also in the Territory), where there are now six teams in a structured football competition," Frawley said.

"We are looking to add another two to the fixtures next season."

Positive step

The program on Groote Eylandt, although in its early stages, is seen as another positive step for the AFL in the Top End. It will encompass the Angurugu, Alyangula, Umbakumba and Milyakburra communities.

"The aim is to have a side from each of these communities, along with a local team from the mining township of Alyangula, all participating in a sustainable senior grade competition," said Frawley.

The Groote Eylandt project is one of many remote projects being funded through the Federal Government partner FaHCSIA, who also support the Wadeye and Elcho Island projects.



The Groote Eylandt team (striped jumpers) with the opposition Indigenous All Stars players after the first senior game of Aussie rules played on Groote Eylandt in eight years.

Stephen Hill's first kick, first goal!

By PETER ARGENT



FOR every young footballer, their AFL debut is a game which has a special place in their career – no matter how long they endure at the top level.

But for number-three draft selection overall and the first pick for the Dockers Stephen Hill, he collected the added bonus of kicking a major with his initial kick in the first-round contest against the Doggies on Sunday 29 March.

His effort was even more unusual, and AFL statistician and history consultant Col Hutchinson takes up the story from here.

"In the round-one match of 2009 at Subiaco Oval, Stephen Hill made his AFL debut for Fremantle against the Western Bulldogs," he said.

"He was involved in the initial contest following the opening centre bounce. One of his team-mates was

awarded a free for being infringed after handpassing towards him.

"With the new rule requiring a free plus a 50m penalty, Hill goaled with his first kick, which was also the first disposal by foot of the match.

"Naturally, it was also Fremantle's first kick of the season."

Unfortunately from a club perspective, Hill's goal was one of the few positives from the day, as Fremantle went down to the Western Bulldogs by a 63-point margin.

Hill's kick for goal was the first of nine possessions for the teenager in his debut match.

Also in the competition's season opener, Carlton's elevated rookie Jeffery Garrett, with his first kick, also etched himself into this group of footballers which now number 182 AFL/VFL players.

Unlike Hill, this 19-year-old former Swan Districts talent who is a first cousin of Lance Franklin, was involved in a first-up victory to add to the excitement, participating in the

Blues' magnificent 63-point win over Richmond.

The first known Aborigine to join this club was Jeff Farmer back in round one of 1995, in his debut for the Melbourne Demons.

Sydney Swans veteran and *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin was the second – just five rounds later.

One of the more interesting footballers to achieve this accolade is Hawthorn premiership player and dual leading goal kicker from 2005 and 2006, Mark Williams.

He went kick-less in his initial AFL appearance in 2002, but in his second game in round three he joined this club.

Other Indigenous players in the 'goal with their first kick' club include Cameron Faulkner (Western Bulldogs – round 6, 2004), Des Headland (Fremantle – round 13, 1999), Ashley Sampi (West Coast Eagles – round 14, 2002) and Travis Varcoe (Geelong – round 2, 2007).



A full picture of Stephen Hill

Six Indigenous players in the same AFL team

Power equals Dockers' record

By PETER ARGENT



PORT Adelaide has equalled the Fremantle Dockers' record of having the most Indigenous participants in an Australian Football

League (AFL) regular season match.

Port fielded six Indigenous players in their round-three match against Melbourne at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide, on Easter Sunday.

Playing for the Power were the Burgoyne brothers, Peter and Shaun, Nathan Krakouer, Danyle Pearce, Daniel Motlop (in his 100th game) and Wade Thompson.

Fremantle have selected six Indigenous players in the same team on a number of occasions, including the 2006 finals series match against Melbourne, but the AAMI Stadium fixture was the first time any other AFL club at the top level had six participants.

Celebration

The Power won the match against Melbourne by 57 points, with Daniel Motlop in his milestone 100th senior match kicking three goals across half forward.

Port Adelaide General Manager of Football Operations Peter Rohde believes a part of the secret to having a strong Indigenous group at a club is supporting and understanding the players' individuality.

"Last year when Nathan Krakouer was struggling with injury and some homesickness, we sent him back home to Western Australia," Rohde said.

"I can see a time where there may be as many as 25 per cent of a playing

group at a club being Indigenous."

"You'd expect the numbers to increase and every team now seems to have a number of Indigenous players.

"I know it's a bit of a generalisation, but the speed and flair of Aboriginal footballers, coupled with their skills and creativity, make them perfect for the game.

"They have grown up just enjoying playing the game and play on instinct.

"The way the game is going, these attributes, especially with the increased speed of the game, are becoming a critical part of a club's game structure.

"It is also easier to bring in young Aboriginal talent when you have a strong core group around the club."

Former players Gavin Wanganeen, who was the first Aborigine to play 300 AFL games, and Che Cockatoo-Collins also play an informal role with the young Indigenous footballers at the Alberton-based AFL franchise.

Wanganeen was in the changing rooms before the Power-Demons game, presenting first-gamer Wade

Thompson with his guernsey.

"We still see a fair bit of Gavin and Che around the club," Rohde said.

"Guys like Andrew McLeod, Mick O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes are looked up to as the elder statesmen of Aboriginal football by the generation coming through.

"There is certainly a brotherhood with the Indigenous players.

"The boys are also very supportive on the next generation of Aboriginal footballers, often suggesting a young talent who should be grabbed in the draft."

Rohde also suggested there was a chance for Port Adelaide to take the record outright, as a seventh Power listed Aboriginal footballer - Marlon Motlop - had been performing solidly for North Adelaide in the State-based SANFL competition.

● Footnote: In the NAB pre-season match last year (which had an extended bench), Essendon also fielded six Indigenous players in a fixture against the Brisbane Lions.

Young guns touring Sth Africa

By PETER ARGENT



THREE Aboriginal stars of tomorrow - Darwin's Steven May, Hopevale's Rex Liddy and Alice Springs' Curtly Hampton - are members of the Australian Institute of Sport-Australian Football

League Academy Squad now touring South Africa.

The squad's first game was on Australian soil, on 11 April at Docklands (Melbourne) in a curtain-raiser to the St Kilda-West Coast AFL match. They played Williamstown, a Western Bulldogs affiliate club.

The 18-day South Africa tour includes matches in Cape Town, and another game back in Perth at the end of the tour.

Head Coach Alan McConnell said the opportunity to travel with assistant coaching panel consisting of champions of the game like Nathan Buckley, Jason McCartney and Marcus Ashcroft would be priceless in the development of the AFL's next generation.

The three Aboriginal talents are at different stages of their football development.

Rex Liddy is already aligned to the Gold Coast franchise and will play in the TAC under 18 competition this year with this new club.

"Rex is coming off a significant hamstringing injury and on this trip he will be focusing of his physical development and rehabilitation," McConnell said.

"He only played about 20 minutes of the first match of this tour, and will be used mostly as a forward.

"His big attributes include speed, agility, the ability to read the game well and he disposes of the ball well."

Rugby league country

Liddy comes from the heart of rugby league country. Hopevale's favourite son is rugby league sensation Matt Bowen.

Another Indigenous talent from the Top End - Darwin's Steven May - is a strong marking forward. He was dangerous early in the first hit-out, but faded later in the contest.

"The challenge for Steven is to get into contested situations," McConnell said.

"He has the leg speed and as he is 190cm tall, he needs to become a more versatile footballer.

"Steve also has been fabulous in managing his rehabilitation as well."

The third Indigenous tourist - Curtly Hampton - sustained an injury to his foot and received surgery in late January.

"While Curtly won't play on this tour, it will be a great educational opportunity for him," McConnell said.

"He has a responsibility to look after the moral of a couple of players who didn't perform to their expectations in the first game.

"His focus will be reminding these players of the team rules and this will help his understanding of how to interact and communicate with team-mates."

At college in Adelaide

Currently at college in Adelaide, Hampton is aligned to West Adelaide, and if his injuries continue to improve, he will play there between college educational commitments.

"An explosive footballer who kicked four goals in 15 minutes during one national under 16 game last year, he has poise and balance and is one of those players who always seems to have time," McConnell said.

National and International Talent Manager Kevin Sheehan said the 30 young players also had an opportunity to play a role in the development of the game in South Africa.

"South Africa's 'FootyWILD' program launched two years ago by the AIS-AFL Academy has experienced rapid growth in participation rates across all ages," Sheehan said.

'FootyWILD' is an adapted version of NAB AFL Auskick, now with over 17,000 participants across South Africa.

PETER BURGÖYNE



SHAUN BURGÖYNE



Ross' Stawell Gift treble hopes dashed

JOSH Ross' bid to win a record third Stawell Gift ended when he was eliminated in the semi-finals on Easter Monday.

Ross, the national 100m champion, faced a tough task off scratch to add to his

2003 and 2005 wins.

One of Ross' Gift wins was off the back mark.

"Three times would just be a dream. It'll be in the back of my mind going into the race," Ross said in the run-up to the Easter

event in country Victoria.

"I believe I can do it. The handicap doesn't bother me."

But in the end, the handicap was too much for Ross.

The Gift was won by

Lismore university student Aaron Stubbs - surf life saving's 2008-09 Australian open beach sprint champion.

The winner of each heat and the 30 fastest times proceeded to the semi-finals. - With AAP

RUGBY LEAGUE

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is a certain irony in Gold Coast Titans coach John Cartwright calling for the selection of Preston Campbell in the Blues side to play this year's State of Origin series.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, Cartwright became almost the prototype for the modern-day back-rower, combining size with speed and skill to establish himself as one of the dominant forwards of his era.

Cartwright was renowned for his toughness as well as his ability, so for him to declare Preston as the toughest footballer he has known is no slight praise.

Cartwright has implored New South Wales selectors to look beyond size and finally end the State of Origin shunning of his match-winner.

Cartwright has advised Craig Bellamy's selection panel to take a leaf out of Queensland's book and pick players 'tailor-made for Origin' in 2009, such as the Gold Coast's pint-sized custodian.

However, deep down, Cartwright must know he is battling against history as the Blues traditionally adopt 'the big man will always beat the little man' approach.

Preston has proved the most potent attacking weapon in the opening rounds of the NRL and would appear certain to take up his option to extend his contract another year.

But that alone will not be enough to convince the NSW selectors despite the continued success of Queensland, who are more unorthodox in their approach.

"Origin is a different type of game. Queensland have never worried about picking size, they go for a type of player," Cartwright said.

"Guys like Preston, and (Raiders skipper) Alan Tongue, they're made for State of Origin. NSW still haven't got that point as far as selection goes."

"There's nothing in the game Preston can't do. Without knowing his childhood, I can just tell he's had a football in his hand since he was two or three years old. Things on the football field just come naturally to him."

"As a bench option he can play fullback, half, five-eighth, hooker - I'd play him in the front row if I had to - he's a rare, rare player."

While Campbell's attacking prowess is well known, it is his remarkable defence that has won him recent praise.

One memorable tackle on the Cowboys' Luke O'Donnell in Townsville highlighted Preston's technique and courage.

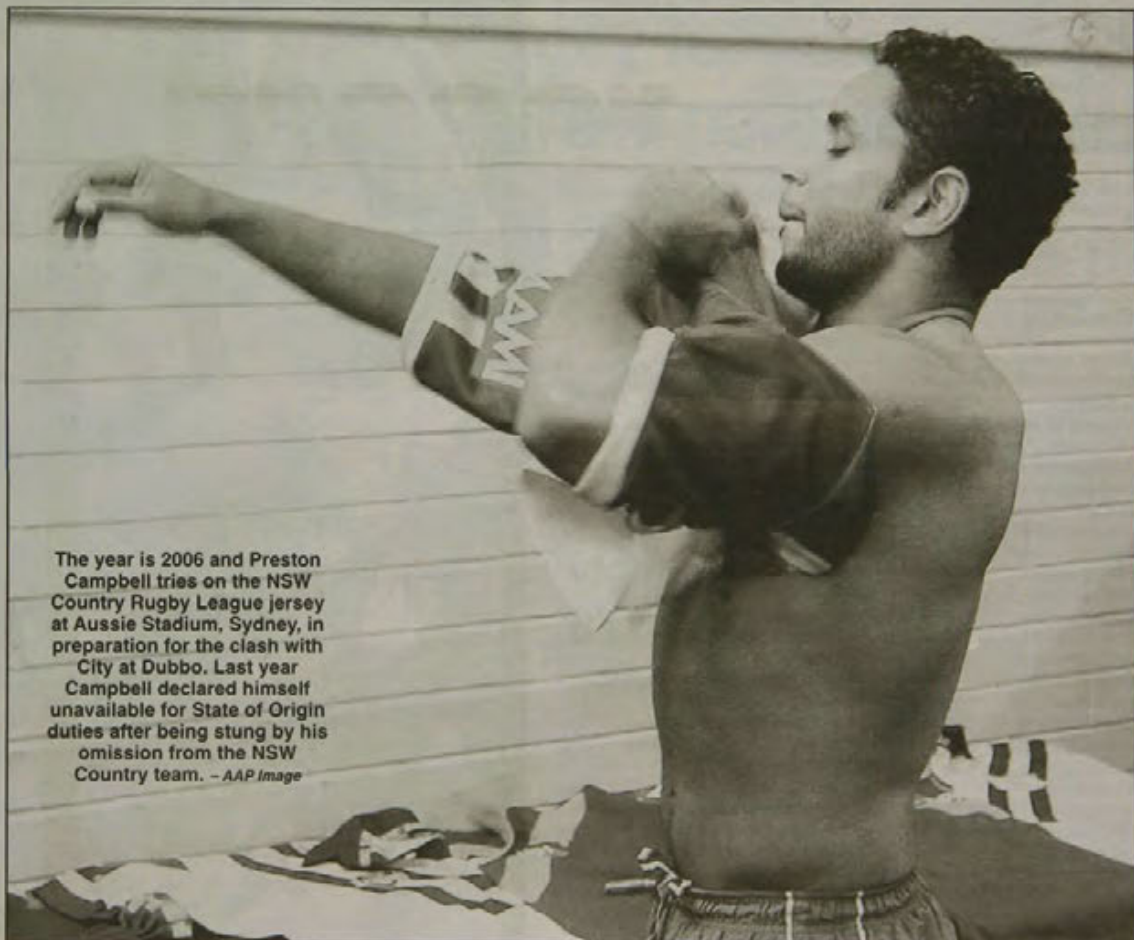
The recurring 'too small' argument has proven the most misguided line of reasoning in Origin history.

You need only to look at the success of the likes of Allan Langer, Trevor Gillmeister and 2005 Origin hero Matt Bowen to disprove the theory.

For his part, Preston is matter-of-fact in his approach.

"If I listened to that stuff, I would never

When best isn't good enough



The year is 2006 and Preston Campbell tries on the NSW Country Rugby League jersey at Aussie Stadium, Sydney, in preparation for the clash with City at Dubbo. Last year Campbell declared himself unavailable for State of Origin duties after being stung by his omission from the NSW Country team. - AAP Image

have played footy, even my old man thought I was too small to play," Campbell said. "Unless they throw you in, they're not going to know."

"I've been lucky to play at clubs that did have faith in me. All you ask for is your team and coach to show faith. You want to repay them."

Last year, Campbell declared himself ineligible for NSW honours after being stung by his omission from NSW Country.

But just recently, he revealed he is still available and would view a belated Blues call-up as 'one of the proudest moments of my career'.

The Titans certainly know the value of Campbell to their team and their brand, with Managing Director Michael Searle one of his biggest fans.

"Preston is an enigma," Searle said. "There's always a home for him here."

He's the sort of bloke we want in the organisation and we want to continue to see him do things other footballers don't think is palatable and that is take a risk."

Searle and Cartwright have paid Campbell the ultimate accolade by giving him the right to make up his mind about his future in his own time.

"I'm sure Preston is taking it one week at a time," Cartwright said. "He's playing so well at the moment and while he's in the zone, I'll let him be."

Searle has given Preston all the assurance he needs.

"The day Preston retires is his choice," Searle said.

Preston might reconsider his 'pensioner' status given that the Titans have signed Scott Prince to a four-year contract extension which will keep him on the Gold Coast until the end of 2014.

The 29-year-old Prince will be 34 when his deal expires and has not ruled out running around again or moving into a coaching role with the club.

Prince, who skips the team alongside Luke Bailey and has been a Titan since their inception in 2007, says his only goal for the next five years will be

to bring a maiden premiership to the Gold Coast.

"This contract pretty much rules out going to the Super League or any other sport, so I'm happy to stay here and know that I'm retiring a Titan," said Prince. "I don't want to leave."

"It has been special to be a part of something new and it's still a very young organisation, I think we're still learning, but it's exciting what's over the mountain."

"Now, it's about chasing the holy grail." Preston's representative selection dilemma will not be lost on Prince.

With Johnathan Thurston struggling for form, Prince would command selection for Australia and Queensland based on his current performances for the Titans.

Queensland and Australian selectors, however, have always shown loyalty to the incumbents and it is unlikely that JT will be under immediate threat.

So the magic combination of Campbell and Prince now have another thing in common.

Kicking goals on and off the field

Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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SUCCESS can be measured in many ways, but the most important mark is how you have measured up against your own goals.

Last season, young Brad Dick at Collingwood spent most of the season sitting on the sidelines working on recovering from a serious knee injury.

His personal goals would have been limited to ensuring he got back to a level of fitness where he could pursue his AFL dream.

While on the sidelines, he would have watched Leon Davis provide a personal highlight by kicking the official goal of the year against Fremantle.

Davis had probably his most consistent season in what will hopefully provide a platform for a great 2009.

Both players will have a shared personal goal of playing to their best and assisting the Magpies as they strive for that elusive flag.

I met young Brad Dick for the first time at the Indigenous Camp prior to the All Stars game in Darwin earlier this year.

Infectious laugh

The thing that immediately impressed me about the upcoming talent was his infectious laugh and his great sense of humour.

He had me laughing along with him on a number of occasions and he seems the type of character every side needs to have to maintain a sense of perspective and enjoyment when things get tough.

In the limited opportunities he had at the AFL level in 2007, he impressed me as a lightning quick midfielder/forward who is capable of thrilling the Magpie fans.

Wonderfully skilled on both sides of his body and composed, Dick showed glimpses of brilliance before his knee injury.

He is prepared to put his head over the ball despite his skinny frame and he promises to excite Magpie fans for years to come.

On his skinny frame I believe he needs to put some extra time in the gym if he wishes to increase his longevity in the game.

But there is no doubting the young fella's courage.

He also has the ability to maintain a positive frame of mind given the length of time he has spent off the field.

I know myself how frustrating long periods of rehabilitation can be.

You often train away from the main group and, although your team-mates often go out of their way to provide support, you cannot help but feel that you are not contributing and therefore you don't fully belong.

This feeling has got to be magnified if you are a youngster in the early stages of your career.

This is what has made Brad's start to the year all the more encouraging.

His next major lesson will be to learn the consistency required to play at the AFL level.

Consistency was probably Leon Davis' biggest problem up until last year.

Now a veteran of 161 games after making his debut in round one of the 2000 season, Davis has always been known for his mercurial goal-kicking and marking.

Impressive 2002

His 2002 season was particularly impressive, when he played 23 games and an important role in the Magpies' grand final run, booting 31 goals as a 21-year-old.

'I love playing footy and just thought I'd enjoy the ride as long as I could'

He has shown glimpses of his exceptional ability in patches since then, especially in the first half of the 2006 season, when he kicked 23 goals in a 12-week stretch after an injury-riddled 2005.

But last year was arguably Davis' best of his career after finishing the season averaging 17 possessions, 14 kicks and five marks (all career highs).

He kicked 32 goals for the season (third at the club) and kicked a goal in all but three of his matches.

He proved how valuable he is to the club in the latter stages of the season when the veterans needed to step up - I'm sure he'll accept the term 'veteran' coming from me!

Leon also provided one of the AFL highlights of the season with his sublime goal in round 22 against Fremantle being named the 2008 'Goal of the Year'.

Late in the second quarter at Subiaco Oval, Davis tackled Des Headland on the far wing, scooped up the ball in his right hand, eluded Docker defender Andrew Browne and kicked truly from



Collingwood's Brad Dick, left, and Leon Davis, above. Columnist Michael O'Loughlin says the pair are kicking goals for the Magpies... and themselves.

45 metres out on the boundary.

Davis saluted the crowd with his trademark finger-waggle and even had the home supporters cheering in appreciation.

Round 22 was Davis' fourth goal of the year nomination for 2008, which just emphasises the consistency and quality I have been talking about.

Davis has developed into one of Collingwood's most dangerous and effective players, and also became the first Indigenous player to represent the Magpies 150 times.

The 26-year-old West Australian never envisaged reaching such heights when he crossed the country after being selected with the 34th

overall pick in the 1999 draft.

"No, honestly I didn't. I just sort of took it as it was and didn't really think too much into it," he said.

"I love playing footy and just thought I'd enjoy the ride as long as I could."

One of the reasons Leon attributes to his more consistent form is the freedom he has been given on the field.

"I'm not stuck in the forward pocket any more, although I do like to kick a good goal every now and then," Davis said.

"But, getting up into the midfield frees you up and you tend to get a bit more of the ball which is good."

"Consistency is something that I knew I had to work on. I used to drift in and out of games, so just to

be a bit more consistent is good and something I work hard on."

Davis has clearly been inspired by some of the great Indigenous players to have gone before him, and singled out a few champions he admires.

"Coming from Perth, definitely Peter Matera and Chris Lewis, who played for West Coast, I used to watch them when I was young. Probably on a larger thing... Michael Long," he said.

I'm sure Leon is now proud that the likes of young Brad Dick are now looking to him for inspiration.

Both of them are kicking goals - for themselves and Collingwood. Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Red Centre season kicks off

Communities converge on Alice Springs for Easter prelude to main competition



A RECORD 28 teams heralded in the start of the Australian rules season

in central Australia by competing in the 2009 Ngurratjuta Lightning Carnival in Alice Springs.

There were 12 teams in Division 1 and 16 teams in Division 2.

The Power & Water Development Squad won the first division final, beating Western Aranda 7.6 (48) to 4.1 (25).

In Division 2, Mt Allan won the final against Papunya Tjula 8.3 (51) to 2.1 (13). Mt Allan ran away with the game in the second half.

Earlier, Mt Allan had beaten neighbouring community Laramba in a quarter-final 4.5 (29) to 2.2 (14). The Eagles then followed up with an upset win over firm favourites Central Arrente in a semi-final, 4.5 (29) to 4.3 (27).

On their way to beating Western Aranda in the Division 1 final, Power & Water beat Nywente in a semi-final 6.1 (37) to 1.0 (6).

Undefeated

Power & Water team went through the carnival undefeated.

Qualifying matches will played over 12-minute halves, while the finals were 15-minute halves.

All games were played at Traeger Park.

AFL Central Australia was ecstatic with the success of the carnival.

General Manager Jake McCauley said: "We are absolutely delighted with the outcome of this year's Ngurratjuta Lightning Carnival."

"Congratulations must go to all 28 teams for making this year's carnival the biggest in its 30-year history."

"A record 28 teams participated, with more than 8500 people attending the carnival over the weekend."

All told, there were 54 games during the weekend.



A Fregon player goes high in search of a spectacular mark in the game against the Kintore Hawks. Fregon is in the north-west of South Australia, and Kintore is west of Alice Springs, near the NT/WA border, and is very remote.

McCauley said police and private security had reported exemplary crowd behaviour. "All teams and their supporters must be congratulated for their behaviour on and off the field," he said.

The Central Australian Football League Ngurratjuta Cup competition kicked off last Saturday at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.



From left, Queensland Police Indigenous Officer Frank Bowie, Burleigh Bears trainer Mark Gee, Nalingahj Balin participants Kori Cavanagh, Isiah Appo and Hayden Bleakley, and Gold Coast Titans under 21 players Luke Dumas and Anthony Flores.

Rugby league used as career path incentive



THIRTY-FOUR Gold Coast Indigenous boys are taking part in a development program using rugby league as an incentive.

Gold Coast

Queensland Cup club Burleigh Bears has thrown its weight behind the program, making the Nalinah Balin (Our Youth) project a priority.

The boys have attended a four-day conference, where they worked with various local people and professionals across a number of fields.

It gave them guidance on career directions and opportunities such as completing Year 12 and continuing their journeys through TAFE, universities, apprenticeships or traineeships.

It was not all work and no play. The boys were offered various activities throughout the four days.

The focus on the first day was education and training pathways, with Brett O'Farrell, from the Australian Training Company, and Aunty Maureen Newton, a local Indigenous Elder, speaking.

There also were football training sessions with Mark Gee, of Burleigh Leagues Club and the Titans Development Squad.

The second day was all work, with the junior boys completing their CPR and the senior boys completing their senior first aid as well as learning about nutrition, strengthening and conditioning and healthy well-being.

The third day focused on motivation, with talks from Alf Summers (Kalwin Development Corporation) and Queensland Police Indigenous Officer Frank Bowie, who told of how he became a police officer and his goals.

Nathan Antonik, who is also a member of the Queensland Police

Service, gave a drug awareness presentation.

The day ended with local Indigenous men Kyle, Joel and Kaleb Slabb talking about respecting Elders and culture.

The last day saw 12 of the boys complete their construction safety cards.

Training clinics

Throughout the year there will be five training clinics for the boys to attend as well as obligations and agreements they have signed with their school liaison officers to ensure they are committed to the program.

The Nalinah Balin project is part of the League for Life Program.

In consultation from the local Indigenous community organisation Krurungal and National Manager and Designer of the League for Life Program Deb Derrick, Nalinah Balin emerged.



A day for Indigenous job seekers & school leavers to meet with some of Queensland's most prominent employers, education and training providers.

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Wednesday 10 June, 2009

Cairns Convention Centre

Wednesday 29 July, 2009

Mackay Entertainment Centre

Wednesday 12 August, 2009

Mount Isa Civic Centre

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Newcomers shock

By ALF WILSON



IT was a dream come true for Yarrabah rugby league players Milton Mossman and Lloyd Singleton, who were part of the Innisfail/Eacham side which downed Torres/Cape 32-22 in the final of the prestigious Foley Shield competition at the Townsville Sports Reserve on Easter Sunday.

Winger Singleton scored a try and Mossman performed well and they were overcome with emotion when holding the Foley Shield trophy after the win.

"This is the first time I have been in the Foley Shield final and I am so proud. It is great for Yarrabah," Mossman said.

For Singleton, it was his second Foley Shield final win, having been a member of a Cairns team which won a few years ago.

"But it feels just as good and I am so happy. There were many Indigenous

footballers in the six teams," he said.

Giant Innisfail/Eacham second-rower Alex Sala won the Ben Wall Medal for the player of the final. The medal was presented by Keith Foley, a grandson of the late Arch Foley, whom the competition was named after when it started in 1948.

Reigning titleholders Townsville and traditional Foley Shield powerhouses Cairns and Mackay competed in the 2009 revamped competition against newcomers Torres/Cape, Innisfail/Eacham and Mid West/Mount Isa.

Underdogs

The Torres/Cape team was the classic underdog in every sense, with not many league followers in Townsville giving them any chance of reaching the final.

Punters offered 20 points start for Torres/Cape in their opening game on Good Friday against the highly ranked Cairns.

But the form guide went out the door when Torres/Cape upset Cairns 28-24, with Weipa forward Gareth Smith scoring

two tries and winning the man of the match award.

Torres Strait Islander players Aaron Binawel, Horace Baira, captain Danny Mosby, halfback Stanley Daniel and forward James Binawel shone.

Former Canberra Raiders player and current Weipa-based QRL Development Officer David Westley left the field injured with a deep facial wound which required eight stitches.

Ironically, Westley had clashed heads with Cairns player Kieran Hayes, whom he coached at the Kangaroos club in Cairns for several years.

In game two on Easter Saturday, Torres/Cape beat Mid West/Mount Isa 32-24 in a match they were tipped to win. The game was played in drizzling rain.

Jimmy Baira scored the first and last try, kicked a late 40/20 and was named man of the match.

Badu Islander centre Horace Baira scored two tries and was also strong in defence.

Napranum's Jason Nixon scored a try

and was crafty and creative from dummy half.

A few hours after the victory over Mid West/Mount Isa, Torres/Cape faced Townsville, with the winner to earn the other final berth against Innisfail/Eacham.

Torres/Cape showed great courage and class to beat the high-rolling Townsville Silverstars 26-20. They even earned generous applause from Townsville supporters.

Early lead

It looked likely that Townsville would roll to a big early lead after they scored a try in the fourth minute, courtesy of centre Lester Hero, who plays for Bindal Sharks United Club.

The Townsville danger man was Yorke Islander Billo Mosby, who is one of the best performers at carnivals around the Torres Strait.

Mosby was nullified to a degree, and centre Soki Dau scored two tries for

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The Torres/Cape side that surprised many with their outstanding performances at the Foley Shield.



Sam Sailor, left, and Tony Gundy, from Palm Island, were Foley Shield spectators.



Townsville forward Josh Stowers, left, and halfback Zac Nogar.



Grand final action as Torres/Cape defenders (in white) wrap up an Innisfail/Eacham player.



Peter Penaia, a prop for Mackay, shows his muscles.



● LEFT: Former Innisfail/Eacham stars, from left, Swaggie Nona, Leo Yusia, Colin Enoch and B J Sailor went to barrack for their team but being of TSI descent, they had a soft spot for their grand final opponents Torres/Cape.



● LEFT: Star Cairns centre Clifton Tildora is tackled in the match against Torres/Cape.



● RIGHT: Torres/Cape supporters.

Foley Shield rivals

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Torres/Cape, with singles to Kubin player Jerry Savage, Edgar Daniel, from Thursday Island, and Michael Morris, from Yorke Island.

Torres/Cape led 16-14 at half-time. Torres/Cape captain Danny Mosby was delighted as he stood with his troops in front of the grandstand.

"We shocked them all here today and we could not gauge how we would go, not having played in this competition before. I feel so proud," Mosby said.

Tough prop James Binawel is a proud Dauan Islander and stirred emotions when he yelled to his team-mates.

"We come from the top and we stay on the top," he said.

Innisfail/Eacham, who last won a title in 1990, made the running in the final and led 22-4 at half-time.

Jimmy Baira scored the only first-half points for Torres/Cape with a try just before the break.

The strong-tackling Innisfail/Eacham

boiled to a 32-4 lead after the break before Torres/Cape finished well and scored tries through Horace and Jimmy Baira and Michael Morris, with Aaron Binawel kicking three goals.

Captain Danny Mosby pointed out that his side had outscored the winners 18-8 in the second half.

"But overall we dropped lots of ball and you can't do that against good opposition," he said.

Five-eighth Mosby was the best player for Torres/Cape.

Major boost

QRL Northern Division Chairman Greg Sutherland said it was a major boost for rugby league that a newcomer had reached the final.

Sutherland heaped praise on the Torres/Cape players.

"These spectators don't care if you are black, white, brown or brindle, and they applauded the Torres/Cape players because they played good football," he said.

"This is history, with one new team making the final and another which used to be in the competition and is back in."

Sutherland said it proved that having development officers in Westley covering Cape York and Dominic Carter in the Torres Strait had reaped dividends.

In the plate game on Easter Sunday to decide third and fourth spots, Mackay beat Townsville 32-19 and Cairns rolled Mid West/Mount Isa 46-12 for fifth and sixth.

The Koori Mail was there for the three days and spoke to many Indigenous footballers and supporters.

Former Innisfail/Eacham stars Swaggie Nona, Leo Yusia, Colin Enoch and BJ Sailor were there to support their old team.

"But being from the Torres Strait we all have a soft spot for Torres/Cape," Nona said.

Jerry Esrom, from Mount Isa, said while his team didn't win, it had been great experience.

Hughenden pair Shaun Bounghi and Willy Singleton played for Mid West/Mount

Isa and were about to head back to their home town Hughenden with the team. "It will be a long trip home and even further for the Mount Isa boys," Bounghi said.

Sam Sailor and Tony Gundy are regulars at the football and loved the action, while Mackay assistant coach Alfred Roberts said it was great to help coach Kevin Langer, who is the brother of Allan 'Alfie' Langer.

"My name is Alfie too," he said.

Titan takes an interest

NRL Titans star Scott Prince trained on the other field and asked about Mid West/Mount Isa side. He was born at Mount Isa. Later that night, the Titans beat the Cowboys 14-10 across town at Dairy Farmers Stadium.

Grand final full results:

Innisfail/Eacham 32 (Jordan Kane, Lloyd Singleton, Steve Sheppard, Dean Howard, Robert Haren, Ben Hagan tries; Steve Singleton 4 goals) d Torres/Cape 22 (Jimmy Baira 2, Horace Baira, Michael Morris tries; Aaron Binawel 3 goals).



Yarrabah pair Milton Mossman, right, and Lloyd Singleton hold the Arch Foley Memorial Shield as part of the winning Innisfail Eacham team.



Hughenden pair Shaun Bounghi, left, and Willy Singleton, who played for Mid West/Mount Isa, prepare for the long bus trip back home.



Townsville star Billo Mosby.



● LEFT: David Westley from Torres/Cape looked like he had gone ten rounds with Mike Tyson after this head clash in the game against Cairns. The injury meant a trip to hospital, where he received eight stitches.

● RIGHT: James Binawel, from remote Torres Strait Island Dauan, tackles an Innisfail/Eacham attacker while playing for Torres/Cape in the Foley Shield final.



Night of glitter



Lloyd McDermott and his partner Pip Lo.

THE 'house full' sign went up at Parliament House, Sydney, on 8 April when 260 guests paid \$165 a head to attend the Champions of Sport dinner organised by the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Trust.

The Trust is committed to promoting rugby union for Young Aboriginal men and women.

It was set up in 1991 and named after Australia's first Indigenous international rugby union player, Lloyd McDermott, who first played as a Wallaby in 1962.

Its president is former Wallaby Gary Ella, one of the three famous Ella brothers.

Some of Australia's highest-profile sports people – past and present – were at the fund-raising dinner.

Guests included former tennis darling Evonne Goolagong-Cawley and Wallaby coach Robbie Deans.

Through the silent and live auction, \$15,000 was raised.



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney and Evonne Goolagong-Cawley.



Gary Ella signs a Wallaby jersey that was auctioned at the dinner.



Assistant Wallaby coach and former Wallaby player Jim Williams, LMRDT player Robert Longbottom, and Wallaby coach Robbie Deans.



Robert Longbottom, a LMRDT player who gave the welcome to country in his language, and Wiradjuri Elder Millie Ingram, who gave the welcome to country in English.



The Titans' Scott Prince (left) and the Cowboys' Jonathan Thurston (above). Titans coach John Cartwright believes Queensland selectors again will prefer Thurston for State of Origin duties. Prince was pictured by *Koori Mail* correspondent Alf Wilson at Townsville as he prepared for the Titans' game against the Cowboys, which the Titans won.

Coach tips Prince to be overlooked



GOLD Coast Titans captain Scott Prince has landed an early blow against Johnathan Thurston in the race for the Queensland halfback spot, but coach John Cartwright believes his skipper will once again be overlooked.

Prince was solid in the Titans' 14-10 victory over North Queensland on 12 April, guiding the Gold Coast to their fourth win of the season.

Cowboys skipper Johnathan Thurston scored a try and kicked a sideline conversion, but he struggled to ignite his side's attack as the Cowboys slumped to just one win from their first five outings.

Count for little

The Titans' impressive early season form and Prince's reputation as a big game player will count for little at the Queensland Origin selection table, according to Cartwright.

The coach believes the Maroons' brains trust will stay loyal to the players – including Australian Test halfback Thurston – who have carried Queensland to three straight series victories.

"We go through this every year. Queensland and Princey knows it they are not going to make any changes unless they get an injury," Cartwright said.

"They stick with the guys that have done it. Whether that is right or wrong, that is not for us

to decide. All he (Prince) can do is just keep doing what he is doing.

"When his opportunity arises and it generally does, they have no hesitation of putting him in.

"It is something that Queensland have been doing since Origin began."

Cartwright said it was difficult to gauge Prince's performance against the Cowboys, his game stifled by the wet conditions and mountain of possession the Cowboys controlled in the second half.

"It is very difficult to judge him because the momentum was all with them (Cowboys). If we had the momentum for the majority of the game that they did, especially in that second half, I would be backed up to put a lot more points on."

Campbell magic

The Titans other pocket dynamo, Preston Campbell, again impressed his coach with his ability to bring down much bigger opponents.

"He is just that 'x' factor, not only with the ball, but his kicking game as well. He helps Princey out with his kicking game," Cartwright said.

"Big fellows kept going at him on our line and he just puts his head on the line and it is hard to put into words how courageous he is.

"It is just body on the line, simple as that. He knows where he is limited and he knows what he has to do to pull somebody down." – AAP

Ten teams in 2009 CAFL competition



PAPUNYA and Haasts Bluff have combined to form the MacDonnell District Crows in the 2009 Australian Football League Central Australia competition which kicked off last weekend.

The Ngurratjuta Cup and CAFL under 17 competitions features nine of the ten sides from the 2008 competition, with the MacDonnell Districts Crows making the tenth team.

Five Alice Springs clubs – South Kangaroos, Federal Demons, Pioneer Eagles, West Bloods and Rovers Blues – will be joined by five regional community-based clubs – Yuendumu Magpies, Hermannsburg Bulldogs, Ltyentye Apurte Saints (Santa Teresa), MacDonnell Districts Crows and Anmatjere FC.

AFLCA General Manager Jake McCauley said his organisation was delighted to have a ten-team Ngurratjuta Cup competition.

"The AFLCA has worked hard in the off-season and will continue to work hard to ensure the off-field stability, long-term sustainability and financial viability of all ten CAFL clubs," he said.

In addition to the ten-team Ngurratjuta Cup and CAFL under 17 competitions, the AFLCA has announced an expanded five-team CAFL reserve grade competition for 2009.

In a break from the past, all reserve grade matches will be played at Traeger Park. Previously, they had been played at Albrecht Oval.

"We believe this will strengthen this competition and we hope assist clubs in the recruitment and retention of reserve grade players," McCauley said.

"This could not have been done without the co-operation of AFL Juniors, who have now set up a permanent base at Albrecht Oval."

In another break from tradition, McCauley also announced that the 2009 finals would involve the top five qualifying teams.

Last year, just the top four teams advanced through to the major premiership.

The 2009 major premiership will be played over four weeks, with grand final day for all three competitions on Saturday 12 September.

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Abbott retains place with Kookaburras

NORTHERN Territory Indigenous hockey star Des Abbott has retained his place in the Australian Kookaburras squad as coach Ric Charlesworth outlines his plans for hockey gold at the 2012 London Olympics.

Charlesworth believes the depth of talent in Australia is as strong as ever.

Abbott, a centre-forward, has been an integral part of Australian hockey for a number of years.

Charlesworth, who guided the all-conquering women Hockeyroos during a seven-year spell that included two Olympic golds, two Hockey World Cups and four Champions Trophies, took over the men's team after the Beijing

Olympics with London very much in mind.

After announcing his first official squad last week, Charlesworth said the 24-man panel would increase to more than 30 after June's junior World Cup in Malaysia and Singapore and a European tour.

With Sydney Olympic champions Travis Brooks, Nathan Eglington, Bevan George, Aaron Hopkins, Stephen Mowlam, Andrew Smith and Matthew Wells all retiring after Beijing, Charlesworth said he was now entering a "journey of discovery".

"At this stage of the preparation we are looking at London and we want to widen the net as much as possible ... and we want to be introducing players who have been the core of our development group for the last couple of years," the coach said.

Charlesworth will also be taking a 19-strong squad on a tour of Europe in May and June.

Abbott also is a member of that squad. – AAP

Halfback to stay a Titan

SCOTT Prince is the king of the Gold Coast, with the Titans co-captain writing his own lifetime contract that will see him retire with the NRL club.

Prince signed a four-year contract extension with the Titans last Wednesday, keeping him on the Gold Coast until the end of 2014.

The 29-year-old will be 34 when his deal expires and has not ruled out running around again or moving into a coaching role with the club.

Prince, who skippers the team alongside Luke Bailey and has been a Titan since their inception in 2007, says his only goal for the next five years will be to bring a maiden premiership to the Gold Coast.

"This contract pretty much rules out going to the Super League or any

other sport, like union, so I'm happy to stay here and know that I'm retiring a Titan," said Prince.

"I don't want to leave.

"It has been special to be a part of something new and it's still a very young organisation. I think we're still learning, but it's exciting what's over the mountain.

"Now, it's all about chasing the holy grail."

With Prince glued to the Gold Coast – one of several major signings – the Titans are now likely to turn their attention to veteran Preston Campbell, whose contract runs out at the end of the season.

Titans chief executive Michael Searle said Campbell, 31, had a future at the club as long as he wanted.



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United's dream comes true



Northern United's Jordan Hammond looks to pass to Vince Cavanagh at Oakes Oval, Lismore, during the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League Under-18 clash with Lower Clarence last Saturday. The junior players had the honour of being the first Northern United side to officially take the field in the local rugby league competition.



IT took six long years, but last Saturday afternoon Northern United's long-held dream came true.

That's when the rugby league club based in Lismore, northern NSW, officially kicked off what officials and supporters alike believe will be a long and successful future in the local Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League competition.

It wasn't an easy road to win entry to the competition, with league officials twice knocking back Northern United's applications to compete.

But not this year.

And the Aboriginal-based team tasted immediate success in the rain-delayed first round of the competition, with the injury-hit first grade side coming back from a half-time deficit to beat Lower Clarence 28-20 in a see-sawing thriller.

The reserve grade and under-18 sides were not as fortunate, but Northern United secretary Grantley Creighton was still a happy man.

"It's been a great start for us," he told *The Koori Mail*, which is the club's main sponsor.

"Many of us have worked for years to get Northern United into the local competition, and to come away with an opening round win is fantastic.

"Sadly, one of the club's original founders, the late Ali Bolt, was not with us to see it, but we all know he would have been happy.

"It was also great to have a welcome to country from local Elders as well as didgeridoo players for our big day."

Thunder blunder



THE new boys on the block – the Northern Thunder – had a reality check on Friday when they were crushed 25.15 (165) to 11.10 (76) by the Brisbane Lions in just their second match in the Queensland Australian Football League competition.

Playing their first away game at the Gabba as a curtain-raiser to the Lions-Collingwood AFL clash, and Darwin-based Thunder were right in the mix until half-time, trailing by just two goals.

But the Lions, with superior fitness and preparation, raced away in the second half, kicking 16 goals to the Thunder's four.

It was a jolt following their sensational start to the season two weeks earlier when they created history by winning their opening game in the QAFL by taking down reigning premiers Southport.

Speaking about last Friday's game,

Reality check after dream start by new football side

NTAFL CEO Stuart Totham told *The Koori Mail*: "Brisbane had the ability to maintain the intensity and we struggled to keep up with the Lions.

"The endeavour was there on our part, but we couldn't maintain the intensity."

Coach Michael McLean said the trip to Brisbane had been a good experience and a sharp learning curve for his players.

For just about all of the Thunder players, it was the first time they had played at the Gabba and it was the first time the team had travelled away.

"You must remember that just three weeks ago, our boys were playing against each other. Now they have to establish new friendships and learn to play together and build up teamwork. It doesn't happen overnight," McLean said.

"But I'm pretty pleased with the way our overall program is going. We always knew the first three or four games were going to be hard."

It was a different story when the Thunder downed Southport.

Playing before a home crowd at TIO

Stadium, Darwin, the Thunder scored 16.12 (108) to the Sharks' 14.12 (96).

The Thunder could not have scripted a better debut before 3700 fans.

Darren Ewing kicked five goals for the Thunder, while Relton Roberts kicked three and Karl Lohde, Nathan McLean and James Puautjimi each kicked two.

The Lord Mayor's Medal for best on ground went to Peter MacFarlane.

MacFarlane's performance was one of several highlights in the new club's first-up win. His marking and strength in the clinches were key factors against the bigger Southport players.

Others to shine were rover Mark McLean, defender David May and spearhead Darren Ewing.

The Thunder's next home game will be at TIO Stadium, Darwin, on Anzac Day – 25 April – against the Mt Gravatt Vultures.

The main game will start at 7pm.

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