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Federal, NT govts raise the stakes

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal and Northern Territory governments have significantly raised the stakes in negotiations for leases over Alice Springs town camps.

The governments have written to Tangentyere Council, which controls the camps, offering more than \$125 million for housing, infrastructure and services for Alice Springs.

The offer was announced on Saturday, just days before a Federal Government-imposed deadline on the prolonged negotiations.

Previously, the Federal Government had been offering \$50 million in exchange for 40-year leases over 18 camps but Tangentyere Council had consistently rejected the offer.

The council was set to meet yesterday to consider the new offer, but would not comment when contacted by *The Koori Mail* on Saturday.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Lingiari MP Warren Snowden made the announcement in a joint media release.

They said the 'path-breaking offer' demonstrated the governments' serious intent to reach an agreement with the council on lease arrangements in Alice Springs town camps.

"We urge Tangentyere Council to

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He's won the hearts of Australians, and now Aboriginal singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, pictured performing in Sydney, is off to try to do the same in England.

The 2008 multi ARIA award winner will play three concerts next week in England following on from the release of his debut

Gurrumul set to wow the British

album there in February.

In Australia, the album *Gurrumul* has now sold

more than 100,000 copies, received 17 industry awards, and was 2008's fifth

highest selling album.

The Arnhem Land singer should be well received in Britain, having already generated a number of positive reviews and plenty of media interest.

After the English concerts, he will return to Australia for a performance in Melbourne on 23 May at the Palais Theatre.

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My FAMILY FIONA HUGHES – Launceston, Tas

I'm pictured here with my mother, Marie (Mansell), my son Jarrod and my grand-daughter Taylor.

I have two sisters and four brothers. I'm proud of my family, we've all done well for ourselves. A lot of us are involved with the management of our cultural heritage here in Tasmania. My brothers Rocky, Bob and Colin are heritage officers.

But we didn't have it easy as young'uns, we all looked after each other though.

I've spent most of my life living in Burnie and on Cape Barren Island, where Mum grew up. I'll never forget the first time I landed there. The whole island was there to meet us. There would have been over 100 people lined up at the airstrip, and I went all shy. Dad made us girls wear matching dresses and thongs – I was so embarrassed!

Cape Barren is a big part of our history. All our family were there when it was returned a few years ago. That was huge, we fought hard for the return of that island.

We've always been involved in Aboriginal issues, and always fought the struggle. Every rally, every sit-in – Rocky Cape, Oyster Cove – Jarrod was a little boy marching the streets.

I'm pleased we've got some land back, but it's a struggle that will never stop. I'd like to see some happy places returned to the Aboriginal community now, to do some good healing on.

Birthdays, NAIDOC balls, the Oyster Cove Festival and mutton bird season have always been special for our family. Culture is a big part of our family, not only mutton birding, but basket weaving and shell necklace making. My mother taught me to shell and I will pass that on to my grand-daughter.

When I was younger, we'd go to country and western events every month just outside of Burnie. Blackfellas from one end of the State to the other would come. All the Aboriginal families around Burnie were like one big family when we were growing up.

But when it comes to men's business, my brothers show my son Jarrod and my nephew Shane, who I helped bring up, the



way. We're a close-knit family.

I was a 17-year-old girl when I had Jarrod. Mum and my older sister Sharon helped out. I don't know how we would have survived without them.

When I was pregnant, I played State softball in WA. Mum and Dad raised funds for the trip playing poker – all our family are keen poker players. Then the week Jarrod was born, I won the NAIDOC Aboriginal Sportsman of the Year award. I left the hospital to collect it and then went back!

I've got a career now. I'm a Justice Mentor Officer working with Aboriginal prisoners on release.

Like me, Jarrod became a young parent. He was only 16 when Taylor was born.

Shane has also become a young father, with the birth of his son Jackson only last month.

Taylor is my only grandchild and she's spoilt. She's a Hughes all over, a real character and a real entertainer. She loves to dance and sing and she is the joy of my life.

We're all entertainers – I've taught traditional dance, Mum used to sing at cabarets, some of the family play guitar

and fiddle, we've performed as the Hughes Sisters at the putalina (Oyster Cove) festival, singing *On the Cover of The Koori Mail* and we're still trying to get there!

– As told to Jillian Mundy

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OUR CHILDREN



From left, siblings Amelia Herbert, 6, Semon Herbert Jr, 2, and Zachariah Carter, 4, outside the Tarunda Supermarket at Fitzroy Crossing. The sweet-toothed siblings were in Fitzroy to visit family during the school holidays but live in Derby with their parents Sharmaine Carter and Semon Herbert, big brother Kurt and big sister Yolanda.

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Magpies reign at Wadeye



KARTPURR Magpie players and supporters on their victory lap in drenching rain after winning the 2009 Wadeye Australian football grand final against the Wudapuli>Nama Dockers at the Wadeye Recreation Reserve in the Top End of the Northern Territory on 26 April. The keenly anticipated match started in blistering heat, but the last quarter was played in a tropical downpour. Six teams from Wadeye and the surrounding Daly River region contested the 2009 competition, and officials reckon next year's competition will grow to eight teams.

● See Page 81 for more pictures from the grand final as well as a match report

New fears over NSW stolen pay

By **DARREN COYNE**



LAWYERS fear Aboriginal people with a claim to stolen wages in NSW may miss out because of changes to the repayment scheme.

The NSW Government announced recently that a panel could now recommend lump-sum payments of \$11,000 under the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme.

The Government also announced it would now take into account non-documentary and oral evidence when considering applications.

The problem, according to lawyers, is that changes to the registration process could catch some people unawares, and they may not register in time to be eligible to make a claim.

Lawyers warn on scheme changes

The NSW Government has rejected the claim, saying an extensive campaign is under way to ensure everyone is aware of the need to register by 31 May.

Public Interest Advocacy Centre CEO Robin Banks said the new guidelines, released this

month, require all family members to register for a claim.

Under previous guidelines, only one family member was required to register on behalf of their deceased relative.

Ms Banks said the Government's deadline could be too soon for many people, and they might miss out on making a valid claim.

Also, if a person was owed more than \$11,000, they would not be able to claim over the lump-sum limit set by the Government.

"The deadline will potentially affect a whole lot of people who have claims already with just one member of the family named," she said.

"All those people have done what was required of them, but now the rules have changed.

"We're not talking about
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Poster winner named

NAIDOC honour goes to Qld artist



ARTIST
Luke Mallie,
from
Queensland,
has won this
year's

National NAIDOC Poster
Competition (winning
entry shown).

The Mackay man's
entry, titled *Carrying On
Our Culture*, was judged
the winner by the National
NAIDOC Committee from
a record 140 entries.

The competition
required Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander
artists to submit an
artwork reflecting the 2009
NAIDOC theme –
Honouring Our Elders,
Nurturing Our Youth.

Mallie wins \$5000 and
the honour of having the
artwork used on the 2009



NAIDOC Week poster.

He said his artwork,
which uses water colour,
acrylic and ink on paper,
'represents the Elders

teaching and keeping
watch over their young as
they learn and grow into
adults to then carry on the
culture'.

"The painting also
depicts past Elders who
watch over everyone to
protect and guide us
through our lives,"

Mallie said.

"We all have the ability
to connect to those spirits
if we need guidance or
inspiration."

National NAIDOC
Committee co-chair Anne
Martin said the committee
had been struck by the
'exuberance' of Mallie's
artwork and its depiction
of respect by younger
generations of Indigenous
Australians for their
Elders.

"(The work) really
sums up the NAIDOC
theme with the way it
shows the transition of
people from youth to adult
to elder, along the way
nurtured, educated and
guided by our Elders,"
she said.

The 2009 NAIDOC
Week poster, displaying
Mallie's winning artwork,
will be distributed across
Australia over the coming
weeks. To order free
copies of the poster, call
1800 050 009.

NAIDOC Week, the
annual celebration of
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander cultures
and achievement, will
officially run this year from
5-12 July. The national
awards will be held in
Brisbane on 10 July.

For more information
on NAIDOC Week, visit
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Bolt may face action

By DARREN COYNE



SOME Aboriginal
people named in
an column by
right-wing
commentator
Andrew Bolt are

considering legal action against
the controversial columnist.

Bolt's article, titled 'It's hip to
be black', appeared in *News Ltd*
newspapers on 15 April. In it he
claimed that fashion, politics and
'plum jobs' rather than actual
heritage had driven the 'choice'
of some academics, artists and
activists to identify as Aboriginal.

He named 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.

The Indigenous Law Students
and Lawyers Association of
Victoria – Tarwiri has begun
consulting with people about
their legal rights and options
following the publication.

Tarwiri President, Yorta Yorta
woman Abigail Burchill, said Mr
Bolt was in no position to
determine who was and who
wasn't Aboriginal. "For too long,
governments and non-Aboriginal
people have sought to define
Aboriginality," she said. "Once

we were too black and now we
are too white. We reject that.
Black or white, we are and
always will be Aboriginal
because of our unique cultural
experience and identity."

Ms Burchill said the only
arbitrators of Aboriginality were
Aboriginal communities.

"Protecting our cultural
identity is the now battle that
Aboriginal people must now
enter," she said. "We appeal to
governments and all Australians
to recognise that Aboriginality is
not a question of skin colour – it
is about our cultural connection
to our communities and our
history, a history that is alive
and thriving."

NSW stolen wages worry

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brand new claims here and we don't think it's
unreasonable for the Government to extend the
deadline. It's simply showing fairness to those who
have tried to follow the rules."

Ms Banks said the capped \$11,000 payment
could also stop people claiming wages that were
rightfully theirs. "Under the scheme as it was, if
you could show that the trust fund owed you more
than \$11,000 then you could claim that amount,
but now it's capped," she said.

Panel chair Aden Ridgeway said it was up to
individuals to ensure they were registered by the
31 May cut-off date.

He said any extension would be up to the NSW
Cabinet, but he was confident that enough work
had been done making people aware of their
obligations. The panel was confident that people
would have the time to register, and that any
further delays could affect the processing of claims
already in the system.

"We appreciate the suggestions, but we have to
balance it against the needs of all," Mr Ridgeway
said.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch also
rejected the call for an extension, saying an
extensive strategy had been implemented to
inform people of the changes to the scheme.

He said that strategy involved a direct mail-out
to everyone who had either made initial contact or
registered with the scheme, and advertisements
through newspapers and radio. "In addition, other
organisations including the Department of
Aboriginal Affairs, Link-Up NSW and PIAC, are
aware of the reforms and the closing date and are
assisting the scheme in ensuring this information is
disseminated throughout the broader Aboriginal
community," Mr Lynch said.

"Until registrations close, no descendant claims
can be processed. Extending the deadline for
registrations will further disadvantage those
descendants who have already registered,
including those who registered early in the life of
the scheme."

The Minister said it was necessary for all
claimants to register, but the panel could work with
just one family member if they all signed a
document, or where a family agreement was
provided.

Kimberley gas agreement set

Deal signed, but Federal Govt to have the final say

BY DARREN COYNE



KIMBERLEY
Traditional Owners have formally signed an agreement with the West Australian Government and mining giant

Woodside over a site for a proposed liquefied gas hub.

The Heads of Agreement means that environmental and cultural heritage studies into the site at James Price Point, north of Broome, can now begin.

The final approval for the site rests with the Federal Environment Minister, Peter Garrett.

The Goolarabooloo Jabirr Jabirr Native Title Claim Group hosted last week's signing.

If the gas hub proceeds, the deal will deliver local Aboriginal people a rumoured \$2 billion worth of education, housing and health initiatives over 30 years.

Kimberley Land Council Chief Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann told *The Koori Mail* that the Heads of Agreement puts in place a process for Traditional Owners to work with the State and Woodside towards the development of the facility.

Mr Bergmann said more than 90 per cent of Traditional Owners had agreed to the package in order to provide a better future for their children.

"In an ideal world the Government should be providing appropriate levels of essential services in remote areas, but the TOs know that they could be arguing for that for another 30 years," he said.

Mr Bergmann said there were a number of anti-development groups protesting against the development of LNG development in the Kimberley, but said they should be protesting for a better deal for neglected Aboriginal communities.

"They need to respect the right of people making decisions about their country," he said.



WA Premier Colin Barnett and KLC Chief Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann sign the agreement as Federal Minister Martin Ferguson, right, media and officials look on.

"We carried out a huge process of looking at over 40 sites and have come down to the one. Now it is up to the Federal Government to make a decision based on strategic assessments."

Mr Bergmann said another six months of negotiating would finalise the agreement between the WA government and Woodside, in time for Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett's decision around June next year.

Significant step

Traditional Owner and negotiating committee chairman Frank Parriman and deputy Wayne Barker said the signing was a significant step forward.

"Traditional Owners have taken responsibility for securing our futures, and ensuring a positive outlook for our children," Mr Parriman said.

"This has been a very difficult decision for Traditional Owners, and we call for the decision to be respected and supported by all Australians, as we strive to close the gap and build a better future," Mr Barker said.

WA Premier Colin Barnett said the Government would work with

owners through the KLC to identify the exact location of the precinct, develop an Indigenous land use agreement and involve them in the design and construction of the precinct.

"The agreement by the Traditional Owners is a historic moment for the Kimberley, for Western Australia and for Australia," Mr Barnett said.

"This is a significant step forward in terms of economic self-determination and an improvement in the living standards of the Aboriginal people of the Kimberley."

"It may also become part of a milestone along the way to reconciliation across Australia."

"This agreement involves the creation of real jobs for Aboriginal people and strong investment in education, housing and health in the Kimberley."

"Everyone involved in this agreement negotiation, including Traditional Owners, Kimberley Land Council and Federal and State government representatives, can rightly feel proud in having achieved a significant step towards securing WA's economic and social future."

The Premier said a full

environmental impact assessment should be completed next year.

The social impact assessment and full consultation with the broader Kimberley community would occur over coming months.

Meanwhile, Mr Bergmann said of the protestors at the signing that the divisions were unfortunate. "It's always disappointing that we can't have unanimous consent," he said.

"It would be perfect. But let's not forget about the other 90 per cent who have agreed on this and who are quite positive about it."

"Let's not just focus on the 10 per cent or so, or less, who are against this."

Meanwhile, the 'Save the Kimberley' group has denied any of its members have been harassing Traditional Owners over their decision.

Kimberley MP Carol Martin told ABC radio that the level of personal pressure being placed on them to change their positions had distressed some Elders.

She said some women were being approached on the street and were considering taking out restraining orders.

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TSI centres to benefit



HORN and Thursday islands in the Torres Strait are to benefit from new public works costing more

than \$250,000.

A total of \$50,000 will be provided by the Queensland Government to Torres Shire Council to go towards its planned new children's playground at the Ngurupai Sports Complex on Horn Island.

On Thursday Island, Douglas Street will get a major facelift, including watering systems, gardens, trees and plantation bays. The Anzac Park performance area will also be improved, with shade structures, power and water facilities so it can host more performances and events.

Funding for Stolen Gens



THE Federal Government says it has limited specialised funding available

for groups involved with the Stolen Generations.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) says the funds are available to assist organisations meet the needs of Stolen Generations members 'at the grassroots'. It says examples of activities that may be eligible for funding include peer-support programs, outreach and referral services, capacity building activities and newsletters.

Applications close 18 May. For details call (02) 6121 4427 or email StolenGenerations@fahcsia.gov.au

Service for Homelands



A REGULAR rubbish collection service for the Utopia homelands in Central Australia is set to start

operating in the remote community following a grant of \$150,000 from the Federal Government.

The Government has provided the funding to the Barkly Shire to buy a rubbish compactor truck and deliver an awareness program on the introduction of wheelie bins for the homelands.

The Shire will operate the rubbish collection service which will provide training and employment for up to four local people.

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Parents urged to immunise

NSW PARENTS are being urged to ensure their children are fully immunised against whooping cough (pertussis) following a large increase of cases across New South Wales.

NSW Health says people working with or caring for young children (particularly parents and grandparents) should have a booster immunisation to reduce the chance of spreading the disease.

And the health authority says it has arranged for a free vaccination for all new parents, grandparents and people who care for new babies – available now from local doctors.

For January and February there were 3356 whooping cough cases in NSW, compared with 448 for the same period last year. Traditionally the number of cases also increases in the winter months.

Further information on whooping cough can be found on the NSW Health website at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/pertussis.html>

Scheme helps with finances

QLD A NEW financial package developed for Queensland Indigenous communities aims to improve financial literacy and establish sound credit ratings for local low-income earners.

Cairns-based Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN) will deliver the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) in Yarrabah and Palm Island, north Qld, using capital from National Australia Bank (NAB) and providing ongoing access to Federal Government-funded money management programs.

NAB official Richard Peters said extending NILS to Yarrabah and Palm Island was part of the bank's commitment to addressing the financial exclusion faced by Indigenous people.

"The no interest loans provide low-income earners with safe and accessible credit for purchasing essential household items such as whitegoods or furniture, while at the same time encouraging long-term savings habits," he said.

For more information on the scheme, call ICAN on 1300 369 878 or email info@ican.org.au

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Ban on liquor is extended

WA WEST Australian Racing and Gaming Minister Terry Waldron has extended the ban on liquor in the remote Aboriginal community of Wangkatjungka in the Fitzroy Valley. The ban was introduced in 2008 and prohibits people from possessing and transporting liquor into the community.

"The feedback that I have received indicates that the majority of people at Wangkatjungka are in favour of the alcohol ban being extended," Mr Waldron said.

The restrictions apply to an area of more than 270 hectares encompassing the Wangkatjungka community and would be in place until April 2010. Any person found in breach of the restrictions is liable for a \$2000 fine.

Celebration at Mt Yengo



A MAJOR celebration has marked the declaration of the largest Aboriginal Place in NSW.

Community and NSW Government representatives were out in force for the declaration of Mt Yengo Aboriginal Place, covering 1700ha in the Yengo National Park near the Hunter Valley of NSW.

The celebrations, on 18 April were hosted by the Central Coast Hunter Range Regional Aboriginal Co-management committee.

Mt Yengo Aboriginal Place has special significance to Wonnarua, Awakabu, Worimi and Darkinung traditional owners and their descendants as well as to contemporary Aboriginal communities within the greater metropolitan, Central Coast and Hunter areas.

It is significant as a spiritual and religious natural feature and forms the central point of connection for all of the major rock art sites from northern Sydney to the north of Newcastle and the upper Hunter Valley.

Mt Yengo is also home to many cultural teaching and educational sites which support intergenerational learning and cultural skills transfer.

NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Head of Parks Sally Barnes congratulated the Central Coast and Hunter



A photograph of Mt Yengo in NSW, with DECC Head of Parks Sally Barnes speaking at the celebration, and the Thulli Dreaming Dancers, who performed. Photos courtesy Susan Davis, DECC



Aboriginal communities on the declaration.

"Mt Yengo Aboriginal Place was gazetted in July 2008 and these celebrations mark what a significant achievement this is for the local Aboriginal community," Ms Barnes said.

"Under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, the declaration of an

Aboriginal Place gives legal protection to places of special significance to Aboriginal culture and recognises and promotes the importance of the place to the Aboriginal community."

Ms Barnes said the gazettal of Mt Yengo Aboriginal Place was also a powerful way of recognising the positive

partnerships between the Central Coast Hunter Range Regional Aboriginal Co-management Committee and DECC.

"This is an important partnership that recognises the rights of Aboriginal people and their long-standing and on-going connection to traditional lands," she said.

Grog ban wait for Halls Creek

By KIRSTIE PARKER



RESIDENTS of Halls Creek in Western Australia's Kimberley region should know within weeks whether their town will be subjected to tough new alcohol restrictions similar to those already in place at nearby Fitzroy Crossing.

WA Director of Liquor Licensing Barry Sargeant gave the owners of the Kimberley Hotel and the Halls Creek Store until last Monday to respond to a proposed ban of full-strength takeaway sales.

As *The Koori Mail* went to print, Mr Sargeant was still considering submissions from the licensees who had been provided with new information from police and health authorities about the impact of the ban at Fitzroy Crossing, about 300km west.

Anti-grog campaigners and police there were buoyed last month by a statistical snapshot which revealed some positive trends.

A little over a month ago, Mr Sargeant invoked 'the interest of public health' when he banned the sale of takeaway alcohol in containers of more than one litre throughout the Kimberley, including the bigger centres of Broome and Kununurra.

Halls Creek Elder Doreen Green is hoping

the Liquor Licensing boss will continue to listen to 'people like us in the community, the Health Department and the police'.

The Djaru grandmother-of-ten wants a ban on full-strength takeaways 'to fix up the overall alcohol flow' but told *The Koori Mail* she would also support a type of 'drinker's licence' mooted by Halls Creek Shire President Lynette Craig and others, if necessary.

One of the most chilling effects of alcohol abuse in the Kimberley has been a reported sharp increase in Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), which can cause physical, mental, behavioural, and learning disabilities in children, with possible life-long implications.

21.5 times higher

Caused when babies are exposed to alcohol while still in the womb, rates of the condition in the region are said to be around 21.5 times higher than the rest of state.

Ms Green described the increasing prevalence of FAS as 'a slow genocide of Aboriginal people, their culture and language'.

"I'm worried about our babies. I'm worried about the future of our people as a race of people, our language and culture," she said.

"Our identity is so important to our very being. Are we going to lose this? Are we going to give in to alcohol in order to satisfy our own greed?"

Ms Green said the 1300-strong community needed much more information on the impacts of FAS.

Meanwhile, the long-time owner of the Kimberley Hotel, Martin Pierson Jones, was reluctant to speak about the proposed restrictions.

"What I will say is it seems bizarre to us that governments can give cash money without any obligation on how people spend it; people who have known substance abuse problems," he said last week.

"We obviously think they have got to focus on those individuals. It comes back to the fact that if people have cash in their pockets and they want alcohol, they'll get it."

The town's other licensee, Peter Tierney, of the Halls Creek Store, did not return *The Koori Mail's* calls but has reportedly said that he would have no choice but close his business if he was restricted to selling only low-strength alcohol.

The Australian Hotel Association (AHA) opposes the proposed bans, but the Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union, which represents hospitality workers and Aboriginal health workers amongst others, says they're an important step to tackling social issues in Halls Creek.

● See pages 32-33 for more on the alcohol restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing.

Welfare trials are working: Ministers

By DARREN COYNE



WELFARE trials in four Cape York Aboriginal communities are helping to build more resilient families and community structures, according to the first government reports.

The quarterly reports for the period July-December 2008 show the Family Responsibilities Commission (FRC) – a key element of the reform process – has received 754 agency notifications.

They dealt with 202 school attendance notices, 223 child safety notices, 327 magistrates court notices and two housing tenancy notices.

During the period, the FRC requested that Centrelink manage the welfare payments of 28 people up to the end of December last year.

Five homes in Coen and two in Mossman Gorge have been given 'dry home' status, which means no alcohol can be consumed in them.

The report also shows that 292 conferences were held with people, and almost 200 referrals were made to behavioural support services, including gambling and general counselling, parenting programs and financial income management programs.

The Cape York Welfare Reform project involves a partnership between the Queensland and Australian governments, the Cape York Policy Institute, and the communities of Aurukun, Coen, Hope Vale and Mossman Gorge.

Meanwhile, Indigenous leader and former Labor national president Warren Mundine welcomed statistics in the report that show violent crime had halved in Aurukun under the welfare reform trial.

"We clearly need more detailed statistics from the trial, but from what we've seen so far, I'm not surprised," Mr Mundine said.

"It also looks like the Government's alcohol ban is having a positive impact on these communities."

"However, consideration should also be given to the impact of the recent wet season in reducing alcohol in the communities by frustrating illegal importation."

"We need to ensure more focus is placed on the illegal importation of alcohol or sly-grogging in these communities, as if it increases, it has the potential to undo much of the good work that we've seen achieved so far."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the welfare project was working well.

"The Commission and Centrelink are working well together. Some people who have not met their obligations to send their children to school or to care for them, who disobey the law or don't look after their homes, are having part of their welfare payments managed by Centrelink," she said.

Ms Macklin said the Qld and Federal governments were determined to make sure welfare income was spent in the best interests of children.

"Communities are also being provided with support to make the lifestyle and social changes necessary, and to improve their education, health and well-being so that they have a better opportunity to move from welfare into work," she said.

"Jointly-funded well-being centres providing alcohol, drug and general counselling are now operational in all four communities."

Queensland Minister for Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander Partnerships Desley Boyle said the indicators in the report were positive.

"While it was still too early to see real trends, the indicators in the report show that we are heading in the right direction," she said.

Commissioner David Glasgow said the FRC had been well received in Aurukun, Coen and Mossman Gorge, while in Hope Vale, despite certain initial misgivings, FRC staff were being received respectfully.

"Over the next six months of its operations the commission intends to conference, as a priority, those community members who have failed to take advantage of the opportunities given to them and to make appropriate changes in relation to school attendance," Mr Glasgow said.

He anticipated that many more Conditional Income Management Orders would be made during this period.

'...the indicators in the report show that we are heading in the right direction'
– Minister Desley Boyle

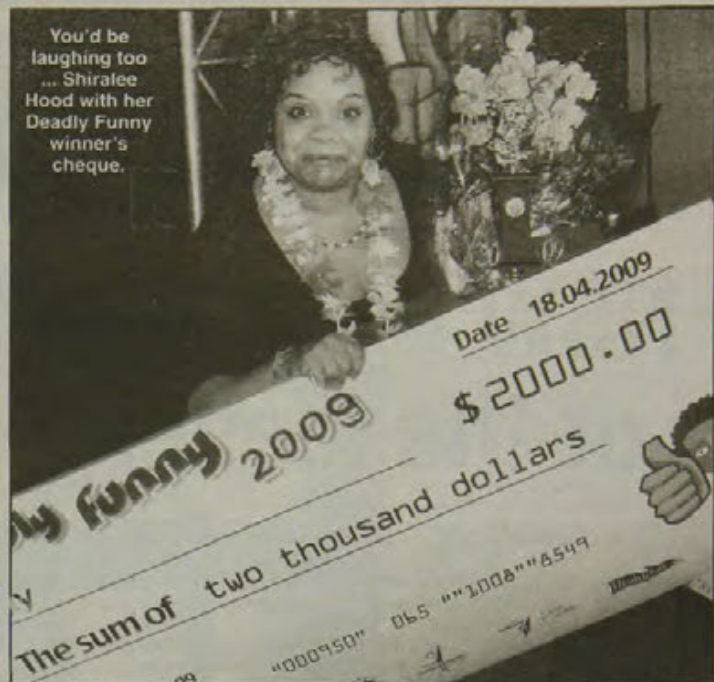
New swimming pool for Hope Vale

THE north Queensland community of Hope Vale is to get a new \$1.5 million swimming pool. The five-lane 25m pool will be part of a complex that will include a splash pool for young children, toilets and

change rooms, and a kiosk and administration area.

Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the pool would be a boost for the community.

"This swimming pool will provide new opportunities for the people of Hope Vale to get active and, most importantly, it will become the community's number-one attraction for kids," she said.



The Deadly Funniest of them all!



in Melbourne.

Joint runner-up for the past two years in the national Indigenous comedy competition, Melbourne-based Shiralee Hood, who was crowned champion at last month's Deadly Funny grand final

"As soon as I relaxed, it obviously showed and I enjoyed my time on stage."

Her win, which saw her take home \$2000 in prizemoney, came just two weeks after she knocked out her two front teeth following a misadventure with a Hill's Hoist clothesline.

Shiralee said she'd been in Perth visiting family when the accident happened.

"I was supposed to go back to Melbourne the following day," she said. "But I was feeling insecure about losing my front teeth, so I ended up staying for a week."

"I was asking 'Is it all right mum?' And she said, 'Can you handle the tooth?'" "She's got a strong, dry wit. I've seen a lot of international comedians, but the main person who gives me the inspiration is my mum."

Shiralee said she considered going on stage and pretending nothing had happened.

"But I ended up using that experience

and doing jokes about teeth and going to the dentist," she said.

She said her best material came from true life and observation. She also found other people often came to her with their jokes and funny stories.

"Sometimes when I'm there in a situation, it encourages people to relax and let themselves be funny," she said. "Because Indigenous people, we have a great sense of humour and that's part of our survival."

First-timer Ingo Collard, from Western Australia, took out second place, while the youngest performer in this year's competition, Aaron Lester,

from South Australia, came third, combining beat-boxing, break-dancing and an impressive back-flip into his routine. Phil Saunders, also from South Australia received an honourable mention.

Shiralee said stand-up comedy was definitely still 'a man's world', although she wasn't sure why.

"So to have women coming through and sharing our points of view is a fantastic achievement," she said.

Deadly Funny national organiser Jason Tamiru said the comedy competition kicked off in Victoria in 2007, but had now expanded to include Adelaide, Perth and Sydney. He hoped the competition would be operating in all states and territories by next year.

And to be part of next year's competition? "It's easy. Get a five-minute Deadly Funny yarn together and come to our Deadly Funny comedy workshops," Jason said.

For more information, go to www.deadlyfunny.com.au



Shiralee Hood, centre, with Ingo Collard and Aaron Lester, left.

Asbestos alarm

NSW finding 'tip of the iceberg'

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government must conduct a nation-wide audit of Aboriginal communities to determine if they are contaminated with asbestos.

Aboriginal leaders and asbestos activists made that call last week following reports that a New South Wales community

— Wallaga Lake — was riddled with the deadly material.

Exposure to asbestos when in a deteriorated condition, can cause asbestosis, and lead to cancer.

The latest asbestos scare follows Federal Government tests last year that confirmed asbestos was present in 62 of 73 communities in the Northern Territory.

The material was only removed from three communities where it was deemed high risk and other remote communities remain untested.

NSW Aboriginal Lands Council

chairperson Bev Manton said it was time to face up to the problem once and for all.

She said if the Federal Government was serious about closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, then it must act to confront the issue.

Wallaga Lake Village, the site of the latest contamination scare, is home to about 200 Aboriginal Yuin people.

"Wallaga Lake is just the tip of the

iceberg. We need a thorough investigation of all Aboriginal communities, especially ones with older style housing," Ms Manton said.

Asbestos Diseases Foundation president Barry Robson told *The Koori Mail* it was highly likely that many more Aboriginal communities would be found to have asbestos.

Mr Robson said asbestos was a cheap building material, which

was used extensively in Australia after World War II.

"You didn't have to be a tradesman to build a house. All you would need was a hammer and nails and you could knock up a cheap house easily," he said.



Work stopped last week on renovating one building for the new Wallaga Lake Outreach Centre while the grounds and building are checked for asbestos, independently of the wider community checks.



Temporary fencing was put up around the community's two tips, without the appropriate signage and every Wallaga home was visited by the Outreach Centre's engagement officer Kerry Parsons, who informed each family of the asbestos dangers. Photos: LAURELLE PACEY

"It's a big issue, not just for Aboriginal communities, but for all communities."

Mr Robson backed calls for an inquiry, and also research into the effects the deadly product could have on Aboriginal people.

Documented history

Ms Manton agreed, saying there was well-documented history of Aboriginal communities being neglected by governments at all levels.

"A lot of our people are unaware of the dangers of asbestos. It's a matter of not knowing the right words or recognising

what's there," she said.

"We wonder why our kids get sick and don't go to school, or our people get sick and can't hold jobs.

"We know the history of what effect influenza and other diseases had on our traditional people. Who's to say asbestos hasn't also been a factor in our poor health.

"We're talking about people's lives here, our future generations."

Meanwhile, Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesperson Marise Payne said Federal and State government agencies with an interest in Aboriginal affairs should

be taking whatever means necessary to protect the health of the Wallaga Lake community.

"I think all government agencies and all agencies that have an involvement in the area need to simply acknowledge that at this stage the most important issue is the protection of the health of the community," she said.

"(To) do whatever needs to be done, basically whatever it takes, to protect health, clear away the asbestos... and to remediate the situation.

"The last thing we need to see is buck-passing between State and Federal governments about what needs to be done in this community."

Approached Macklin

The *Koori Mail* contacted the office of Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, to ask whether she would consider ordering a national audit of Aboriginal communities. At the time of going to print, the Minister's office had not responded.

Meanwhile, Mr Robson said the asbestos research centre at Concord Hospital, which was named after campaigner Bernie Banton, was considering researching the impact of asbestos on Aboriginal people.

"The head of the centre Professor Nico (van Zandwijk) wants to look at the Aboriginal question as part of research a little further down the track," he said. "It's a big issue and any inquiry into the problems of asbestos would be most welcome."

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Merrimans Aboriginal Lands Council CEO Ron Nye is concerned some organisations involved in the Wallaga Lake asbestos debate are bypassing Merrimans as the landowner.

By LAURELLE PACEY



RESIDENTS at Wallaga Lake Koori Village on the NSW south coast are living with a deadly time bomb – asbestos.

Asbestos Diseases Foundation president Barry Robson was appalled at what he saw at Wallaga Lake Koori Village on NSW's south coast.

"I couldn't believe it was coming up on front lawns; it was everywhere," Mr Robson said.

"I've never seen this much broken sheeting in a community... ever."

No-one yet knows the full extent of the asbestos problem at Wallaga, nor how best to deal with it.

That won't be known until later this week or early next week when independent experts engaged by the NSW Government complete their surveys.

At this stage no-one is talking much about blame, but more on finding a solution.

Initially the problem was thought to be confined to the community's two rubbish tips, a problem first identified more than 18 months ago. But during the week after Easter, it was confirmed it could be a much bigger problem.

Mr Robson said the health risk was when fibro – sheets of building material made from asbestos and popular during the 1950s and 1960s – was broken up, such as would happen when mowing yards or during demolition of structures when fibres became airborne and could be inhaled.

Positive tests

Tests of three fibro pieces sampled around the community by the NSW Departments of Health and Environment and Climate Change (DECC) last week confirmed asbestos – chrysotile (white asbestos) and amosite (brown asbestos) – in two of the three samples.

The fear is it could be a potential health time bomb for current and past residents.

The asbestos appears to be mainly from two sources.

One is from the demolition of old fibro houses in the 1980s to make way for brick houses.

It seems CDEP workers were responsible for demolishing the fibro houses. While most debris went to the tip, some was left on site.

The other danger is from the 1997 renovation of seven brick houses, trashed during the so-called 'war' at Wallaga between two families.

Again, CDEP crews helped clear out the houses ready for the builder.

Warren Foster lives at Wallaga and was one of about 15 men who worked on some of the demolition gangs. He told *The Koori Mail* that no-one had used masks or gloves.

"We're beginning to feel it's our fault because we took the s... up to the tip," he said.

"We were just doing our job, doing what we were told to do and getting paid."

Everyone at Wallaga knew about the fibro at the community's rubbish tips, and that bits of old fibro lay scattered around their yards. But they never saw it as a problem.

"We grew up in the fibro houses so we weren't really concerned about it," Mr Foster said. "We just didn't know."

"Everyone (the authorities) was concerned about the tips, but the community became more concerned about the stuff they

Wallaga 'a time bomb'

knew was lying around here. Our kids are living in it."

It was Warren Foster who pointed out the wider problem to Graeme Cannon, of Nature Cost Demolitions and Asbestos, who was brought in independently by Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service to examine the tips.

"Now everyone's worried about what's going to happen and whether our houses will have to be demolished," Mr Foster said. "We just don't know."

THE local government authority covering Wallaga Lake, Eurobodalla Shire Council (ESC), first became aware of asbestos in October 2007 after Merrimans Aboriginal Lands Council then CEO called in the Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) squad. The RID squad identified asbestos at the community's two dumpsites and made recommendations at several meetings to both Merrimans, ESC and DECC that included investigation of the sites, clean-up and health checks.

ESC called for quotes for a clean-up of the sites in December 2007 and were assisting Merrimans' application for DECC funding, but the only quote received was on an hourly basis and DECC would not fund the application on that basis.

Stalled

Action then stalled, partly it seems because of a lack of funds to carry out the recommendations, and partly because of a lack of continuity due to staff changes.

The land is owned by Merrimans Aboriginal Lands Council and by law it is the landowner's responsibility to clean it up.

Merrimans CEO Ron Nye has said there was no way they could do it without assistance.

Nothing happened until December 2008. That was when ESC, with other authorities, dealt with Merrimans to try to deal with the asbestos problems associated with the tips, under a shared responsibility agreement associated with a new Outreach Centre project.

It was then an agenda item for the project's steering

Airborne fibres dangerous

HEALTH authorities say asbestos poses health risks only when fibres are present in the air that people breathe. How exposure to asbestos can affect people depends on:

- The concentration of asbestos fibres in the air
- How long the exposure lasted
- How often a person was exposed
- The size of the asbestos fibres inhaled
- The amount of time since the initial exposure.

committee for two months.

Temporary fencing was installed around the tip sites, funded by DECC, although the correct signage has been slow in being erected.

Project Engagement Officer Kerry Parsons visited every Wallaga home, alerting parents to the dangers and urging them to tell their kids to stay away from the tips.

ESC has organised for the safe removal and disposal of surface asbestos from the tips, which is due to start this week.

Indigenous Co-ordination Centre committee representative Gail Byron undertook to try to get health checks for those who worked on the demolition of the houses.

Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Damien Matcham said he became aware of the asbestos problem in March when he attended his first meeting of the steering committee.

He also undertook to try to get Federal funding for health checks, initially for the men who worked on the houses, but potentially for up to 400 people. He is still waiting on a response.

Mr Matcham said he became impatient at what he saw as a lack of sense of urgency so went to the media, organised his own asbestos testing, and criticised all involved.

When ESC became aware on

When inhaled in significant quantities, asbestos fibres can cause asbestosis (a scarring of the lungs which makes breathing difficult), mesothelioma (a rare cancer of the lining of the chest or abdominal cavity) and lung cancer. The link between exposure to asbestos and other types of cancers is less clear.

Smoking, combined with inhaled asbestos, greatly increases the risk of lung cancer.

the Tuesday after Easter, the problem was potentially across the whole community, council General Manager Paul Anderson

wrote to the Premier and spoke with his office.

He also alerted the offices of Deputy Premier and Environment Minister Carmel Tebbutt and Community Services Minister Linda Burney who was visiting the next day, as well as local Members of Parliament.

ESC was told samples would be taken by DECC and the Department of Health the following week, which was the day after the SBS program *Living Black* reported on the issue. That program highlighted Wallaga's asbestos problems already being aired by the local media.

The NSW Government is now working with Merrimans, encouraged by Federal Minister for Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Jenny Macklin and Member for Eden-Monaro Mike Kelly.

Merrimans CEO Ron Nye is concerned, though, that everything to do with the asbestos issue should come through the Land Council.

"Once we know the extent of the problem and how to rectify it, we're going to start looking at people who are going to help out, and then sit down at the table," he said. "Both governments are going to have to put up their hands I suppose, it's got to be a unified approach to rectify it."

Referring particularly to the independent actions of Katungul's CEO, Mr Nye said it was important to work together.

"Everyone seems to be going around Merrimans Local Aboriginal Lands Council at the moment," he said.

"Merrimans do own the land and I think it is respectful if they did turn around and talk with the Land Council, as DECC and Health have been doing."

Meanwhile, work on the renovation of the building for the Outreach Centre at Wallaga Lake has stopped until the site and the building are deemed safe for work to continue.

ESC has brought in its own contractor for that site to try to enable building work to resume as soon as possible, rather than wait for the wider community assessment to be completed.

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Warren Foster shows that pieces of broken fibro are sitting on the surface around many homes in the community.

Photo LAURELLE PACEY

Calma details six key steps for the nation



WITH a looming deadline of 15 June, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom

Calma (pictured) is urging people to have their say in the national debate over whether Australia needs a Human Rights Act.

In his 2008 Social Justice Report tabled in Federal Parliament last week, Mr Calma advocated introducing a Human Rights Act that includes specific protection of Indigenous rights as one of six key steps for the Federal Government to take over the next 18 months to better protect the human rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Also tabled in Parliament last week was Mr Calma's annual Native Title Report in which he has called for the Native Title Act to be amended to provide a presumption of continuity by Indigenous claimants. Both reports cover the financial year ending 30 June 2008.

As usual, Mr Calma has provided a summary of these 400-page reports in two Community Guides, enclosed within this edition of *The Koori Mail*.

Since submitting his Social Justice Report to the Government in February, one of Mr Calma's recommendations – the formal support of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People – has already occurred, with the Federal Government signing up to this non-binding document early last month. Meanwhile, there's been movement on other recommendations made in the report, with the February announcement of a national Indigenous healing body; consultations afoot on the establishment of a national Indigenous representative body and an independent committee, chaired by Father Frank Brennan, currently carrying out national consultation on the implementation of a Human Rights Act.

Mr Calma said the National Human Rights Consultation would be receiving submissions until 15 June, and it was 'critical' that people made their views known.

He said if there had been a Human Rights Act in place, the Government wouldn't have been able to suspend the Racial Discrimination Act in the Northern Territory, 'or at least they would have had to argue it in Parliament'.

"The key thing about a Human Rights Act is that when governments are

thinking about implementing anything, they have to consider people first," he said. "But governments are persuaded by people power and if we don't (put in submissions), it might not happen."

"People get frightened because they think they have to put in reams of paper, but it only needs to be half a page."

While Mr Calma was pleased 'a good number' of the recommendations contained within his Social Justice Report had already been picked up, he said there was still some 'dancing round the edges'.

national action plan) still hasn't happened," he said. "So that's something we're still advocating for."

Mr Calma said that while the Federal Government had made significant progress towards re-setting the relationship with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples with the National Apology last year and its recent endorsement of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 'we must not become complacent and rest on our laurels'.

"A new partnership between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the governments of this country can only be sustainable if some fundamental actions are implemented and human rights are made a central part of the new partnership," he said.

Key steps outlined in Mr Calma's Social Justice Report include:

- Establishing a credible national Indigenous representative body and developing a framework to guide negotiations in addressing the unfinished business of reconciliation
- Reinstating the protection of the Racial Discrimination Act in the Northern Territory
- Amending the Constitution to recognise Indigenous peoples in the preamble, removing discriminatory provisions and replacing them with a guarantee of equal treatment and non-discrimination
- Developing a remote Indigenous education strategy and accountability framework
- Establishing a national Indigenous healing body and developing a nationally consistent approach to compensation for members of the Stolen Generations
- Putting in place a properly-funded long-term plan of action to achieve Indigenous health equality and to objectively monitor its progress

For more information, or to make a submission to the National Human Rights Consultation visit www.humanrights.gov.au

Submissions can be made directly to the website, or by post or by attending one of the community roundtables still scheduled to be held in the Northern Territory, Queensland, West Australia and in Ballarat, Victoria. See the website for details.

"Yes it's positive," he said.

"But with all of these things, they just don't happen without a lot of effort. It's never an easy struggle and it's not just my office working on it. What I tend to do is develop partnerships... it's the only way you see substantial change."

Mr Calma said a national action plan on Indigenous health had yet to be acted upon, despite both the Federal Government and Opposition signing a Statement of Intent committed to closing the gap on Indigenous health inequality and life expectancy by 2030, and to provide the necessary primary health care and health infrastructure to meet that goal by 2018.

"It was the first and only bi-partisan approach on Indigenous affairs, and (a

Govt urged to amend native title legislation

THE Federal Government has been urged to amend native title laws by providing a presumption of continuity to the land Indigenous people claim.

The recommendation is one of 32 made by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner in the 2008 Native Title Report tabled in Federal Parliament last week.

It follows a decision of the Federal Court that rejected a claim by the Noongar people over the whole of the Perth metropolitan area.

Mr Calma said the Government needed to address the court's inability to consider the reasons for interruption of continuity, a reason the Noongar claim failed.

"Like in the Risk case in the Northern Territory in 2007," he told *The Koori Mail*. "The Larrakia people were moved out because of the bombing of Darwin."

"They were forcibly removed, as were the Stolen Generations. We then lose our rights because of lack of continuity. Judges haven't been able to take in account any mitigating circumstances, and that break is enough to throw the case out."

Mr Calma said it was 'cruel twist of fate' that the more an Indigenous community had been hurt by the policies of forcible removal, the less likely they were to have their native title recognised, which was why the Government needed to take active steps to improve the whole system.

"Tinkering at the edges won't deliver the changes that are urgently needed," he said.

Comments welcomed

Mr Calma welcomed High Court Chief Justice and former Native Title Tribunal President Robert French's recent comments about reversing the burden of proof in the native title claim system.

Last month, Justice French said all native title applicants should be presumed to have a 'continuous existence and vitality since sovereignty' necessary to establish their claim under the legislation.

"We proposed this last year," Mr Calma said. "And now people are starting to pick up on it. We've got to move away from Aboriginal people having to try and prove that we were here, and then having to prove continuity. Let's look at it the other way. Put the shoe on the other foot."

Mr Calma lamented the litigious trend of governments, which he said was contrary to the conciliatory approach to which they committed.

"Even when a determination is made, it is subject to appeal, or it comes at the end of a long and frustrating journey," he said in the report.

Mr Calma also used his report to sound the alarm on climate change, while at the same time identifying new opportunities to participate in emerging carbon markets and ways that traditional knowledge could be applied in response to climate change.

He said he had included photos of king tides in the Torres Strait in his Community Guide (enclosed in this edition of *The Koori Mail*) to try and illustrate the future people there were facing.

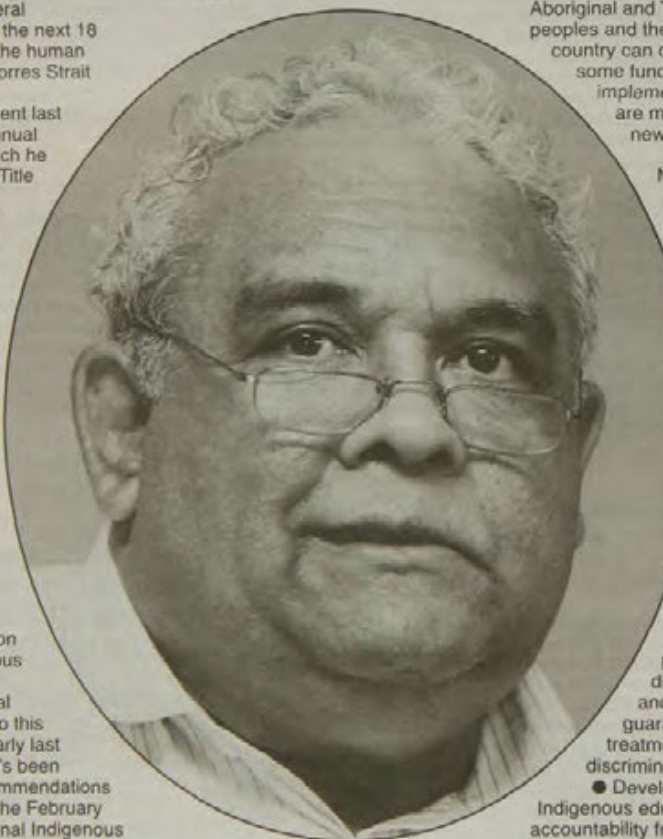
With the sea threatening to take away their land, Mr Calma said Torres Strait Islanders may want to consider how they can enforce their rights if government action is inadequate.

There are currently no laws in Australia that specifically protect people from the impacts of climate change, but in his Native Title Report Mr Calma explores some of the legal avenues potentially open to the people of the Torres Strait.

Mr Calma said according to the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Indigenous people had the smallest ecological footprints of the world's communities, and should not be asked to carry the 'heavier burden of adjusting to climate change'.

He said the study into climate change conducted by economist Professor Ross Garnaut in 2008 made only limited reference to Indigenous people.

"My report goes on from that," he said. — with AAP



Gap blow to young



GAPS between Indigenous and non-Indigenous participation in education are narrowing slowly, but not translating into post-school outcomes, two new reports show. The

reports, by Dusseldorp Skills Forum in partnership with Reconciliation Australia, show improvements in school participation were not translating into full-time employment or further education.

Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Mick Dodson said the reports demonstrated that young Indigenous Australians were not being served as they should in the most critical area of their lives.

"I decided to use some of my exposure as Australian of the Year this year to talk and learn about what we are and aren't doing in this country to help all young people regardless of where they are born and the colour of their skin get access to the education resources and support they need," Prof Dodson said.

"We should resist the urge to search for complex solutions and recognise that we do know what works, we just have to

commit to it for the long haul with all the resources and effort we can muster."

Chris Wrightson, from Dusseldorp Skills Forum, said there were positive results in the reports.

"School participation is where the most significant improvements have occurred," he said. "However, it hasn't yet translated into improvements in post-school outcomes."

"This is where more attention needs to be focused. Closing the gaps is not about reinventing the wheel."

"We know what works. The reports show that we have the key to begin to move forward."

Mr Wrightson said programs that were proven could be found across Australia.

"From the Deadly Days on the North Coast of NSW to the Yungullungulla

gardens at Christie's Beach High School, ways of involving Indigenous youth in education, training and employment are evident," he said.

"What is needed to close the gaps is support of these programs on a national level."

The reports can be viewed at www.dsf.org.au/findindigenousreports



MICK DODSON

\$125m town camps offer

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accept this new offer. The welfare and future opportunities of too many men, women and children are at risk," they said.

"If agreed by Tangentyere Council, this offer represents a significant opportunity to transform the Alice Springs town camps and provide intensive support services to the individuals and families that live there."

Under the new deal, the Commonwealth Government would provide \$100 million to fix infrastructure and housing in the camps.

The Government would also commit \$25 million towards additional accommodation facilities and other support services in Alice Springs for Indigenous people.

The Federal Government warned last month that construction of new houses and infrastructure would not be possible this year unless leases were agreed to by 4 May.

At the time, Tangentyere Council Director William Tilmouth said town camp dwellers were wary of signing over their land to government. He argued that the newly-registered Central Australian Affordable Housing Company should run the camps instead of the NT Government.

Mr Tilmouth said Aboriginal people did not trust public housing authorities.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin met with Tangentyere Council on 23 April in a failed attempt to break the deadlock.

Now, with a new offer on the table, the council has been given until 21 May for its final response on the offer.

"Lease arrangements are required to secure the major public investment in the camps, reform tenancy management and

improve housing standards for town camp residents," the governments said.

"The Australian and Northern Territory governments have been consistent about the requirement for leases to begin work on new houses and upgrades."

"Decent housing is essential for protecting children, improving health, education and employment and rebuilding positive community norms in the town camps."

"The Northern Territory Government will introduce reformed tenancy management services in the camps and expand 'good neighbour' agreement initiatives, life skills training and intensive case management in Alice Springs."

The governments also announced on Saturday that a 'high-level' steering committee would be formed to oversee expanded alcohol rehabilitation services, family support services, family violence services, and early childhood facilities in Alice Springs.

"We have invited Tangentyere Council, Alice Springs Town Council and Lhere Artepe Corporation to be representatives on the steering committee," they said. "We are determined to turn around the shocking level of disadvantage in the town camps and combat homelessness, alcohol abuse and restore community norms."

Negotiations for the package have been under way for nine months since the signing last July of an Agreed Work Plan.

The governments maintain they have honoured their commitments under that plan and now it is time for Tangentyere to honour its commitments.



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BRIAN WYATT



GOVERNMENT and industry have been urged to take a closer look at the culture and traditional practices of Indigenous people in framing responses to climate change.

National Native Title Council (NNTC) Chairperson Brian Wyatt has backed the approach after returning from the UN-sponsored

Indigenous Peoples Global Summit on Climate Change in Anchorage, Alaska.

"If there had been greater respect for the land, plants and animals, water resources and the seasons, as shown through indigenous culture, the climate change impacts would be much less," he said.

Mr Wyatt attended the conference as part of a

delegation representing countries from the Pacific region.

The conference communiqué – The Anchorage Declaration – expresses 'deep alarm' for 'the accelerating climate devastation brought about by unsustainable development'.

"Mother Earth is no longer in a period of climate change, but in climate crisis. We therefore insist on an immediate end to the

destruction and desecration of the elements of life," the declaration says.

Mr Wyatt said indigenous people were most affected by climate change, yet they contributed least.

"It is noteworthy that they have also been consulted least with regard to the development projects around the world that precipitated the crisis," he said.

Framework for child protection welcomed



THE Council of Australian Governments new national framework for protecting children has been welcomed by the principal Indigenous child care organisation.

The Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) says the framework is good news for Indigenous children.

Under the framework, the Australian Government will provide \$61.6 million over four years to help protect Australia's vulnerable children from child abuse and neglect.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the new framework provided an ambitious, long-term approach to tackling abuse and neglect.

The Government will fund key projects to support the development of services to protect children.

"This includes the development of ambitious national standards for out-of-home care," Ms Macklin said.

"National standards will ensure that all children who cannot be cared for by their parents receive the quality care and support they need for their well-being now, and into the future."

The Minister said the Government would also lead a National Research Agenda for Child Protection, which would ensure

SNAICC Chairperson Steve Larkins welcomed the new framework.

"SNAICC has been advocating since 1981 for a national approach to child protection and is pleased that finally in 2009, Australia has a national framework for protecting Australia's children," he said.

"How well a nation treats its children is a

standards for out-of-home care."

Ms Macklin said protecting children was everyone's responsibility. Parents, communities, governments and business all had a role to play.

"Australia needs a shared agenda for change, with national leadership and a common goal," she said.

SNAICC Executive Officer Julian Pocock said the framework was a good beginning, but not the end of the issue.

"It will only make a difference to the lives of children and young people if, and it's a big if, long-term funding backs up the long-term thinking," he said.

"Most of the actions listed for the first three years are existing programs. They need to be evaluated, modified, dispensed with if they not working or scaled up where they are."

"The second three-year action plan will be the most critical of the three-year plans to the success or failure of the framework and SNAICC expects to be part of the tripartite arrangements to develop that plan."



'National standards will ensure that all children who cannot be cared for by their parents receive the quality care and support they need for their well-being now, and into the future'

— Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin

governments and non-government organisations delivered the best possible support to vulnerable children. It would also improve information sharing concerning children at risk, along with improved workplace training for those working with families and children.

measure of the values of that nation. "In Australia the well being of children that have experienced abuse or neglect has been too dependent on what State or Territory they happen to live in."

"The framework can start to change that through initiatives like national

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Idea leads to centre

One 2020 summit brainwave gets nod

By DARREN COYNE



THE FEDERAL Government will establish a national Indigenous Cultural Education and Knowledge Centre in response to an idea generated during last year's 2020 Summit in Canberra. Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said a feasibility study would be undertaken to decide the form and role of the centre.

She said it had been suggested the centre could become a national gathering place for the celebration and discussion of Indigenous culture, in a physical and 'virtual' sense.

It could also become a reference point for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture; engage in research to harness



Participants in the Indigenous stream at last year's 2020 Summit at Parliament House, Canberra.

traditional knowledge to support sustainable management of country; and support education in, and understanding of, Indigenous culture and affairs across Australia as well as preserve Indigenous heritage.

Ms Macklin said the feasibility study would gather the views of the Indigenous and wider communities to develop options for the most effective way to strengthen and support Indigenous cultures.

Indigenous leader Warren Mundine cautiously welcomed the announcement, but was worried that it could lead to another

Indigenous body competing for corporate and government funding.

"We need to consider whether the work of the proposed Cultural Education and Knowledge Centre will overlap with work already being done by other bodies such as the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies," he said.

'Limited resources'

"There are only limited resources available for Indigenous programs. The last thing I want to see is good Indigenous initiatives divert more of their attention from

delivering outcomes into fundraising in a competition for limited corporate and government money.

"We need to look at outcomes, not just intentions. Our focus shouldn't be on how many programs we've put in place, but on what we're actually achieving."

Other key themes raised by the Indigenous stream during the 2020 Summit included formal constitutional recognition of Indigenous people; establishing bipartisan dialogue between Indigenous people and governments; valuing cultural

history; and closing the gap in all areas and achieving better social and economic outcomes.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said the 2020 Summit involved 1000 people from across Australia, who had generated 962 ideas.

He said the Government had already acted on many of those ideas.

The report from the Summit said many of the ideas raised in the Indigenous stream were also raised in other streams.

"Many of the ideas raised at the 2020 Summit supported the development of reforms recently agreed to by COAG (Council of Australian Governments) at their November 2008 meeting," the report said.

"At this meeting, all Australian governments backed up their commitment to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage with \$4.6 billion in initiatives across early childhood development, health, housing, economic development and remote service delivery."

Ideas rejected by the Government included a re-appraisal of superannuation to take into account that Indigenous people had a shorter life span; guaranteed Indigenous representation in Federal Parliament; the creation of economic zones; and Indigenous business ownership targets.

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Vic youth are winners



TWO outstanding young Indigenous Victorians have shared this year's Ricci Marks Aboriginal Young Achiever Award.

Victoria Police Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer in South-West Victoria Allan Miller and tertiary student Sherylee Welsh received the honour during a function at the State Library of Victoria.

Activist and youth leader Zach Green received an encouragement award.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne presented the winners with \$5000 bursaries to support their further education and development.

"I look forward to hearing much more from this year's winners as advocates and leaders in their communities in the years ahead," he said.

"These two outstanding young people ... have already demonstrated community leadership, great determination and initiative, dedicating so much of their time to improving the lives of others."

Allan Miller said he felt honoured to receive the award, which was named in memory of Ricci Marks, a friend of Allan's who received the Aboriginal Young Achiever Award in 2000.

Mr Miller said he felt committed to encouraging positive relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. He has been instrumental in setting up a number of activities, including



The late Ricci Marks' mother Anita with this year's winners Zach Green, Allan Miller and Sherylee Welsh after the presentation ceremony in Melbourne.

the Mibbinbah National Men's Health movement and the Moorpor Indigenous Gardening Project at Brauer College. He is involved in the Gunditjmarra Mentoring Program, and is a recognised leader in the Warrnambool community.

Sherylee Welsh is a young parent who is excelling in her studies at RMIT (Bachelor of Arts, Criminal Justice), where she is regarded as an outstanding role model. Students and staff told the judging panel they admired her fortitude, resilience and

dedication to her studies.

Ms Welsh has undertaken the RMIT Lead program, which fosters personal development and leadership qualities. She is also a lead organiser for the regional Victorian Koori Express University program, which encourages young Kooris in regional Victoria to consider tertiary study.

An encouragement award was presented to 19-year-old Zach Green, who judges said had demonstrated great tenacity, drive, determination and passion to make positive changes in his

community. Mr Green was vice school captain at Mansfield Secondary College in 2007, active on the student council and has also completed a leadership program with the REACH Foundation. He has a passion to raise awareness on the issue of homelessness and is currently busy organising a fundraising concert.

"I am pleased to pay tribute to all of the 12 young people who were nominated for this year's awards and who are all making important contributions to their communities," Mr Wynne said.

Bandler gets top honour



INDIGENOUS rights campaigner Faith Bandler has been invested with the Companion of the Order of Australia

(AC), Australia's highest honour, by Governor-General Quentin Bryce.

A beaming Mrs Bandler, who was instrumental in gaining citizenship for Indigenous Australians in 1967, was embraced by Mrs Bryce as she received the award. The South Sea Islander woman was awarded the AC in the 2009 Australia Day Honours, for distinguished service to the community through the advancement of human rights and social justice.

After last week's investiture, Mrs Bandler said the next struggle would be "complete equal rights for women in every way".

ANTaR seeks new leader



AUSTRALIANS for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) is searching for a new National Director

following the resignation of Gary Highland from the position he has held for the past three years.

The responsibility for caring for his son has meant that Mr Highland is no longer able to work full-time.

"The position of ANTaR National Director is a rewarding and challenging one. But it's not a job you can do part-time," he said.

"It's been an immense privilege to work in support of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people these past three years. There aren't many people who are able to combine their life's passion with their job."

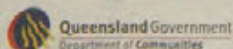
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Funding not just, says NT agency



THE North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) is concerned about a Northern Territory

Government funding boost for some justice services.

The Government has given an extra \$3.3 million for magistrates, prosecutors, court staff and security, but nothing extra for defenders.

"This major funding hike is in response to increasing workloads in our courts and prosecution services," NAAJA Chairman Norman George said.

"This same increase also means additional workload for Aboriginal legal aid.

"Yet there has been no announcements about additional funding to NT Aboriginal legal services who provide legal advice and representation.

Increase

"Over the past five years, NAAJA's criminal matters have increased by 20 per cent and our civil and family matters have increased by 90 per cent.

"The 18 new police stations and police posts recently opened in remote communities is not only adding to the load

on bush courts, but it is also increasing significantly to NAAJA's workload.

"Despite this, our funding has not even matched inflationary increases during this time."

Mr George said justice required excellent legal representation by both prosecution and defence.

"A one-sided system is not a just system," he said.

"With this recent announcement and no additional funding provided for Aboriginal legal services, Territorians will be attending court with no legal advice and representation."

'Mongrel Mob' on the job

By Tasmanian
Correspondent JILLIAN
MUNDY



IF you missed out on the latest thought-provoking version of *Origins* in Hobart, don't despair – it may be coming to a festival near you.

Producer and cast member Matthew Fargher said he has been talking to festival organisers and hopes to be heading off with the rest of the cast and crew later in the year.

The performance, which explores Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and similarities in Indigenous knowledge as well as beliefs, upbringing, mixed heritage, cultural inheritance and each cast member's personal story, engages its audience through a mix of music, spoken word and humour.

The current all-Australian cast – Yorkshire/Manx man Matthew Fargher, Croatian-born Tania Bosak, Tasmanian-born Ruth Langford whose mother's people are Yorta Yorta, and Yindjibarndi woman Lorrae Coffin, from Broome – have dubbed themselves the 'Mongrel Mob'.

Each a talented musician in their own right, the Mongrel Mob's original musical score is accompanied by an array of musical instruments from across the globe.

Producer and cast member Matthew Fargher said: "The writing of *Origins* has been an intensely collaborative process. From my original idea it has developed into a piece that is truly group-devised.

"We've been informed and inspired by the cultural advice and insights of Jim Everett,



Jim Everett, Matthew Fargher, Tania Bosak, Ruth Langford, Lorrae Coffin and Regina Heilmann get ready for a performance of *Origins*.

great thinkers like Charles Darwin, Richard Dawkins, Alexis Wright and Bill Neldjie, and the wisdom of our Elders Charlotte Coffin, Ros Langford, Philip Fargher, Rudy and Marcia Bosak and Aunty Phyllis Pitchford."

Learning experience

Jim Everett, who performed in the first *Origins* last year and worked behind the scenes in the current version, said his involvement had been a learning experience and he expected that audiences who follow the discussion through *Origins* will leave the theatres with deeper thoughts on our Earth Mother.

"Charles Darwin's journey of enlightenment brought out the

inner-knowledge held by Aborigines to explore our relationships with the all-life of our planet," he explained.

"Our journey of 'discovery' tracks Darwin's theory that we are all related through a primal body; providing insight to understanding Aboriginal concepts and perspectives that connect us all to the animate and inanimate beings we share our world with."

And just like Darwin's favourite topic, there's a good chance that *Origins* will continue to evolve.

Matthew Fargher told *The Koori Mail* he loves keeping *Origins*' dialogue and growth going, so it is worth keeping those fingers crossed that it lands in a town near you.

Extra funds for SNAICC



THE Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC)

will get almost \$100,000 to help tackle child abuse.

The Melbourne-based organisation has been allocated \$98,394 under a \$1.9 million Federal Government program aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect.

SNAICC will use the funds for family violence prevention workshops in Indigenous communities.

The funding is part of the Government National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children.

Leadership opportunity



YOUNG Indigenous people from remote communities in the Northern Territory are being given the chance to

undertake leadership and event management training through the Community Event Management Training Program.

The program, backed by Optus, mobile satellite operator Thuraya and the Fred Hollows Foundation, will offer six Indigenous trainees the opportunity to work closely with the organisers of two major Top End regional festivals in 2009 – The Barunga Festival and the Walking with Spirits Festival.

Over coming months, the trainees will be involved in all aspects of the organisation of these events. The program aims to provide the trainees with a range of event management skills that will improve their future employment opportunities.

Campaign for women



INDIGENOUS women will be targeted as part of a new \$1.5 million NSW

Government campaign promoting the importance of regular mammograms (breast checks).

The campaign encourages women to take the time to get tested. Health authorities say that early diagnosis significantly increases a woman's chance of surviving breast cancer, making regular testing vital.

For more information, contact BreastScreen NSW on 13 20 50.

Ex-Minister is Speaker



FORMER Qld Indigenous Affairs Minister John Mickel has been sworn in as the Speaker of State Parliament. He

replaces strong Indigenous rights campaigner Mike Reynolds, who retired at last month's Qld election.

Ten years up for Message Sticks



THE Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival celebrates its tenth anniversary at the Sydney Opera

House starting tomorrow with its biggest program yet.

A major highlight is the Sydney premiere of Warwick Thornton's film *Samson and Delilah* (see report on page 16).

Festival curators Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, from Blackfella Films, said the program included eight world premieres.

The free festival, and only one solely dedicated to films made by and about Indigenous people, runs from tomorrow (7 May) until Sunday and will showcase 18 feature, documentary and short films by established and emerging Indigenous directors from Australia and abroad.

Mr Dale said the festival represented a 'new breed of Indigenous film' that would be able

MESSAGE STICKS INDIGENOUS FILM FESTIVAL PROGRAM

Thursday 7 May

10am - 12pm: *Samson & Delilah*
12.30pm - 2pm: Short film session
7.30pm - late: Gala Opening Night and Party: *Samson & Delilah*

Friday 8 May

7.30pm - 8.30pm: *The New Black: Bourke Boy, Party Shoes, Ralph*
9pm - 10pm: *The New Black: Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Farm, Jacob, Nia's Melancholy*

Saturday 9 May

11am - 12.30pm: *Fire Talker: The Life and Times of Charlie Perkins*
1.30pm - 3pm: Warwick Thornton Retrospective: *Pay Back, Mimi, Greenbush, Country Song, Nana*
4.30pm - 6.30pm: *Before Tomorrow*
8pm - 10pm: Richard Frankland film

Sunday May 10

11am - 1pm: *Barking Water*
2pm - 3.30pm: ABC TV Pitching Session
4.30pm - 6.30pm: *Tibet in Song*

to compete on the international stage.

"Message Sticks is proud to bring together the best of Indigenous world cinema once again," he said.

"The depth of films this year demonstrates Indigenous cinema has firmly established it is home on the global film festival scene as international standard work that speaks with a distinctive voice."

This year's line-up includes Richard Frankland's feature film debut, tentatively titled *Eddie and Charlie*, starring David Page and Luke Carroll. It follows two blackfellas on a road trip across the West Australian desert in search of a sacred stone.

Deborah Mailman will make her directing debut at the festival with *Ralph*, a story about a ten-year-old infatuated with 1980s heart-throb and *Karate Kid* movie star Ralph Macchio.

The New Black, a series of seven ten-minute dramas from emerging Indigenous writers, directors and producers, will also premiere at the festival, with stories coming from far north Queensland, the Northern Territory's Alice Springs and the south coast of New South Wales.

The winner of the Bob Maza Fellowship, with a cash prize of \$10,000, and the Tudawali Lifetime Achievement Award will be announced on opening night.

Cannes date for *Samson and Delilah*

Love story set in Alice



Samson and Delilah
Director Warwick Thornton with Marissa Gibson (Delilah) and Rowan McNamara (Samson).



THE Aboriginal film *Samson and Delilah* has been selected to screen at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival in France.

Directed by Warwick Thornton and shot in Alice Springs, the film is first and foremost a love story.

But it also takes an unflinching look at life in an Aboriginal community outside Alice Springs, which is wracked by violence, substance abuse, poverty and boredom.

Thornton, who was born and raised in Alice Springs, said the film deals with issues that many audiences dislike.

"It's got hardly any dialogue, it's a film about two

substance-abusing teenage Aboriginal kids - it's pretty well got all the poisons that cinema or audiences dislike," he said.

"But for some reason, audiences have absolutely embraced it. I think it's because it's unique and strong in its beliefs."

The film picked up the Audience Award at the Adelaide Film Festival, where it received a five-minute standing ovation, and it will open the Message Sticks Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House tomorrow (7 May).

Samson and Delilah releases nationally on 8 May, and has already received the kind of glowing reviews that Baz Luhrmann's *Australia* could only wish for.

Variety called it 'an

engrossing and touching snapshot of an Australia too often left on the cutting-room floor'.

Thornton calls it his reason for being.

"I'd been thinking about *Samson and Delilah* for a couple of years, but I'd decided this other film was going to be my first feature," says Thornton, who has several award-winning short films to his name.

"*Samson and Delilah* kept nagging me - this is the film you need to make first, if you want to say something this is what you should be bloody saying."

The film is inspired by Thornton's own experiences growing up on the streets of Alice Springs, and seeing the way he and his Aboriginal friends were thought of and treated.

"It's (born of) annoyance really - our kids being the problem, always the problem, and no one actually taking three steps back and going, well why?" he says.

"Everything in the film I've personally seen in my childhood, so that's where I draw those stories from."

Mr Thornton cast two acting newcomers, Rowan

McNamara and Marissa Gibson, as his leads, and gave them almost no training before he and his tiny crew starting shooting the film.

Gibson and McNamara had to get over the 'shame job', or embarrassment, of looking each other in the eye and exchanging meaningful glances, as most of the story is told without dialogue.

Sign and body language are the main means of expression throughout the movie, the highlight of which is a stunning dance scene by McNamara.

Natural fit

Thornton explained that the method of storytelling was a natural fit for Aboriginal culture, and for teenage love.

"I have a bit of a reaction to that sort of Disney version of teenage love where it's these huge monologues by kids, and you can obviously see they're written by 40-year-old men. It's just so wrong," he said.

"When you're kids you don't know what the hell's going on, you've just got all this electricity in you that you can't control."

"It's all about looks and

just being near someone, and those little sparks happening without actually saying anything. That stuff's much more exciting."

Alongside the love story are some sharp truths about the kind of Aboriginal communities *Samson and Delilah* call home. Religion, government and passive onlookers don't come out looking too good.

Thornton said he couldn't have told the story through rose-tinted glasses.

"I wrote this two years before the (Federal Government's) NT intervention came along, and when it happened I got really angry and said, 'right I'm going to change this script and the intervention is going to be in it'," he said.

"I didn't change it because I realised later the intervention would actually make it current but it would date, because the intervention will come and go, and these kids will still be in trouble."

"It's called the intervention this year, before it was called something else and before that it was called something else."

Thornton said he hoped

the film educated audiences a little bit, and got them asking questions and demanding answers.

"The film was made for Alice Springs, and it was made for Australia absolutely, to wake up to in a sense and to go, 'I never knew, can I help?'," he said.

"I have this thing, and it's all a bit extreme and that, but I say you come and watch this film, you'll be a better human being."

Meanwhile, Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) Director Penelope McDonald said *Samson and Delilah* would screen in the *Un Certain Regard* category, the main showcase section of the 2009 Festival de Cannes.

"For a Territory film that was made in Alice Springs to be selected for the Cannes Festival is a remarkable achievement," she said.

Samson and Delilah was supported by the Indigenous Department of Screen Australia, the NSW Film and Television Office, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Adelaide Film Festival as well as the Northern Territory Film Office.



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Rangers on the job

Minister glowing in praise of work

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FOLLOWING the recent in-principle agreement over the proposed site for an offshore liquefied natural gas hub north of Broome,

Western Australia's spectacular Kimberley region no doubt looms large in the mind of muso turned politician Peter Garrett.

The Federal Environment Minister will have final sign-off on the James Price Point site agreed between Aboriginal traditional owners, the State Government and developers, however has warned his decision is at least a year off.

But Mr Garrett had less contentious fish to fry recently when he visited one of Australia's most idyllic coastal spots, about 100km north, to learn first-hand about the work of the Bardi Jawi Rangers.

The eight rangers' area of responsibility covers much of the Dampier Peninsula including the community of One Arm Point, several smaller Aboriginal communities and the renowned Kooljaman Resort at Cape Leveque.

The ranger unit has been in existence, in its current form, for



Minister Peter Garrett with the Bardi Jawi Rangers on country north of Broome.

about two-and-a-half years. Under the guidance of co-ordinator Daniel Oades and local Elders, they use physical manpower and cutting-edge technology to monitor marine turtles, dugongs, mosquitoes and the like, manage protected areas, monitor beaches for any washed-up foreign debris and clear areas of rubbish and weeds.

Elders Bessie Ejai, brothers Frank and Joe Davey and their sister-in-law Irene Davey greeted Mr Garrett before they and the rangers hopped into a cavalcade of troop carriers for a tour of the immediate vicinity.

Mr Garrett flew in just a day

after his Cabinet colleague Jenny Macklin visited the community to announce funding for Kimberley public housing and playgroups.

While perhaps mildly curious about the appearance of two such senior polities in their community in such a short space of time, the Elders were delighted to showcase the rangers' crucial and diverse work.

"It's an important day-to-day job for the rangers to look after country for us," said Frank Davey, standing atop a cliff overlooking clear, azure waters and the former Aboriginal mission of Sunday Island.

"We've been taught to look

after country and why to do it, and these young fellas grew up with it too. It's important for them to have older people like ourselves to guide them."

Irene Davey said the biggest threat to the local area at present was over-population through tourism. In peak season, all of the Bardi-owned resort's camping areas and safari tents fill up quickly and some tourists have to be turned away.

When Minister Garrett visited, shoes had to be discarded and trousers rolled up to climb aboard one of the Kooljaman Resort's newest acquisitions, a \$150,000 glass-bottomed boat which is

proving popular with many of the thousands of tourists who flock each year to the area.

The area is close to the migratory path of humpback whales, past Cape Leveque on their way to nearby Montgomery Reef.

"The environment is always going to be around as long as we look after it properly so it can be here for future generations," said ranger Mark Shadforth.

"I'm still learning heaps about country. The old people have always got stories to tell you about this and that, certain ways to do things."

"People say there's a conflict between the old and new ways and the two can work hand-in-hand pretty easily. You're just upgrading the old way."

After coming back to shore, there was just time for a whistlestop tour of the rangers' headquarters, including a slideshow on their work with turtles and dugongs, before the delegation moved on to a tasty barbecue feast of freshly-caught fish and shellfish under a shady bough shed overlooking the sea.

At the end of his visit, Mr Garrett was glowing in his praise of the rangers' work.

"What we have seen is this is a continuation of the kinds of on country practices that Aboriginal people have undertaken for a long period of time," he said.

"We are seeing the mixture of a cultural tradition, deep knowledge about country that has been passed on from generation to generation and the application of modern technologies and innovative land management practices to really drive a model for caring for country and caring for our country."

"This will not only be of huge use to the local communities, but to the nation as a whole."

Aboriginal heritage impact permit: draft community consultation requirements for applicants

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Permit (AHIP) is required for any activity likely to have an impact on Aboriginal objects or places. The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) issues AHIPs under Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NPW Act).

DECC respects and acknowledges the role of Aboriginal people in the management and protection of their cultural heritage. When administering its approval functions under the NPW Act, DECC requires applicants to consult with the Aboriginal community about the Aboriginal cultural heritage values (cultural significance) of Aboriginal objects and places within the area being considered for development. To facilitate this, DECC developed Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applicants to clarify consultation requirements.

The Interim Community Consultation Requirements have now been reviewed. DECC is seeking input into the draft Community Consultation Requirements which, once adopted, will replace the Interim Community Consultation Requirements.

To find out more about the draft Community Consultation Requirements come along to an information session on the following dates:

- 7 May 2009, 10am to 12 noon, Rydges Hotel, 116-118 James Ruse Drive, Rosehill
- 8 May 2009, 10am to 12 noon, DECC Office, 59 Goulburn Street, Sydney
- 12 May 2009, 11am to 1pm, Singleton Youth Centre, Cnr Pitt and Bathurst Street, Singleton
- 29 May 2009, 12 noon to 2pm, Bay Waters, Cnr Princess and Kings Highway, Batemans Bay
- 3 June 2009, 10am to 12 noon, Wagga Wagga Business Development Centre, 66-70 Coleman Street, Wagga Wagga
- 5 June 2009, 10am to 12 noon, Kurri Kurri Community Centre, 251 Lang Street, Kurri Kurri
- 10 June 2009, 10am to 12 noon, Cattlemans Country Inn, 8 Whylandra Street, Dubbo
- 12 June 2009, 10am to 12 noon, Rydges Hotel, 1 Hay Street, Port Macquarie

For a copy of the draft Community Consultation Requirements call 131 555, or download it from the DECC website at: http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nswcultureheritage/dec_consultation_080103_ReviewInterimRequirementsForAHIP.htm Closing date for submissions is 7 July 2009.

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Language service opens

By Perth correspondent KEN BOASE



A NEW translation and interpreting service has opened in Perth, offering fully qualified and accredited speakers in nine Indigenous languages mainly from the Central Desert and East

Kimberley regions.

Health and legal professionals have been calling for such a service for years, saying that a lack of qualified interpreters has caused injustices for Indigenous people. But, with few exceptions, governments have never taken up the issue.

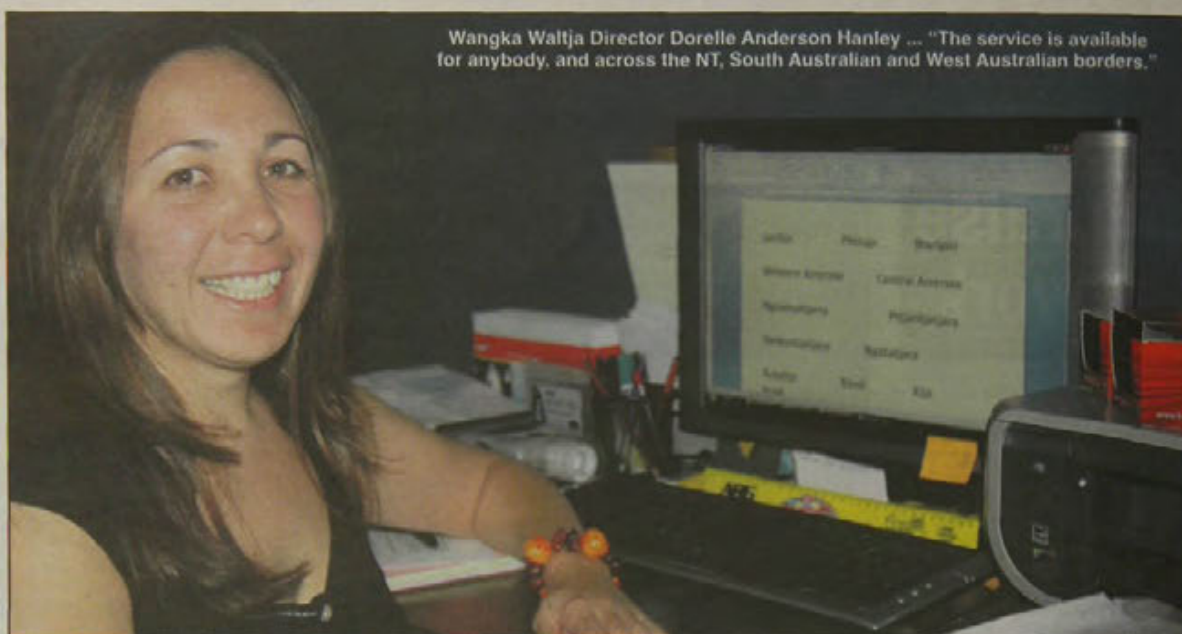
Luritja Pintupi (Central Australia) woman Dorelle Anderson Hanley has moved to close that gap in Western Australia, setting up Wangka Waltja Aboriginal Interpreting Service Pty Ltd with her own money.

Ms Anderson Hanley, who speaks five Indigenous languages, was as an interpreter in Alice Springs for the Northern Territory Government and has also worked under contract for the West Australian Government. She said the service would be especially important for government workers in traditional areas or who had regular contact with traditional people.

"The service is available for anybody, and across the NT, South Australian and West Australian borders," she said.

Ms Anderson Hanley, who did not learn English until she attended school, said it was vitally important for legal practitioners and health professionals to use such a service, citing an example in Alice Springs where doctors misinformed a patient.

"I've had one situation where a client consented to a medical procedure but had not been fully informed on what she was



Wangka Waltja Director Dorelle Anderson Hanley ... "The service is available for anybody, and across the NT, South Australian and West Australian borders."

consenting to," she said. "After the procedure she realised what had happened ... but didn't know that by signing that consent form that was what the procedure meant to her."

Ramifications

Ms Anderson Hanley said government officers ran the risk of legal ramifications from such misunderstandings, and part of her task was to educate Indigenous people about their rights.

"How are doctors and nurses obtaining informed consent from patients who speak Aboriginal languages as their primary language?" she said.

"The question has to be asked on how Aboriginal people who are not proficient in English understand the court processes and proceedings.

"How are these people being assisted in breaking down that communication barrier so they can understand the services that are available out there for them."

Wangka Waltja will have interpreters for the Luritja, Pintupi, Warlpiri, Western Arrernte, Central Arrernte, Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara, Yankunytjatjara, Ngatjatjara, Kukatja, Bardi, Kija and Kriol languages, among others.

Although the service is based in Perth, Ms Anderson Hanley said it would be particularly useful for Ngaanyatjarra people visiting Perth for medical or legal reasons to have an advocate in the city who spoke their language.

CITY OF MELBOURNE 2009/10 GRANTS AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The City of Melbourne offers you the opportunity to apply to its bi-annual grants and sponsorship program.

The City of Melbourne has a pool of funding which is made available for the provision of grants and sponsorships for individuals and organisations across a range of categories including the Arts, Community Development, Sports and Recreation, Small Business, Events and Tourism.

The Grants and Sponsorship funding round is now open for applications to individuals or organisations that reside in the City of Melbourne.

For further information on the types of grants available and the application process, visit www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/grantsandsponsorship

Some public information sessions are being held and for further information please call the City of Melbourne on 9658 9658.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT 5PM
ON FRIDAY 22 MAY 2009**

NSW grants aimed at protecting language



THE NSW Government is offering one-off grants of up to

\$25,000 to community organisations to help protect and revitalise Aboriginal languages.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch launched the latest round of the \$200,000 grants program, which over the past three years has helped support 45 language projects across the state.

"Aboriginal languages

are part of Australia's history and national identity," he said.

"For more than 20 years, Aboriginal people have made it clear that they want

'...Aboriginal people have made it clear they want their languages back...'

their languages back as a vital part of their culture, identity and pride."

Before the arrival of Europeans, at least 70

Aboriginal languages and dialects were spoken in the area now known as NSW, he said.

Now, there are only about 20 distinct Aboriginal languages used.

For further details about the Community Language Assistance Program Grants, or to obtain an

application form, go to www.alrrc.nsw.gov.au or call (02) 9219 0700.

Applications close on Friday, 22 May.



At the launch of the latest round of grants were, from left, La Perouse Elders Brenda Longbottom and Shirley Ingrey, La Perouse Gujaga Program Manager Raymond Ingrey, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Paul Lynch, Gujaga Administrator Donna Daly and Adrian Hansen, the Department of Aboriginal Affairs Partnership Community Project Officer for La Perouse.

Centres set to benefit



THE Federal Government has named the remote Indigenous communities that will be prioritised for new housing and upgrades to other vital infrastructure.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said earlier this year 26 remote communities would be targeted based on their potential to be turned into hubs of 'economic development'.

Last week she revealed 15 are in the Northern Territory, four in Queensland, three in Western Australia, two in South Australia and two in NSW.

They'll share \$5.5 billion set aside for new housing over the next 10 years, and funding for streetlights, extra police, community halls, schools and health clinics.

"Our new model for remote service delivery will initially concentrate resources in priority

locations across Australia," Ms Macklin said. "(But) our benchmark will be to progressively deliver in communities or townships the facilities and services you would expect in any Australian town of the same size."

The remote service delivery strategy will be overseen by Labor's Indigenous Co-ordinator General.

Responsible

"Reporting directly to me, the Co-ordinator General will work across all agencies and will be responsible for the implementation of our major reforms in housing, infrastructure and employment," Ms Macklin said.

For too long, remote communities had received 'disjointed, ad hoc and unco-ordinated actions and responses' from government, she said.

"We must remove the stubborn, systemic blockages which over generations have deprived Indigenous Australians of the basic foundations of a safe, healthy and productive life," she said.

The communities were chosen according to population concentration, demographic trends, existing shortfalls in government investment and economic and employment potential. They are: Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Gunbalanya, Hermannsburg, Lajamanu, Maningrida, Mililingimbi, Nguiu, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Wadeye, Yirrkala, Yuendumu, Angurugu and Umbakumba in the Northern Territory; Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Hope Vale and Aurukun in Queensland; Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and the Dampier Peninsula in Western Australia; Amata and Mimili in South Australia; and Walgett and Wilcannia in NSW.

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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:

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- 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 9220 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.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Quote



'Indigenous people, we have a great sense of humour and that's part of our survival'

— This year's Deadly Funny winner Shiralee Hood

See report page 7

Unquote

Time to act on asbestos

If the Commonwealth Government is serious about improving the health of Indigenous people, it must act on calls for a national approach to dealing with asbestos.

And that national approach should start with an audit of Aboriginal communities — historically the most neglected in the country.

Reports last week of discarded asbestos around the Wallaga Lake community in southern New South Wales are disturbing and, of course, should be acted upon immediately.

But as NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton warns, Wallaga Lake could be just the tip of a very dangerous iceberg.

Ms Manton fears there are many, many more communities in remote locations which may have the deadly product lying around.

Barry Robson, from the Asbestos Diseases Foundation, agrees. He reckons Australians were the world champions when it came to using the material in buildings following the Second World War.

It was cheap and easy to use, and it was not until much later that the dangers were known.

But now those dangers are well documented. We know it can kill, or cause serious illness when asbestos fibres are inhaled.

What we don't know is whether Indigenous people may be more susceptible because of cheap housing and unsafe work practices.



OUR SAY

Those are worries that can be eased only by further studies.

And while there is a risk that the problem might seem a little too large, the Federal Government must act now.

The problem will not go away, and who knows how many more will be affected unless a directive is issued to all State and Territories to conduct audits. There is no time for blame or buck-passing — it is time for leadership and a concerted effort to clean up the mess once and for all.

Only by getting inspectors into communities now can we prevent a future riddled with preventable sickness and death.

When long-time campaigner Bernie Banton died from asbestos-related disease, after leading the fight for compensation against James Hardie Industries, he was remembered as a hero for his courage and tenacity.

And rightly so.

But let's not forget the countless Aboriginal people who have also died, or are now seriously ill, because they were exposed to asbestos either at home, or at work. Asbestos was cheap — life should not be.

A Yarn With...



Steven Brown

Public Servant
Canberra, ACT

Favourite bush tucker? Dugong.

Favourite other food? Chinese.

Favourite drink? Cordial.

Favourite music? R & B.

Favourite sport/leisure? Basketball, listening to music.

Favourite holiday destination? Anywhere.

What are you reading? A whole lot of work stuff!

What are you watching? Whatever is on TV.

What is your greatest highlight in life? Meeting Renee Williamson.

What do you like in life? Helping others.

What do you dislike? Greedy people.

Who would you most like to meet? Barack Obama, because he is the first black president of the United States.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire? Oprah, so I can win a car and do a makeover of my campfire area.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples? Work with youth more to develop the leaders of tomorrow.



The United Nations headquarters in New York. Guest columnist Bess Price says she has no faith in the organisation to help her people.

Just what will the UN do for us?

THERE has been a lot of celebrating because our Government has signed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. I guess that is not a bad thing. But what does it actually mean for us?

How is the United Nations going to help our people?

That organisation sat back and did nothing while 800,000 black Rwandans were murdered by other black Rwandans. It has done nothing to stop the black Robert Mugabe (President of Zimbabwe) from murdering, torturing and deliberately starving his own black people.

How is the UN going to stop our people from killing each other in our communities? How is it going to stop our kids from being abused and neglected by their own mob?

What is the UN going to do for the up to 30 per cent of Aboriginal kids in a dozen outback towns who are being born with foetal alcohol syndrome, or for kids who are having babies in their early teens?

What will it do for the women who are being bashed, the young men who are suiciding or seeing no other future but jail?

Will the UN make sure our kids get to school and that when they get there they get a good education that works for them?

The UN is not going to change our people's lives.

In the April 8 issue of *The Koori Mail*, Danny Eastwood's cartoon is saying that now the United Nations is in the game our Government should stop income management. It's saying my people should have the



BESS PRICE

right to spend the money given to them by the taxpayer on whatever they like – grog, ganja, gambling and so on.

It's saying this human right trumps the right of our kids to good health, to a good education, to safety and to life itself. It trumps the right of Aboriginal women to the dignity of equality and a life free from violence.

And all this, even though a survey by the Central Land Council found that a majority of my people think income management is a good thing.

I know old people in my country who have been asking for it for decades, but they are the ones nobody listens to and now they are dying of old age with broken hearts.

All the effort that went into this campaign, all the expense and time that our organisations, our leaders and their white supporters put into achieving this symbolic victory could have been put into improving life on the ground, in our communities, for our people.

We now need leaders who

actually lead. We now need leaders who are willing to lead our people out of their misery. We need leaders who know our people's problems and know how to gain their trust.

There's been enough arguing with governments and political grandstanding. It's about time that those who call themselves our leaders listen to the cries for help from the bush, from the women and men who are tired of the misery and want somebody to help them do something about it.

It's about time they took notice of the women who are speaking out but being ridiculed and threatened by those who don't want change.

They should be listened to and supported.

They are shy and don't speak English very well, but they love their kids. They don't know how to play the political game or get journalists to understand when they talk.

Listen to them even if their message is inconvenient and makes you feel uncomfortable! Don't just listen to the ones who are saying what you want to hear, the ones given a voice at protest rallies because they are happy to say what the white radicals are willing to support.

If you want to take away income management I will do everything I can to oppose you because it is saving the lives of people I love.

Aboriginal people – men and women – will fix Aboriginal problems. I have no faith in the United Nations.

"Bess Nungarrayi Price, a fierce champion of remote communities, is a guest columnist for The Koori Mail."

Which message would you choose?

LIFE in Sydney workin' hard for the money, sweatin' it out on a 9 to 5, five-days-a-week takes it outta you. To keep me motivated and awake throughout the day I look forward to reading my free newspaper I get handed at the train station.

All you country sisters and brothers may not know what I'm talking about, but I'm sure you know what a freebie is! Freebie is my fourth favourite word, right behind Dinner Time, Payday and Love. I couldn't tell you which one is number one though!

Anyways, back to my story ... So not only is the newspaper free (yay! freebie!), they have a

section of the paper where you can write messages to people you saw on the train. The usual message goes something like this

'Pie and Ice-cream: To the hot slice of pie on the 7:45am train from Penrith to the City. I'd love to be your ice-cream. Meet on Fri ... I will bring the spoons! From Pie Lover.'

I've been reading this section for years and I'm thinking of sending in a message looking for my own bit o' pie. I gotta try anything to boost my chances, eh!

So I've been drafting a few little ditties and I've come up with a few final ones I'd like to run past you. What do you think about these ideas?

'Animal Instinct: Pleasantly plump female fat frog looking for mate. Lounge lizards and slippery snakes need not apply. From Animal Lover'. Nice, straight to the point and animal themed.

My next one. *'Coffee Crazy: I'm a small skim milk cappuccino sweetener (never sugar!) drinker looking for a similar brew. Hot, steamy, full of sweetness drinkers apply within. Instant coffee and decaf drinkers will be ignored. From Espresso.' I was contemplating writing 'short blacks, tall blacks and black with a dash of milk are also most welcome to apply' but I thought that could be offensive to some.*

'Fat Chance: If you like your Johnny cakes fried, your bread butter side up and your scones with real jam and cream, message me for a heavenly helping of full fat deliciousness. From 97% Fat Me.' Mmmm scones....

And to show my h'intellectual h'educated side: *'Maths whiz: Single + Aboriginal + man = you. Single + Aboriginal + woman = me. Let's get together and do some multiplication. From Numbers Game.'*

What do you think should be my message? Which one should I choose?

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Challenges ahead



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Significant challenges must be met if the promise of native title recognition is to be realised for some Indigenous Australians.

The native title scheme has given Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders a seat at the negotiation table with governments, mining companies and others. It has also given some Indigenous people legal recognition of their rights to their traditional lands or waters, and

has provided a framework for agreement-making about the use of these areas.

There are currently about 510 native title applications nationally. Most were lodged more than five years ago and new claims continue to be submitted. Claimant applications have taken, on average, about six years to resolve by agreement and many people have expressed concern about the time it takes to achieve these outcomes and the complexity of proving native title.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma recommended in his 2007 report on the operation of the Native Title Act that there be a comprehensive review of the whole native title system.

On 19 March, Commonwealth Attorney-General Robert McClelland introduced the Native Title Amendment Bill 2009 to Parliament. He said the amendments aimed to achieve 'more negotiated native title outcomes in a more timely, effective and efficient fashion' and 'encourage a broader and more flexible approach to the resolution of native title'.

Under the proposed amendments, the Federal Court would have greater control of the



ROBERT FRENCH

management of native title claims from start to finish, and would be able to make consent orders about matters beyond native title.

It would also be easier for the Court to hear evidence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander law and custom, where appropriate.

Other amendments are aimed at streamlining the recognition processes for native title representative bodies. The Parliament will debate these proposed changes in the next few weeks.

Native title is the subject of the



ROBERT McCLELLAND

latest edition of the Australian Law Reform Commission's journal *Reform*.

The articles were written by people closely involved in native title, including claimants, lawyers, public office holders and academics. They looked at native title from various perspectives, and some made recommendations for change.

High Court Chief Justice and former Tribunal President Robert French suggested in his article that native title laws might be changed to create a presumption in favour of native title applicants.

That presumption could be challenged by a respondent party, including a government. Such a change would, he wrote, 'lighten some of the burden' of proof from applicants.

Currently claimants must prove they have maintained an ongoing connection to their country since the British Crown asserted its sovereignty. This is particularly difficult for claimants in areas where there has been a history of dispossession.

At the launch of *Reform*, the Attorney-General said he was 'interested in the constructive proposals' contained in the journal, 'especially those aimed at further encouraging agreement making'.

The native title system has delivered benefits for many people. But there is always room for improvement – both in terms of the legal procedures and the approach taken by parties.

The lessons learned and experience gained over the past 15 years can be built upon to meet the challenges ahead.

We hope the current focus on making the native title system work better will lead to more timely and effective native title and related outcomes through the development of agreements that respect all parties' rights and interests.



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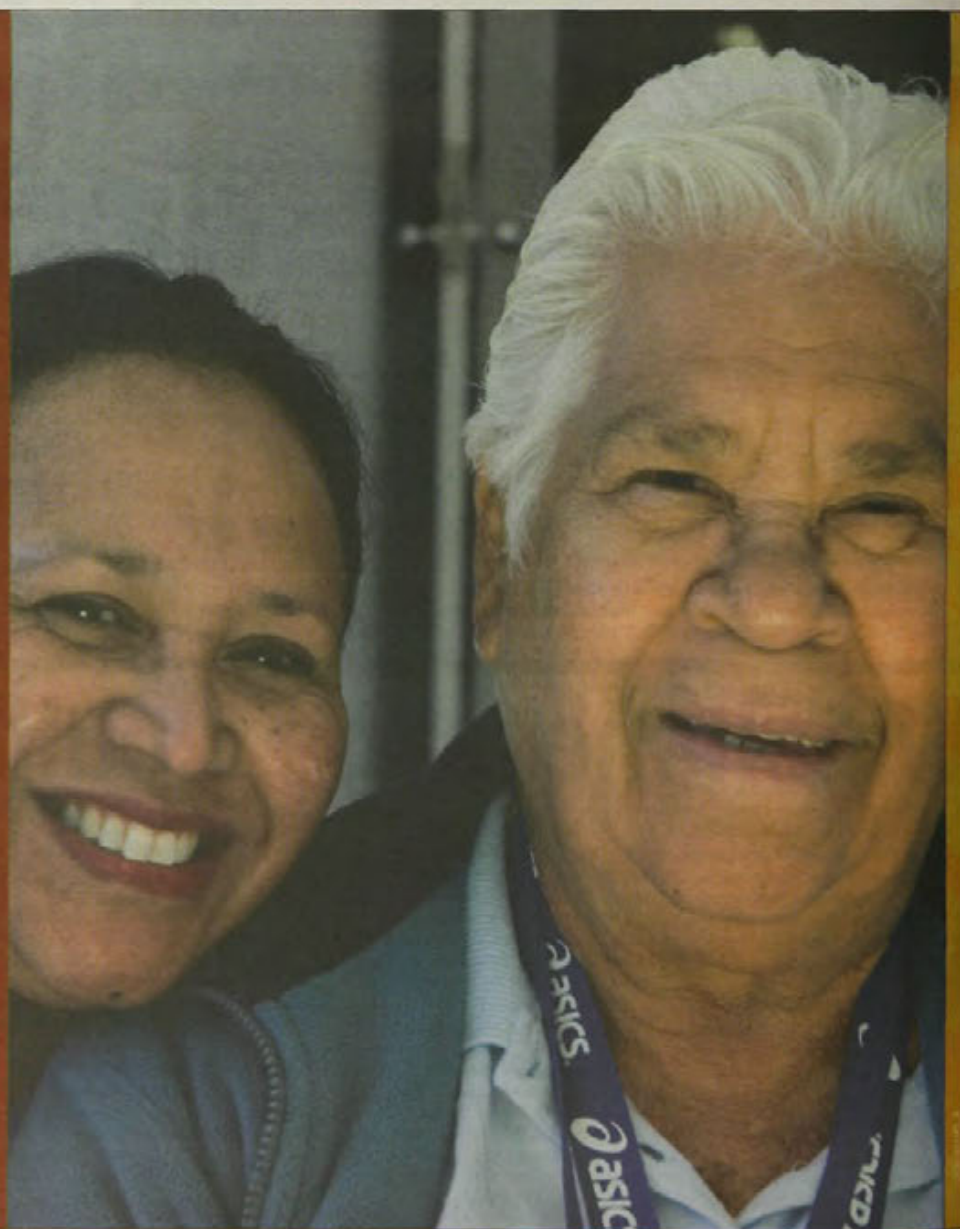
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St Catherine's School classmates share some surprise findings on their 26 January survey – Page 25

What would Vincent think..?

GREAT show that Rockwiz on SBS. The guest performers on Saturday 18 April were Archie Roach and Sara Storer. They concluded the show with a rendition of *From Little Things Big Things Grow*. Brilliant! This great Australian ballad put

me in a reflective mood, especially the verse:
Til one day a tall stranger appeared in the land
His name was Whittam and he came with great ceremony
And through Vincent's fingers he poured a handful of sand...

How, I thought, might this play out if repeated in the NT today.. 'Average height stranger' is clearly not as poetic as 'tall stranger' ... But it is the third line that is really tricky. How do you say in one poetic line...

...he poured half a handful of sand and turned to the Centrelink officer behind him and gave her the other half handful to quarantine!

COLIN CLAGUE
Woodford Island, NSW

Poetry

Respect for all that's free

It's Whittlesea I hear you say
Marysville and King Lake
It's someone's fault by someone's hand
Because nature knows no fire ban

It's Karumba I hear the talk
Normanton and Cape York
It's someone's fault by someone's hand
The water forms a sea inland

From January to March this year
Mother Nature installed her fear
She rose the tides and charred the trees
The whales she placed upon the beach

A cyclone eye it tracked the coast
With gusts of winds with speeds to boast
Beneath her surface her heart it breaks
A tremor was felt when the earth did quake

And far across the icy lands
The scientists roam with supplies in hand
Measuring the time it takes ice to melt
And scorching heat is often felt

It's mother, it's nature I hear them sing
Reef, rainforests our natural bling
Cloaked in colours so rich and divine
Mountains and animals are the keepers of time

'Cos sometimes when we wish for more
Asking someone to open the doors
Someone who will make a plan
To let Mother Nature be ruled by man

Mother Nature will come to play
Her wrath and pain will fill your day
Losing her colours and keepers of time
Is man's big downfall, but he hides in his pride

We look across the dusty plains
We pray for rain and other gains
And never do we think and see
To find respect for all that's free.

Z QUAKAWOOT
Mackay, Qld



Time to honour 'forgotten' war

OUR commemoration of Anzac Day quite rightly attracts more and more Australians each year.

We remember those who served and gave their lives in a period of over 100 years in foreign campaigns from the Sudan to Afghanistan.

But we forget that people

perished fighting for their country (and to conquer that country) within Australia.

Most of this conflict was a guerrilla war, but at times conventional battles were fought to the detriment of those not armed with the latest European technology.

Like all guerrilla wars,

atrocities were committed by both sides. These wars of conquest were fought by both military and police on the European side and deserve to be remembered in our history.

It is forgotten that a greater percentage of Van Diemen's Land European settlers perished in the wars of 1820-

1829 on that Island than the percentage of deaths among Australian troops serving in World War II.

A place for this conflict in the Australian War Memorial is long overdue.

JILPIA NAPPALJARI JONES
O'Connor, ACT

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

Also, even if sent via email, all letters and poems must be accompanied by the author's full name, home town/city and State/Territory, and a contact number so that we can verify content. After that, we're happy to withhold names and addresses upon request.

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Why no grog ban?

I'VE been advised that a new board was elected to the Mutawintji National Park in western NSW recently, and like previous boards the directors refused to consider making Mutawintji park an alcohol-free zone.

I have spent a lot of time in that area and everyone you meet comments on the good feeling of the place.

I and many other people have been asking for years now to have Mutawintji and all sacred sites alcohol-free places. The reason is simply respect for the spirituality of those areas.

Surely if we have any semblance of Aboriginality left we can respect those wonderful places that meant so much to our ancestors.

HAROLD HUNT
St Marys, NSW
Descendant of
Maliangaapa people
(Mutawintji)

It doesn't have to be game over

I AM writing in reply to the letter by Aaron Waites 'Make us Proud, Koorie Brothers' (*Koori Mail* Your Say, 25 March).

We have an 18-year-old son, Christopher, who originally comes from Brewarrina, who came into our care when he was three-weeks-old.

His achievements have made us the proudest parents possible.

Already he has his Certificate II in shearing, wool-handling, mechanics and hospitality, occupational health and safety induction for construction work and responsible service of alcohol and gambling qualifications. He does not drink, smoke or do drugs, and I have not heard him swear.

His will-power is unbelievable, considering he grew up in the areas of Goodooga and Lightning Ridge where boredom, peer pressure and lack of youth facilities contribute to a lot of our children taking the wrong paths.

Christopher plays the guitar and writes songs, for which he



Christopher, who makes his family proud.

received an award at Lightning Ridge School where he is currently doing Year 12. He is into fitness, football, shooting, hunting and the bush. He mixes with everyone and his greatest saying is 'Stay Black'.

To Christopher I would like to say we are the luckiest parents in the world to be given the chance to raise you, love you and be your family.

We wouldn't have done it

without our extended families, especially your Nan Evelyn, who loves you as a grandson. We are all so proud of the man you have become.

To Aaron Waites, when I read your story in *The Koori Mail* I had to reply and say it does not have to be game over. The talent our Koori brothers have in jail is unbelievable.

I just wish you all had the opportunities when you get out. I know your family Aaron, I went to school with your mother, aunts and uncles and they were intelligent and respected people. You had lovely, decent grandparents and were respected in the community.

To Aaron and all the Koori brothers in jails, keep your heads up, be proud and stay strong.

The game is only over if you want it to be. Get out, be determined and find your direction.

TRACIE and ANTHONY
Goodooga, NSW

Searching for answers

I HAVE lived in one suburb of Sydney now for more than nine years and shop at the 'fresh food people' - you know who I'm talking about.

I get those regular fortnightly payments from the Australian Government as I find it very difficult to get a job because of my age and the colour of my skin.

I should also point out at this stage that I have no record for theft.

Each time I shop with the fresh food people, the 'friendly' staff there ask to check my bag. It is their policy, as we customers are so often reminded over the soft background music played in the stores.

I reckon I'm always targeted for a search because the fresh food customer service staff believe that only Aboriginal people/men steal!

Recently, after I had bought items to the value of \$41.55 in the 'friendliest store in Australia', I decided to have a look at their liquor outlet. I was told that my bag would be searched. I refused.

The next day I confronted management, and their only response was that it is company policy that any employee can search the bag of any customer.

When do the management at the fresh food people consider that a customer complaint is worth investigating?

NAME SUPPLIED
Sydney, NSW

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- Because of the large number of payments we're making, we ask you not to call us about the progress of individual payments until 16 May 2009.
- We will transfer the payment into the bank account or mail a cheque to the address nominated in your 2007-08 tax return, unless you or your agent have changed your details.

What do you need to do?

- If you have already lodged your 2007-08 tax return, you don't need to do anything.

If you have not lodged your 2007-08 tax return

- To be eligible you must lodge it by 30 June 2009, unless we have granted you a deferral. You will miss out if you do not lodge on time.
- You can lodge online using e-tax until 31 May 2009 (e-Tax won't be available after that date), by mail using TaxPack or through a tax agent.
- If you have been affected by a natural disaster you can lodge until 30 June 2010 and still receive the payment.
- If you haven't lodged yet you will receive your payment after 16 May 2009. The later you lodge the longer it will take to get your payment.

What if you haven't got your payment by 16 May 2009?

- check your eligibility at www.australia.gov.au/taxbonuspayment - (you will need your 2007-08 notice of assessment)
- check that you have lodged your 2007-08 income tax return
- check that you gave the correct bank or address details on your return
- check if the payment is with your tax agent
- phone us on **1300 686 636** from 16 May 2009 and we will help you.

How much is the payment?

- \$900 if your taxable income is up to \$80,000
- \$600 if your taxable income is between \$80,001 and \$90,000
- \$250 if your taxable income is between \$90,001 and \$100,000.

2 MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the tax bonus, eligibility or lodging your tax return:

- visit www.australia.gov.au/taxbonuspayment
- phone **1300 686 636** between 8.00am and 6.00pm Monday to Friday, with your notice of assessment or tax file number ready.

⚠ Beware: we do not send emails asking for personal information including tax file number, bank or other financial institution account or credit card details.



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office

Survey surprise

Bolt should check facts

THIS term as part of an assignment for our 9/10 Aboriginal Studies class, we conducted a survey to gather people's opinions on changing the date of Australia Day (26 January).

We wanted to pick up on Professor Mick Dodson's suggestion that Australians have a conversation on this important issue.

The Koori Mail, with extensive coverage of the Survival Day events around Australia, had really helped us to understand the range and depth of feelings that the day raised for Indigenous Australians.

After considering this, and Professor Dodson's comments, we felt that there should be more concern amongst Australians that the country's national day could well be causing hurt and offence to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

So we decided to survey our friends and families as a way of getting people to stop and think about how some Indigenous Australians might feel about 26 January.



Members of the St Catherine's School Year 9/10 Aboriginal Studies class with their research.

We were surprised by the varied opinions we found amongst our Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal family and friends.

We had expected that there would have been a more obvious difference in the responses of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

This wasn't the case.

Some Aboriginal, as well as some non-Aboriginal, people

were not in favour of change. They felt it was too late to switch days now, and also that everyone should just move on.

We also found some non-Aboriginal people seemed just as keen to move the national day to a less hurtful anniversary as Aboriginal respondents.

Sadly, one result of our survey, which we hadn't expected, was that some

non-Aboriginal people defended the present day on pretty racist grounds.

In our results we found that the main factor influencing the responses was the overwhelming lack of knowledge and awareness within our communities.

This was shown in our surveys by the number of people who were willing to change the date after they were told of the impact of the day on Aboriginal people.

It was a real surprise to us that even amongst young people there was a lot of ignorance about why Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples might want to hold alternative events or have the date changed.

Clearly there needs to be a lot more education and information circulated about Australia Day, its history and its effect on all Australians.

Year 9/10 Aboriginal Studies Class
St Catherine's School
Sydney, NSW

YOUR latest edition (22 April) featured comments by News Ltd columnist Andrew Bolt.

It's noted that Mr Bolt's parents were of Dutch origin.

He should research his parents' country. From what I've heard the Dutch folk were a racist lot towards certain people in their country.

And while he is at it, he might like to explain how so many Aborigines in Australia also have the surname Bolt. Could they have Dutch relations?

As for the colour of one's skin, it's something one cannot choose prior to birth. I guess Mr Bolt made his comments having done little research beforehand. If he had done research, he, like other people, would find that in early Australian development there were many mixed legal marriages between whites and Aboriginal women, simply because few white women were available.

Many such legal – and illegal – relationships produced many light-skinned descendants who, if they wished, could trace their relationships back to our Aboriginal race.

Maybe Mr Bolt should check his own family history. You never know what he might find.

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NEWS



New South Wales
Government

NSW ABORIGINAL TRUST FUND REPAYMENT SCHEME REGISTRATION

CLOSING DATE 31 MAY 2009

The NSW Government set up the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme (ATFRS) in 2004 to repay to Aboriginal people (or their descendants) money which was put into Trust Funds by either the NSW Aborigines Protection Board or the Aborigines Welfare Board between 1900 and 1969 and not repaid. The money that was put into Trust Fund accounts could have been pensions, family endowment payments or apprentice wages. Other kinds of deductions may also have been made.

The ATFRS will not be accepting any new claim applications after 31 May 2009. The Scheme will continue to process claims for at least 12 months after that date.

The ATFRS is evidence based – it is NOT a compensation scheme. Payments will be made based on evidence that money was put into a person's Trust Fund and never repaid. The sort of evidence used can be Government records, other independent written records or oral evidence which can be taken from claimants and others. The ATFRS arranges for a record search which is undertaken free of charge.

If money is found to be owed it will be paid to the rightful claimants, or if they have died, to their descendants.

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 the 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

Your Say

Seeking family

I AM trying to locate my grandfather's people.

His name was Thomas Alexander Stewart. I have very little information, except that I know he was born in the early 1900s and died in 1984/85.

Besides my father, who was also known as Thomas Stewart, I am aware he had three other sons, Kenny (SplitPin) (deceased), George and Alex.

At the time of my grandfather's passing I believe he was living in Sydney and died at Concord Hospital. I also am told he had a brother called Edward (Ted).

My father was a white man and my mother, May McKellar

(deceased), was a Murri woman born at Tinnenburra Station, Queensland in 1931.

My dad was born in Thargomindah, Qld, and is also deceased.

Any information that can be provided will be much appreciated.

I have had a great longing to meet my father's people and have often been stopped on the street by other Koori people who ask who I am and tell me that I resemble other people who are also Stewarts.

JOYCE STEWART
Granville, NSW
Phone: 0406 339 882

Search is on for this sergeant

I AM writing in the hope that one of your readers may be able to identify the unknown Indigenous army sergeant pictured here, or to provide some information.

I work for Link-Up Queensland and our organisation reunites Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families affected by past government policies and forcible removal from their families.

The photo of the soldier belongs to one of my clients whom I am trying to reunite with family (and who has given permission to publish this photo).

So far we have been able to come up with some information that may be able to help further our search for the missing pieces.

This photograph was taken in 1945 or 1946 and the soldier is an army sergeant. In those days there weren't too many Indigenous Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs) in Australian army.

There is a colour patch above his sergeant's rank on his right sleeve that suggests he was serving with the Australian Army Provost Company at the time the photograph was taken.

There is a smaller miniature patch above the full-sized one that may indicate he served in one of the 6th Division's infantry battalions.

The unknown provost also bears the medal ribbon on his left breast

that indicates tours of duty in North Africa from 1940 to 1943.

I would appreciate any information regarding this unknown provost.

CLIVE MARTIN-ADAMS
Outreach Caseworker
Link-Up (Qld) Aboriginal
Corporation
Phone 1800 200 855



Action pledge over suicides

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE West Australian Government has promised action over Indigenous suicides in the Kimberley region.

Mental Health Minister Graeme Jacobs said suicide prevention strategies would be implemented 'as a matter of urgency' following the release of a report indicating more people were taking their own lives.

But details of the strategies, which the Government says is in its final stages, have yet to be released.

Figures in the 2006 report – the latest available – may also be out of date, with Kimberley residents warning of a recent increase in suicides.

Mr Jacobs, who has consulted Kimberley Elders about the issue, says he is deeply concerned.

"I have assured the communities in the Kimberley that the State Government will work closely with Aboriginal health groups to develop suicide prevention strategies as a matter of urgency," he said.

The Minister has also backed further local alcohol restrictions after the interim report of the Kimberley Alcohol Management Plan revealed worsening family violence.

Strategies

"I believe strongly in the need to control the sale of alcohol in the Kimberley because the cycle of the abuse of alcohol and other drugs is linked to effective suicide prevention strategies and the improvement in Indigenous health," Mr Jacobs said.

"National and international research is unequivocal that alcohol restrictions are essential to limit harmful behaviour when it comes to excess liquor consumption. I also understand that the restrictions will be most effective when

they are coupled with harm-reduction services, including counselling and education."

Mr Jacobs' office was tight-lipped over outcomes from the consultation with Kimberley Elders, and what the Elders said had led to the rise in suicides.

The Minister's spokesperson said Mr Jacobs was particularly interested in the concept of circle sentencing to reduce Indigenous incarceration rates and self-harm.

Earlier this year Greens Senator Rachel Siewert, who has campaigned strongly against intervention strategies, highlighted the worsening conditions for Indigenous families living in regions such as the Kimberley.

She described as ill-conceived, measures like the alcohol restrictions and the welfare quarantining now in place across several regions, which she said placed undue pressure on some families who lacked the basics, such as reasonable housing.

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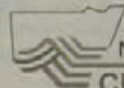
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or Elissa on: 0458 977 440

Consultant

An experienced, suitably qualified, consultant is required to undertake an extensive review of the Indigenous Programs in two mainstream community health services and in an acute health service in inner Melbourne. The process would include involvement and culturally appropriate consultation with Indigenous community members.

For further information or a copy of the Project Brief call Fay Nowak on 03 9684 4221 recruit@ischs.org.au

Applications close Wednesday 20/05/09 at 5pm.



Northern Rivers

CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Expression of Interest

NRCMA Board Members

North and North-west of NRCMA region

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) is an independent Statutory Authority established in 2004 by the NSW Government to engage regional communities in key natural resource management issues in their catchments. Further information is available at www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

The NRCMA Board reports to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change and is responsible for the implementation of the NRCMA Catchment Action Plan, associated investment strategies and corporate governance compliance. Board members provide local knowledge and expertise for the planning and implementation of the NRCMA programs. Board members are usually appointed by the Minister for a term of two years.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates in the north and north-west areas of the region demonstrating –

- An active community involvement and appreciation of the diverse range of community values and sensitivities
- Understanding of the key environmental and natural resource management issues including biodiversity
- Working knowledge of land use systems and capacity to encourage sustainable development within the region
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others

Closing Date: Friday, 22 May 09

For an application form and information pack, call Michelle Nelson on 02 66420645 or email northern@cma.nsw.gov.au

Applications should be addressed to the General Manager, NRCMA Board Member Position, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, PO Box 618 Grafton NSW 2460.

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Business leaders hear about opportunities



INDIGENOUS business leaders have been told about the economic

opportunities that may arise through carbon trading.

Together with representatives from the public and financial sectors, they were gathered in Coffs Harbour, northern NSW, to discuss the economic crisis, the Federal Government's Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme, and the opportunities of doing business in the carbon market.

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) Deputy General Manager Kaely Woods said it was important for Indigenous Australians to consider the carbon market when looking for paths for economic development and investment.

"There are a number of Indigenous organisations in the Coffs region that are well positioned to consider options to create a sustainable future," she said.

"The land mass available to Indigenous organisations puts them in the forefront when it comes to taking advantage of the opportunities in the carbon market.

"Indigenous Australians now own or manage around 20 per cent of the Australian



IBA Deputy General Manager Kaely Woods, left, and NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton at the Coffs Harbour business briefing.

continent – amounting to over 1.5 million square kilometres."

Leaders in the carbon market discussed topics including the potential for carbon offsets from reductions in emissions from savannah burning, the opportunities that reforestation on Indigenous land might bring, and how Indigenous organisations could understand the risks and opportunities of carbon trading.

The Coffs Harbour business briefing was organised by IBA as part of a series of forums following on from the success of business briefings held last year in Perth and Sydney.

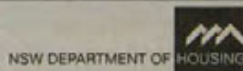
"These forums provide a great opportunity for delegates to talk directly to senior representatives in commercial and public sectors," Ms Woods said.

"It enables information to be shared freely about what is currently

experienced and how opportunities can be taken advantage of during tough times.

"IBA is looking forward to working together with these organisations to explore the opportunities that the carbon market provides."

Delegates at the event heard updates on the economic crisis and carbon trading from IBA, CSIRO, BDO Kendalls and the Department of Climate Change.



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- Well developed communication, negotiation and interviewing skills over the telephone.
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- Demonstrated experience with problem solving in a diverse service related environment.
- Must be willing to undertake appropriate training to acquire relevant competencies at the required level.
- Understanding of and capacity to relate to people from a diverse range of social and cultural backgrounds, including those with complex needs.
- Skilled in managing customer expectations and applying discretion in dealing with sensitive issues and environments.
- Ability to work in a 24 hour, 7 day a week environment with a rotating roster.

Job Notes: There are various Temporary Full-Time & Part-Time positions available. Positions are available for a period of 3 months with the possibility of extension up until 31 December 2009 subject to performance. Further information about these positions is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Bronwyn Mathias (02) 9612 6220

Information Packages:
www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About/Us/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2009

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Media workers get advice at Alice Springs course



INDIGENOUS screen media professionals from the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA), Imparja and Pintubi, Anmatjerrre, Warlpiri (PAW) Media and

Communications have spent a week skilling up with the Northern Territory Film Office (NTFO) in the Old Courthouse, Alice Springs.

The Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS) developed the special course for the Territory, and it was offered at no cost to participants to help them further develop their careers.

NTFO Director Penelope McDonald said the course was a great opportunity for Territorians.

"The NTFO has been supporting AFTRS in bringing professional training to the Territory for the past four years, and this course has been specifically tailored to meet the needs of Indigenous professionals in the Territory screen industry," she said.

"The course is a pilot and if it goes well it will be taken to other parts of Australia, and possibly the Territory."

Ms McDonald said the 10 participants were fortunate to have a fine instructor in John Millard, who has extensive experience in media production and teaching media.

"John has worked on well-known television programs including *Australian Story*, *The Investigators*, *Hot Chips*, *Four Corners*, *A Big Country* and *Nationwide*."

Ms McDonald said.

"The quality of John's work has been recognised with national honours including a Walkley award, UN Media Peace Awards and Human Rights Awards."

"The NTFO has been a buzz of activity with all the learning that has been going on and it's great to know that following this course, there will be 10 Territorians with an increased skills base leading to increasing productions coming out of the Territory."

"AFTRS recently brought an editing course to Darwin and Alice Springs and the NTFO is currently in discussion with AFTRS about further professional development for Territorians, particularly in documentary making."

Transfield latest group to 'RAP'



SERVICE delivery multi-national corporation Transfield Services has become the 11th company in Australia to develop a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

The plan, which aims to significantly increase Indigenous employment in Transfield's Australian business and increase engagement with Indigenous communities and culture, was launched last week by Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

"Reconciliation is about building relationships, understanding cultural differences and taking action that will make a positive difference to Indigenous people. A good job and training opportunities can make a big difference in a person's life and their family's life," the Deputy PM said at the launch.

Transfield Services joins with major companies such as BHP Billiton, Qantas and the National Australia Bank in establishing a RAP.



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. A hard copy of the Discussion Paper is available upon request.

Consultation Forums

LISMORE (NSW)

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2009

Time: 11am-2pm

Venue: 3 Rivers Aboriginal Art Space, 125 Magellan Street Lismore

RSVP - Arts Northern Rivers

(02)66288120 or

info@artsnorthernrivers.com.au

SYDNEY (NSW)

Date: Tuesday 19 May 2009

Time: 9.30am-5pm

Venue: Patrick White Room, Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, Sydney

CANBERRA (ACT)

Date: Wednesday 20 May 2009

Time: 9am-3.30pm

Venue: Gorman House Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon, Canberra

MELBOURNE (VIC)

Date: Thursday 21 May 2009

Time: 9am-5pm

Venue: TBC, Check website

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

Muckaty in protest at dump plan

By MARGARET SMITH



MUCKATY traditional owners from the Northern Territory have visited Adelaide, Sydney and Wollongong to

oppose a nuclear waste dump proposal for their country.

In Sydney recently they met and spoke with several groups, and took part in protests outside the 2009 World Nuclear Fuel Cycle Conference.

Muckaty, about 120km north of Tennant Creek, is one of four sites being considered for a nuclear dump in the Northern Territory.

The traditional owners made it clear they did not want any form of dump on their land.

Speaking during an anti-nuclear forum at Sydney University, Mark Chungaloo said the Government wanted to put the dump 'on my grandfather's land'.

"We're here to state that we need control of our land," he told the 300-strong audience.

Fellow traditional owner Dianne Stokes said: "We want to say to (the Federal Government) - no waste dump on our beautiful land. We want to let them know we will be challenging them at the next ALP national conference."

Countryman Mark Lane added: "We still get bush tucker and water from our land. If they brought the waste dump here they'd disrupt our everyday life."

"It's wrong because only two Aboriginal people gave



Muckaty traditional owner Dianne Stokes speaking at the protest rally in Sydney.

permission for the waste dump and they live out west. We live closer and together with other communities. We're a big mob."

Greens Senator Scott Ludlam, from Western Australia, said the traditional owners had been taken to the Lucas Heights plant in Sydney to see where nuclear waste was generated.

He said the Federal Government's recent change to the three-mine policy was fueling an expansion of uranium exploration in Australia.

● AAP reports that the Rudd Government will stand by an election promise to scrap legislation that paved the way for a nuclear waste dump in the Northern Territory. But the Government will not be giving up the search for a suitable site somewhere in Australia.

Resources Minister Martin Ferguson refused to say when his Government will scrap the legislation, or when Cabinet will receive recommendations from a report into a suitable site.

New Wallaga centre to support families

By LAURELLE PACEY

NSW

There was a real buzz when NSW Community Services

Minister Linda Burney recently opened the new Little Yin Family Centre at Wallaga Lake, southern NSW, in front of 160 people.

The centre is attached to the Little Yin Pre-school.

The \$380,000 construction cost was funded by the NSW

Department of Community Services (DoCS) which has also provided funding for an outreach worker. Ms Burney described the centre as 'an amazing achievement' that has clearly been 'a long labour of love'.

For Project Development Officer Gabrielle Powell, Elder Shirley Foster and the members of the pre-school committee, the Minister's comments were spot on because three years ago it looked like the centre would never happen.

The pre-school had closed and the community and the pre-school committee were at loggerheads with DoCS over pre-school funding and other issues.

The opening showed that

these relationships had come a long way since then.

Aunt Shirley said it was thanks to the support of so many people that the centre had finally opened, but she singled out DoCS Partnerships and Planning Manager for the region Linda Bunclark.

Ms Bunclark joined DoCS in late 2006 when emotions were running high.

She worked behind the scenes and with the community and her Federal colleagues to re-open the

family fun days.

The adjoining pre-school caters for 20 children and those families are expected to be the first to use the centre.

A former teacher, Ms Burney spoke passionately about the importance of the early years in a child's life.

"By providing localised support for families and quality early childhood education for children, we can be confident we are giving our precious children the best start to life."

'By providing localised support for families and quality early childhood education for children, we can be confident we are giving our precious children the best start to life'

— NSW Minister Linda Burney

pre-school in late 2006 and to get the long-promised centre back on track.

She said at the opening: "DoCS needs the pre-school and the family centre functioning".

The centre will support families in the community with parenting groups, early childhood medical screenings, as a homework centre, for training and meetings, and for

architect and builders, the Wallaga landscaping crew, Illawarra Children's Services, Bermagui Public School, the IMB Community Foundation, Mumbulla Foundation, the Bermagui Seaside Fair, and GetUp Narooma.

● The Little Yin Family Centre is an entirely separate project to the Outreach Centre featured in the last edition of *The Koori Mail*.



Elder Shirley Foster and NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney cut the ribbon at the opening of the new Little Yin Family Centre at Wallaga Lake.



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New South Wales Department of
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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.

YARRAWARRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

A General Meeting of Yarrawarra Aboriginal Corporation Members is scheduled to be held at the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Nuralamee Conference Centre, Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach on

**Sunday 17th May 2009
10.00am to 12.00 noon**

AGENDA: Adoption of revisions and changes to Rule Book as required under the Transition to the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006.

Copies of the proposed new Rule Book will be made available during business hours from Wednesday May 6th at the Yarrawarra Office (Corindi Beach)

All enquiries to:

02 6640 7100

Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, 170 Red Rock Road, Corindi Beach, NSW 2456

Cultural Fishing Consultations

The Fisheries Management Act 1994 is being amended to recognise cultural fishing as a legitimate activity in NSW. Feedback from Aboriginal people and communities is being sought about how access arrangements for cultural fishing can be streamlined.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries will be conducting a number of regional meetings during May and June to obtain feedback on: what is regarded as legitimate cultural fishing practice; how the process for issuing permits can be streamlined; and increasing awareness of the availability of cultural fishing permits under Section 37 of the Act.

Meetings will be held at the following locations and venues.

Location	Dates	Venue
Batemans Bay	12 May 9.30 am	BB Rugby Club, Hanging Rock Oval, Beach Road Catalina
Wagga Wagga	13 May 2.30 pm	DPI Offices, Pine Gully Road, Wagga Wagga
Coffs Harbour	25 May 9.30 am	Marine Science Centre, Bay Drive, Charlesworth Bay (opp Novotel)
Dubbo	26 May 12.00 pm	Carlton House, 212 Darling Street, Dubbo
Gosford	16 June 11 am	Suites 36-38, 207 Albany Street, North, Gosford NSW

Advice from the meetings will be used to help formulate guidelines for access for cultural fishing in NSW. All Aboriginal people with an interest or involvement in cultural fishing activities are invited to attend.

Further Information

The Cultural Fishing discussion paper may be viewed at www.dpi.nsw.gov.au or NSW DPI offices during business hours. Written submissions can be forwarded, no later than 30 June 2009, to:

Cultural Fishing
PO Box 21
CRONULLA NSW 2230
or Fax: 02 9527 8558
or email: cultural.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au



NSW DEPARTMENT OF
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Help shape the future of carer services in Queensland

The Minister for Disability Services is seeking nominations from carers and carer organisations interested in becoming members of the Queensland Carers Advisory Council.

The council will advise the Minister on carer issues and work to advance the interests of carers with Queensland government agencies, particularly in regard to the delivery of quality services for carers.

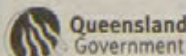
Three carers and three representatives of different carer organisations will be selected to serve on the council for a term of up to two years. Nominees should be aware of the concerns of local carers and their families and have strong community networks.

Carers in rural or remote areas, young carers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander carers, aged carers and carers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to nominate.

Council members will be reimbursed for any related out-of-pocket expenses.

Nominations for council membership close on 29 May 2009.

For more information and a nomination form, visit www.disability.qld.gov.au, email HRconsulting@ssa.qld.gov.au or phone (07) 3239 6621.



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Indigenous liaison officer for national War Memorial



THE Australian War Memorial in Canberra now has an Indigenous

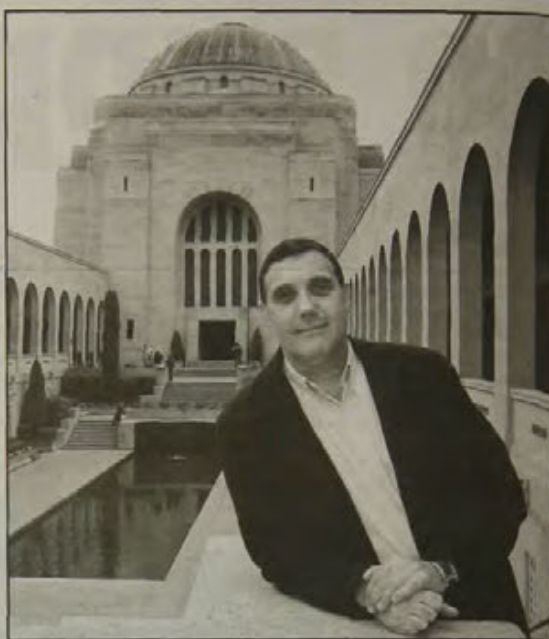
Liaison Officer. Long-time Memorial employee Gary Oakley, who is also President of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans and Service Association of Australia (ATSIVSAA), and a member of the Navy Reserve, has taken on the role.

He will work with community members on a research project to enhance the memorial's collection and representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service men and women.

Memorial Director Steve Gower welcomed the appointment, saying Mr Oakley had made significant contributions to enhancing the knowledge of Indigenous affairs across many issues.

"With this appointment Gary will provide an important point of contact between the Indigenous community and the Memorial," he said.

The Memorial holds a large collection of material related to Indigenous servicemen and women. This includes embarkation information, prisoner of war records, Red



Gary Oakley at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra.

Cross files, personal letters, service details, photographs and medals.

Mr Oakley will also assist the Memorial in a research project to place specific records into a single database that will provide links between

the Memorial's Indigenous records and its collection material.

While in its early stages, it is believed the project will be a significant resource.

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NT warning on doctors



INDIGENOUS health will improve only if the Federal Government overhauls the system for recruiting doctors

to the bush, the Northern Territory Government has warned.

Speaking ahead of a meeting of Australia's health ministers in Canberra this week, NT Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said a chronic shortage of doctors was undermining health outcomes.

"We simply will not be able to address the health issues in the bush while this inequity remains," he said.

On a per head basis, the NT has the least number of GPs nationwide, and about half the number of GPs in NSW.

This means that Territorians get only half the Medicare funding, and about a third of the pharmaceutical benefits funding, received by most other Australians, Mr Vatskalis says.

He is calling for a fresh national approach to ensure more doctors and other medical professionals work in remote areas.

"There is a chronic shortage

of doctors in remote areas and innovative solutions are required," he said.

"Access to quality health care should not be dependent on where you live."

Mr Vatskalis also warned the Rudd Government risked jeopardising its own goal of closing the 17-year gap in Indigenous life expectancy within a generation.

"Attracting more doctors to remote areas is essential if we are to close the gap on Indigenous health," he said.

'Not all about money'

"The Territory Government continues to offer increased salary packages and conditions but doctors say it is not all about money."

As part of a range of initiatives designed to tackle the problem, the NT Government is proposing remote Medicare rebates are expanded while tax concessions are increased for community-based health services.

Establishing a nationwide registry to find locums to temporarily fill vacancies would also reduce duplication and costs, while an NT-based medical school would help train

people who have already elected to live in the region.

The NT Government is also advocating a remote placement incentive points system whereby people are professionally rewarded for their time out bush.

"Doctors working in the bush face a range of health issues, challenges and experiences beyond what they would typically have to deal with in urban areas and they should be rewarded," Mr Vatskalis said.

"Put simply, a remote placement incentive points system would assist a doctor that spends more time in the bush to obtain urban placements and urban-based Medicare provider numbers."

Mr Vatskalis said he was taking the proposal with him to Canberra, where he would put it to the AMA and the Australian Health Ministers' Conference.

His announcement came as the Country Liberals accused the NT Government of neglecting regional hospitals in its budget spending plans.

Royal Darwin Hospital will get \$20 million of the almost \$30 million in additional funds earmarked for hospitals.

ACCO is delivering



THE newly-formed Aboriginal Communities Charitable Organisation (ACCO) is officially up and running following the delivery of three pallets of non-perishable food to Port Hedland in Western

Australia late last month.

With the support of Foodbank, Newcrest Mining, and Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation, ACCO is working to supply Aboriginal families with healthy and inexpensive groceries through a local distribution outlet at Pundulmurra TAFE in South Hedland.

ACCO aims to:

- Create a sustainable food supply for families

- Teach the community to grow food

- Provide nutrition education

- Facilitate training and job placement.

ACCO was formed in late 2008 as a non-profit charitable organisation to help close the gap in local Indigenous communities.

The idea came about from a common desire to make a difference to the lives of Aboriginal families living in Pilbara's mining centres, where food and housing prices can be artificially high.

Frequent flooding in the region also means communities can be cut off from food supplies, and ACCO says it is working to establish an emergency-response plan for the cyclone season.

Chairperson Margaret Rose said:

"ACCO is the result of many volunteers and organisations working together to bring real

Homeless Support workers Donita Larry, Clem Taylor and Bethwyn Ryder, ACCO Chairperson Margaret Rose, YMAC's Cris Olegario and Chris Bail, from Linfox, with the first shipment from Foodbank WA.



benefit to Aboriginal people.

"The tremendous support we have received so far shows the spirit of the Pilbara."

Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation CEO Simon Hawkins said: "ACCO members live locally and understand their

community's needs. They are in the best position to identify local issues and solutions.

"With support and donations, we hope ACCO can keep providing healthy groceries to people who need it most."

ACCO is seeking partners, volunteers

and direct donations before the official launch of the ACCO Food Distribution Outlet in July. For more information, contact Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation business development officer Cris Olegario at colegario@yamatji.org.au or (08) 9172 5433.



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As part of the Australia's Farming Future initiative, FarmReady Reimbursement Grants fund eligible farmers, fishers, foresters and Indigenous land managers to attend approved training courses. The grant can be used to cover course costs, travel, accommodation and childcare expenses.

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- > farm business management

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES AND FORESTRY

Fitzroy Crossing's

Halls Creek residents will soon learn whether takeaway sales of full-strength alcohol will be banned in their remote Kimberley town. But 300kms to the west, in Fitzroy Crossing, such bans have been in place for 18 months. *Koori Mail* Editor KIRSTIE PARKER visited Fitzroy Crossing and found that, while people were wary of speaking too soon, things might be looking up.



THE people of Fitzroy Crossing are a largely understated mob. Even tall tales seem to be relayed in a low-key kind of way, so it should probably come as no surprise that even the optimists amongst them aren't yet willing to declare the town's alcohol restrictions a success.

But, 18 months on, hope is blooming in Fitzroy Crossing.

When *The Koori Mail* visited the town at the end of April, we found general consensus that the restrictions had provided some of the 'breathing space' badly needed by the town's 1000-or-so residents.

And in a town where some people estimate that nearly all 170 deaths over a period of five years were directly due to grog, such concessions count.

Divisions do remain, with some people maintaining that the restrictions – which effectively ban indefinitely takeaway sales of drinks with an alcohol content of more than 2.7 per cent from the town's two liquor outlets – are racist and undemocratic.

But others, like representatives of the local women's centre and police, are just as staunch in believing that the restrictions are a justifiable first step in reclaiming the town's future.

The alcohol restrictions started in September 2007 in the midst of an inquest into 22 suicides in the northern Kimberley.

Six months later, in February last year, State Coroner Alistair Hope made 27 recommendations to address 'massive' alcohol abuse in the region which he said combined with poor education, health and housing to contribute to the high suicide rates.

His 212-page report warned that the 'disaster of Aboriginal health, suicide rates and living conditions in the Kimberley' would only get worse unless governments displayed more leadership and better co-ordination.

Last month, anti-grog campaigners were buoyed by a statistical snapshot that revealed fewer drink driving charges and alcohol-related police callouts, fewer and less serious emergency department presentations, and a slashing of the amount of pure alcohol sold in the 12 months to October last year, compared to the period immediately pre-restrictions.



Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre CEO June Oscar at her desk.

But the dusty little town, whose place on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River has been immortalised in song, still has a long road ahead of it.

Strong evidence has emerged that, while alcohol may be loosening its grip there, its legacy has already bloomed in the form of high rates of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, including the serious Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

Soon, screening for the latter will begin so that health officials and the families and other carers of children and babies suffering from the debilitating life-long condition will have a better idea of what they're up against.

Not a pretty picture

The pre-restrictions picture was not pretty and was built, says CEO of the local Marninwarntikura Women's Resource Centre June Oscar, around a chronic oversupply of alcohol which had built up in the town over about 40 years.

"Because of the culture of binge drinking that had developed, we were experiencing incredible grief and trauma," Ms Oscar told *The Koori Mail*.

"This was a community that was always attending funerals. During 2006-2007, we attended around 50 funerals and we had 13 suicides in 13 months.

"We had premature deaths of old people, and people who were living in fear of being abused or harassed. Many of our elderly

and young people were being deprived of sleep which, under international human rights laws, is a form of torture.

"There was no family in this valley that was free from any pain and suffering. It was becoming part of the norm."

For all of the promising results indicated by the aforementioned 'snapshot', surprise findings included increases in the number of reported domestic violence incidents (up 23 per cent, from 87 incidents per month to 114) and in the number of such incidents where alcohol was a factor (up 20 per cent, from 74 per month to 93 per month).

But June Oscar is comfortable with these findings because, she says, they show that women in the town are finally finding their voices – aided, in part, by higher levels of sobriety.

"People are feeling a lot stronger and are saying 'we don't have to tolerate this'," she said. "People are defending the new-found sense of hope and security that they have."

Ms Oscar said increased responsiveness by local police and the availability of two lawyers through the resource centre for two weeks a month had also contributed to growing resolve against alcohol abuse.

Officially, the restrictions have begun to address the chronic over-supply of alcohol that Ms Oscar and her fellow campaigners have railed against.

While the sale of alcohol for on-premises consumption at the town's Crossing Inn has increased, takeaway sales have decreased,

resulting in a huge drop in the overall amount of alcohol sold from the popular pub.

In the three months from July to September 2007, the equivalent of 9360 litres of pure alcohol was sold at the Crossing Inn. For the July to September period in 2008, that amount was down to less than a quarter at 2079 litres.

It is believed that the trend is the same at the town's other pub, the more upmarket Fitzroy River Lodge that caters more for tourists and local 'cockies' than townsfolk, although perhaps not as dramatic.

Unofficially, though, the amount of alcohol entering Fitzroy Crossing is undoubtedly more.

Every pay day, at least a dozen more cars than usual are said to hit the road out of town and head for Broome, Derby or Halls Creek – a round trip of at least 500kms – to stock up on full-strength grog.

Grog Sprints

And these 'grog sprints' were a big concern for virtually everyone who spoke to *The Koori Mail*.

More people on the roads meant more driver fatigue, more drink driving and more risks due to straying cattle. Interviewees said accidents on the roads in and out of Fitzroy Crossing had increased sharply but local police deny this, insisting that there've been just two serious accidents since the

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Big distances separate Fitzroy Crossing from other Kimberley region towns, including Halls Creek and Wyndham.



Wear brights ... Signage erected along the road to the Crossing Inn by the Crossing Aboriginal Pedestrian Road Safety Project.



Some residents say road accidents have increased since the alcohol restrictions were imposed, an assertion that local police deny.

Long road ahead

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restrictions came into force. "That's actually rumour and innuendo being passed around by people who oppose the restrictions," said local police sergeant Travis Lupton of the claims.

An Aboriginal man born and bred in the Kimberley, Sgt Lupton is one of 22 officers stationed in Fitzroy Crossing and has spent the past 13-14 years policing locally.

He conceded that many of the cars headed out of town each week for supplies would – quite legally – bring back up to ten cartons (or 240 cans) of full-strength beer each and/or spirits, including the pre-mixed variety largely favoured by the town's younger drinkers.

Nevertheless, Sgt Lupton said things were improving. He said quite a few locals had actually given up drinking and moved back to smaller communities outside of town.

According to the statistical 'snapshot', local police attended 18 per cent fewer tasks within the restrictions period and the local hospital emergency department registered 36 per cent fewer and far less serious alcohol-related presentations.

At the pointer end of the spectrum, Sgt Lupton said that, before the restrictions, the town averaged four murders a year but the last one had been about 18 months ago – about the time the restrictions were first imposed.

Less contentious to him were residents' assertions that the price of alcohol had increased and that 'sly groggers' were ripping off desperate townsfolk (a bottle of spirits that might cost about \$40 in Derby and \$25-30 moselle casks often fetched \$100 or more).

Local married father-of-two Nelson Bieundurry, 39, was amongst those with mixed feelings about the restrictions.

"We drink and it's our right to choose," he said, sitting outside the local Tarunda Supermarket on one of the mornings when *The Koori Mail* was in town.

"But I think the restrictions are pretty good, they've stopped a lot of violence in town."

"It was a pretty rough place before."

Allan Dededar said he disliked the alcohol restrictions when they first came in, but had changed his mind.

"I have started noticing people getting more sensible," said the 56-year-old.

"When you drink light beer, it's better. You go to sleep and make no nuisance. You used to see a lot of people drinking around the streets but, nowadays, all civilised."

But Mr Dededar admitted that old habits died hard.

"I wouldn't mind if the restrictions were to stay, but when I hit Derby and Broome town, I hit it hard," he says with a rueful smile.

One 23-year-old mum of four, who asked to remain anonymous, said she used to drink, but not anymore.

"I stopped drinking for my kids' sake and to save money," she said.

"People who drink, they've got no money for any toys and food. But, with the alcohol restrictions, there's not much fighting. Fitzroy Crossing will be a better town for the kids if the restrictions stay."

Eva Nargoodan, from Jimbalakudun community, about halfway between Fitzroy Crossing and Derby, said that while people seemed to behave better after drinking low-strength grog, she found it hard to support the restrictions wholeheartedly.

"Every day we can see people go past on their way into town," she said.

"They go to Derby to buy the



Isaac William Hale and his aunt Maisie Yakai outside the Tarunda Supermarket.



Eva and John Nargoodan, from Jimbalakudun community.



The Crossing Inn, at Fitzroy Crossing.

full-strength and, when they come back at night time, they call into our block to have a drink.

"It's okay if they have a sleep, but some people drive on out when they are drinking

session in full swing with about 120 people present.

Some drinkers – determined to resist encouragement towards takeaway 'water', as they dismissed low-strength beer –

of male and female patrons who yarned or waited for a turn on the pool tables. Every few minutes, a taxi pulled up outside and belched new customers for the pub.

Local Bunuba woman, and a worker at the women's resource centre, Selina Middleton said the restrictions meant that young people under the legal drinking age seemed to be drinking more.

"They go to (Derby) town and they might stock up on four or five bottles of rum or other spirits while they're there," she said. "When they come back they know they have all this alcohol and they just keep drinking till it's all gone."

"But at least the Government is hearing the people about FAS now. That's the best thing about the restrictions."

Selina's daughter Marita Middleton said she believed there were now more suicides and more young people smoking cannabis or 'gunja'.

"They are calling this place 'drug land'," she said, but added with relief that the use of harder drugs was still fairly rare.

Isaac William Hale was visibly angry about the restrictions.

The 42-year-old father-of-four works on CDEP and also has his own general contracting business.

"I want to know if Aboriginal people have rights in Australia?" he demanded to know. "We have a right to buy alcohol."

"At the Crossing Inn, people are getting banned for life and then they just go to another town."

"They've had the biggest mob of accidents just from travelling to Derby for full-strength."

"When they made these rules, they came from the women's group and did not talk to the people in the valley."

The rights argument is one that June Oscar meets head-on.

"People feel that they have a right to drink, but the ability to have a drink is a privilege and that privilege can be taken off you or limited," she countered to *The Koori Mail*.

"And what about the rights of children, old people, women and those in society – including men – who want to live free of fear and violence and abuse?"

"They have rights but I have never come across any right to drink enshrined in any international law."

Clearly, the story of alcohol restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing still has a few more chapters to it, in fact whole tomes.

One of those will be a qualitative report due mid-year from the Broome-based Notre Dame University, encompassing comprehensive feedback from residents, authorities and service providers in the town.

In the meantime, a lament of local Nelson Bieundurry echoes loudly in this reporter's mind.

"This is the only town in the Kimberley that does not have an AA group," he reveals. And, startlingly, "many of my peers decide to break the law to go to prison to stop drinking and get help".

"When they come back out, they just go back to it. They have their cousins and other family saying 'Hey, have a beer'," Mr Bieundurry said.

"People have got to remember there's reasons why Aboriginal people drink. That man over there just lost his brother; he was crying before."

"Drinking is escape. Have a few drinks and you can forget everything."

An Aboriginal community trust, Leedal Pty Ltd, is the major shareholder in the Crossing Inn, the Fitzroy River Lodge and the Tarunda Supermarket. Representatives of Leedal did not return *The Koori Mail's* calls last week.

'This is the only town in the Kimberley that does not have an AA group ... many of my peers decide to break the law and go to prison to stop drinking and get help' – Local resident Nelson Bieundurry



and next day we hear there's been an accident."

On what was pay day for some, *The Koori Mail* visited the public bar at the Crossing Inn to find the early afternoon

openly admitted to spending more time at the pub than before.

Two particular full-strength beers appeared to be the tipple of choice and empty cans were lined up on tables in front

Official Visitor

ACMENA JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE
(Grafton)

Official Visitor appointments are made by the Minister for Juvenile Justice under the *Children (Detention Centres) Act 1987*. The Official Visitor provides the Minister with independent information regarding services to young people in the State's Juvenile Justice Centres. Matters are raised during interviews with young people and staff of departmental facilities, and resolved through support and advocacy.

Official Visitors are required to visit their nominated centre fortnightly and to inform the minister on emerging issues through discussions and biannual written reports. Official Visitors are reimbursed their costs and are paid on a fee-for-visit basis, including a motor vehicle allowance.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA: It is expected the successful applicant will demonstrate:

- Capacity to understand issues relevant to juvenile justice facilities, including national standards;
- Commitment to young people in custody or residential facilities;
- Experience in working with young people;
- Understanding of special needs and diverse cultural backgrounds;
- Good communication skills;
- Problem solving ability; and
- Knowledge of, and ability to interpret, legislation.

Applications are invited from men and women. People of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds and non-English speaking backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package.

For further information telephone **Ms Kathleen Pimms** on (02)9226 2593.

Please forward your claim for the position along with an up to date personal resume. **Applications close on Friday 22 May 2009** and should be sent to:

Ms Kathleen Pimms
Office of the Minister for Juvenile Justice
Level 13
55 Hunter Street
Sydney NSW 2000

Note: It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a Working With Children Check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, Apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. Current departmental staff, or those employed by the Department of Juvenile Justice in the last ten years, are not permitted to apply.

WA income trials are expanded

By Perth correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE West Australian and Federal governments have expanded income management trials to include vast

tracts of suburban Perth as well as the entire Kimberley region in the far north of the state.

WA Child Protection Minister Robyn McSweeney said the regions of Cannington, Midland, Mirrabooka and Joondalup would be included in the 12-month trial, which is based on school truancy rates and applications for financial assistance through Centrelink.

Under the trial, families will have 70 per cent of their welfare income and 100 per cent of Federal Government stimulus payments quarantined to ensure children are properly fed and cared for and attend school.

The trials have been criticised by some groups, including the Aboriginal Legal Service in WA (ALSWA) which says control of any aspect of the lives of Aboriginal people should not be imposed by government.

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said many people had grave reservations about the legality of the trial.

"In the long term I think that there are some people who are saying 'let's hold on for a minute' because it is a denial of people's rights, people's civil rights to be able to run and manage their own affairs," he said.

"There are many Aboriginal people who can still remember welfare days where not only was money managed but people's movement and travel and all kinds of things was managed, so there's still this uneasiness about having things forced on us."

Ms McSweeney denied the income management trials would unfairly target Aboriginal families, saying most people



'Many Aboriginal people can still remember welfare days so there's still this uneasiness about having things forced on us'

— **ALSWA CEO**
Dennis Eggington

'They can be income managed up to 70 per cent ... which means their bills are paid, children are not neglected...'

— **WA Minister**
Robyn McSweeney



were grateful for the help offered by Centrelink officers to better manage their financial affairs.

"You look at the figures for the Department for Child Protection and you see how many people are coming in there for financial assistance, and you look at it in a Centrelink region as well," she said.

Decision

"(The Department for) Child Protection sees the clients and refers them to Centrelink, and Centrelink makes the decision on whether they're on income management or not.

"They can be income managed up to 70 per cent, which means all their bills are paid, children are not neglected. They go to school, they're fed,

bills are managed, they get a BasicsCard that they can buy food on. They can't have alcohol or cigarettes. They have to buy food."

Mr Eggington said he would like to see a detailed review of the trials before the system is rolled out in other areas as is being planned by the Government.

"I think the jury's still out for it to be expanded all over the place without some kind of assessment," he said.

"I'm not privy to any assessment of the Cannington or the Kimberley welfare reforms, and I would think that government would want to see how effective they've been in reducing expenditure in areas that don't see money going to kids."



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

Loans scheme for Alice Springs



FAMILIES on low incomes in Alice Springs may have access to safe, affordable loans that are interest-free, have no fees attached, and can help them purchase essential household items.

The No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS), set up in the region by National Australia Bank (NAB), Anglicare NT and Good Shepherd Youth & Family Service, was launched by NT Central Australia Minister Karl Hampton.

NAB says NILS loans are small – in the region of \$800 to \$1000 – and are free of interest and fees. They are designed to help people and families buy essential household items such as fridges and washing machines.

The bank says the NILS loans program also provides borrowers with financial mentoring and assistance to help develop financial literacy and skills.

The loans are available through Anglicare NT, at 16 Hartley Street, Alice Springs.



Government of
Western Australia
Department for Communities

Provision of Psychological and Social Assessment Reports for Redress WA Applicants

Tender No: DFC0063

The Department for Communities (Redress WA) is seeking to establish a panel of qualified Registered Psychologists and Social Workers for the provision of Psychological and Social Assessment Reports for Redress WA Applicants.

Tender documents are available from:

Department for Communities
DTF - Client Procurement Services
1st Floor, 189 Royal Street
EAST PERTH WA 6004

Ph: (08) 9222 2556 or Ph: (08) 9222 2522.

Tender documents can also be downloaded from the Tenders WA website at www.tenders.wa.gov.au

Closing Date: Wednesday 3 June 2009 at 11.00am (Perth, Western Australia)

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

The Heritage Council of NSW maintains the State Heritage Register which is a list of places of particular importance to the people of NSW, including Aboriginal and other heritage.

The Heritage Council is currently considering whether or not to recommend the listing of:

The Ben Hall Sites: Escort Rock, Eugowra; Cliefden, Mandurama; Wand, Manulan; Bushranger Hotel, Collector; Ben Hall's Death Site, Yarragong; Ben Hall's Grave, Forbes

on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

The Heritage Council is interested in receiving information in writing, by telephone or in person from the Aboriginal community or Aboriginal organisations on the potential Aboriginal significance of this place. Please post written information to the address below until 27 May 2009.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koenenman, Aboriginal Heritage Officer, on toll free number 1800 789 290 or (02) 9873 8534, or Lucy Moore on (02) 9873 8535.

Heritage Council of New South Wales
Locked Bag 5020, Parramatta NSW 2124



Australian Government



Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Federal and New South Wales governments

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Munnell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

Progress update - May to July 2009

- Continue boundary fencing and utility relocation.
- Switch traffic onto the Pacific Highway diversion currently under construction north of Cumbalum.
- Continue bulk earthworks between Ross Lane and the Brunner Highway.
- Continue construction of the Ross Lane interchange and switch traffic onto the new Ross Lane bridge.
- Commence construction of retaining walls around the Sandy Flat area.
- Complete construction of the Ross Lane bridge and Sandy Flat Road underpass.
- Complete construction of the Emigrant Creek central bridge platform.
- Complete substructure works at the Cumbalum flood relief bridges.
- Commence installation of the Teven Road bridge beams and implement a temporary closure of Teven Road over a three day period.
- Complete the first span of the balanced cantilever bridge at Emigrant Creek south.

Traffic conditions

Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

Safety

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Construction hours

Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free) email community.enquiries@ballinabypass.com.au or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Ballina bypass)



Back, from left, rangers Edward King, Aaron King, Team Mentor Richard Burer, Team Co-ordinator Nigel Appo, Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Jean Boussard and Noel King. Front, from left, Ngulingah LALC Project Officer Tracey King and female rangers Linda Phillips and Monica Laurie.

Rangers start restoration at sacred rocks

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



EIGHT Aboriginal rangers have started on a five-year project to restore the bio-diversity and traditional knowledge of Nimbin Rocks, one of the most culturally significant sites in Bundjalung country, northern New South Wales.

The Working on Country Project was launched last month at the foot of the sacred rocks and will include the planting of bush foods and weed control.

Bundjalung Elder Bertha Kapeen gave the welcome to country and said taking care of land was central to Aboriginal culture.

Project Officer Tracey King said six men would work directly on-site, closest to the rocks, an area traditionally only accessible to men.

Meanwhile two female rangers would complement this work by raising and maintaining seedlings for use in regenerating the native vegetation cover. She said a nursery would be built with the target of propagating 20,000 plants this year, along with the collection of seeds from local native species and bush foods.

Ms King said the project was the result of a Federal Government grant of \$1.8

Bundjalung cultural site to benefit from \$1.8m project



Indigenous ranger Dean Williams is on the Nimbin Rocks team.

million and was a partnership between Ngulingah Local Aboriginal Land Council and EnvITE NSW. She said the launch signified the start of a strong working

relationship between Bundjalung people and other agencies to maintain the cultural significance of the site. Local Elders, traditional owners and custodians would all play an important role, she said.

The team will be led by co-ordinator Nigel Appo and mentored by EnvITE's Richard Burer, who said the recent rains had hampered work somewhat, but the time had been well utilised in team building.

The rangers will work towards the completion of a Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management through EnvITE, and Ms King said with their on-the-job training, they would be much better positioned for future work opportunities.

Also supporting the project are Richmond Landcare Services and Ecotechnology Australia, Lismore City Council, Department of Environment and Climate Change and Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority.



REGISTRATION OF INTEREST FOR ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION

KOONDROOK - PERRICootA FOREST FLOOD ENHANCEMENT WORKS

REGISTRATION CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY 14th MAY 2009

The Koondrook-Perricoota forest is located in NSW along the Murray River between Moama and Barham. The NSW Department of Commerce, on behalf of the Department of Water and Energy, and the Department of Primary Industries (Forests NSW), is seeking registration of interest from Aboriginal Communities or individuals with traditional interest, who have an interest in being consulted in regard to cultural heritage for the proposed flood enhancement works at Koondrook-Perricoota Forest.

Registration of Interest are invited in writing to NSW Department of Commerce, 4 Coleman Street, Wagga Wagga, 2650 (PO Box 2192, Wagga Wagga) by 14th May 2009.

Enquiries should be directed to **Matthew Lai** of the **Wagga Wagga Office** on (02)6938 2882.

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Funding support to assist in
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The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) has limited funds available to Stolen Generations' organisations or organisations which service members of the Stolen Generations.

Examples of eligible activities include peer support programs, outreach services and other community engagement initiatives, referral services, production and purchase of educational resources, capacity building activities, newsletters or telephone support services.

To apply for funding, please contact the FaHCSIA Reconciliation Section for a copy of the funding guidelines and application form. **Applications close 5pm Monday 18 May 2009.**

For further information or for an application pack please contact:

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Public Housing Tenants - Your chance to become a champion Joint Champions Tenant Participation Group

Housing ACT is calling for interested Housing ACT tenants to forward an application to participate as a member of the Joint Champions' tenant participation group.

The Joint Champions Group, established in 2005, provides tenants with an opportunity to take part in and manage activities and to represent the interests of tenants in public housing by advocating.

The group which is comprised of public housing tenants and Housing ACT staff meets six times a year to discuss a program of tenant participation.

Housing ACT tenant Evalyn Smith is a champion - and it's a role she relishes with pride.

Evalyn has been a member of Housing ACT's tenant participation group, called "Joint Champions Group" for more than two years, a forum comprising tenants and Housing ACT staff which meets regularly to jointly consider a range of public housing issues.

"Joint Champions Group is perhaps an odd name," Evalyn said. "But being involved with the group gives us the opportunity to learn how the structures of Housing ACT work, what resources are available to us and how to solve problems."

"We are group of people from various backgrounds who are interested in giving a voice to public housing tenants."

"While we take the opportunity to make constructive suggestions, we often share a laugh over a cup of tea during the breaks in meetings."

"New members are currently being sought for the

2009 to 2011 Joint Champions Group," Housing and Community Services Executive Director Maureen Sheehan said.

"The role of tenant members is to provide advice to Housing ACT on policy and business rules and ways in which communication with tenants may be strengthened," Ms Sheehan said.

"Tenant members also represent the interests of other tenants in public housing, particularly in dealing with systemic issues of concern."

Since its inception in 2005, the Joint Champions Group has been involved in activities including the coordination of Tenancy Week, as well as participation in the annual Art Show, Ms Sheehan said.

"A highlight of 2009 was the involvement of some members of the JCG in preparing two submissions to the ACT Chief Minister's Affordable Housing Taskforce, outlining their views on addressing homelessness and ageing in the ACT."

"Housing ACT assisted in providing a consultative forum and advice on presentation and governmental procedures, but the submissions were the initiative of the members," Ms Sheehan said.

Tenants requiring further information or who would like assistance to submit their application should telephone Housing ACT on 02 6207 5098 or 02 6207 1507.

Alternatively, please email evalyn.smith@act.gov.au or michelle.anderson@act.gov.au

Application close on 29 May 2009.

Workshops help youth plan for their futures



INDIGENOUS youth enterprise workshops will be held in Western Sydney

on 13 May. Indigenous students from west Sydney high schools will gather at Blacktown Olympic Park for a day of activities.

The event starts at 9am with registrations and morning tea followed by a welcome to country at 9.30am. It is being co-ordinated by Young Achievement Australia through the support of Indigenous Business Australia and Blacktown City Council.

The workshops aim to develop the knowledge and skills of Indigenous young

people to empower them to identify future business, employment, education and training opportunities.

Students will participate in workshops on public speaking, business skills and goal-making.

Role models

The students, from Years 7 to 11, will hear first-hand about the experiences and achievements of successful Indigenous role models.

Aboriginal actor and cultural educator Jie Pittman will host the event, which will also be broadcast live on Koori Radio 93.7FM.

Students will also be entertained by 2005 Australian

Idol winner Casey Donovan and hip-hop artist Munkimuk. They will also participate in AFL clinics conducted by the AFL's NSW/ACT Indigenous Coordination Team.

At the conclusion of the day students will take home packs containing information and resources which aim to assist them in their future endeavours.

To participate in the event, students must complete a registration form which can be obtained by contacting Sara Hamilton, Indigenous Program Manager at Young Achievement Australia, on (02) 9299 8879 or visiting www.yaa.org.au

Workshops are being planned for Brisbane and Melbourne.



Jackie Jarrett and Dixie Link-Gordon from Mudgin-Gal in Sydney spread the news on Tackling Violence.

Violence to be tackled



THE Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Women's Corporation at Chippendale in

Sydney has signed up as a major partner in the NSW Government's anti-domestic violence project, Tackling Violence.

The project provides \$5000 sponsorship to five regional and rural Rugby League clubs with significant numbers of Aboriginal players to run local campaigns to reduce domestic violence and raise awareness of the issue.

The program is a NSW Government scheme led by Community Services Minister Linda Burney. Other partners in the project include the Australian Rugby League (ARL), National Indigenous TV and the National Rugby League (NRL).

Support services

Ms Burney said Mudgin-Gal would provide support services, particularly to women and girls, in the clubs' communities.

"Former Australian player Larry Corowa and Mudgin-Gal

Director Dixie Link-Gordon will run workshops for teams, their partners, coaches and club officials, young men and women, and schools," the Minister said.

"These workshops will focus on the nature and impact of domestic violence, especially on children, the law and strategies to prevent and resolve conflicts in families."

Ms Link-Gordon said Mudgin-Gal was proud to be involved in a project that will help reduce domestic violence in Aboriginal communities.

Gab Titui centre's fifth anniversary



Father Bon gives the opening speech and blesses the food.



A welcome to country address was given by Joseph Wasaga.



Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairperson Toshie Kris spoke passionately about the Gab Titui centre.



A section of the crowd watches a performance by the Ariw Poenipan dance group.

Celebration attracts 500



ABOUT 500 people turned out on 23 April to mark the fifth anniversary of the Gab Titui Cultural Centre on Thursday Island. Organisers hailed the celebration as fitting for the Torres Strait's cultural keeping place and major tourist attraction. Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairperson Toshie Kris praised the

centre, saying it had passed all expectations in its first five years.

"The cultural centre has earned regional, state and national acknowledgement for its contribution towards Torres Strait cultural maintenance, revitalisation and preservation," he said.

"Most importantly, the Gab Titui centre has made significant progress on its aim to promote and preserve

Torres Strait's art and culture."

Mr Kris said almost 45,000 people had visited the centre since it opened, and Gab Titui had been central to lifting the profile of the region as home to talented artists and craftspeople.

Celebrations featured performances by Poruma Island dancers and the Ariw Poenipan dance group.

● Photos by George Dann, Gab Titui Cultural Centre



Poruma Island dancers during their performance to mark the Gab Titui Centre's fifth anniversary.

Gumbgainggir women share culture



GUMBGAINGGIR women have shared their culture during a recent women's gathering at the Yarrowarra Cultural Centre, on the far north coast of NSW.

Organiser and local Gumbgainggir woman Alison Williams said activities included a traditional smoking ceremony, story-telling, basket weaving, bush tucker collection and cooking, body painting and dancing.

"The emphasis was on getting involved, with participating women making baskets, cooking damper using bush tucker herbs and screenprinting their own souvenir t-shirts with an Aboriginal design they had chosen," she said.

"The retreat brought a special sense of bonding and a deep insight into a rich and ancient culture, and the participating women are determined to stay in touch."

Ms Williams said other activities were planned this year. For more information, call Sally Wilson on 0409 824 803 or email: yarrowarra_womens_network@bigpond.com

● Pictured: Participants showing the baskets they made at the gathering.



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Indigenous heritage to benefit



INDIGENOUS heritage is set to benefit from a \$60 million allocation under the Federal Government's Jobs Fund.

Federal Heritage Minister Peter Garrett said the funding would be an investment in Australia's historic, Indigenous and natural heritage and would provide an economic stimulus by focusing on projects that have an immediate employment impact, as well as ongoing economic benefits.

The Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape in Victoria was the first project to benefit, with just over \$360,000 being provided to the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners and the

Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporations for the Budj Bim Tracks. It will include track construction and improvement, and the development of interpretation and directional signage.

"The new construction work is expected to support local

"The story of Budj Bim and the Gunditjmarra people who live in the region are intimately linked to the volcanic eruption of Mount Eccles around 30,000 years ago.

"The Gunditjmarra people took advantage of the changing environment to develop the

'The Gunditjmarra people took advantage of the changing environment to develop ... an ingenious system of channels, fishtraps and weirs'

landscape into an ingenious system of channels, fishtraps and weirs, providing the basis for one of the world's oldest known aquaculture systems and one of Australia's earliest settled societies.

"Thousands of years later, this forward-thinking Aboriginal community continues to take advantage of the environment and heritage value of this unique landscape to provide economic growth in this part of Australia."

business, support jobs in the area, and also provide for future employment opportunities through increased tourism, particularly for local Gunditjmarra people," Mr Garrett said.

Protection for Breakaways



SOUTH Australia's unique Breakaways Reserve will be protected thanks to the efforts of traditional owners, local government and the South Australian Government. Located about 25km north-west of Coober Pedy, the Breakaways Reserve area has been the backdrop for some of Australia's most successful films and is a popular attraction for travellers.

New signs have been erected in the reserve to inform visitors of the importance of preserving the

Breakaways and respecting the native title claimants, the Antakirinja Matuntjara Yankunytjatjara people, who have a strong connection to the 70-million-years-old landscape.

National Native Title Tribunal Deputy President Chris Sumner is facilitating negotiations for an Indigenous land use agreement over the Breakaways Reserve area between the native title claimants, the SA Government and the District Council of Coober Pedy. He says the parties are united in their plan to maintain the reserve for future generations.



Coloured Diggers marchers are greeted by a smoking ceremony before the service at Redfern Park.



Family remembered ... a solemn moment for this proud young marcher.

Hundreds join for Coloured Diggers march

Photos by AMANDA JAMES



HUNDREDS of people, black and white, came together on Anzac Day for the third Redfern Coloured Diggers March to commemorate and honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander service personnel.

The Sydney event was a major part of the fast-growing national acknowledgement of the importance of Indigenous servicemen and women and the need for greater recognition of their place in Australian history.

A large crowd was at Redfern Park in perfect weather for the march and subsequent service.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney, who was at the ceremony, said Aboriginal diggers had in the past been excluded from the Anzac legend.

Fought courageously

"Indigenous diggers, both men and women, fought courageously for Australia in overseas conflicts at a time when they were not even considered citizens of their own country," she said.

"They were among our true heroes, but many diggers returned home to find their bravery, service and sacrifice were barely recognised and they faced a continuation of the white Australia policy. These Aboriginal service men and women are now rightfully part of this tradition."

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton urged all Australians to pay tribute to those who served in wartime conflicts.

"Their service and sacrifice should never, ever be diminished, forgotten or taken for granted," she said.



Part of the Coloured Diggers Anzac service in Redfern Park.



NSW Governor Marie Bashir was again a welcome honoured guest.



Indigenous veteran and march organiser David Williams during the march.



They haven't forgotten ... there were many family members like these who remember loved ones who fought for their country.

How bigotry and white men's fears cost Australia an Aboriginal guerrilla force during World War II

During World War II the fears of Japanese invasion were so real that a little-known experiment was carried out in the Kimberley region of Western Australia as a way of trying to find the most effective method to deal with a Japanese ground force. The experiment involved an ex-army journalist and a squad of 13 Aboriginal men from Liveringa Station in July 1942, when the Japanese Airforce was regularly bombing Australia. *Koori Mail* Perth correspondent KEN BOASE reports...

THE threat of Japanese invasion of Australia in 1942 was very real. On 19 February the first of 64 bombing raids was made on Darwin, and in Western Australia there were more than a dozen attacks from Broome to Exmouth.

There were a total of 97 raids against military targets right across Australia's north, with the first of the Broome attacks on 3 March, killing 70 people and destroying 24 aircraft including a flying boat carrying refugees from Indonesia.

The *West Australian* newspaper decided to send a correspondent to Broome to report on the situation on the ground in the Kimberley, and journalist and ex-soldier Cyril Longmore was chosen for the task.

He was dispatched from Perth on 13 March 1942.

Arriving in Broome two weeks later, Longmore found a town abandoned except for a small army contingent trying desperately to come to grips with the reality of an invasion against an undefendable coastline.

The officer in charge, Major G D Mitchell, invited Longmore on a journey through the Kimberley to organise and train Volunteer Defense Corps (VDC) men, who were mainly World War I veterans and used as a sort of reserve force.

The party consisted of Major Mitchell, two captains, two American officers, one non-commissioned officer and seven enlisted men.

In July, the party headquartered at Fossil Downs Station, near Derby, where Major Mitchell sent a communiqué to Perth HQ summarising conditions in the region.

There was only one bridge in the entire Kimberley – at Fitzroy Crossing – and a total of 342 white people, mainly men, and an estimated 7000 Aboriginal people.

It was at nearby Liveringa Station that the idea of training an Aboriginal guerrilla force was put into action.

Longmore was asked to take the role of instructor because of his military experience and what Major Mitchell termed his 'native' experience.

The plan was to train 20 men and use Aboriginal bush craft and knowledge of country to subvert any attacking Japanese ground force.

"Their natural ability in the bush must be adapted to defeat Japanese rifle fire," Longmore wrote in a report to Major Mitchell who agreed that the Aboriginal squad would train alongside his own men.

On the first day of training, six men showed up and seven more joined the party on the fifth day, and the first couple of weeks were spent on army drill and maintenance of weapons.

Only two of the party of 13 spoke English. Longmore noted: "They are aware they are being trained to fight the Japanese and they stated that they would be quite willing to fight with the white man."

Nearly all the Aboriginal men had used a rifle and, despite the doubts of some of the soldiers in Major Mitchell's contingent, showed no fear in a simulated combat situation of automatic weapon fire and exploding grenades and dynamite.

"Their accuracy was uncanny, scoring more hits than both white squads combined," Longmore wrote after a grenade-throwing

The great shame of Liveringa



Aboriginal workers in the woolshed at Liveringa Station in the Kimberley where the Australian army planned for a Japanese attack during World War II.

competition. Kangaroos and sheep were used as a barometer for the success of their 'stalking' prowess. "Their methods of stalking were a revelation in silent unseen movement," Longmore said.

At the end of the six-week course, Longmore made a series of recommendations, scribbled in pencil in a field note-book.

They included 'that the natural ability of the natives of the north-west should be adapted by the whites for army purposes' and 'that 250 Kimberley natives be organised

On the last day of the camp one of the men had come to him and said that if he returned '200 men would come down from the ranges' to join in the fight.

Longmore returned to Perth in August.

Major Mitchell seemed convinced, but after several months of trying to get the idea implemented, Longmore wrote in frustration to his old colleague John Curtin, who by then was Prime Minister.

The two men had worked as journalists together on *The West Australian* newspaper in the 1930s.

'How we would hate injustice if Japan took Australia and treated us as we have treated the blacks'

and trained as a Native Australian Corps, allotted in squads of eight under a white non-commissioned officer'.

The vulnerability of the coast and the rugged interior, coupled with a shortage of suitable modern infrastructure and almost no defence capability from the small white population, made it urgent in Longmore's mind that an Aboriginal guerrilla force be mobilised immediately.

"There is all the more reason for organising now a force of aggressive guerrillas who know the country and who could use their knowledge and experience to restrict and obstruct Japanese movement," he wrote.

In October he managed to get a letter to 'Jack' through the Prime Minister's wife who was also well known to him, and the very next day had a reply via telegram from the Prime Minister's office.

"Am impressed your submission and have directed matter be considered on highest plane. Regards. Curtin."

On November 18, Mr Curtin wrote to Longmore saying that the matter had been taken up with the Minister for the Army.

Just before Christmas 1942, Longmore received a letter from the PM saying the proposal had been fully considered but would not be taken up.

There was a long list of reasons given,

including an opinion obtained from the Commissioner of Native Affairs in Perth.

Mr Curtin wrote that the 'natives' had allegiance only to their local area and that allegiance 'could easily be transferred to an advancing enemy' and desertions were feared because Aboriginal troops might be forced to move into 'enemy' tribal territory.

There was also a fear expressed that the issue of firearms could lead to tribal warfare, and finally there were doubts expressed about the ability to adopt 'military discipline'.

Mr Curtin wrote that Military Command supported the use of Aboriginal people as an auxiliary force to be used as guides and trackers and to 'find water for white guerrilla troops'.

Longmore wrote a strong letter of protest on 6 January, 1943 pointing out how the Papuans had helped Australia's military effort in Papua (now New Guinea) and begged for '100 men and six months' to prove his claim that the formation of an Aboriginal ground force could be achieved.

In April Mr Curtin replied, saying 'any proposal to form a native auxiliary corps such as suggested would be strongly resented by the white population of the Kimberley'.

Longmore felt defeated, and on 19 April 1943 wrote to his friend the Prime Minister and said 'I make a most reluctant but verbose exit' and, feeling he had nothing to lose, expressed some strong opinions about the 'white population of the Kimberley'.

"The white men who have lived and worked with the natives for years have exploited them shamefully and are exploiting them shamefully now," he said.

Longmore then proceeded to tell his friend a few home truths about station life in the Kimberley, pointing out that the house at Fossil Downs where they had camped for many weeks was looked after entirely by 'native' house servants and was 'spotlessly clean'.

He also pointed out that the care and service they received was 'equal to any hotel, but when the work was over for the day they returned to their camp in the bush where they lived like dogs'.

"They are not paid and if they leave the station they are brought back by the police," Longmore wrote. "The truth is that we whites have never made a genuine and sincere effort to solve the problem of black Australia," he wrote, concluding his letter with a poignant line to underscore his list of injustices suffered by Aboriginal people at the hands of the whites. "How we would hate injustice if Japan took Australia and treated us as we have treated the blacks."

The proposal was eventually turned down in August 1943 because 'the strategic situation had changed'.

Longmore wrote one last letter to the Prime Minister, saying he had noticed many news items in recent months (1943) about how Aboriginal people were being used in varying war roles right across the Top End. This was a prelude to what became known as Norforce, an organised military project designed to mobilise a large Aboriginal auxiliary force in the event of enemy attack.

Major Mitchell made a final observation about the Liveringa experiment in the book *The Black Diggers*.

"At our night conferences in the woolshed (at Liveringa Station) we continually returned to the subject of training the natives as scouts," he wrote. "Opinion among the sheep and cattle men was about equally divided."

"On the one hand there was our certainty that the Jap would invade, but against that many remembered the deadly killer, Pigeon (Jandamarra), who turned a rifle against the whites."

The major's comments are confirmation that the white man's own fears, borne out of the violence associated with colonisation, had jeopardised national security during one of modern Australia's darkest hours.



Proud Casino family



THREE members of the one Aboriginal family marched proudly during the Anzac Day parade in Casino, northern NSW.

Vietnam veteran Clarrie Randall was joined by his son Ken and nephew Jamie Lambeth for the commemoration.

Clarrie was called up for National Service and saw action in Vietnam during 1969 and 1970. Ken left the army late last year after eight years of service,

including tours in East Timor and Iraq. And Jamie, still a serving soldier, has been in East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan as part of his duties.

Clarrie Randall, a flag-bearer during the Casino march, said he was proud and honoured to have members of his family marching with him.

● **Pictured:** Clarrie Randall with his son Ken, right, and nephew Jamie Lambeth after the Casino Anzac service.



THE local RSL sub-branch had no prior knowledge of Indigenous participation in the Ballina Anzac Day march in the north-east of NSW, but the marchers were more than welcome, sub-branch president Noel McCallum told *The Koori Mail*. Heading the Koori contingent was Graham Marlowe, a familiar face around Ballina on his electric scooter. Mr Marlowe's scooter was unashamedly decked out with Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait flags, and of course, the colours of his beloved South Sydney Rabbitohs rugby league club. The Koori marchers wore 'Koorisouljah' shirts.

Townsville joins in

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS people were out in force at this year's Anzac Day march in Townsville.

Among them were Indigenous veterans John Deshong and Enemarki Zaro, who were in restored army vehicles.

Mr Deshong, a Vietnam veteran, told *The Koori Mail* how proud he was, as he sat under a tent with other servicemen and women for a commemoration service.

"I have seen a lot of my mates here and it is all about remembering people who paid the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

At 91, Mr Zaro is one of the oldest surviving veterans of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Brigade.

"Many Indigenous people lost their lives in wars and today we remember them," he said.

"I have got to see many of my family here, and we are having a get-together."

Palm Islanders Shane Grannigan, Darryl Nugent, Henry Ketchup and Melita Moonlight were among the onlookers.

"There are so many Indigenous students marching, which recognises our people" Mr Nugent said.

Indigenous students from Wulguru State School were amongst those who laid wreaths.



Tebay Marou, 91-year-old former member of the Torres Strait Light Infantry Brigade Enemarki Zaro and Lydia Marou with, front, Nancy Ghee, 16, Dalia Mabo, 13, and Kaima Kabere, 17.



Jermaine Ross with Mariah Ross, 3, on his shoulders and his son Jermaine Ross jr with Tony Ross, 2, watch the parade.



Vietnam Veteran John Deshong in a jeep during the parade.



Lydia Marou, from Murray Island in the Torres Strait, with her son Mimi, 11 at the Townsville parade.

Joel under siege

Clubs rush to sign up 13-year-old sports star

By GRAHAM HUNT

HE'S just 13 and he has the potential to be the most exciting sportsman in Australia.

Already, rugby league clubs are falling over themselves in the rush to secure the services of Toowoomba Indigenous boy Joel Hagan.

As reported previously in *The Koori Mail*, so talented is Joel that he has already represented his State in three sports – athletics, rugby league and Australian football.

Suddenly, mainstream media is on the Joel Hagan hunt after it was reported last week that National Rugby League (NRL) clubs the Gold Coast Titans and the Brisbane Broncos were falling over themselves to sign

him up. Joel's dad, Lawrence Hagan, last Friday was fielding media inquiries from throughout Australia – all wanting to know about Joel.

While the Broncos and the Titans are leading the charge to secure him, it won't be just a two-way battle.

The two Queensland clubs are likely to be joined by other NRL clubs, rugby union and possibly Australian football clubs in the rush for Joel.

His talents don't stop at football – Joel also is a rising star on the athletics track.

Only time will tell which direction he heads, but he and his dad already are feeling the pressure.

The Year 8 scholarship student last week received an offer of a three-year junior agreement contract with the Titans.

The same day that Joel's dad received an email from the Titans, he received a phone call from the Brisbane Broncos asking if they could meet.

The interest has overwhelmed Joel and his dad.

"It's taken us by surprise," Lawrence Hagan told *The Koori Mail*.



Joel Hagan, a Queensland representative in athletics, Australian football and rugby league.



Pictures: Owen Studios

The sudden media interest in Joel is another learning experience for the Hagans.

"Just this morning I've been fielding heaps of media inquiries, including *Today Tonight* and *A Current Affair* – everyone seems to be interested in Joel," Lawrence Hagan said.

Joel is in his first year at Nudgee College, Brisbane, where the focus is on rugby union.

For now, while Joel has rugby union commitments with Nudgee, the college is allowing him to play rugby league in his free time.

But when he reaches the senior years at Nudgee, Joel must focus on rugby union – and only rugby union.

Lawrence Hagan said that while rugby league remained Joel's preferred sport, "it must be remembered that he still has another five years at Nudgee, so who knows where he will end up".

"I suspect that because Joel is at a rugby union college, the NRL clubs want to grab him before he gets further into rugby union," Lawrence Hagan said.

Joel will make his college rugby union debut on Saturday

when he runs out with the under 13 A team in the Brisbane GPS competition.

On the athletics track, he is the fastest boy for his age in Queensland and represented his State at the Pan Pacific Games in Canberra last November.

He also represented Queensland in the Australian Primary Schools rugby league tournament in Darwin.

He also tried his hand at Aussie rules and after playing just three games, was chosen in the Queensland team for the National under 12 championships.

Bunjil work done



PARKS Victoria has now completed improvement works to the

area leading to the Bunjil Shelter, the only known rock art painting of Bunjil who appears in many Aboriginal creation stories of south-eastern Australia.

The Bunjil Shelter, near Stawell, central Victoria, is widely regarded as one of the region's most significant cultural sites and has been protected by a grille since the 1960s. The area was devastated by fire in January 2006 and Parks Victoria has now completed track improvement works within the Black Range Scenic Reserve leading to the shelter and installed new on-site information and welcome signs. The area is also slowly beginning to recover from the fire.

Senior Djab Wurrung man Tim Chatfield said Bunjil created the land, the people, the plants and animals, and the religion and laws by which the people live.

"He is the leading figure in our spiritual life, essential in teaching our young people the importance of our laws and beliefs," he said.

Parks Victoria local custodian Levi Lovett said Traditional Owners were working with Parks Victoria to decide how they would like visitors to learn about Bunjil and



Parks Victoria ranger and local custodian Jake Goodes reflects on the landscape that surrounds Bunjil Shelter.

the wider Gariwerd (Grampians National Park) landscape.

"In seeking the opinions and aspirations of the surrounding Traditional Owners we are striving to build a plan for the future that will engage visitors and grow their respect, not just for the site, but also its rich early human history and that of the greater Bunjil landscape of Gariwerd," he said.

Access to the Bunjil Shelter is sign-posted off the Stawell-Pomonal Road and a 200m return track leads to the painting via steps. Guided tours are available through Brambuk,

the National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap, which also screens repeated presentations daily of *The Bunjil Creation Story*.

Barengi Gadjin Land Council Cultural Heritage Manager Gail Harradine encouraged and welcomed visitors to take the short walk. "We invite (visitors) to take the opportunity to ponder upon traditional peoples' lives, past and present, and reflect upon our culture and the spiritual nature of the beautiful Gariwerd landscape that we love and hold dear to our hearts," she said.

Concern at new NT laws



NEW Northern Territory laws, which make it mandatory to report sexual activity among under-16s, will lead to an increase in sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and early teenage pregnancies.

So says the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), which also claims the Territory's new Care and Protection of Children legislation will create a major barrier to young people accessing health services, and young pregnant women accessing antenatal care.

"This will lead to untreated life-threatening infections, more infertility, more teenage pregnancies and poorer birth outcomes due to lack of antenatal care," AMSANT Chair Stephanie Bell said, adding that these severe consequences would fall unequally on Aboriginal young people.

"It makes a mockery of the NT Government commitment to closing

the gap. AMSANT has called on the NT Government to urgently amend the legislation so that it is no longer mandatory to report all sexual activity in people aged under 16 to the Department of Health and Families (DHF) and the police. So far this has fallen on deaf ears," she said.

"If the NT Government continues to fail to act, then AMSANT calls on the Australian Government to intervene and over-ride this legislation in the same way that they did with the Care of the Terminally Ill Bill. The health and well-being of the young people of the NT is too important to let this go."

Ms Bell said that as far as AMSANT was aware, the NT Government enacted this legislation without seeking public health advice, even from its own health department, or the views of the community.

She said some primary health-care professionals had already questioned whether they would be able to continue to practice in the NT, 'as they will not be able to practice both ethically and within the law'.

Helping Hands initiative wins praise



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle has commended an educational project which aims to give south-west Queensland children and visitors to the region an insight into local Indigenous history. "I am really pleased to be supporting the Paroo Shire Council's Helping Hands

initiative which will help capture and exhibit significant Dreamtime stories and Aboriginal culture from this part of the country," the Minister said. "The region is rich in Dreaming stories, many with a powerful message for children, about caring for the earth and respecting others." Ms Boyle said the exhibit would be a significant collaboration between the council and traditional owners in the shire, and will

feature a timeline, Dreamtime stories and life-like sculptures of each tribe's totem. "The Budjiti, Kunja, Mardigan, Kooma and Kullilli people will each choose a Dreamtime story to tell, which is pertinent to their country, and this will be narrated through their urdies, including the kangaroo and goanna." The Helping Hands Project is part of the shire's Q150 celebrations.

Winner's vision for our people



A MELBOURNE-BASED professor who has spent years working to improve the vision of Indigenous people will be the first Australian to receive the Helen Keller Prize for Vision Research.

Professor Hugh Taylor, Chair of Indigenous Eye Health at the University of Melbourne, will be recognised for his 30 years of work in eye health at a ceremony in the US this week. The prize's 17 previous recipients include two Nobel Laureates and two Lasker Award winners, and it also comes with a \$42,000 cheque. Prof Taylor says he will put the money towards 'eye care in our Aboriginal communities, to close that vision gap'.

Author's latest book launched



ARTIST and author Simon Normand's second publication, *Marranbala Country*, a book that documents stories from the Roper River region in the Northern Territory, has been

launched. *Marranbala Country* is a compilation of stories about Maureen Marrangulu Thompson's life growing up in the Roper Mission in the 1930s.

The author spent 12 years in south-east Arnhem Land where he developed a long-lasting relationship with the remote community, where he also worked as an art teacher between 2003 and 2006.

Burrin Dalai's new premises



KEMPSEY-BASED Aboriginal out-of-home care service Burrin Dalai Aboriginal Corporation has new premises.

They were officially opened in the northern NSW town by State Community Services Minister Linda Burney.

Burrin Dalai provides case management for children in foster care as well as a range of services for foster carers.

Ms Burney said Burrin Dalai's client list was expected to grow by more than 60 per cent by 2011 so the new offices would help accommodate the service's future needs.

Alice Springs tourism boost



ABORIGINAL tourism in central Australia has had a boost with the opening of the Central Aboriginal Experiences tourism hub in Alice Springs. The hub is designed to help existing

businesses expand and to increase job opportunities through Indigenous tourism enterprises. Government officials say the hub will provide a centralised booking service for members, help with administration, marketing and so on.

There Goes The Neighbourhood



THE Sydney suburb of Redfern is the focus of an exhibition and book launch later this month. Called 'There Goes the

Neighbourhood', the exhibition aims to explore the phenomenon of gentrification through the local frame of Redfern.

Curated by Zanny Begg and Keg de Souza, the *There Goes the Neighbourhood* exhibition will be at the Performance Space at The Carriageworks, Eveleigh, from 22 May - 27 June.

She works to stop violence

CREE First Nations woman Shelley Cardinal from Northern Alberta, Canada, says the trauma experienced by Indigenous people in Canada has close parallels with the Australian context and has resulted in many of the same social issues.

Ms Cardinal is a Canadian Red Cross consultant and the creator of Walking the Prevention Circle, a culturally appropriate violence prevention program which has been used in Indigenous communities across Canada.

She is in Australia at the invitation of the Australian Red Cross to share her insights and experiences in a series of seminars to open discussions about whether elements of the program could be used in Australia.

She said immediate feedback on her seminars had been 'very positive', with Australian Aboriginal groups saying they would 'strongly support' the introduction of the program into Australia.

In Canada more than one-third of indigenous people die violently, with as many as 80 per cent of women reporting domestic violence. Sexual abuse in some communities is just as high, while suicide rates are up to 10 times higher than the rest of the population.

"In Canada we've had laws that applied just to Indigenous people, we had residential schools that were equivalent to what's been experienced by the Stolen Generations and we've had many government systems that have been very harmful," she said.

"We've had child protection which hasn't been about protecting our children, it's been about removing our children. Those levels of trauma that have been experienced are very similar (to Australia)."

Ms Cardinal said Walking the Prevention Circle was a language course that helped indigenous communities understand the trauma they had suffered.

She said when people understood the events that had affected them, it helped them to understand their 'place', and this understanding, along with having the language to describe it, gave people validation which



Cree woman Shelley Cardinal ... "We've had child protection which hasn't been about protecting our children, it's been about removing our children. Those levels of trauma that have been experienced are very similar (to Australia)."

Canada's shame

FROM the 19th century until the 1970s, more than 150,000 indigenous Canadian children were forced to attend state-funded Christian schools in an effort to assimilate them into Canadian society. The Canadian Government has admitted that physical and sexual abuse in the schools was rampant and has apologised and offered compensation.

Later last month during a meeting with the victims and representatives of the Canadian First Nations, Pope Benedict reportedly said he was sorry for the abuse and 'deplorable' conduct of some church members at these schools. The Vatican said the pontiff expressed his sorrow at the victims' anguish and emphasised that 'acts of abuse cannot be tolerated'. - AAP

'hugely helps healing'.

"It actually helps us to move forward in a different way. If we're able to understand the context," she said.

Ms Cardinal said experiencing violence often created internal chaos for people, which was then manifested in social problems.

"When we give language and context to something it helps us create a framework, to conceptualise our life experience in a way that puts order back," she said.

"The goal is to recreate some order from those experiences that are extremely chaotic."

Ms Cardinal said they only ever worked with communities which invited them, sometimes as a result of tragic circumstances, such as one small community of 300 people which had 10 youth suicides over one year.

"We've been working with that community for eight years now, and in that time there's been no youth suicides," she said.

However, success was not always so easy to measure, as bringing the program to a community would often prompt people to start talking about sexual abuse and the rate of disclosures would actually go up, she said.

"If rates of disclosure are going up that's actually a success factor," she said. "What usually happens is for about a five-year period disclosures increase, then they level out, then after about eight years they go down."

Ms Cardinal said the first step in the Walking the Prevention Circle program was to provide the education in a three-day workshop format, then community facilitators were trained in a five-day workshop.

"That way the communities are able to start owning the information," she said.

Red Cross Head of Indigenous Strategy Olga Havnen said violence and abuse in Aboriginal communities was one of the most pressing issues facing Australia.

"Aboriginal people are significantly and disproportionately affected by violent victimisation, incarceration for violence and child protection notifications," she said.

"We can learn from the Canadian experience and apply it to the capacity-building work we are already doing in partnership with the communities and our agency partners."



Request For Tender

DADHC.09.15 Walomi Aboriginal Community Transport Service

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is seeking expressions of interest from registered Aboriginal controlled organisations and companies to provide community transport under the HACC Program to support frail older people, younger people with a disability and their carers who reside in the Bankstown, Liverpool, Fairfield, Campbelltown, Camden, Wollondilly and Wingecarbee Local Government Areas.

DADHC considers that people from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Further information, including a copy of the Tender Package and details of the information session for potential applicants, is available on the DADHC website at www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/tenders.

Additional inquiries relating to this tender should be made to Mr Colin Prout, Project Officer, phone 02 9334 3700, email: colin.prout@dadhc.nsw.gov.au or by fax 02 9334 3706.

Applications close 5pm Sydney time on Thursday 11 June 2009.



A P O L O G Y

On Wednesday 22 April 2009, the Western Australian Electoral Commission placed an advertisement in this newspaper telling electors to enrol and vote for the Daylight Saving Referendum on Saturday, 16 May 2009. Unfortunately, the advert was placed after the close of the electoral roll on Friday, 17 April. To check your enrolment details, please visit www.waec.wa.gov.au and click on the 'Check your enrolment details' link, or call the Referendum Help Line on 13 63 06. Those not on the roll, will not be eligible to vote in the Referendum.

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31ST MAY 2009



IPRC participants with guests of honour and army officials at the end-of-course graduation.

On course for armed forces



FOR 22-year-old Eldean Lester, of Mackay, the best thing about completing the Australian Defence Force eight-week

Indigenous Pre-Recruitment Course in Newcastle, NSW, was finding himself.

"Finding things out about who I am, to be a proud Indigenous man, don't be shame, I've gotten that from the course," he said.

Group participants undertook aptitude testing to find out which jobs they would be eligible to apply for within the armed forces.

Eldean said he was 'very surprised' to be told he was officer material.

"Apparently not many people get officer come up for them," he said.

"(Warrant Officer Class 1 and Aboriginal mentor) Col Watego said to reach high, so I'm going to go for it."

Travis Bradford, from Kurri Kurri near Maitland, said he needed to do some research after finding himself eligible for 26 jobs in the Royal Australian Air Force, including pilot and air surveillance operator, and about 40 job categories for the army and navy. The 18-year-old finished Year 12 last year and had been doing casual work in a pizza shop.

"I wouldn't have been expecting this many jobs," he said. "It's going to make it harder to choose."

Kristy Brown, from Jervis Bay on the south coast of NSW, said that because she grew up on the beach she wanted to join the Royal Australian Navy and had found herself eligible to apply for the positions of stores naval, boatswain's mate, cook and a few others.

"I didn't get the job that I wanted which was combat systems operator specialising in mine warfare," she said. "So I'm going to apply for a stores naval position and hopefully be able to transfer."

Kristy said deciding to do the course fell into place at the very last minute and meant she missed an interview for a youth worker position in Nowra.

"I decided this would give me more



Major General Mick Fairweather (second from right) and Warrant Officer Class One Col Watego with participants, from left, Michael Roberts, Bradley Cohen and Pat Kelly at the end-of-course graduation.



The five female IPRC participants during a night camp at Singleton Army Base, NSW, with lead trainer Karen Demmery (right) and a Singleton-based army officer (rear).

opportunities, and more skills I could take back to my community," she said. "Wreck Bay is a small Aboriginal community of about 1000 people. It's only got five or six streets. I'd like to share my skills."

Having already completed a two-year diploma in fitness at Shellharbour TAFE, Kristy said she loved the fitness component of the IPRC program.

"It got me back into loving fitness again, doing it with this group of people she said.

"I couldn't have asked for a more exciting, challenging, fun adventure."

Steven Adams, from Alliance People Solutions which delivered the training, said the next stage for the participants was to attend an enlistment day where they would have a full medical examination, further aptitude and psychological testing and an interview with an assessment officer.

He said the first IPRC program in Townsville last September had resulted in three enlistments, but he would be 'very surprised' if this second group of 21 didn't produce 12 or more enlistments.

Kids reconnect with culture



ABORIGINAL children from northern NSW have reconnected with their culture and helped record wildlife findings at an Aboriginal cultural camp in the Pilliga Nature Reserve during the school holidays. Department of Environment and Climate Change Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer Merv Sutherland said the camps were an important way of passing on traditional knowledge of country to the next generation. "Children from Baradine, Gunnedah and Coonabarabran Aboriginal

communities participated in the cultural camp at Yaminbah camp, near Sandstone Caves, in Pilliga Nature Reserve on 18-19 April," he said.

Important

"An important area for the local Gamilaraay Aboriginal people, the Pilliga Nature Reserve is managed by the NPWS in co-operation with the Gawambaraay Pilliga Co-management Committee which is made up of Aboriginal Elders and community members from the local area.

"The children spent time with community Elders doing cultural activities including

traditional dancing and language, rock painting, collecting bush tucker and learning about ancient Aboriginal sites in the nature reserve.

"The Aboriginal sites visited included stone artefact scatters, rock art sites and grinding grooves where stone tools were sharpened.

"The camps are great fun and the kids especially enjoyed catching yabbies and cooking them on the campfire coals."

NPWS Ranger Michael Murphy said the children also helped conduct a wildlife survey to spot, trap and record animals in the area.



Mick Horne teaches boys to dance at the Pilliga cultural camp.

Back to School for Wirrpanda

AFL player with the West Coast Eagles David Wirrpanda and Australia's Next Top Model finalist Shannon McGuire will visit their former schools in May to support Back to School 2009 – a nationwide campaign where hundreds of people from all walks of life return to school to tell their stories and provide students with positive role models.

Veteran footballer Wirrpanda will help celebrate Back to School in Victoria on 27 May when he visits Healesville Primary School where he will spend time telling students about his experiences.

"My public school gave me my grounding and today I realise how important my education was," said Wirrpanda, who is also the director of the David Wirrpanda Foundation. "School is the most important time of your life as it will set your future."

Model and Project Officer at the David Wirrpanda Foundation Shannon McGuire will launch Back to School in Western Australia on 15 May by visiting her former school, Gidgegannup Primary. She will take students through her life journey from school to a career in modeling, and will run the Dare to Dream workshop, which teaches Indigenous girls about healthy lifestyles.

"I believe public schools are a very important part of the Australian education system because they allow all children, no matter where they're from, an equal opportunity to learn and create success," she said.

Now in its eighth year, Back to School is a campaign by Education Foundation, a division of The Foundation for Young Australians, in partnership with Coles supermarkets, which celebrates the role public schools play in Australia's success.

CEO at The Foundation for Young Australians Adam Smith said students and teachers loved hearing from people who went to their school.

"Role models can help young people gain insight into their own purpose, passion and pathway in life," he said.

"Since 2002, Back to School has been connecting schools with the wider community and inspiring students to succeed."

Back to School events will take place across Australia throughout May 2009 with other high-profile role models, including Lisa Wilkinson, Adam Cooney and Matthew Mitcham, going back to their schools. The campaign is supported by education departments in all Australian states and territories. For more information on Back to School visit: www.backtoschool.org.au



West Coast Eagles AFL player David Wirrpanda ... heading back to Healesville Primary School.



Shannon McGuire, who is a Project Officer for the Dare to Dream girls program at the David Wirrpanda Foundation, is also going back to Gidgegannup Primary School, in Western Australia.



TANIA MAJOR

Japan visits backed



FORMER Young Australian of the Year Tania Major is urging

young Indigenous people to apply for a scholarship to visit Japan.

The scholarships are being offered by AFS Australia, a non-profit organisation which provides intercultural learning opportunities.

AFS has 240 scholarships valued at \$8000 each for high school students aged between 15 and 18 across Australia, including 15 Indigenous scholarships and 24 teacher scholarships.

Ms Major said the Experience Japan scholarships were a fantastic opportunity for Indigenous students.

Culture

"As someone who has had the opportunity to travel widely, I believe that one of the best ways we can understand and appreciate our own Australian culture is to experience other cultures as well," she said.

"The AFS program will make this possible for the many students and teachers who are fortunate enough to be part of it.

"I am especially pleased that AFS is providing places for 15 Indigenous students to be part of this great adventure, and I urge young Indigenous people across Australia to apply.

"They'll never regret it, and for many it will open their eyes to new horizons and new possibilities in their own lives."

To apply, students and teachers can go to the AFS Australia web site: www.afs.org.au

Applications must be submitted by 31 May and recipients will be announced in August.

The scholarships will give young Australians and teachers the opportunity to visit Japan in December.



Gold Coast TAFE's Mary Waria ... "I can definitely recommend education as a way of improving people's lives."

Gold Coast role for Mary



TORRES Strait Islander Mary Waria wants to help Indigenous students overcome their fears in her new role as acting Indigenous

Student Support Officer at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE.

"I want to show students that they can overcome their fears of succeeding in a world foreign to them," she said. "I believe some Indigenous people have grown up with the perception that they can't achieve great things in this world."

Ms Waria was born in the Torres Strait and is of the Aragan people.

She started working in the Aboriginal Education Service (AES) in Brisbane about 20 years ago, but after 13 years decided to broaden her horizons and perception by travelling abroad, most notably in Africa.

Experience

Returning to Australia, Ms Waria moved to Sydney and worked in several private sector roles which helped her gain experience across a range of disciplines.

She came to Queensland's Gold Coast last July to work for the University of Queensland and was recently appointed as the

acting Indigenous Student Support Officer at Gold Coast TAFE.

"The combination of experiences gained in life, government and private sector work have helped me develop the skills needed to help Indigenous students," she said.

"I can definitely recommend education as a way of improving people's lives.

"At Gold Coast TAFE we endeavour to make sure our Indigenous students are happy and enjoying their studies.

"Importantly for students, sticking to their studies and finishing what they've started

has huge benefits for the future."

Ms Waria also provides a mentoring service to the unemployed members of the Woodridge Indigenous community and to two trainee members of Queensland Transport.

Gold Coast Institute of TAFE Chief Executive Officer Deb Daly said she was very pleased to have Mary 'on board'.

"Mary brings with her a wealth of life experience, both personal and professional and will be a fantastic addition to our team," she said.

"Her experience as a mentor will be a great asset for Gold Coast TAFE Indigenous students."

Program helping Dieri community



ADELAIDE'S Annesley College and Stuart Petroleum are working together to offer schooling to Indigenous girls from the Dieri community.

Under the program, first implemented last year, fully-funded Annesley scholarships are offered to members of the Dieri community, based in Broken Hill, providing talented and determined students with the opportunity to fulfil their educational aspirations.

Annesley College Principal Linda Douglas said the results of the program to date were exceptional, with the second intake of students from the Dieri community already off to a positive start.

"At Annesley we are committed to providing excellence in education for girls and young women from all backgrounds," she said.

"With the financial support of Stuart Petroleum, we are helping Indigenous women from remote communities gain access to an education which allows them to live their dreams and fulfill their potential."

Corporate support

Last year, the college offered scholarships to three Year 12 students. This year, Annesley received additional corporate support and has placed two Indigenous students in Year 8, two in Year 9 and another in Year 11.

"By the end of 2008, the Year 12 girls had successfully completed their SACE (HSC) and

achieved a Tertiary Entrance Ranking (TER) which saw them accepted into Bachelor studies in Education, Arts and Teaching and Psychology," Ms Douglas said.

"All three students have expressed their desire to work in their communities and explain to the younger generations the importance of a good education and the doors it can open - a key goal of the program."

Stuart Petroleum Managing Director Tino Guglielmo said the company was committed to ensuring the benefits of its successes in the areas where it is exploring and producing flow to all stakeholders. "The communities we are working with are committed to providing opportunities for their children and promoting generational change for the better," he said.

Five who Dare are winners

Awards honour schools, leaders



FIVE schools and programs – three from Western Australia, one from Brisbane and one from Sydney – are

the major winners of this year's Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards.

The winners were honoured by Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard in an awards ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra, on 29 April.

The awards, now in their fifth year, acknowledge schools and school leaders working in a focused and strategic way to achieve excellence in improving Indigenous student outcomes, with outstanding leadership, engagement with the local Indigenous community, and demonstrated improvements in targeted performance areas.

"These schools are outstanding examples of the positive change that can be engineered through strong leadership, innovation, astute use of data, and genuine connection with local Indigenous communities," Dare to Lead



Principal of the award-winning East Kalgoorlie Primary School Donna Bridge with students, from left, Jeffrey Evans-Wicker, Albert Eldridge and Tayunnah Schultz in a picture taken last year.

program Manager Susan Boucher said.

"These five award-winners deserve the highest praise, but they also stand as examples of the outstanding work many school leaders are doing in addressing the most pressing issue in Australian education closing the gap in outcomes between non-Indigenous and Indigenous students."

The High Achievement Award winners are:

● **East Kalgoorlie Primary School**, a Kindergarten-Year 7 school on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie, WA. Almost all of the students are Indigenous. Despite a very transient student population, the school, under the leadership of Principal Donna Bridge, is working to increase attendance, engagement and academic results.

● **Karratha Senior High School**, a secondary school in the Pilbara region of WA which works with community and other partners to offer the Gumala Mirnuwami Education Project. This has increased attendance, reduced suspensions and helped graduates into tertiary education, traineeships and employment.

● **One Arm Point Remote Community School**, 200km north of Broome. Ninety-five of its 100 students are Indigenous. It instituted a Bardi Cultural Program after consultation with Elders, and the resulting connectedness is having an impact on numeracy and literacy.

● **Southside Education**, an independent facility in Brisbane's southern suburbs for secondary-aged females who have suffered physical, emotional and/or social abuse. It has dramatically

increased the number of Indigenous students completing Year 12 and gaining traineeships.

● **Willmot Public School**, in a low socio-economic area of western Sydney. Through introducing a range of programs concentrating on school readiness and connection with parents, the school has achieved a sharp increase in attendance, a marked drop in suspensions and improved academic outcomes.

Dare to Lead is a collegial project designed to achieve data-evidenced improvements in the key indicators of Year 5 literacy and Year 12 completion for Indigenous students, and foster reconciliation in all schools. This initiative is funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and managed by Principals Australia.



McMullen awarded doctorate



JOURNALIST and humanitarian Jeff McMullen, above, has been awarded a

Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from Macquarie University in Sydney.

Macquarie Vice-Chancellor Professor Steven Schwartz said Mr McMullen had not only etched out a highly successful career as a respected journalist for both the ABC and 60 Minutes, but had also used his profession to address important social issues.

"As a Director of Ian Thorpe's Fountain for Youth Trust, Jeff is now working to improve the health and literacy of Aboriginal children in the Jawoyn remote communities in the Northern Territory," Professor Schwartz said.

"Over the past 12 months, Jeff has been assisting the Fred Hollows Foundation to establish its Literacy for Life program to improve literacy and learning among Aboriginal children in remote communities."

Educated at Macquarie University (BA in Literature, History and Political Philosophy), Mr McMullen also holds a Doctorate of Journalism (Hon) from Central Queensland University.

I never did very well at school and I lacked confidence – now, that's all in the past

I was concerned about how I would ever complete the studies and worried that it would all be too hard. Instead I was inspired by my teachers to step up and succeed. I was offered flexibility in my studies that recognised my work and family commitments. I felt valued by my teachers and began to learn not to doubt myself.

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She wants to help her people



SINGLE mother Myree Sam hopes to use her Bachelor of Primary Education degree to work with Indigenous people in remote Queensland.

A passionate ambassador of her culture, Ms Sam, who graduated from Australian Catholic University (ACU National) last month, said she wanted everyone in remote areas to have the same opportunities and access to quality education as those living in populated areas.

"I have always felt like a teacher," she said.

"Throughout the years I've been very involved in educating people about my culture."

Ms Sam is now working in Brisbane as a relief teacher for the state and Catholic systems.

She completed her degree over five-and-a-half years, while working to support her young family.

Ms Sam was one of 481 people to graduate in a ceremony on 15 April at ACU National in Brisbane.

● **Pictured:** Myree Sam with fellow graduate Michael McGaughey.



Peel High student Brooke Kennedy with one of the school's Suffolk sheep at this year's Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

Brooke a star of show



ABORIGINAL student Brooke Kennedy has been among the winners at this

year's Sydney Royal Easter Show. The Year 12 student at Peel High School, Tamworth, was a member of a team that earned a swag of ribbons competing with Suffolk sheep from the school's registered stud.

Peel High has a broad range of programs and initiatives, including breeding and showing stud sheep, aimed at fostering talents, interests and aspirations.

These programs are open to all students, but teachers and specialist staff at the school particularly encourage Koori students, like Brooke, to get

involved so their advancement and development can be nurtured and they can take full advantage of the educational opportunities.

Brooke joined hundreds of other public school and TAFE students from across NSW in a host of activities and competition at Sydney Royal, which is widely recognised as Australia's premier agricultural event.

NSW Director-General of Education and Training Michael Coutts-Trotter praised the efforts and achievements of public school students and their teachers.

"High standards are expected of all Sydney Royal competitors, and our students certainly held their own," he said.

Artist's heart right in it



THROWING his support behind the fight against cardio-vascular disease, Aboriginal artist Lloyd Hornsby has donated a didgeridoo to the Heart Foundation's third annual Aboriginal art exhibition.

Cardio-vascular disease is the leading cause of death in Indigenous people and six other Indigenous artists, including Laurie Nilsen and Bianca Beetson, will also be showcasing their work at the Heart Foundation East Coast Aboriginal Art Exhibition which is open to the public from 13 to 16 May at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. A percentage of the commission on sold works will go to the Heart Foundation.

A descendant of the Yuin people of New South Wales, Mr Hornsby said it was important for people to work together to reduce the high numbers of Indigenous people struck down with heart disease.

"It is with great pride that I donate this didgeridoo to the Heart Foundation for this very special occasion, in memory of my family members that have passed and those living with heart disease," he said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are still three times more likely to die of heart disease."

Mr Hornsby said his work featured the Heart Foundation logo as the centrepiece, painted over a natural heart-shaped grain within the timber, which had informed his choice when looking for an appropriate didgeridoo.

Heart Foundation Chief Executive Officer Cameron Prout said the exhibition celebrated the strength and tenacity of Indigenous communities in taking a stand against heart disease, but also represented a united commitment towards



closing the gap in Indigenous health.

"In Australia we could potentially gain six-and-a-half potential years of life expectancy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people if we reduce the

Indigenous death rates to the same level of the total Australian population," he said.

For more information on the exhibition go to www.heartfoundation.org.au/qld

● Pictured above: Artist Lloyd Hornsby talking about one of his works with a group of students.

● Pictured below: The didgeridoo donated to the Heart Foundation.



Opposition MP in push for workers



FEDERAL Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesperson

Tony Abbott is using pedal power to push for more Indigenous health workers.

The Howard Government Health Minister called late last month for more health professionals to help close the gap, while taking part in the annual 'Pollie Pedal'

charity bike ride. A veteran of the Brisbane-to-Sydney ride, he was speaking in Lismore, northern New South Wales, during a brief stop when he met with members of the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Sydney as well as other local health officials.

Among the welcoming committee was the Poche Centre Director Dr Ngiare Brown, who also urged an

increase in Aboriginal students across all health-related sectors.

Mr Abbott said he was serious about closing the gap and believed one way to do this was to encourage and support more Indigenous students into the sector.

It is expected that this year's 'Pollie Pedal', which attracts politicians from all major parties, will raise more than \$100,000.



Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesperson Tony Abbott with Poche Centre Director Dr Ngiare Brown in Lismore, northern NSW.



Dick Copeman, from Northey Street Farm in Brisbane, takes course students, from left, Chez Graymore, Maxine Knox, Helen Truby, Lesley McGeough and Felicity Pollard on a bush tucker tour.



INDIGENOUS health workers can now specialise in nutrition when undertaking the Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Care qualification.

The change has been made possible with the release of five additional nutrition units and support materials by the Community Services & Health Industry Skills Council (ISC).

The first students undertaking this specialisation attended a nutrition training block last month at the Brisbane-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for Health and Education Training

Course is set for better nutrition

(ATSICHT). The course, financially supported by Queensland Health, aims to provide accredited, practical nutrition training for Indigenous health workers.

The ISC said at the end of the course students will be able to assist in the planning, developing, implementation and evaluation of community nutrition interventions.

Angela Simons, from Queensland Health, welcomed the changes.

"We are delighted to support the delivery of the first nationally accredited nutrition course in Australia and we are really pleased with how well it is progressing," she said.

The ISC said the course is particularly important in light of the Close the Gap strategy, 'with

poor nutrition underpinning much of the burden of disease experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people'.

Sharon Lawrence, from the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nutrition Strategy and Action Plan, said there was a real need for Indigenous health workers who specialised in nutrition.

She urged other registered training organisations to follow the lead of ATSICHT and provide similar nutrition-related courses.

The nutrition units and support material are now available free to registered training organisations through the ISC website www.cshisc.com.au

Vic project aims to close gap



ABORIGINAL Victorians should have better access to health services thanks to a new

\$1.5 million State Government project which aims to close the gap in Aboriginal life expectancy.

Launching the demonstration project early last month, Victorian Health Minister Daniel Andrews said the aim was to improve patient recall and reminder systems in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, as well as referral pathways and data collection.

"There is great benefit in Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal services working together to ensure there is 'no wrong door' for any Aboriginal person in need of health care," he said.

The project started last month and runs until July 2011, and involves all primary health services in Mildura Rural City and part of Swan Hill in rural Victoria and the local government areas of Hume, Whittlesea, Moreland, Darebin, Yarra, Banyule and Nillumbik in Melbourne.

"These catchments have largely been selected because of their high Aboriginal population," Mr Andrews said. "From this project, we will then have significant evidence from which we can look at applying the identified best practices more broadly across the state."

Mr Andrews also announced a separate \$50,000 funding boost to the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service to deliver additional dental services to at least 100 extra patients.



Cooperative Research Centre for
Aboriginal Health

Improving the Identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People in Mainstream General Practice

The Australian General Practice Network asserts that: 'Improving Indigenous health outcomes involves General Practice pursuing culturally sensitive prevention, early identification and best practice management strategies'. An important step in achieving equity and improving quality of care is the effective identification of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Identification is only part of this process; the benefits of identification are dependent on improved access to culturally appropriate contexts and ensuring an environment which will not engender harm. In this context, the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) has been contracted by the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute to identify promising strategies that could contribute to improving identification processes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people at mainstream general practice. As a component of this study, the CRAH seeks public submissions addressing the following questions:

1. What principles do Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people want incorporated into identification in mainstream general practice?
2. What does 'good practice' in effective point-of-care processes of identification in mainstream general practice look like, including who needs to be involved and how?
3. What strategies to improve identification would be most acceptable, effective and feasible to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, health policy makers and GPs?

The project team would also welcome any other submissions from people and services affected by this issue.

Submissions must be received by the 22nd May 2009, and addressed to:

Ms Amy Parry
Centre for Health Policy, Programs and Economics
Melbourne School of Population Health
University of Melbourne
207 Bouverie Street, Parkville VIC 3010
email: gpid-research@unimelb.edu.au

Please include a full list of contact details so that confirmation or clarification may be sought, if required. Submissions may be included in full or in part in the project report. All submissions will be publicly listed.

Figures are wrong: AIDA



THE Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA) says a

new report by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has mis-represented the number of Indigenous doctors in Australia. AIDA Chief Executive Romlie Mokak told ABC radio last month there are currently an estimated 129 Indigenous doctors in Australia, not 106 as the report suggests. According to AIDA's estimates there are a similar number of Indigenous medical students.

The AIHW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health labour force statistics and data quality assessment report, which was released late last month, found that by 2006, there were 106 Indigenous medical practitioners, up from 61 at the time of the 1996 Census - an

increase of 74 per cent. Meanwhile, the overall increase in the number of medical practitioners for the same period was just 25 per cent.

"If GPs alone are considered, there were 41 Indigenous GPs in 1996, and by 2006 this had doubled to 82," said report co-author Kate Ross. "In contrast, the total number of all GPs in Australia rose by 22 per cent."

However, Mr Mokak said the census data did not count medical graduates, which would include Indigenous people who had graduated with a degree in medicine and surgery, but may be working as academics or researchers. "There are people who have graduated in medicine but aren't working in a clinical environment," he said.

While Mr Mokak was happy with the increase in numbers, he said it was only a start and Indigenous people were still very

much under-represented in medicine. Data analysis done by AIDA has found 0.27 per cent of the entire Australian population are doctors, however, when the same calculations were made using the number of Indigenous doctors compared to the entire Indigenous population, the figure was just 0.019 per cent.

"So while the increase is good ... we need to increase the numbers in terms of the overall workforce," Mr Mokak said.

The AIHW report also found that the number of registered Indigenous nurses rose by 71 per cent between 1996 and 2006 to 1135 nurses, although some of the rise may be attributable to enrolled (non-registered) nurses upgrading their qualifications.

During the same period, the number of Indigenous people with a post-school qualification in health more than doubled from 2707 to 6326.

Males set to gather



MORE than 100 Aboriginal males are expected to gather at the Banatjarl camp, south of Katherine, at the end of June for the 2009 Sunrise Aboriginal Male Health Summit.

That region of the Northern Territory is significant to Aboriginal males as it is close to Barunga where in 1988 a group of Aboriginal men gathered to address national issues of Aboriginal culture, 200 years of

colonisation and politics and present to then Prime Minister Bob Hawke a series of demands now known as the Barunga Statement.

On the 21st anniversary of Barunga, this year's summit will primarily seek to make a statement about Aboriginal males' leadership capacity to engage positively with family and community through addressing male health, and the role of Indigenous males in family, community and wider society.

The three-day summit and

workshops developed by Sunrise Health Services and supported by the Australian Government under the Stronger Families and Communities strategy will bring males from across the Sunrise region to develop recommendations to government and organisations on changes and support men believe are required to allow them to reach their potential and improve their family and community environment.

During the first two days the delegates will be engaged in specialist workshops (physical,

family, economic, community and cultural well-being) discussing issues and developing solutions.

On the third open day these outcomes will be presented to visitors, Aboriginal women, the media, and Federal and Territory politicians through a formal statement.

The summit participants are set to discuss many items, including acknowledging the hurt caused by some men against their families. It will also acknowledge the work and contributions that non-violent Indigenous males make for their

families. Topics including the Northern Territory Intervention and mandatory reporting of family and domestic violence will also be discussed.

Summit organisers hope all the males who attend the summit will come away with an increased sense of knowledge of responsibilities required of parents, services available to make changes and why changes must occur.

For more information about the summit or to register, call 0401 351 251.

Participants at the forum on North Stradbroke Island.



A FORUM has been held to discuss health issues relating to Indigenous people living on North Stradbroke Island, Queensland. More than 40 health service providers

took part in the first Regional Aboriginal Health Forum, held recently.

The forum targeted health service providers who are based on, or deliver health and well-being services to, the Indigenous community on North Stradbroke Island.

Queensland Health Indigenous Health Unit Co-ordinator John Corowa said the forum provided an opportunity for health workers to network and share information on key health priorities identified by the Quandamooka Aboriginal Community Plan 2007.

"The Quandamooka community plan represents the shared vision and intentions of the Indigenous community on North Stradbroke Island," said Mr Corowa.

"It identifies priority issues affecting the community, including health and well-being, defines objectives and

Nth Stradbroke the venue for provider forum

describes a broad range of initiatives to address those issues.

"The forum was very successful in that the organisations which came together now have a commitment to engage in more detail about service delivery and community engagement on the island."

Mr Corowa also said that, in keeping with the community's relationship with the natural and cultural environment, health-

related initiatives would be implemented holistically, with a focus on environmental and ecological health, and family and social health, as well as the prevention of disease and provision of adequate health infrastructure.

The forum was opened with a welcome to country by Elder Aunty Joan Hendriks.

Aunty Joan, a descendant of the original inhabitants of the Quandamooka

region, said the forum was the first step in advancing the shared responsibility agreement of the health action plan of the Quandamooka plan.

"This has been a joyous occasion, five years in the making," she said.

"We have reached a stage where we can listen and learn from one another, sharing our cultures, our spiritualities and ways of achieving best practice in health service delivery.

The resident population of the Moreton Bay islands is about 6910. The North Stradbroke Island Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is about 18 per cent of the island's total population.

Forum participants included Queensland Health, Yulu-Burri-Ba Aboriginal Corporation for Community Health, North Stradbroke Island Aboriginal and Islander Housing Co-operative Society, Nareeba Moopi Moopi Pa; Minjerribah Day Respite, Aboriginal and Islander Community Health Service, Indigenous Family and Child Support Service, Queensland Aboriginal and Islander Health Council, Department of Communities and the Indigenous Co-ordination Centre.



Emerging artists Daphne de Jersey, Margaret de Jersey and Zackary Claudie with one of the works in the 'New Beginnings' exhibition.

Artists emerge at TAFE



AN exhibition of new works by emerging Cape York artists is on show at Cairns TAFE's Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery.

'New Beginnings' features nine Indigenous artists from Lockhart River, Mapoon, Weipa and Napranum. Original works on show include acrylics on linen, screen prints and sculpture.

The nine artists, ranging in age from 16 to 78, are participating in the Weipa Indigenous Arts Hub Professional Program, a joint initiative of Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE, Western Cape College and the Qld Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

Under the program, the artists complete a Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Art through TAFE while being mentored by established artists and participating in professional development activities including workshops and exhibitions.

Weipa Indigenous Arts Hub co-ordinator and TAFE teacher Charles Street said the 'New Beginnings' exhibition represented the first major step in promoting the artists involved in the professional program.

"This is a very exciting time for the artists because they are seeing their works on show mostly for the first time," he said.

"The Professional Program is about bringing a regional focus to the development of artists on Cape York while providing participants with exposure to quality materials, professional development and exhibition opportunities. We want these artists to receive the highest possible standard of training to give them a solid platform for developing into professional artists."

Group activities

The artists study from their home communities but attend regular group activities.

They participated in week-long placements at three Cairns print studios - Djumbunji Press, Canopy Press and Merchants of Fine Objects - before the exhibition.

'New Beginnings' was officially opened by Arts Queensland Executive Director Jenny Gallagan and Arts Queensland Principal Indigenous Advisor Raelyn Baker in the Banggu Minjaany Art Gallery, Cairns TAFE Campus, Galton St, Manunda. The exhibition continues until 21 May.

Indigenous Talent Identification Program

Wilin Spring

Intensive Course 2009

Workshops and Auditions:

Adelaide	April 3 & 4
Sydney	April 22 & 23
Perth	May 9 & 11
Brisbane	June 12 & 13
Canberra	June 26 & 27

Postal Applications close August 3

The 2009 Spring Intensive Programme will run from the 14th to 24th of September at the Faculty of the Victorian College of the Arts and Music in Melbourne and then on tour in Moama/Shepparton.

Up to 8 places will be made available to Indigenous singers who show promise in the genre of classical vocal music.

To apply email Deborah Cheetham at cheed@unimelb.edu.au

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Living the Arts

Powerhouse is awards venue



ENTRIES are now open for this year's Mil-Pra AECG Aboriginal Exhibition and Art Awards - the 17th to be held.

The awards, open to all Indigenous people living in NSW and the Australian Capital Territory, has the NAIDOC-inspired theme of Elders Showing - Elders Knowing.

Mil-Pra, a collaboration between Liverpool City Council's Casula Powerhouse and the Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, features 14 different awards.

For more information, go to the website www.casulapowerhouse.com

\$500 prize on offer



AN Indigenous art award is among the categories at this year's Bentley Art Prize, held in northern New South Wales.

Prizemoney of \$500 is being offered in the Indigenous category, with entries welcome in another 13 sections.

All entries will be on display at the Bentley Hall, northern NSW, from 31 July - 2 August. Entries close 22 July.

For more details and to get an entry form, call (02) 6663 5283 or email helen-trustum@hotmail.com

Telstra award finalists set



Viewing entries are, from left, pre-selection panel chair Franchesca Cubillo, Sarah Scott, Stephen Gilchrist and Lola Greeno.



THE final selection for this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award will be revealed

next week, after a pre-selection panel met last month to consider the 301 entries received.

Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory (MAGNT) Acting Director Apolline Kohen said panel members were pleased to see such a high number of quality Indigenous artworks entered. These included new works from previous Telstra Art Award winners Makinti Napanangka, from Kintore in the Northern

Territory (2008 winner), and Dennis Nona, from Badu Island, Torres Strait (2007 winner).

"The Telstra Art Award celebrated its silver jubilee in 2008, and it's wonderful to be a part of such a prestigious award that continues to showcase the highest quality of Indigenous art," Ms Kohen said.

"Once again we have received works from all over the country, from capital cities and urban centres to more regional towns such as Kempsey, NSW, Mareeba, Qld, and Bendigo, Victoria. MAGNT is very grateful to the pre-selection panel for coming to Darwin and taking on this rewarding but very difficult task of choosing the works that will become part of

the 2009 Telstra Art Award."

The pre-selection panel was chaired by MAGNT Senior Curator of Aboriginal Art and Material Culture Franchesca Cubillo and included Steven Gilchrist, from the National Gallery of Victoria, Lola Greeno, Indigenous artist and Program Officer at Arts Tasmania, and Dr Sarah Scott, a lecturer at the Australian National University.

First time

And for the first time, Telstra Art Award judges Carly Lane from Art Gallery of Western Australia and Elizabeth Macgregor from Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art, were also invited to take part in the pre-selection process.

The winners will be named on Friday 14 August, when selected works will go on exhibition at the MAGNT.

Telstra National Indigenous Directorate General Manager Georgia Symmons said she was thrilled with the number of entries received in this year's awards.

"Telstra recognises the cultural significance of supporting the growth of Indigenous art in Australia," she said.

"The Telstra Art Award highlights the artistry and originality of Indigenous artists throughout the country, and we are very proud of our long-standing association with the Award."

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

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

To view the online gallery go to www.magnt.nt.gov.au

The Telstra Art Award is open to all adult Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and aims to showcase the best Australian Indigenous art from around the country.

Art code is closer



DISCUSSIONS are continuing around Australia on the draft Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct and Issues surrounding the industry.

The draft code is designed to strengthen fair and ethical trade in the Indigenous visual art industry and 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. Interested people from the Indigenous art industry are invited to attend sessions hosted by Australia Council Executive Director Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Lydia Miller to provide their input. They will be held at:

● **Sydney**, Tuesday 19 May, 9.30am-5pm at the Patrick White Room, Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth St, Surry Hills

● **Canberra**, Wednesday 20 May, 9am-3.30pm, at the Gorman House Arts

Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon

● **Melbourne**, Thursday 21 May, 9am-5pm, venue to be confirmed

● **Hobart**, Friday 22 May, 9.30am-3pm, Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, 40 Macquarie St

● **Darwin**, Monday 25 May, 9am-5pm, Darwin Entertainment Centre, 93 Mitchell St

● **Cairns**, Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am-5.30pm, Trinity Esplanade Room, Rydges Tradewinds, The Esplanade

● **Brisbane**, Thursday 28 May from

9.30am-5pm, State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank.

People wanting to attend should contact Katie Long on (02) 9215 9173, toll-free 1800 226 912 or send an email to keepingculturestrong@australiacouncil.gov.au

Interested people and parties may also comment on the code of conduct through the discussion paper on the website – www.australiacouncil.gov.au/indigenousart consult, which also has other information.



Big Eye's focus has artists all animated



ABORIGINAL Australian and indigenous Canadian new media artists who draw on digital techniques as a part of ongoing cultural maintenance are featured in an exhibition now on show in Brisbane.

Called Big Eye: Aboriginal Animations, the exhibition is on display until 15 May at The Block, in QUT's Creative Industries Precinct at suburban Kelvin Grove.

Exhibition organisers say Big Eye 'reveals the intersection of traditional Aboriginal culture with contemporary culture and highlights how old and new practices are fused in today's society'.

Co-curator and Aboriginal Australian artist Jenny Fraser describes the animations as building upon traditional morals and highlighting current issues important to her culture.

Honour

"We strive to honour the past as our teacher, honour the present as our creation, and honour the future as our inspiration," she said.

"This is dreaming in action." Big Eye features ultra-modern animation techniques such as computer-generated imagery, cyberspace and second-life programming, in addition to traditional techniques like claymation, where scenes are created from plasticine.

Ms Fraser says the array of animation used provides a strong visual element to communicate many dimensions of Aboriginal culture, and online projects introduce cyberspace as a neutral realm where ideas can be tested in an experimental and accepting atmosphere.

Big Eye artists view the online world as a form of escape to indigenous social politics and an environment to manipulate identity.

For more details, call (07) 3138 5495 or see www.ciprecinct.qut.com

Opportunities knock for new film-maker



Film-maker Benjamin Southwell ... "Having my film produced by QPIX is a fantastic chance to experience the film-making process and showcase my brand of fun, adventurous story-telling."



NEW film-maker Benjamin Southwell has had something of a baptism of fire, juggling the pre-production of his short film *Billabong* and his full-time film studies in QPIX's Black Pearls course.

Southwell travelled from Townsville to Brisbane to pursue his film career when he was selected for two opportunities – the development of *Billabong* through the Pacific Film and Television Commission's Short Drama Development and Production Program, in association with QPIX; and to study film and TV through QPIX's Black Pearls course.

QPIX, in Brisbane, is Queensland's screen industry development centre.

"As an aspiring writer/director, having my film produced by QPIX is a fantastic chance to experience the film-making process and showcase my brand of fun, adventurous story-telling," Southwell said.

"It also gives me the recognition I need to start a successful career in the industry."

'Fantastic'

QPIX Executive Director Kerry O'Rourke said Southwell was well on the road to being a 'fantastic film-maker'.

She said the Black Pearls course had been a great success.

"QPIX has now struck a deal with NITV. This will mean that a selection of the best of the work of the Black Pearls students will be packaged into three television hours and broadcast," she said.

"It's a big ask for anyone, especially students, but this first mob are already doing great work!"

Southwell says his move from Townsville to Inala in Brisbane was worth it 'to gain experience in film production and to develop industry contacts'.

His advice for aspiring film-makers is 'don't wait for an opportunity'.

"Make/write your own films now. You (have to) need to be a film-maker – not want to be a film-maker."

Funding boost for companies



LIVE Indigenous music and performing arts productions are now set to be seen by a wider audience thanks to grant funding through the Playing Australia program.

Amongst the 16 successful arts companies in the latest funding round were Arts House, from Victoria, which received \$109,504 for the Black Arm Band's regional Queensland tour of *Murundak Yarrabah & Hidden Republic*.

The production, which celebrates contemporary Indigenous music as a symbol of resilience and hope, will travel to Townsville, Yarrabah, Cairns, Mackay and Thursday Island.

Performing Lines, in NSW, received \$152,087 to tour *Burning Daylight* by Marrungku to five venues including Broome, Perth and Hobart. *Burning Daylight* is set around a pub in Broome in the early 1900s and tells the story of a lone cowboy who comes to town, stirring up the ghosts of the past. This production features contemporary Indigenous and inter-cultural dance.

One-woman show

Meanwhile, Country Arts WA received a grant of \$50,441 to tour to 20 national venues *I Don't Wanna Play House* by Yirra Yaakin. It's a one-woman show of monologue, movement and song.

In announcing the successful grant recipients last month, Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett said the Playing Australia funding would ensure regional communities had access to performances by some of Australia's best performing arts companies.

"Playing Australia also supports regional communities by contributing to local economies and businesses," he said.

"This contribution includes direct income to performance venues as well as indirect support for local jobs in small businesses that service these productions."

Visit the website www.arts.gov.au/arts_playing_australia for details of the program guidelines and list of funding recipients.

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 11 May: Breakthrough – Emerging Indigenous Contemporary Musicians Initiative. 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

Until 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

Until 23 May: Jila Ngurrara 'Waterhole Country' Art Exhibition. This is an art exhibition featuring works from Mawukura (Mulgra) Jimmy Nerrimah, 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@inet.net.au or visit www.artplace.com.au

Until 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 art@yuinart.com

Until 26 June: HOPE Indigenous Children Exhibition. This is an exhibition of artworks by Indigenous children from Mildura Primary School. The HOPE (Hope, Opportunity, Purpose and Education) exhibition is a culmination of discovery, awakening, sharing, deep learning and personal growth of the Years 5 and 6 students. All welcome. Held at Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum from 10am-5pm. Details: (03) 8341 7777 or 13 11 02 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au

Until 28 July: Bridging The Gap. This is a two-day seminar conducted by Richard Trudgen, author of the influential book *Why Warriors Lie Down and Die*, to provide you with an insight into the depth of Indigenous culture not taught anywhere else and offer

Film festival at Opera House

THE Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival will be held this week (from 7-10 May) at the Sydney Opera House.

There will be seven world premieres of short films by new Australian directors, including Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell (pictured).

There also will be free public screenings, live music, and a free photographic exhibition.

Patrons will have the opportunity to speak with film-makers after each session.

For more details, call (02) 9250 7777 or visit the website www.sydneypowerhouse.com



strategies for addressing the current crises facing many Aboriginal communities across Australia. Cost \$720 per person. All welcome. Dates: 21-22 July held in Melbourne, 23-24 July held in Canberra and 27-28 July held in Sydney. Details: (08) 8987 3910 or email seminars@ards.com.au or visit www.ards.com.au

7-10 May: Message Stick Indigenous Film Festival. Come and enjoy seven world premieres of short films by seven new Australia directors, including Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Free public screenings, live music, a free photographic exhibition and more. There is an opportunity to speak with film-makers after each session. All welcome. Held at the Sydney Opera House. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.sydneypowerhouse.com

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

18-30 May: Come Out Festival. This festival is internationally renowned as the largest and longest standing regional festival for young people in the Southern Hemisphere. Each festival reaches more than 100,000 young people up to 18 years and engages them in high quality, professional, interactive arts experiences presented in education and professional arts venues across South Australia. All welcome. Details: (08) 8267 5766 or visit

www.comeout.on.net

20 May: Bundjalung Elders Program Presentation luncheon. The YWCA Northern Rivers in Goonellabah, NSW, is hosting the Bundjalung Elders Aboriginal Program Presentation. We will be giving them insightful and informative information about the Aboriginal Program housed at the YWCA servicing this community. Held at the YWCA, 101 Rous Road, Goonellabah from 11.30am-1.30pm. All welcome. Details: Chrissy Franks (02) 6625 5804 or (0450) 840 179 or email chrissy@ywcansw.com.au or visit www.ywcansw.com.au

20 May: Melbourne Conversation: Footy Social Justice and Indigenous Wellbeing. Featuring John Harms, Michael Long, Margaret Wirrpanda, 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 Grenadines, Rachel Wirrpanda, 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

25 May: Reconciliation Week 2009. The City of Melbourne is hosting a free community event to kick off Reconciliation Week and pay respect to members of Australia's Stolen Generation. Learn about local reconciliation action groups, be inspired by guest speakers and entertained by Indigenous performers. Free and all welcome. Held at Melbourne Town Hall from 2-5pm. Details: (02) 9658 9901.

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.nsdc.org.au

27-29 May: Yulkuum-Jerrang, second Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing our Future'. This conference will operate over three days

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with a dynamic program including Victorian, Australian and international speakers, workshops, Aboriginal Youth Mean Business Forum, Murrumbidgee Trade Fair, Inaugural Dardi Victorian Indigenous Business Excellence Awards, gala dinner and other social and business networking opportunities. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Sebel, Albert Park, Melbourne. Details: (03) 9870 2611 or callers outside Melbourne 1300 799 526 or email events@conferenceworks.net.au or visit www.kbnconference.vic.gov.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

3 June: Mabo Day. This day commemorates the anniversary of the 1992 High Court decision in the case brought by Eddie Mabo and others which recognised the existence in Australia of Native Title rights. Mabo Day is the last day of Reconciliation Week every year is often marked by events celebrating the culture of the Torres Strait Islands. Details: (03) 9662 1645 or email info@reconciliationvic.org.au

3-5 June: Tenth Native Title Conference 2009 - Spirit of Country: Land, Water and Life. The conference will include indigenous talking circles, cultural events, stalls, workshops, lectures, exhibitions and more. Conference dinner 5 June from 7.30pm onwards. All welcome. Details: (02) 6246 1161 or email ntru@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.ntru.aiatsis.gov.au

5-8 June: The Dreaming Festival 09. The Dreaming is an international Indigenous festival that offers a showcase of Indigenous arts from across the country and around the world. This festival includes traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story circles, stalls and heaps more. Held at Woodford, Qld. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email info@thedreamingfestival.com or visit www.thedreamingfestival.com

19-21 June: 18th Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival 2009. This festival has become one of the largest gatherings of Indigenous people, resulting in one of the most varied displays of Aboriginal culture in the world. Traditional segments of the festival include dance, song, displays of hunting implements, weaving, workshops and much more. Costs involved. All welcome. Held in Cape York, Far North Queensland. Details: (07) 4060 3457 or email ldf@quinkancc.com or visit www.laurafestival.tv

26-29 June: 2009 Alice Springs Beanie Festival Exhibition 'Testing the Fibre: Ancient techniques and new ideas'. The Beanie Festival is where the mayhem and the thrill of the beanie chase takes place with thousands of beanies on display and for sale. Beanies, baskets, Indigenous spinning, free workshops, beanie olympics and more. There are 13 different beanie categories to go under. Prizes up for grabs. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8952 4417 or email terrcraftasp@octa4.net.au or visit



The Zugubau Zamick Gallery stall at the 2008 Dreaming Festival, from left, Mavis Pabai, Fred Pabai Snr, John Tom Snr, Allira Davis-Banu, David Banu and Lucy Banu.

Dreaming Festival next month

THE The Dreaming Festival returns to Woodford, just north of Brisbane, on the weekend of 4-8 June. It is an international Indigenous

festival that offers a showcase of Indigenous arts from across the country and around the world. It includes traditional healing, galleries, rituals, campfire story

circles, stalls and heaps more.

It is held every year at Woodford. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email info@thedreamingfestival.com or visit www.thedreamingfestival.com

www.beaniefest.org

1 July: Coming of the Light Festival. The Coming of the Light Festival commemorates the arrival of the London Missionary Society in the Torres Strait in 1871 introducing Christianity to the region. The event is celebrated through religious and cultural ceremonies. Details: (07) 4069 0700 or toll free 1800 079 093 or email info@tsra.gov.au

5-12 July: NAIDOC Week 09. The theme for NAIDOC Week in 2009 is Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth and encourages Indigenous communities to acknowledge the status of their Elders as leaders and role models for their youth. Details on events and locations call the Indigenous Co-ordination Centres on 1800 079 098 except Nhulunbuy on 1800 089 148, Kalgoorlie on 1800 193 357 and Kununurra on 1800 193 348 or email info@naidoc.org.au or visit www.naidoc.org.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

4 August: National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. This year's theme, Good Child Protection - We Do It Better Together, acknowledges that families, communities, schools, children's services, business organisations and governments must all work together to protect and support children. Details: (03) 9489 8099 or admin@snaicc.asn.au or visit www.snaicc.asn.au

7-11 August: Garma Festival of traditional culture 09. The Garma Festival is a nationally significant, intimate, spectacular celebration of cultural traditions and practices that include dance, song,

music, and art (including presentations, collaborations, sales) and the annual venue for a major Key Forum on Indigenous issues. Key Forum Theme 'Creative Industries'. Held at Gulkula, north-east Arnhem Land, NT. Details: (08) 8941 2900 or Simon Balderstone on (02) 9977 4578 or email garmafest@bigpond.com or visit www.garma.telstra.com

9 August: International Day of the World's Indigenous People 09. This event celebrates the achievements and contributions of Indigenous people to the global community. It is also an occasion to redouble efforts to address issues of exclusion, discrimination and poverty that are still the daily reality for many of these peoples. Details: Louise McDermott on (02) 9284 9851 or (0419) 258 597 or visit www.un.org/depts/dhl/indigenous

31 August-6 September: Retta Dixon reunion. This is a reunion for former residents of the Ritta Dixon Home in Darwin that was established 1946 and closed 1980. If residents from this home have any old photos, we would appreciate the use of them temporarily. If you would like to attend, please call with your name, address, travel and accommodation needs. Held in Darwin. Details: Valerie Day on (08) 8927 0527 or Debbie on (08) 8927 0203.

6-7 October: 'Kore Pitakoba' fifth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention. 'Kore Pitakoba' means 'Men being Peaceful, Loving and Healthy'. The convention will provide an opportunity to discuss men's issues and to evaluate the effects of the past, the disadvantage of men's health at present, and the measures necessary to promote and ensure a healthier future. International and Australian key speakers. Held at Newcastle University. Details: Ashley Gordon on (0409) 245 5987 or visit

www.workingwithmen.org.au

8-9 October: Fourth National Men and Family Relationships Forum. This forum will explore the constantly changing context of men and their family relationships in Australia. It will recognise the significant achievements, identify examples of positive strengths-based approaches to working with men, young men and children. It will also explore the current challenges and opportunities for relating with men, building relationships and partnerships for future sustainability. All welcome. Held at Newcastle University. Details: (02) 4984 2554 or email menhealth@pco.com.au or visit www.healthinfonet.edu.edu.au

7-9 October: Eighth National Men's Health Conference. This conference will provide a range of opportunities for participants to share the successes and challenges in their current work, to mix and share experiences with others with a common interest in male health and wellbeing, to reflect on current achievements and discuss future ones with colleagues from Australia and abroad. All welcome. Held at Newcastle University. Details: (02) 4984 2554 or email menhealth@pco.com.au or visit www.healthinfonet.edu.edu.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

Employment

Indigenous Job Opportunities



APY student Hudson Lennon, CDU lecturer Toby Gorrington, students Cleon Kenny, Sedrick Williamson, David Campbell and Andrew Kenny (background) and CDU lecturer Doug Jenkins discuss mustering at the Katherine Rural campus.

Passing muster

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SEVEN men from South Australia's remote north are helping to revive their communities' horsemanship and stockman skills through a training program at Charles Darwin University (CDU).

The men, from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands, were identified for their leadership skills demonstrated in previous training programs and are seen by the community as role models to guide and mentor others.

They have just returned from

a two-week training block at CDU's Katherine rural campus where they strengthened and formalised pastoral management and leadership skills.

The training built on the men's knowledge of pastoral management and included mustering, animal husbandry, drafting livestock and station management together with sustainable land practices.

The college is an active cattle property near the Top End town of Katherine and is used to train ringers throughout northern Australia.

CDU Senior Lecturer Peter

Dempster said he enjoyed working with the men, who took great interest in their new skills.

"They are quick learners and after a few days took ownership of the stock and this reflected the positive community spirit that I have seen from prior programs," he said.

'Hungry to learn'

"These blokes are hungry to learn and take initiative and it's great to see their willingness to apply their skills on the APY lands."

The latest training block was initiated by Anangu Gateways

and facilitated by CDU to develop leaders in the established multi-agency APY Youth Engagement Program.

Anangu Gateways Project Officer Geoff Deans, who worked closely with the group, said training emerging leaders was crucial for the program's success.

"Having higher-level participants who can supervise and mentor the youth helps develop an Anangu workforce because their influence and status can engage the younger fellas," he said.

Mr Deans said the men

appreciated learning on an active cattle property under the guidance of industry experts.

"They realised this was a great opportunity to gain industry standard skills and earned the respect of their trainers and peers through commitment and application," he said.

Participant David Campbell said he enjoyed his time.

"We learnt things from really good blokes who showed us how to be good role models," he said.

"Katherine was great and it showed us different ways of doing things that we can show them young fellas back home."

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Indigenous and CALD applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.



Indigenous Women's Worker

Part Time

The Wayside Chapel has been providing services to those living on or about the streets of Kings Cross since 1964, operating with a mission to 'create a community with no us and them'.

- Part time - 24 hours per week.
- Twelve month contract
- SACS Award Grade 3

The Indigenous Women's Worker will work within The Wayside Chapel's Community Services Centre, Wayside Youth and Day to Day Living Program.

Information Package:

Please contact Sunaina Pinto, phone 02 9358 5582 or email sunaina.pinto@thewaysidechapel.com

Closing Date: Friday 15th May 2009.



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Particular areas of need include technology, mathematics, science, music, languages, special education (including autism), student support (student management specialists), hospitality and teacher librarianship.

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School counselling (school psychologists) is a particular area of need. The recruitment process for counsellors is ongoing and separate to the Recruitment Round. Information and applications are available online at: http://www.det.act.gov.au/employment/teach_in_canberra/recruitment

Employment Opportunities

Employment is offered on a merit basis to successful applicants who will be offered permanent or temporary employment.

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For further information go to the Teaching in Canberra website: www.TeachCanberra.act.gov.au

Submitting an Application

Applications must be submitted on the application form - *Application for Employment Classroom Teacher 2009-2010*.

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Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Assistant Houseparent (expected vacancy)

Thursday Island

Canon Boggo Pilot Hostel
APS Level 3
\$38,089 - \$45,469 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

Want to know more?

Contact Michael Jackomos on 07 4051 4588.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Sandra Callopo on 07 4051 4588.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, CAIRNS QLD 4870.

Closing date

By 5pm 8 May 2009.

This is a Secondary Education hostel.

Relief Houseparent (expected vacancy)

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Canon Boggo Pilot Hostel
APS Level 3
\$584.11 - \$697.29 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 30.40 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel whilst on duty
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By 5pm 8 May 2009.

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Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people
Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

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Essential criteria:

- Current NSW Driver's Licence and good driving record
- Well developed interpersonal skills
- Ability to network with local Aboriginal communities through local organisations, playgroups, community activities and functions
- Experience in willingness to learn administrative and reception services
- Experience in willingness to learn Microsoft Office Word, Excel and other systems
- Willingness to learn health promotion support activities
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and use discretion at all times

Desirable:

- Aboriginality or familiarity with the Dubbo Aboriginal community
- An interest in health services

A competitive salary is payable depending on qualifications and experience, plus superannuation, leave loading and optional tax exempt benefits allowable under the legislation.

Enquiries to Karen Wallace (02) 6885 3744

Position description on www.fpnsa.org.au/about/employment

Please apply addressing selection criteria to Human Resources, email hr@fpnsa.org.au, fax (02) 9716 8044 or mail to 328-336 Liverpool Rd, Ashfield NSW 2131.

Applications close 13 May 2009

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Department for Families
and Communities

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Casual (more than one position)

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Vac No: 2823

Does the opportunity to work with young people and actively contribute to their safety, well-being and development interest you?

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All applicants must have a current SA driver's licence and Senior First Aid Certificate. Applicants will be required to undergo a criminal history and background check, a Job-Fit profiling assessment and a Medical evaluation prior to interview.

Successful applicants will need to be available to attend the 6 weeks full time paid training commencing on 13th July, 2009. On successful completion of the course you may be offered a Casual employment contract as a Youth Support Worker, OPS2.

For information regarding the selection process and to obtain an application pack, please attend the information night to be held on Wednesday 6th May, 2009 at 7.00 pm at UNISA Magill Campus in the Lecture Theatre H1:44 on St Bernards Road, Magill. If you cannot attend the information night then you can access the application pack by visiting www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers and go to 'Recruitment Programs'.

For General Enquiries please contact: Barb on 08 8130 4449 between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm or Mano 08 8226 6984 during business hours.

Email Enquiries only to: magill.isit@dfc.sa.gov.au

Applications Close: 5pm Thursday 14th May, 2009

To find out how to apply for this position, including essential criteria to be addressed in your application please visit www.dfc.sa.gov.au/careers

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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.

How to apply

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Contact details

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\$66,800 – \$76,736
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To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting www.ato.gov.au/careers. You must submit your application by 14 May 2009.

More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Karl Strichow on (02) 4923 1794.

MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

APS 6 – Canberra
\$66,800 – \$76,736
(plus superannuation)

- Familiar with finance systems?
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- Can you manage priorities and adapt to change?

Responsible for budget management activities in an accrual environment, you'll maintain, update and reconcile our budget framework; undertake financial modelling and forecasting; plus manage contributions to corporate costings. You'll develop and coordinate reports, policy and procedures; assist with financial assurance tasks and procurement functions; while providing technical and practical expertise and support to stakeholders.

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To apply

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More information

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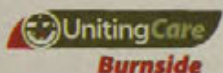
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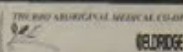
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The role is responsible for maintaining and improving the health and culturally sensitive manner.

The successful applicant will possess the following:

- Registered Nurse with additional qualifications in midwifery and maternal and child health.
- Ability to conduct clinical, ante-natal and post-natal health checks, including pap smears.
- Experience in providing an outreach service and flexible responses to client needs.
- Good knowledge, understanding and practical application in a culturally sensitive manner as to the issues surrounding child birth.
- Ability to provide support to Aboriginal women during pregnancy and childbirth.

Our Midwife works closely with Aboriginal Health Workers and provides holistic approach to patient care.

Salary Packaging Available

Closing Date: Friday 22nd May 2009

For Key Selection Criteria and Position Description please contact Narelle Carter or Lesley Day on (03) 9419 5000.

Applicants should address the key selection criteria, state full qualifications and experience including references to:

Mr Rod Jackson, Chief Executive Officer

Victorian Aboriginal Health Service

186 Nicholson Street

Fitzroy Vic 3065

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Receptionist

Full Time

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled organisation that provides primary and preventative health care, including physical, emotional and social support to the Aboriginal community.

The Victorian Aboriginal Health Service is looking to employ a full time Receptionist to work in their Women's and Children's Unit.

The role of the Receptionist operates under the guidance of the Women's and Children's Program Manager and is responsible for receiving and coordinating incoming telephone calls, arranging medical and specialist appointments, ensuring Medicare procedures are followed, patient pick up and directing correspondence.

The successfully applicant will possess the following:

- Demonstrated ability in operating a busy medical reception area
- Ability to be courteous and have a polite telephone and receptionist manner
- An understanding and commitment to Aboriginal culture
- Aboriginal Health Worker experience preferred but not essential
- Intermediate computer skills preferred. Knowledge of Communicare
- Good written and verbal communication skills
- A current Victorian Driver's Licence

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NSW HEALTH SYDNEY SOUTH WEST AREA HEALTH SERVICE

Closing date for all positions: 22 May 2009

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Aboriginal Health Worker (Aboriginal HEO)

Ref: 58461. Salary: \$40,396-\$68,901 pa. F/T at Aboriginal Child and Family, Community Health Services.

Enq: Anne King, (02) 9827 2222.

• Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Child and Family Health Nurse (RN) - working with Aboriginal families

Ref: 58481. F/T at Aboriginal Maternal & Child Health, Community Health Services.

Enq: Anne King, (02) 9827 2222.

DRUG HEALTH SERVICES

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Ref: 58501. Salary: \$40,396-\$68,901 pa. F/T at Needle & Syringe Exchange, RPAH. Enq: Lisa O'Brien, 0417 691 881.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Ref: 56033/2. Salary: \$774.20-\$1320.50 pw. Temp F/T or P/T up to 12 Months at Drug Health Services, Croydon Community Health.

Enq: Kate Conigrave, (02) 9515 8650.

FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

• Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Apply online at: www.sswahs.nsw.gov.au

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Housing and Community Services

Office of Multicultural, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Office of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs

Indigenous Trainee

Indigenous Trainee

Indigenous Trainee

Salary Range: \$37,316-\$41,241 (PN: ITP2009)

An opportunity exists for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to be part of the ACT Indigenous Traineeship Program. This program involves 12 months of training (at Certificate 2 or 3 level) and workplace experience in an ACT Government agency. Participants who successfully complete the Program and meet their workplace commitments during the 12 months may be advanced to a higher position in the ACT Public Service.

Note: Applicants should submit a 1-2 page expression of interest to be considered for this program. All applicants will be required to undertake a one week job ready program as part of this selection process. Applicants have an opportunity to be placed with the Department of Education and Training in a school environment on a part-time basis, working 6hrs 15mins each day (85% of the Indigenous Trainee salary) and will be on paid stand-down or annual leave during designated school vacation periods.

Contact Officer: Nevada Birbilopoulos (02) 6207 0555

nevada.birbilopoulos@act.gov.au

Selection documentation and mandatory application cover sheet may be downloaded from <http://www.jobs.act.gov.au/>

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Senior Consultant Wal Meta (Identified)

Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

(This is an Identified position because a significant proportion of the duties involve policy and program development, direct communication and support services for Aboriginal persons and Torres Strait Islander persons. It is mandatory for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to fill an identified position. Successful applicants must demonstrate that they meet the identified selection criteria.)

Employment and Industrial Relations

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/IR261/09

Enquiries: (07) 3238 3998 or E-Mail:

jobs@act.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 18 May 2009

Project Officer (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: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Ipswich

REF: QLD/COM0505/09

Key Duties: Participate in engagement and developing partnerships that contribute to planning, development implementation, monitoring, and review projects to ensure effective and outcome focussed programs.

Skills and Abilities: Provide advice through briefings, project plans, reports and correspondence in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2009

Housing Officer

Housing Services

Communities

Salary: \$46 121 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Inala

REF: QLD/COM0577/09

Key Duties: Delivering a broad range of tenancy and property management services and providing advice to clients.

Skills and Abilities: Match and deliver services to a diverse range of clients. Communicate effectively with staff, clients and support services.

Enquiries: Laura Benech, (07) 3162 9236

Closing Date: Tuesday, 12 May 2009

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NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Aboriginal Mental Health Worker – Male

Maroubra Community Mental Health Service
Health Education Officer Graduate/Non-Graduate

Perm Full Time Position No: CN145RR/180256

An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Helen O'Leary, (02) 9366 8711.

Closing Date: 15 May 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.seiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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 Peel 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 22 May 2009

Please note that it is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.



New South Wales Government

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Applications can be lodged on line at

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Project Officer (Identified)

Population Health, Location is negotiable (WallSEND, Tamworth or Taree) Position No: 63004

Temp Full Time until 28 February 2010 (with possibility of extension to December 2010)

Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp Full/Part Time positions.

Hunter New England Population Health offers an exciting opportunity for an innovative Project Officer to be involved in the development, delivery and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion projects that address the prevention of childhood overweight and obesity in the Hunter New England Population, with a specific focus on reaching the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

These projects will integrate other Population Health services, the broader health system and strategic partners.

A key role of the position will be to contribute to ensuring that Population Health Services are culturally appropriate and effective for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent through parentage, identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and be accepted as such within the community.

Salary and conditions: Health Education Officer Non-Graduate Level 1 (\$38,864) – Health Education Officer Graduate Level 9 (\$66,320).

Application packs and further information can be obtained by contacting Scott Trindall, Program Manager, on (02) 6767 8637 or via email at scott.trindall@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au. Closing date: 22 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.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE INC

"Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc", provides medical, dental and allied health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the greater metropolitan area and hinterland of Perth.

Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc seeks a Chief Executive Officer with the ability to lead the organisation.

The successful applicant will have a broad knowledge of health issues, with particular reference to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Possessing strong analytic and policy development abilities, the Chief Executive Officer will have successful change management experience and the skills necessary to provide a complex organisation with stability. You will be an excellent communicator, with sound human resource and financial management skills. These will be applied to the administration of health service operations and supporting units on multiple sites to ensure services and resources are distributed in accordance with the strategic direction, goals and objectives of Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc.

The position offers an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people through hands on leadership and management of a dynamic and challenging organisation.

Take on this exciting new challenge while being supported by a dynamic and passionate team who are focused on providing an exceptionally high level of care for Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service Inc clients.

You will be rewarded for your dedication, passion and commitment with an extremely attractive remuneration package, commensurate with your skills, qualifications and experience.

This position is open only to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people (Section 50D Equal Opportunity Act).

For a job description, selection criteria and further information please contact Jennifer Stott Acting CEO via email at stottj@dyhs.org.au or on 9421 3814. For an overview of Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service we suggest that interested applicants view our website at www.dyhs.org.au or phone Laura Fox (08) 9421 3814 PA to CEO for a copy of our Annual Report.

All applications are treated with the strictest confidence and should include a CV and address the selection criteria. Please address and mark confidential, all applications to Ted Wilkes President DYHS - 156 Wittenoom St, East Perth 6004. Applications close at 4.30 pm, 13 May 2009.

DERBARL YERRIGAN HEALTH SERVICE INC

The Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, located in East Perth, Mirrabooka and Maddington, is a key organisation in Aboriginal Health Care. We are a rapidly expanding and dynamic organisation providing a holistic service to the Aboriginal people of Western Australia.



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For more information or to apply online, visit www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au or phone 1800 185 466. Total remuneration package valued up to \$55,539 per annum including salary (\$40,878 - \$50,330 pa) and employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. For casual positions, rates commence at \$20.62 rising to \$21.95 per hour for applicants with a Certificate III in Disability (plus loadings and penalties).

Commencing rate depends on qualifications and experience. Please note, shift work is a requirement of the role.



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ACHIEVING A JUST AND SECURE SOCIETY

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CIVIL JUSTICE AND LEGAL SERVICES GROUP SOCIAL INCLUSION DIVISION

INDIGENOUS POLICY AND SERVICE DELIVERY BRANCH

Director

\$93,317 - \$112,129 per annum

Executive Level 2 (Ongoing Vacancy)

Reference Number: 2635/SID

CIVIC, ACT

The Department is seeking to engage an officer with expertise in program management and policy advice in Indigenous affairs in the role of Director of the Northern Territory Service Delivery Team. The Team is responsible for managing a range of Government initiatives, including the delivery of community and night patrols in the Northern Territory, under the Northern Territory Emergency Response (NTER). The successful applicant will have significant program and project management experience and strong communication skills including liaison with government and non-government agencies and Indigenous community organisations.

Contact Officer: Christine Freudenstein on (02) 6218 7014 or email: Christine.freudenstein@ag.gov.au

Note: This is an Identified Indigenous position and Indigenous jobseekers are encouraged to apply for this employment opportunity. Please call the Indigenous Contact Officer if you have any questions relating to working as an Indigenous person within the Attorney-General's Department.

Indigenous Contact Officer: Julie Goode on (02) 6141 3574 or email: Julie.goode@ag.gov.au

General Information

To be eligible for engagement applicants must be Australian Citizens and will be required to satisfy health and character/security checks.

Selection documentation and information on how to apply can be obtained from our website www.ag.gov.au, by emailing recruitment@ag.gov.au, or by phoning the AGD Recruitment Team on (02) 6141 3597 or (02) 6141 3594.

Our Department is committed to Workplace Diversity and aims to create an environment that values and utilises the contribution of its people from different backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. The Department requires electronic lodgement of applications using the online facility which is accessible from our internet site at www.ag.gov.au/vacancies. If you do not have internet access or are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the AGD Recruitment Team on (02) 6141 3597 or (02) 6141 3594.

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Aboriginal Casework Specialist

Salary Package: \$72,210

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Want the chance to be part of an organisation that strives to make a difference for indigenous children and young people in care?

Have the motivation and experience needed to actively assist and mentor a team of caseworkers?

If you answered yes, then we have the perfect job for you!

We here at KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated are looking at strengthening our Out of Home Care division and are looking for people interested in applying for our **Aboriginal Casework Specialist** position.

The **Aboriginal Casework Specialist** will hold a reduced caseload and be responsible for providing assistance to other caseworkers on high needs cases when required in a mentoring capacity.

The positions role is varied and requires the successful candidate to have a multitude of skills including high level communication and interpersonal skills, proficient report writing ability, significant casework experience, peer mentoring skills and the ability to work both independently and within a team as required.

If you think you have the skills we are looking for and you'd like to find out more about the position, please contact **Chris Laurie** on 9822 4922 or email: koochp@kari.com.au and request an information package.

Applications Close on the 20th May 2009



ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

Grade 3, MC2195

Ongoing \$50,175 - \$60,922

DANDENONG 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 Officer 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 a position description and selection criteria visit www.careers.vic.gov.au or contact Mr Mason Atkinson, Manager of Koori Courts, Telephone: (03) 9603 9415.

Applications close on 15 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.



Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO)

Leader, AFAO National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HIV Project

Full-Time Position: 35 hours per week, based in Sydney

AFAO is seeking an energetic, skilled Indigenous Australian to play a key leadership role in stimulating and supporting the Indigenous communities' response to HIV.

The AFAO National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV Project leads AFAO's works with Indigenous Australians and HIV, including Indigenous gay, sistergirl and transgender people and their wider communities and the Anwerkenhe National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS Alliance.

The key responsibilities of this position are: providing high-level strategic advice to AFAO Board and management and key national decision-making and advisory bodies, as well as ensuring comprehensive community input to the development of national HIV, sexual health and blood borne virus strategies for Indigenous Australians.

A good understanding of current HIV issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, a sound understanding of the Indigenous health sector, and sensitivity towards, and willingness to work with, AFAO's key target groups are essential.

This position is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position, and applications are restricted to Indigenous Australians. People living with HIV are encouraged to apply.

The position is an ongoing, full-time appointment (35 hours per week), based in Sydney. An attractive salary package, including relocation costs, will be negotiated with the successful candidate.

Please obtain an application package by contacting Andrew Sajben at AFAO on 02-8568-1105 or by email on asajben@afao.org.au

Applications close on Friday, 15 May 2009.

AFAO is the national peak organisation representing the community response to HIV/AIDS. AFAO's members include AIDS councils, and organisations representing HIV-positive people, sex workers, injecting drug users, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Aboriginal Team Leader Case Management Team

(Re-advertised position)

Essential: Aboriginality. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in human services areas such as, out of home care, social welfare, or working with communities, families, children and young people. A demonstrated understanding of Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and Office of Children's Guardian requirements and casework standards. Demonstrated ability in case management with disadvantaged children and families and an ability to initially carry a small caseload. Demonstrated experience in supervision of caseworkers, team management and performance management. Ability to achieve work plans and demonstrated effective time management and organizational skills. Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a management team. Experience in policy development and implementation of required procedures. Experience in working with local Aboriginal organizations, especially in the health, welfare and child support areas. Ability to liaise and work collaboratively with Government, Non-Government agencies and Aboriginal communities. Experience in working with the issues important to Aboriginal people, knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures on the Far North Coast. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing. Demonstrated ability to collect and analyse program data and sound computer and record keeping skills. Understanding of relevant OH&S issues. A current NSW driver's license.

Salaries: A generous remuneration package from \$72,664 will be negotiated plus superannuation and leave loading and including salary sacrifice.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Foster Carer Support - Caseworker

Essential: Aboriginality. Relevant Tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of 3 years relevant experience in human services areas such as, out of home care, social welfare, carer support or working with communities, families, children and young people. A general understanding of foster care and the needs of foster carers, of Out-of-Home-Care, relevant Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and Children's Guardian requirements. Experience in assessment and training of Foster carers and/or understanding of group dynamics/processes. Demonstrated ability in case management with children and families, ability to carry a small caseload. Experience in working with local Aboriginal organizations, especially in the health, welfare and child support areas, ability to liaise and work collaboratively with Government, Non-Government agencies and Aboriginal communities. Experience in working with the issues important to Aboriginal people, knowledge of Aboriginal communities on the Far North Coast. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing. Ability to achieve work plans and effective time management. Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a team, follow established Policy and Procedures. To collect and analyse program data and sound computer and record keeping skills. Understanding of relevant OH&S issues. A current NSW driver's license.

Salaries: A generous remuneration package ranging from \$51,784 to \$67,448 will be negotiated plus superannuation and leave loading and including salary sacrifice.

In these positions an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Location: Casino

Contact: Lenore Marlowe - Manager phone 02 66 628044

Information Package: must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW, 2470

Closing Date: Friday 22nd May 2009.

Statewide Coordinator - Koori Early Childhood Field Officer Program, VPSG5

This position offers an excellent opportunity for an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander person to work within the department to contribute to improving outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families. The Koori Early Childhood Field Officer program coordinator will lead and support the implementation a range of initiatives funded under the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework to increase the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in kindergarten and better engage Aboriginal children and their families in a range of early years activities. An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A107/2008). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply. Further information about the position is available from Shane Nichols on ph: (03) 9637 2339.

Interested applicants should apply for this position at www.careers.vic.gov.au. In the Reference field on the Jobs Board page, enter the position reference OCECD481. Applications close 22 May 2009.

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An excellent communicator, you'll have experience in human resource information systems, including SAP HR, as well as the Microsoft Office suite of applications. If you have sound time management, negotiation and relationship building skills, coupled with the capacity to build organisational capability, we'd love to hear from you.

Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively. Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees. Applicants to submit detailed applications as their primary claim to the position. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting www.ato.gov.au/careers. You must submit your application by 7 May 2009.

More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Kirsty Morris on (08) 8208 1704.

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Advanced Child Protection Practitioner (Aboriginal Focused Unit)

North and West Metropolitan Region
Child Protection, Community Case
Management & Care
\$58,235 - \$65,506 (+ superannuation)
3 X Ongoing, Full Time positions

We seek several skilled, energetic Advanced Child Protection Practitioners for the Aboriginal Focused Unit. You will investigate, assess and manage complex cases of children at risk of harm from abuse or neglect. You will be a strong team member who demonstrates leadership qualities and appropriate levels of autonomy.

You will partner with Aboriginal and mainstream services to develop and deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, risk assessment and case management interventions for at risk children and young people.

If you are committed to making a contribution to assuring the rights and best interests of for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people, then we want to hear from you.

If this opportunity appeals to you please contact Veronica Martin on (03) 9479-0514. Please quote reference number DHS/NWR/166315
Closing date for applications is Sunday 17 May 2009.

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Post Ad B0324-06

Team Leader Child Protection (Aboriginal Focused Unit)

North and West Metropolitan Region
Child Protection, Community Case
Management & Care
\$66,296 - \$75,226 (+ superannuation)
Ongoing, Full Time

Do you have a genuine desire and the necessary skills to make a difference for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

We seek an experienced, energetic Child Protection Team Leader for the Aboriginal Focused Unit. The unit is targeted to the protection and support needs of Aboriginal children and young people and their families, subject to statutory Child Protection intervention.

You will supervise a team of Child Protection Workers and partner with Aboriginal services to support comprehensive, culturally competent risk assessment and interventions for at risk children and young people.

If this opportunity appeals to you please contact Veronica Martin on (03) 9479-0514. Please quote reference number DHS/NWR/101057
Closing date for applications is Sunday 17 May 2009.

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When can you apply?

Applications are now being taken and close 5pm Friday 22 May 2009.

Country Energy is an EEO employer and encourages members of the Indigenous community and females to apply for any of the positions listed above.

Three positions are targeted to the employment of Indigenous people and is authorised by Country Energy's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

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Indigenous Employment Coordinator

Package \$80,000 pa

DESA Australia, a leading company specialising in the installation of commercial communications, data and electrical systems throughout Australia, is seeking an Indigenous Employment Coordinator to facilitate the development and implementation of an Indigenous Employment Strategy.

The principal aim of this role will be to provide ongoing support and mentoring to DESA's Indigenous employees, and develop a cross cultural package for existing employees. The role will also work in partnership with Indigenous leaders to explore small business and training opportunities in the data and communications field.

Selection Criteria

- An awareness of issues affecting Indigenous people and the ability to operate effectively in a cross cultural environment.
- Demonstrated experience in HR management with an understanding of employment legislation, particularly in the context of the Government's commitment to the Indigenous community.
- Able to develop policy and formulate a strategy to deliver that policy.
- Capable of helping to deliver a cultural understanding within an organisation.
- Marketing and business development skills.
- Knowledge of the contracting/construction industry.
- Well developed oral and written communications skills including the ability to consult and negotiate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people; produce clear reports in a timely manner; liaise effectively with all stakeholders.

This is a fantastic opportunity to join a progressive and dynamic company operating out of a modern northern suburbs location in a role charged with making a material contribution to the advancement of Indigenous people. The post is an initial two year full time position funded by the Commonwealth Government through its Structured Training and Employment Projects (STEP) scheme. Continuation of the role beyond the initial two year period will largely be determined by the success achieved in the role.

Applications close: 15 May 2009

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: Lesley Peell, DESA Australia Pty Ltd PO Box 120 Fairfield Vic 3078 or email to lesley.peell@desa.com.au

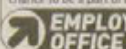
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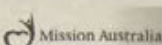


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Aboriginal (Identified Position) Program Coordinator

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You're a compassionate and dedicated Aboriginal Case Worker seeking the opportunity to work within the local Indigenous areas for one of Australia's largest community service providers - Mission Australia.

In this role, you will look at creating flexible group programs and individual strategies to assist young Aboriginal people who are at risk of exclusion from school, encourage them to achieve their goals, provide guidance, establish effective community relationships, and liaise with local support networks for referral.

You will bring to the role a strong background in programme development and case management and or demonstrated experience with youth, drivers license a relevant tertiary qualification and more importantly compassion to help others.

If you are seeking an opportunity to work for a program that transforms the lives of others we would like to hear from you.

To access more information including a position description please go to www.transformlives.com.au or contact Kellie Smith (02) 49270 974

TRANSFORM



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW

Field Officer, Aboriginal

Field Officer Grade 1/2, Illawarra/Southern Tablelands/South Coast, Nowra, Casual
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-083

\$19.52 - \$21.44 per hour plus applicable casual loadings and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Contribute to the Department's aims to enhance and preserve our natural and cultural heritage. Undertake maintenance and improvements within national parks. Ability to undertake all duties safely and to appropriately operate and maintain plant and equipment. Effective communication and community relation skills, and an ability to work as part of a team.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities.
- Willingness to undertake hygiene maintenance duties.
- Demonstrated ability to carry out all duties safely and appropriately operate & maintain plant & equipment. Ability to obtain certification to operate a chain saw to cross-cut standard & ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Job Notes: Up to six (6) casual positions available for up to 12 months with possible extension. There is no guarantee of the amount or continuity of work available. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months).

Inquiries: Greg Tedder and Alfred Wellington (02) 4428 6300 or alfred.wellington@environment.nsw.gov.au
Information Packages contact: (02) 4428 6300

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220. Fax (02) 9585 5116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 15 May 2009

NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. Applications are welcomed from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from diverse cultures and people with a disability. Successful applicants will be subject to a rigorous Criminal History Record check prior to commencement.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT OFFICER

Job Classification: Clerk Grade 1/2 - Temporary Full-Time
Suburb: Far South Coast Local Area Command - Batemans Bay

Vacancy Ref: 09/042

Salary Package: \$57,790

Salary: \$48,173 - \$52,370

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide support within the Local Area Command (LAC) focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public and Police staff. Provide administrative, clerical and keyboard support within LAC.

Job Notes: Temporary employment/appointment under sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months. Permanency will not be offered.

This position works under the non-continuous shift award and rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.

General Administrative Support Officers will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours Monday to Friday but may be rostered to perform afternoon and weekend shifts on the front counter of the Police Station.

Selection Criteria:

- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to maintain accurate filing and recording systems.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing skills.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures.
- Ability to work independently but also as a member of a team.
- Possession of high integrity standards and ability to maintain confidentiality.
- Must be prepared to work rotational shifts and undertake weekend work.

Inquiries: Liz Hepburn phone (02) 4478 9901 or hepb1e@police.nsw.gov.au

Information Pack: Leanne Campbell (02) 4478 9910

Applications marked 'Confidential' to: The Local Area Manager, Far South Coast Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, PO Box 780, BATEMANS BAY NSW 2536

Closing Date: 15/05/2009

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RESEARCH FELLOW

ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences
Research School of Social Sciences
Australian Centre for Indigenous History

Academic Level B

Salary Range: \$74,447 - \$84,786

Reference: A155-09AV

The Australian Centre for Indigenous History in the History Program, Research School of Social Sciences, is seeking a Research Fellow to undertake research in the field of Australian Indigenous history and to play a role in developing future research, research funding and post-graduate teaching directions for the Centre. The applicant would have post-graduate training and a track record in Australian Indigenous history. The successful applicant would also be expected to act as Deputy Director of ACIH and to contribute to student supervision.

The Australian Centre for Indigenous History (ACIH) is involved in projects that emphasise a collaborative approach to historical research with local Indigenous communities, and scholars from a range of disciplines. The Centre undertakes major research projects on Indigenous modes of historical practice, on Indigenous collectors and collecting, health, biography and autobiography, and archaeology. It has collaborated in museum exhibitions and several documentary films on a range of historical themes. It hosts the scholarly journal *Aboriginal History*, and benefits from a range of Program Visitors and Adjunct Professors who are leaders in the field of Indigenous history. It also hosts visiting international and national visiting scholars. The scholarly environment is complemented by the National Centre for Biography, which includes the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

The History program also has strengths in environmental, cultural and social history. ACIH also works with the National Centre for Indigenous Studies directed by Professor Mick Dodson AM.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are especially encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Professor Ann McGrath T: 02 6125 4850

E: Ann.McGrath@anu.edu.au

Closing Date: Monday 8 June 2009

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Careers in Health

Social Worker (Case Worker)

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Specialised Service Stream, Community and Primary Health Services, Bayside, Metro South Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$84 093 p.a., comprising salary between \$50 145 - \$73 704 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09BL004448.

Duties/Abilities: Provide specific social work services to clients who access the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service with a particular focus on linking in with and working on issues identified within the local Indigenous Communities. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Elaine Wade (07) 3488 4222.

Application Kit: (07) 3136 5603 or (07) 3136 5601 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 18 May 2009.

Health Worker Advanced (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)

Primary Health Team, Primary Health and Care Coordination Services, Primary and Community Health Services, Brighton Community Health Centre, Brighton, Metro North Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$56 983 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 403 - \$49 943 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09PCH04356. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide an advanced level of generalist health care to the Indigenous community within the Metro North Health Service District to improve their health and wellbeing and promote self help health care within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community. Contribute as a team member in the development and delivery of culturally appropriate health promotion and health education programs. Provide advocacy and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and clients. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Aged Care Act 1997* requires Queensland Health employees and volunteers of aged care services to have a current National Police Certificate. Queensland Health will facilitate the applicants obtaining the above checks.

Enquiries: Jill Whitlock (07) 3631 7393.

Application Kit: (07) 3139 4004 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Tuesday, 19 May 2009.

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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 in Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

Project Officer - Indigenous Employment (Ongoing contract)

\$62,116 - \$70,477 + 9% Super Position Number: DSE 8322

This is a fantastic opportunity to contribute to increasing employment opportunities for indigenous people and improving the career aspirations of DSE's indigenous staff. You will develop written material to assist with engagement of teachers, career counsellors and supervisors of indigenous people and the interaction with indigenous facilitators across DSE. Utilise your knowledge and experience in indigenous engagement and recruitment and your excellent written and verbal communication skills in a diverse organisation offering excellent personal and professional development opportunities. Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply and are invited to contact the Team Leader, Employment Strategies on (03) 9637 8216 for advice and support with applications.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Sunday 24 May 2009.

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(32.5 hours per week)

The Child Support Agency is looking for motivated individuals with a passion for customer service and debt collection skills to succeed in these roles. Your work to provide improved customer service and child support collection activities to separated and separating parents is crucial to the Child Support Agency (CSA) achieving its goals.

The CSA is part of the Department of Human Services and plays a central role in supporting separated families across Australia. We provide our customers with the tools, support service options and assistance they need to transfer child support for the benefit of their children.

You will need:

- a passion for customer service
- an ability to work with separated parents to facilitate the transfer of child support payments
- an ability to deal with sensitive and emotional issues
- excellent communication, negotiation, conflict resolution and problem solving skills
- resilience and the ability to work under pressure.

Information sessions for interested applicants will be held in each of the locations. Please check the DFP Network website listed below for times, dates and locations of the information sessions.

We support our people by providing development opportunities and flexible working conditions. Indigenous Australians, people with a disability and from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Please note: There will be no access to flexible working arrangements for permanent part-time positions. Successful Adelaide applicants will be required to be available full-time during the hours of 8.30am to 5.00pm, for the initial 6 week training period. Successful Sydney and Parramatta applicants may be required to undertake their initial training from either the CSA Sydney Office or the CSA Parramatta Office.

TDAPPLY

Applications should be lodged on-line via the DFP Network website at <http://csa.dfp.com.au/aps3may2009> - an information pack containing all available information about this position is also located on this site. Technical enquiries regarding the online application should be directed to DFP Network on 1300 138 337.

Applications close at 5pm (AEST) on 14 May 2009.

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Community Midwife

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Community Midwife required to work in the Healthy Start Program, aligned with the Aboriginal Maternal Infant Health Strategy, providing and promoting community based services in Broken Hill and surrounding communities, working in partnership with Aboriginal Primary Health Workers.

Healthy Start Program Leader Nurse Manager or Clinical Nurse Consultant

\$83,590 to \$88,714

Lead a team and keep the Healthy Start program at the leading edge of maternal and child programs in remote Australia. The program incorporates approaches including working with families to improve population health outcomes and leading practice change. Based in Broken Hill.

Primary Mental Health, Drug & Alcohol Workers

\$40,380 to \$69,378

Work in an integrated primary care team, delivering assessment, and brief treatment interventions. Skills and knowledge transfer to develop local capacity to deliver early detection, brief intervention, referral and follow-up care is integral to the role. Positions based in Merindoo Broken Hill/ Wilcannia.

To apply, you will need to obtain an Application Package.

Please contact
Danika Tonna
08 8082 9815 or
DTonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Applications close
20th May 2009

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy.

Working with children checks are required prior to appointment.

Queries for further information are to be directed as follows:

Community Midwife: Contact Cathy Dyer 08 8082 9832 or email CDyer@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au
Healthy Start Program Leader: Contact Cathy Dyer 08 8082 9832 or email CDyer@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au
PMHD&A Workers: Contact Kate Gooden 0429 829 508 or email KGooden@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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You are eligible to apply if you:

- Are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent, and
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
- Are accepted as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander in the community where you live or have lived, and
- Are enrolled Full Time in an approved course of study at a NSW or ACT university, TAFE college, or other registered training organisation providing vocational qualifications, and
- Are enrolled for your first undergraduate degree course or vocational diploma or advanced diploma, and
- Are an Australian resident.

For the full list of eligibility criteria please read the NSW Public Sector Indigenous Cadetship Program Information for Cadets which is accessed via www.sydneywater.com.au and click on Career Opportunities.

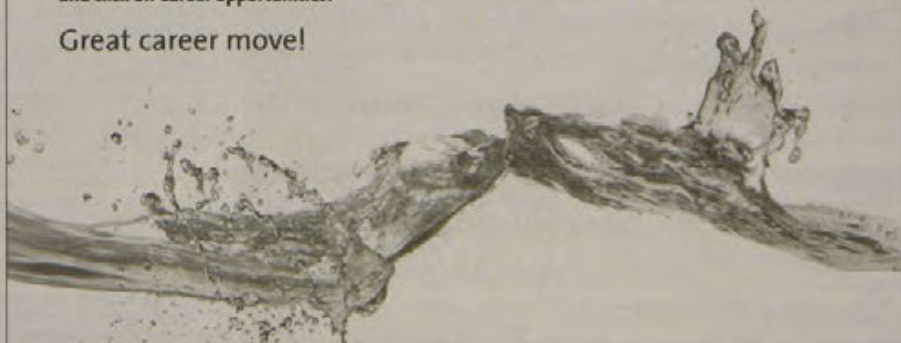
How do I apply?

- Complete the Cadetship Application Form accessible at www.sydneywater.com.au
- Provide a copy of your Confirmation of Enrolment statement from your tertiary institution
- Provide a copy of your most recent academic results
- Provide a copy of your resume

Applications close: 29 May 2009

To learn more or to apply, visit www.sydneywater.com.au and click on Career opportunities.

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**OFFICE OF THE PVC (LEARNING AND TEACHING)
BADANAMI CENTRE FOR INDIGENOUS EDUCATION**

Bankstown Campus
"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

The Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education is seeking to appoint two highly experienced Indigenous academics, both of which will be identified* for Indigenous positions, as follows:

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (INDIGENOUS),
INDIGENOUS GRADUATE ATTRIBUTE PROJECT**

3 Year Fixed Term Contract Ref No. 370/09
Remuneration Package: Academic Level D \$129,055 to \$141,747 p.a.
(comprising Salary \$109,350 to \$120,198 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

**LECTURER (INDIGENOUS), INDIGENOUS
STUDIES & CURRICULUM DEVELOPER**

3 Year Fixed Term Contract Ref No. 371/09
Remuneration Package: Academic Level B \$88,749 to \$104,726 p.a.
(comprising Salary \$74,994 to \$88,556 p.a., 17% Superannuation and Leave Loading)

In 2009, the University of Western Sydney (UWS) received funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Work Relations to fund a three year project to develop and implement a learning and teaching framework to enable UWS graduates to appreciate the culture of Indigenous Australia and gain skills for working productively with Indigenous communities. The UWS Indigenous Graduate Attribute will become a mandatory component of all courses. Badanami Centre is responsible for the management, coordination and delivery of the UWS Indigenous Graduate Attribute and an Indigenous Studies major.

The successful Indigenous applicants are responsible for contributing Indigenous perspectives to the development and teaching of Indigenous content in the University's courses and units.

The appointees to the positions will be expected to work closely with academic and administrative staff in Badanami Centre for Indigenous Education, across the university and with external professionals and organisations in implementing the Indigenous Graduate Attribute into UWS courses.

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Berice Anning, (02) 4796 0695 or email b.anning@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 29 May 2009

Please visit the UWS Website: <http://www.uws.edu.au/vacancies/> for full details on these positions and how to apply.

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**Yurauna Centre Student
Support Coordinator**

Administrative Services Officer Class 6
Salary Range: \$64,583-\$74,188 (PN: 17035)

As Indigenous Student Support Coordinator design, plan and evaluate a variety of projects, programs and activities to address a range of indigenous student needs and assist students to achieve education and employment goals. Provide pathway planning advice to students and provide Indigenous Cultural Awareness training across the Institute.

Eligibility/Other Requirements: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position. Possession of vocational or tertiary level qualifications in Career Counselling, Youth Work, Teaching, Community Work, Social Welfare, Community Development and Counselling desirable. Possession of a current driver's licence.

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: 21 May 2009

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**Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn
CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the following positions in the Catholic Education Office (CEO) of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to commence as soon as possible.

These are Indigenous identified positions. The successful applicants will have significant experience in Indigenous education, experience liaising with Indigenous communities and Indigenous perspectives across the curriculum.

The positions contribute to the mission of the Catholic Education System by personal example of commitment, leadership and service to school communities and Indigenous communities in Indigenous education within the Curriculum and Pedagogy (Numeracy) Team.

**Religious Education & Curriculum Services:
Indigenous Assistant - ACT
(2 positions) - Re-advertised**

(Previous applicants will be considered and need not reapply)

The role aims to support Indigenous students within classrooms and the broader school setting, enhance the partnership between families of Indigenous students and their schools and support teachers and school staffs in matters relating to Indigenous education.

Further enquiries and information regarding the positions to Mrs Leonie Kelly phone 02 6234 5412 or leonie.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au or visit our website at www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au

Please note that applicants must address the selection criteria.

The appointment of successful applicants is subject to satisfactory employment screening for child related employment in accordance with CEO policy.

Closing date: Friday, 15 May 2009

**SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE
ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - NOWRA, NSW**

**Senior Manager Community
Care Services ***

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

Full Time contract, initially 3 years

The Senior Manager Community Care Services will provide high level strategic management for the SCMSAC Community Programs and Social and Emotional Wellbeing teams. This will include direct supervision of managers, team leaders and administrative staff on the team. The Senior Manager will develop plans, priorities and projects in collaboration with other sections of SCMSAC and local stakeholders, develop annual work plans and submissions for additional funding for the Community Care Service to meet agreed priorities, support the implementation and monitoring of new projects and ensure and report on the delivery of outcomes against agreed priorities and plans.

To discuss this position contact:
Anne Greenaway - 02 4428 6666

**Senior Manager Regional
Services ***

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

Full Time contract, initially 3 years

The Senior Manager Regional Services (Senior Manager) will manage the ongoing development and implementation of the SCMSAC Regional Service - currently the main focus is Substance Use. This will include ensuring that the Regional Service meets key outcomes in three Key Result Areas: Community capacity development; workforce and service development; and resourcing and evaluation. The Senior Manager will develop regional plans, priorities and projects in collaboration with regional partners and the regional CEO forum, develop annual business plans and submissions for additional funding for the Regional Service and partner organisations to meet agreed priorities, support the implementation and monitoring of new projects and ensure and report on the delivery of outcomes against agreed priorities and plans.

To discuss this position contact:
Anne Greenaway - 02 4428 6666

Project Development Officer *

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

Full Time or Part time - Temporary for 6 months

The Project Development Officer will be required to work as part of the SCMSAC's regional services team. Duties include: assisting with the development, implementation and evaluation of the Family is Family project. Including recruiting and training volunteer family violence prevention peer leaders in Aboriginal Communities on the South and Far South Coast. The Project Development Officer will work closely with the two men's drug and alcohol and family violence outreach workers. The job may include organisational work, liaison, project management, and development of staff position documentation, workplans, subcontracts and other duties consistent with the position.

To discuss this position contact:
Peta Sutton - 02 4447 8037

Mental Health Nurse

Full Time or Part Time

The Mental Health Nurse will work as part of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing team and in collaboration with the SCMSAC clinics and provide mental health nursing services to Aboriginal people and their families living in the Shoalhaven, including mental health monitoring, medication management and establishing and enhancing links with health professionals and other clinical service providers. The Mental Health Nurse will be required to adhere to the Medicare care planning and billing procedures.

To discuss this position contact:
Beverly Hansell - 02 4428 6666

* Aboriginal Identified Positions. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational requirement under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act.

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: The Selection Criteria is available in the information pack which can be obtained from Mark King on 4428 6666 or by email recruitment@southcoastnsw.org.au.

Applications close: COB Monday 18th May 2009



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Agriculture and Food

Veterinary Cadetship

Indigenous Australian

Web Search No: 20095022

Level/Salary: L-Cadetship \$300 per week

Take advantage of this great opportunity to work in a large organisation and gain experience in all aspects of Veterinary Science. Indigenous Australian students undertaking full time study to complete a University Degree of Veterinary Science are invited to submit an application for a cadetship with the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and Food. A Cadetship provides Indigenous Australians access to positions that require professional qualifications.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9368 3338 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Enquiries: Please contact Tanya Daly on Ph: 9366 2315.

Location: South Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 18 May 2009 at 5.00pm.



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Agriculture and Food

**Natural Resource
Management Cadetship**

Indigenous Australian

Web Search No: 20095007

Level/Salary: L-Cadetship \$300 per week

Take advantage of this opportunity to work in a large organisation & gain experience in all aspects of Natural Resource Management. Indigenous Australian students undertaking full time study to complete a University Degree of Advanced Diploma in Agricultural Science, Horticultural Science, Agricultural Business Management, Natural Resource Management or Economics (or approved equivalent), are invited to submit an application for a cadetship.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9368 3338 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Enquiries: Please contact Tanya Daly on Ph: 9366 2315.

Location: South Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 18 May 2009 at 5.00pm.

**MAMU
Health Service Ltd.**



RURAL & REMOTE WORKFORCE TEAM

Mamu Health Service Limited is a community based organisation located in Far North Queensland, delivering primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Innisfail, Ravenshoe and surrounding communities. Mamu Health Service Limited is establishing a Rural & Remote Workforce Team to deliver primary health care services within the Tablelands Health Service District. The service area location is west to Crocydon, south to Ravenshoe and north to Chillagoe. Travel and overnight accommodation is an essential requirement for these positions.

Mamu Health Service Limited is seeking suitable applicants for the positions of:

Senior Medical Officer

Provide a high level of clinical services to all communities within the service area location.

Registered Nurse

Provide specialist community and primary health nursing services that focuses on the prevention, early detection and management of health problems.

Part-Time Optometrist

Provide high level examinations once a month, every three months of the year, give advice on visual problems, prescribe eye wear if necessary, share care of patients with chronic disease and provide referrals to medical officers as necessary.

**Drug & Alcohol Counsellor
(identified)**

To provide and promote appropriate counselling and support services to individuals and families accessing our service.

**Aboriginal & Islander Health
Worker (hearing health)**

Examine, assess, refer and provide detailed reports on the condition of hearing health within the service delivery area, through the provision of comprehensive hearing health services.

**Part-Time Administration/Finance
Officer (identified)**

Provide a high level of support three days a week, to the area of administration, human resources, finance and records management, to the Rural & Remote Workforce Team daily functions.

Position descriptions and application forms can be obtained from Mamu Health Services, 10 Ernest Street, Innisfail QLD 4860, or E-mail: appointments@mamu.com.au

Enquiries: 0439737572

Applications close Monday 18th May 2009.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' Program

Senior Program Officer

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Associate Lecturer/ Academic Advisor

Ref 9128

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Indigenous Partnership Project Officer

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Position No: DSE 812624

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to the implementation of highly significant Native Title Determinations in the South West. Primarily, this position will provide Executive Officer services to support the work of Wiyilaly Council which has been established under the Co-operative Management Agreement between the Barengi Gadgin Land Council and the State of Victoria. Additionally, as a part of DSE Indigenous Partnerships service delivery team, the position will assist with the delivery of natural resource management projects in partnership with Indigenous Communities in the South West.

To apply and for further information on the position description and selection criteria visit:

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 20 May 2009.

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INDIGENOUS TECHNICAL TRAINEES

2 Positions

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Unique traineeships are available for highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as a Technical Trainee. This is a rare opportunity to begin an exciting career and at the same time obtain a relevant TAFE qualification.

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An interest in developing a career in the technical fields will be a strong requirement. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE Certificate IV qualification. The TAFE will be in Sydney CBD.

Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, melissa.williams@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 18 May 2009

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NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/1349	Crescent Gold Ltd	310485	22.66ha	5km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°20'	Laverton
38/1522	South Boulder Mines Ltd	316499	82.65ha	50km Wly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°56' Long 122°23'	Laverton
38/1535	South Boulder Mines Ltd	315302	10.28ha	51km Wly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°00' Long 122°22'	Laverton
51/919	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	304340	99.17ha	50km NEly of Cue	Lat 27°01' Long 118°09'	Cue

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 6 May 2009

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 6 August 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

Expedited procedure: The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 6 September 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 applications for determination of native title in the state of Queensland

Notification day: 20 May 2009



These are applications by native title claim groups who are asking the Federal Court to determine that they hold native title in the areas described below.

A person who wants to become a party to any of these applications must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, Queensland Registry, GPO Box 13084, George Street Post Shop, Brisbane QLD 4003 on or before Notification End Date 19 August 2009. After 19 August 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to any of these applications, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determinations, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the areas concerned.



Application name: Kaurareg People #1

Federal Court File No: QUD266/08

Date: 28 August 2008

The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers an area of about 1400km² over the waters approximately 24km to the north of Cape York, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Torres Shire Council.



Application name: Kaurareg People #2

Federal Court File No: QUD267/08

Date: 28 August 2008

The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 3700km² over the waters surrounding Prince of Wales Island and Thursday Island to the north of Cape York, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Torres Shire Council and Cook Shire Council.



Application name: Gudang Yadhaykenu People

Federal Court File No: QUD269/08

Date: 2 September 2008

The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description: The area subject to this application covers about 15670km² over the waters to the north east of Cape York, as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authorities of Cook Shire Council and Torres Shire Council.

Data statement: claimant application boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information contact Michelle Mann
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.



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Employment Co-ordinator on 02 9437 4000 or 0434 607 697.



TAMWORTH ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Program Coordinator

Position Number: 02/09

Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service has an exciting opportunity for a Project Coordinator to commence Phase 1 of the Healthy for Life program. The Healthy for Life Program is federally funded and designed to enhance the capacity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care services to improve the quality of child and maternal health services, men's health and chronic disease care and over time to close the gap in Aboriginal Health.

The Healthy for Life Program is developed over two stages: Phase 1 - Conduct market research and needs analysis, identify gaps in the current service provision and develop a plan to target these areas. Phase 2 - Implementation of the plan and activities developed in Phase 1. This position is temporary full time for a six month period, although with the satisfactory completion of phase 1, it is expected that this position will be extended to permanent full time.

North West Slopes Division of General Practice is the current auspice organisation for TAMS and consults with the community through the Tamworth Aboriginal Medical Service Incorporated.

The successful applicant would need to have the following skills:

- Relevant tertiary qualification or experience in health related disciplines
- Experience in project management and service delivery
- Evidence of effective communication, liaison and organisational skills
- Critical appraisal, problem identification and creative problem solving skills
- Completion of competing tasks within deadlines and agreed unit priorities
- Ability to work well as part of a team and independently with minimal supervision
- Advocating and negotiating with various organisations and community groups.
- Competence and experience in computers in Microsoft Office and working in a Windows environment.
- Statistical and other data analysis, interpretation and application to project management
- Current driver's license
- Understanding of health needs in the Aboriginal Community

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.

You will be rewarded for your dedication, passion and commitment with an attractive remuneration package to match your skills, qualifications and experience.

For further information or to obtain an application package, please contact: Debi Richardson at North West Slopes Division on Ph. 02 67661394 or email drichardson@nwsdgp.org.au.

Applications Close: 11 May, 2009 at 5pm.

Notice of Proposed Variation of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed variation of the approved work programs for 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
EPM14778 This application is in 5 separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 41 km North East from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.19°56'30"S Long.146°38'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 31 km East from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°03'30"S Long.146°34'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 3: 46 km North East from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.19°51'S Long.146°37'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 4: 2 km South East from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.146°57'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 5: 33 km North east from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.19°58'30"S Long.146°33'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 177 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville and Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 55 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Townsville 3343 h, j, n, o, p, u, z 3344 q, r, v 3415 e, d, e, h, j, k 3416 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3417 f, l, q, v, w, x, y Clermont 32 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k Area of Part 2: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 31 n, o, t, u, y, z 32 v Area of Part 3: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3344 b, c, d, g, h, j Area of Part 4: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 107 k, o, p Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3415 t	Carpentaria Gold Pty Ltd 010 706 966
EPM15098 This application is in 7 separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 23 km West South West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°10'S Long.146°40'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 21 km North West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°02'S Long.146°42'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 19 km South West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.19°51'S Long.146°37'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 4: 32 km South West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°20'S Long.146°42'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 5: 28 km South East from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'30"S Long.146°30'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 6: 28 km West North West Centred at approximate Lat.20°04'30"S Long.146°37'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 7: 34 km South East from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°14'30"S Long.146°32'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 293 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 91 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 33 x, y, z 34 v 103 z 104 r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 105 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 106 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 175 p, u, z 176 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 177 a, f, g, k, l, m, q, r, v, w 178 a, b, f 248 d, e 249 a Area of Part 2: 68 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 32 o, p 33 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, r 34 a, b, f, g Area of Part 3: 61 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 19 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 178 n, o, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 250 a, b, c, d, e, f, j, k, l, o Area of Part 4: 35 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 249 q, r, w, x, y 321 a, h, c, d, f, g Area of Part 5: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 174 k, p 175 f, l, q Area of Part 6: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 32 w, x Area of Part 7: 1 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 175 x	Carpentaria Gold Pty Ltd 010 706 966

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Apunipima Cape York Health Council (ACYHC) is a leading non-profit organisation, dedicated to improving the health and cultural wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As a Community Controlled Health Service, ACYHC works closely with community, government, and non-government organisations to improve access to primary health care services delivered in Cape York.

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is continuing the initial core business of the organisation however its future focus will be the transition and implementation of an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service.

EXECUTIVE MANAGER PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

The Apunipima Cape York Health Council is looking for a passionate, highly-skilled and energetic person with a strong desire to make a difference to the health of Cape York people.

Executive Manager of Primary Health Care (EMP) reports directly to the CEO and is responsible for the line management of service delivery rollout across Cape York communities.

The position provides leadership and strategic management in the implementation of comprehensive Primary Health Care (PHC) services within Apunipima Cape York Health Council (ACYHC) and strategic initiatives related to models of primary health care and related indigenous primary health care programs.

The ideal applicant will be able to demonstrate relevant executive level management experience, have an excellent understanding of health models and demonstrated project management experience within the Aboriginal health industry.

This is a full-time position based in Cairns with regular travel to remote communities which will require overnight stays.

This position is for an initial fixed period of 2 years. An excellent salary including superannuation and salary packaging is on offer to the successful applicant.

Applicants must submit an up-to-date CV along with written responses to the selection criteria. To obtain a copy of the position description and selection criteria, contact:

Human Resource Administrator
Apunipima Cape York Health Council
Ph: 07 4081 5600

Applications close at 5pm Monday 25 May, 2009

Apunipima Cape York Health Council is an equal opportunity employer.

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Muru Aboriginal Incorporated Tuggerah

Carer Support

21 hours per week
12 months fixed term position

The role will be to support carers of people who are frail aged, with disabilities, chronic conditions or mental illness in the Wyong Area. The position is a new position and will be situated at Muru Aboriginal Incorporated at Tuggerah. Your role will involve contacting Aboriginal carers and / or carers who are looking after Aboriginal people to discuss their needs and develop meeting places and / or support activities to relieve some of their issues. The work will also involve discussion and networking with mainstream and Aboriginal service providers on the Central Coast to improve services for Aboriginal carers & carers of Aboriginal people. You will be required to plan your own work load and to be accountable to management reporting regularly on your progress.

Selection Criteria

- Appropriate qualifications and / or experience in health / welfare community care
- Experience in service delivery especially for older people, people with a disability, chronic illness or mental health condition and their carers
- Demonstrated experience in data collection a report writing
- Good liaison skills and the ability to follow through
- Good written and verbal communication
- Able to plan your own workload
- Demonstrated experience or an understanding of issues for Aboriginal people living on the Central Coast
- Demonstrated experience or an understanding of carer support services
- Current Drivers Licence and reliable motor vehicle
- Computer Skills

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

Remuneration: Grade 3 under the SACS Award.

For further information and a copy of the Position Description and full selection criteria phone Phil or Beverly (02) 4355 1511

Closing date: 18/05/09

MAMU Health Service Ltd.



RURAL & REMOTE WORKFORCE TEAM

Mamu Health Service Limited is a community based organisation located in Far North Queensland, delivering primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people within the Innisfail, Ravenshoe and surrounding communities. Mamu Health Service Limited is establishing a Rural & Remote Workforce Team to deliver primary health care services within the Tablelands Health Service District. The service area location is west to Croaydon, south to Ravenshoe and north to Chillagoe.

Mamu Health Service Limited is seeking a suitable applicant for the position of:

Manager

Provide high level management skills in developing the team's performance, which include managing work hours, key performance indicators, professional evaluations, occupational health & safety as well as policy and database development. You will be working as part of a service which has a multi disciplinary team of highly skilled professionals who have a holistic approach to the delivery of healthcare services.

Position description and application forms can be obtained from Mamu Health Service, 10 Ernest Street, Innisfail QLD 4860, or E-mail: appointments@mamu.com.au

Enquires: 0439737572

Applications close Monday 18th May 2009

Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnership Development Coordinator



The Gold Coast Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Partnership Advisory Council is inclusive of Gold Coast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representatives across government and non government sectors. The Council is looking for a motivated person to work closely with partner agencies and the community to deliver on priority projects for the Council, including an awareness and capacity building project with health and community services agencies, consulting with Elders and mapping service pathways.

You will need to have strong partnering skills, an awareness of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing issues and the ability to work both independently and as part of a team. Experience with health and community services and empowerment of Elders would be an advantage.

This is a full time position for an initial period of 12 months with the possibility of extending. A very competitive salary, with generous salary sacrificing, consistent with these challenging responsibilities is available.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 7 of the Antidiscrimination Act 1991 (Qld).

For position descriptions and further information please contact:

Marcia Dwonczyk, Gold Coast Primary Care Partnership Council, by email: marciad@gpcpc.com.au or by telephone 07 5507 7777 ex 8.

Applications addressing the selection criteria by close of business May 22, 2009.

Notice of Proposed Variation of Exploration Permits

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Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM15099 This application is in 3 separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 3km North West from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'30"S Long.146°51'30"E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 21 km South East from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°17'S Long.146°57'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 3: 16 km North East from Ravenswood Centred at approximate Lat.20°02'S Long.147°01'E Local Government Area: Burdekin Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 425 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville and Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 132 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Townsville 3418 r, s, t, w, x, y, z Clermont 33 p, t, u 34 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 35 a, b, f, g, i, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 36 l, m, n, q, r, s, z, w, x 106 d, e, j, k, n, o, p, u, z 107 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 108 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, v, w 178 p, u, z 179 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v 180 a, h, f, g, i, m, n, q, z Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 252 b, c, g, h, n, s Area of Part 3: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 37 f, g, i, m, q	Carpentaria Gold Pty Ltd 050 706 966

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 Employment, Economic Development and Innovation 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 'y'. Each Sub-Block is approximately 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the acts: It is proposed to vary the conditions of EPMs 14778, 15098 and 15099, which were granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 using the expedited procedure of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwealth), by adding co-staining to the approved work program of exploration permits pursuant to s141C of the Mineral Resources Act 1989.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the application to vary the work programs of EPMs 14778, 15098 and 15099 will be granted under section 141C of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister of Trade or his delegate. PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

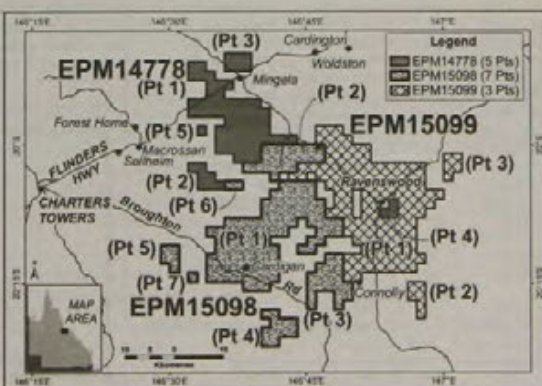
Further information: Further information about the proposed variation of the work programs of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, 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 variation of the work programs 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.

Notification Day: 27 May 2009



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Your completed Applications can be sent to:
Dallas Hure - Programs Department Community Services
Training Manager

PO Box 905M, MANUNDA QLD CAIRNS 4870
P: 07 4032 5555 E: Dallas.hure@afna.com.au

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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the Mining Act 1978 (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
53/890	Newmont Vandal Operations Pty Ltd	99.46ha	79km SE of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°57'	Wiluna
58/356	Clive Vernon Shale Humberston	41.96ha	16km N of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°55' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet

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: 6 May 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 any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 6 August 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. 6 September 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
04/1865	Blacklin Pty Ltd	78.1km ²	116km SE of Derby	Lat 18°03' Long 124°24'	Derby-West Kimberley
09/1672	Talman Pty Ltd	118.96km ²	63km N of Carnarvon	Lat 24°20' Long 113°46'	Carnarvon
26/136	South Boulder Mines Ltd	5.67km ²	22km NE of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 121°52'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/368	TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd	50.33km ²	56km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd				
27/403	Bruce Robert Legendre				
27/403	Peter Romeo Gianni	47.27km ²	55km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°57'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1889	Heron Resources Ltd	2.96km ²	114km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°10' Long 122°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1891	Sparkling Tonemines Pty Ltd	46.85km ²	88km E of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°34'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/647	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 675)	14.96km ²	63km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°19' Long 120°32'	Menzies
29/711	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	95.83km ²	135km W of Menzies	Lat 29°16' Long 119°44'	Menzies
29/712	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	33.01km ²	122km S of Sandstone	Lat 29°02' Long 119°40'	Menzies/Sandstone
29/714	Red Rock Australia Pty Ltd	60.25km ²	106km SE of Sandstone	Lat 28°41' Long 120°02'	Menzies
29/715	Red Rock Australia Pty Ltd	11.98km ²	64km NW of Menzies	Lat 29°12' Long 120°22'	Menzies
31/763	Aurica Resources Ltd	2.97km ²	111km S of Laverton	Lat 29°37' Long 122°22'	Menzies
31/823	Fauve Pty Ltd	35.79km ²	102km S of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°08'	Leonora/Menzies
31/844	Heron Resources Ltd	8.89km ²	115km NE of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°08' Long 122°26'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/701	Montrose Resources Ltd	211.25km ²	64km SW of Leinster	Lat 28°26' Long 120°24'	Leonora/Menzies
36/704	Apex Nickel Australia Pty Ltd	21.23km ²	34km E of Leinster	Lat 27°48' Long 121°01'	Leonora
36/707	Avagon Resources Limited	15.21km ²	36km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°47' Long 121°02'	Leonora
37/1002	Enterprise Metals Limited	6.08km ²	67km NE of Leinster	Lat 27°30' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/1004	Enterprise Metals Limited	30.33km ²	45km E of Leinster	Lat 27°47' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/1005	Enterprise Metals Limited	12.12km ²	45km E of Leinster	Lat 27°55' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/1006	Bruce Robert Legendre	210.83km ²	57km NW of Leonora	Lat 26°36' Long 120°50'	Leonora
	TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd				
	Corporate & Resource Consultants Pty Ltd				
37/1007	Stephen George Angus	3.02km ²	90km E of Leinster	Lat 27°26' Long 121°34'	Leonora
	Brent Earl Green				
38/2171	Mark Gareth Oresay	214.03km ²	142km NW of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°49' Long 122°20'	Laverton/Wiluna
38/2223	JML Resources Pty Ltd	51.65km ²	35km N of Laverton	Lat 28°19' Long 122°28'	Laverton
38/2223	A1 Minerals Ltd	3km ²	4km N of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/2234	A1 Minerals Ltd	3.02km ²	51km W of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°01' Long 122°22'	Laverton
38/2236	Electra Mines Ltd	6.04km ²	86km E of Laverton	Lat 28°11' Long 123°44'	Laverton
38/2244	South Boulder Mines Ltd	187.44km ²	96km NW of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°19' Long 122°17'	Laverton
39/1420	Rubicon Resources Ltd	83.72km ²	71km S of Laverton	Lat 29°16' Long 122°21'	Leonora
39/1440	King Eagle Resources Pty Ltd	2.37km ²	164km SE of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 123°16'	Menzies
39/1444	Rubicon Resources Ltd	20.85km ²	114km S of Laverton	Lat 29°38' Long 122°34'	Menzies
45/3139	Auspy Resources Ltd	264.34km ²	71km N of Seay Gap	Lat 19°53' Long 120°17'	Broom
45/3288					
45/3183	Bushwin Pty Ltd	54.67km ²	18km NW of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°13' Long 119°24'	Port Hedland Town
45/3346	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	68.28km ²	57km S of Port Hedland	Lat 20°48' Long 118°47'	East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town
45/3354	Dunkerton Consolidated Pty Ltd	223.53km ²	54km SW of Marble Bar	Lat 21°34' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara
45/3383	Sagep (Pty) Ltd	9.65km ²	16km NE of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°13' Long 119°38'	East Pilbara
46/005	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	167.05km ²	14km E of Newman	Lat 23°09' Long 120°35'	East Pilbara
46/006	BC Iron Ltd	9.53km ²	50km SW of Nullagine	Lat 22°10' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
46/007	BC Iron Ltd	22.24km ²	45km SW of Nullagine	Lat 22°06' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
46/008	BC Iron Ltd	12.75km ²	44km SW of Nullagine	Lat 22°09' Long 119°47'	East Pilbara
46/010	Talga Gold Pty Ltd	12.73km ²	40km NE of Nullagine	Lat 21°44' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
47/1846	Grange Resources Ltd	3.15km ²	89km SE of Pannawonica	Lat 22°22' Long 116°39'	Ashburton
47/1886	Mulga Minerals Pty Ltd	9.44km ²	98km E of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°10' Long 118°38'	East Pilbara
47/1966	Peter Romeo Gianni	63.09km ²	20km S of Tom Price	Lat 22°52' Long 117°45'	Ashburton
47/2000	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	269.62km ²	46km W of Port Hedland	Lat 20°21' Long 118°09'	Port Hedland Town
51/1292	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	187.35km ²	75km NW of Meekatharra	Lat 26°19' Long 117°48'	Meekatharra
52/2303	Warwick Resources Ltd	9.45km ²	36km SW of Newman	Lat 23°20' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
52/2304	Warwick Resources Ltd	9.44km ²	49km W of Newman	Lat 23°21' Long 119°13'	East Pilbara
52/2306	Warwick Resources Ltd	6.29km ²	37km W of Newman	Lat 23°20' Long 119°22'	East Pilbara
53/1389	Bruce Robert Legendre	27.51km ²	119km E of Wiluna	Lat 31°51' Long 121°23'	Wiluna
57/784	Finleap Holdings Pty Ltd	212.97km ²	63km NE of Sandstone	Lat 27°40' Long 119°49'	Sandstone
57/787	Modax Ltd	15.16km ²	25km E of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°32'	Sandstone
59/1551	James Stephen Hart	241.02km ²	151km N of Yalgoo	Lat 27°04' Long 116°02'	Murchison
	William John Robertson				
59/1556	Base Iron Ltd	69.81km ²	56km NE of Yalgoo	Lat 27°57' Long 117°03'	Yalgoo
59/1561	Maximus Resources Ltd	215.87km ²	79km SE of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°31' Long 118°27'	Mount Magnet/Sandstone
63/1068	Robin Christopher Cooper	8.68km ²	94km NW of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°32' Long 120°47'	Dundas
63/1269-1	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	890.28km ²	38km E of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°02' Long 122°02'	Esperance
69/2475	Uranium Oil and Gas Ltd	291.17km ²	182km NE of Wiluna	Lat 25°21' Long 121°24'	Wiluna
69/2476	Uranium Oil and Gas Ltd	55.69km ²	191km NE of Wiluna	Lat 25°27' Long 121°39'	Wiluna
77/1102	Comet Resources Ltd	119.64km ²	86km SE of Southern Cross	Lat 31°51' Long 119°51'	Yilgarn
77/1635	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	8.71km ²	78km E of Hyden	Lat 32°16' Long 119°42'	Koodin
77/1639	Adam Frank Hill	2.96km ²	81km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°10' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/1640	Adam Frank Hill	5.92km ²	74km NW of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°14' Long 119°08'	Yilgarn

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: 6 May 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 6 August 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. 6 September 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.



Regional Development Manager

2 Positions Available

AFL Northern Territory has 2 exciting Regional Development Manager (RDM) positions available based in Katherine and Elcho Island.

The Regional Development Manager Positions have two key areas of focus:

1. Enhancing and promoting Australian Rules Football throughout the community, encouraging greater levels of participation, enjoyment and commitment, with a particular focus on retention from Auskick through to Senior Football.
2. Focus on developing a football infrastructure in the region through quality coaching, umpiring and club development practices.

The applicant must have an understanding of Aboriginal culture and life in a remote community, be able to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and must be willing to undertake work related travel into remote areas, by light aircraft.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

For further information about the above positions please contact Kevin Bruce phone 08 8980 4899 or email kbruce@afnt.com.au

Applications close Wednesday 13 May 2009.

For further details of the position, or to submit an application please visit www.afl.com.au/careers.



INDIGENOUS ADVOCATE VACANCY

Queensland Aged and Disability Advocacy Inc (QADA) is offering an opportunity for people interested in supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander older people, younger people with disabilities, and their carers to be heard. This is an exciting chance to work with a dynamic state-wide independent advocacy organisation, to provide information, education, support and representation to enable people to better understand and exercise their rights and responsibilities.

QADA has developed a framework for providing advocacy support and information / education for people who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

QADA is seeking applicants for a full time position as an Advocate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to be located in Brisbane (SACS 5 above award rate with attractive salary packaging).

Please contact QADA for a comprehensive application package.

Phone: (07) 3637 6000.

Applications close 5pm, 25 /05/09



Aboriginal Recruitment and Assessment Officer

Salary Package: \$ 67,300

(Inclusive of leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrificing opportunities)

Want the chance to make a difference for Indigenous children and young people looking to find that perfect career?

Have the motivation needed to actively engage the Community?

If you answered yes

then we have the job you've been looking for.

We here at KARI Aboriginal Resources Incorporated are looking at strengthening our Out of Home Care division and are looking for people interested in applying for our Recruitment and Assessment position.

The Recruitment and Assessment Officer will recruit, assess, strategise and network with potential foster carer candidates across the SWS Region in the aim of increasing our carer pool to accommodate the services capacity growth.

The positions role is varied and requires the successful candidate to have a range of skills including high level communication and interpersonal skills, proficient report writing ability, good time management skills and the ability to work both independently and within a team as required.

If you think you have the skills we are looking for and you'd like to find out more about the position, please contact Chris Laurie on 9822 4922 or email: koochcp@kari.com.au and request an information package.

Applications Close on the 20th May 2009



www.outbackstores.com.au

Store Manager(s)

Remote Indigenous Communities - NT/WA/QLD/SA
Singles & Couples or Teams

Do you have a genuine interest in assisting Indigenous communities by providing better nutrition and improved economic outcomes?

Outback Stores Pty Ltd is a government funded initiative, committed to achieving our mission to make a positive difference in the health, employment and economy of remote Indigenous communities by providing quality, sustainable retail stores.

All successful applicants are required to undertake approved training and development in accordance with Outback Stores requirements, including an initial Induction Program in Darwin, together with an accreditation in Retail Management. Experience working with Australian Indigenous cultures is preferred.

The right package and benefits will be provided, including housing and a 4WD vehicle, power subsidies, annual return airfares and generous leave entitlements.

If you -

- Are able to commence in May or June 2009.
- Have retail industry experience.
- Can satisfactorily complete a pre-employment medical and National police clearance, as part of our selection process.
- Are computer literate (intermediate or above) and have a manual Australian Drivers License.
- Have personal integrity, self motivation, are trustworthy, and want to make a positive difference.

For further information or to obtain an Application Form, please visit our website: www.outbackstores.com.au or contact the HR Department via email: careers@outbackstores.com.au or phone: 08 9882 1900.



SPORTING
TRAINEESHIPS

Business/Admin Traineeship

Full time Customer Service position working at ANZ bank
(Cheltenham, Bentleigh & district)

Indigenous applicants encouraged to apply
and youth wages apply.

In addition, we are currently taking expressions of interest for
year 10 School Based Apprenticeships at ANZ.

For all positions, please SMS or call
Dierdre on 0400155405.



Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Limited

Expression of Interest

Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Limited (WCC)

The WCC is seeking expression of interest for an experienced
person to fill the position of Wiradjuri Study Centre (WSC)
Project Coordinator and Business Manager. The successful
applicant will work alongside the Chief Executive officer of the
WCC.

Wiradjuri Study Centre (WSC) Project and Business Manager
will contribute to the development and progress of various
strategies for the Wiradjuri Study Centre and the WCC.

Experience and Qualifications

- Tertiary qualifications in business development and training,
management or human services highly desirable.
- Excellent writing skills.
- Excellent management skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Experience in project management and working to budgets.
- Extensive experience in providing training and
development.
- Current Aboriginal networks and knowledge of Aboriginal
communities and services.
- Capacity to work independently.

Notes: This is a 12 month position; however there may be scope
for an extension. The position will be located in Condobolin at
the WCC Office in Bathurst Street. An excellent remuneration
package will be offered to the suitable candidate.

Contact: For further information contact Percy Knight, CEO
Wiradjuri Condobolin Corporation Limited, Ph: 02 6895 4665,
Mob: 0409 772 119, email: percy.knight@bigpond.com

Applications: A brief letter expressing interest in this position
should be sent with your CV no later than 5pm Friday 29th May
2009 addressed Attention: Percy Knight, CEO Wiradjuri
Condobolin Corporation Limited, PO Box 194, Condobolin NSW
2877 or email: percy.knight@bigpond.com



NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER SPECIALIST

ABORIGINAL
Clerk Grade 5/6

Central Sydney Region

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-19318

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per
annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes
employer's contribution to superannuation and annual
leave loading.**

Job Description: This position ensures that housing products
and services are effectively matched to Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander client needs and develops and manages
relationships, partnerships and networks that improve access
to services and support sustainable tenancies.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- 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.
- Demonstrated experience in delivering a high quality client
service to people with complex needs in a high volume work
environment.
- Ability to understand, interpret and apply standards,
legislation, policy and guidelines in the provision of services
to clients.
- Strong listening, communication, interpersonal and
interviewing skills.
- Proficient in managing customer, stakeholder and Aboriginal
and Torres Strait Islander community expectations and
applying discretion in dealing with sensitive issues and
environments.
- High level influencing, negotiation and conflict resolution
skills.
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to travel to and
work with tenants in their own home.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification
and is authorised under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination
Act, 1977. Further information about this position is available
on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Nick Lavdous (02) 9375 8672

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/AboutUs/Careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 15 May 2009

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed
grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
ML95578 Thumb Extended	Approx. 21 Km South South West from Kynuna Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council McKinlay Shire Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 6 on KN43 - Pastoral Holding 45/5359 (mining and access) Lot 373 on PH2077 - Pastoral Holding 45/373 (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 7.5035 Ha	Peter John DOROSHENKO

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities
subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding
ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten
(10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease
be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-
Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy
and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

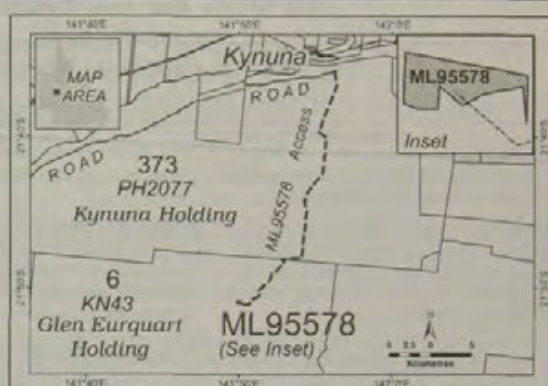
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the
Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of
the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of
Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) Landcentre,
Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone:
(07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, (DEEDI), Court House, Vindex Street,
Winton, Qld 4735, Telephone: (07) 4657 1727.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who
is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed
grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993
(Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take
certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be
directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law
Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or
Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be
directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street,
Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 29 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed
grant of the Exploration Permit shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17151	Approx. 35 km South South West from Yarak Centred at Lat.25°11'30"S Long.142°02'E Local Authority Area: Barcoo Shire Council	Area: 311 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville and Cooper Creek Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Charleville 865 v, w, x 937 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, t, u, v, w, y, z 938 g, h, i, m, n, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1009 a, b, d, e, f, g 1010 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s Cooper Creek 1008 e, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1079 p, u 1080 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1152 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, m, n, r, s	Barry James BROWN (50%) Brian Neil HENNESSY (50%)

* 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 Employment, Economic Development and Innovation
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 a renewal for
a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant the Exploration
Permit subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Name and address of person doing acts: The Exploration Permit will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural
Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister of Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the
Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102,
Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the
Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become
native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts,
119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or
Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be
directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street,
Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 27 May 2009



Queensland Government
Natural Resources and Water

OFFICIAL VISITOR

ACMENA JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE - GRAFTON

SEE OUR AD ON PAGE 34

We are seeking a person with experience in the education sector to join Barnardos Yurungal Learning Centre team. This exciting position is based in Waterloo and works with children from the Redfern, Waterloo and Alexandria areas.

The service is an Out of School Hours Care program with an emphasis on educational outcomes. Homework support is provided to Aboriginal children from the local primary school, as well as recreational and craft activities, and healthy food.

To obtain an information package please call Louise Kinchela on 0296989577 or email yurungal@barnardos.org.au for a detailed job description and application package. All candidates must obtain the pack to address the selection criteria. Applicants who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.

Completed applications to be received no later than Friday 20th May, 2009.

All successful candidates will be subject to a Working with Children Check.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

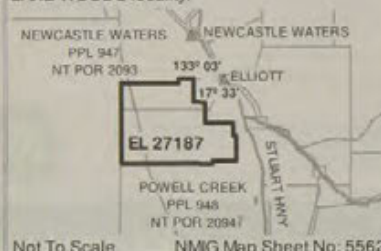
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 27186 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 500 Blocks (1616 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the NEWCASTLE WATERS locality.



Exploration Licence 27187 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 500 Blocks (1616 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the LAKE WOODS locality.



Exploration Licence 27188 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 500 Blocks (1589 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MURRANJIL locality.



Exploration Licence 27189 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 322 Blocks (1025 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KEKWICK locality.



Exploration Licence 27190 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 355 Blocks (1144 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KEKWICK locality.



Exploration Licence 27191 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 339 Blocks (1102 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUNKADERRY locality.



Exploration Licence 27192 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 349 Blocks (1135 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MUNKADERRY locality.



Exploration Licence 27193 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 500 Blocks (1626 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BRUNETTE locality.



Exploration Licence 27194 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 407 Blocks (1323 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 27195 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 485 Blocks (1574 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROCKHAMPTON DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 27196 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 242 Blocks (735 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARRY CAVES locality.



Exploration Licence 27197 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 362 Blocks (1140 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



Exploration Licence 27200 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 198 Blocks (627 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the DALMORE locality.



Exploration Licence 27202 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 500 Blocks (1598 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNITOWA locality.



Exploration Licence 27203 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 397 Blocks (1219 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SCARR locality.



Exploration Licence 27204 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EAPTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 88 Blocks (281 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANNITOWA locality.



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 Centrepoin 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 0801 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: 6 May 2009



Koorie Heritage Trust

(Koorie) TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER

The Koorie Heritage Trust is committed to the protection, preservation, and promotion of Koorie culture in South-East Australia.

The Trust is seeking a dynamic individual to join our multi-skilled team in the following area:

Koorie Student Engagement Coordinator

Full-time - 3 years
\$45,000

This position is based with our Education Unit and will develop and deliver education programs that are targeted to Koorie students.

Enquiries: Dean Stewart, Education Manager on 8622 2600

To obtain a position description please contact reception on 8622 2600

Applications should be addressed to:

Private and Confidential
Jason Eades
Koorie Heritage Trust
295 King Street
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 MAY 2009

ANTaR

Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation



NATIONAL DIRECTOR - ANTaR

ANTaR is seeking a new National Director to provide leadership and management expertise to assist it to achieve its goal of justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The National Director assists ANTaR to achieve its goals through the efficient management of ANTaR's National Office in Sydney, oversight of national campaigns, and the provision of organisational support to the ANTaR network.

The person we are looking for will have experience in leadership, strategic development and management of organisations in the non-government sector, campaigning and advocacy experience, a demonstrated passion to promote a better community understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in contemporary Australian society, and a commitment to enhancing their rights.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Further information, position description, selection criteria may be obtained on line at www.antar.org.au/jobs or by phoning (02) 9555 6138

Applications should address the selection criteria and be emailed to admin@antar.org.au or posted to: National Secretary, PO Box 1176, Rozelle, NSW, 2039.

Applications close: 22nd May 2009.

MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION

AREA MANAGERS

BROKEN HILL, BOURKE, WALGETT

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation, a Dubbo-based regional service organisation is seeking a suitably qualified persons to fulfil the role of Area Managers to manage the roll-out and operation of the Job Services Australia program to Western NSW. Capabilities demand a high level of understanding of Indigenous / remote community need and pathways to employment as well as strong knowledge / comprehensive experience in service delivery in the Job Network sector.

Essential Criteria:

- Sound and responsible decision-making abilities
- Demonstrable experience and knowledge of employment support and initiatives
- Capable supervision and guidance of staff
- Computer skills (including reporting and spreadsheets)
- Sound Knowledge of Employment Services
- Aware of Barriers for Indigenous Job Seekers in remote areas
- Ability to work well in a team; to work under pressure and meet strict deadlines
- Driver's Licence

Requirement: Reside in / near locations.

Remuneration band: \$46,000 - \$54,000 (depending on capability) - plus performance bonus
Status: (Probationary Period) then Employment Contract. Performance will be judged on outcomes.

Applications close: 7th May 2009 and must be in writing:

CEO
MPREC, PO Box 2428, DUBBO NSW 2830
MARKED 'PRIVATE'

Further information: Janelle Whitehead CEO
Phone 02 6841 0111 Fax 02 6841 0122



C.E.O.

Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation is a non for profit vibrant Aboriginal community centre established in 1994. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Chief Executive Officer who will lead the effective and efficient operations of the corporation.

The major responsibilities of this role include:

- Develop, maintain and implement Company policies and procedures
- Management of the organisation's operations
- Ensure legislative compliance
- Representation, liaison and negotiation with government, industry and community based organisations
- Develop and maintain partnerships with community and key stakeholders
- The provision of timely and accurate advice, assistance and support to the Board of Directors

The successful candidate will have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander modern society and culture and previous experience working with aboriginal people.

Relevant management qualification and experience combined with strong communication, financial and human resource management skills are essential for this position.

Please contact mp personnel and training:
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au
Web: www.mppersonnel.com.au
517 Spencer St, Albury, NSW 2640

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Culture & Resource Centre (ACRC)

Manager

35 Hrs per week SACS Grade 5

For enquiries and job packages: ring Tracey 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 934, 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

Armajun Health Service Inc

Inverell NSW

3 Positions Available

1. Executive Officer
2. Registered Nurse or Enrolled Nurse
3. Aboriginal Health Worker

Closing date: 30 May 2009

For selection criteria please contact:

Scott Monaghan or Tanya Kilduff
Bulgar Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation
131-133 Bacon Street GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 2199

Fax: 02 6643 2202



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	PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
29/75	Search for groundwater	Heron Resources Ltd	31444.35ha	30km S/W of Menzies	Lat 29°56' Long 120°55'	Menzies

Nature of 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: 6 May 2009

Native title parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 6 August 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. 6 September 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

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:

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5369	Tania Francis Higgins	152.91ha	14km N/W of Widgeemooltha	Lat 31°22' Long 121°32'	Cookswine
24/4418-29	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	15-48.68ha	35km NW of Kalgoolie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°16'	Kalgoolie-Boulder City
27/1957	Frederick Charles Saunders	8.89ha	57km NE of Kalgoolie	Lat 30°28' Long 121°58'	Kalgoolie-Boulder City
27/1979	Rubicon Resources Ltd	71.3ha	48km NE of Kalgoolie	Lat 30°30' Long 121°52'	Kalgoolie-Boulder City
27/1980	Lyndon Scott Mahoney	199.46ha	19km NE of Kalgoolie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°37'	Kalgoolie-Boulder City
45/2733	Atlas Iron Ltd	176.48ha	94km W of Nallagun	Lat 21°55' Long 119°11'	East Pilbara
45/2737	Atlas Iron Ltd	10ha	102km S/W of Port Hedland	Lat 21°14' Long 118°37'	Port Hedland Town
45/2738	Seque (Pardon) Ltd	102.43ha	16km NE of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°13' Long 119°36'	East Pilbara
46/1629-30	John Cedric Gallegher	300.58ha	30km E of Nallagun	Lat 21°51' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara
59/1697	Darling Mining Pty Ltd	69.59ha	75km NW of Yalgoo	Lat 27°57' Long 116°03'	Murchison
59/1708	Darling Mining Pty Ltd	26.22ha	79km NE of Muleswa	Lat 27°55' Long 116°59'	Murchison

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: 6 May 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 6 August 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. 6 September 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.

Public Notice

PROPOSED ILUA NEGOTIATIONS IN THE IMAN PEOPLE #2 NATIVE TITLE CLAIM AREA

Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd ACN 133 104 855 (SGP) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") which authorises the construction and operation of a gas pipeline in Iman People #2 QUD 6162/98 native title claim area as shown on the map below. The entire gas pipeline and associated infrastructure will extend approximately 468 kilometres through five registered native title claim groups and through an area which is not presently the subject of a registered native title claim.

The Iman People #2 native title claim is described as being comprised of descendants of Mary Arwa, Jim Waterton, Nellie Dun, Maggie Dun, Sarah Langford, Lizzie Palmtree, Eliza Shields, Maggie Palmtree and Cissy Henry. SGP and the Iman People #2 native title claim group have commenced a process to conclude an ILUA in accordance with the requirements of the Native Title Act, 1993.

SGP and the Iman People #2 native title claim expect that once they agree to the terms of an ILUA, an application will then be made for the ILUA to be entered onto the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the Native Title Act, 1993.

Any Aboriginal person who may not regard themselves as a member of the Iman People #2 native title claim group and who nonetheless asserts that they may hold native title interests in the area mentioned above, is invited to contact Andrea Olsen, Senior Legal Officer, Queensland South Native Title Services on 07 3224 1200 or 1800 663 693 and discuss the native title interest they assert and the basis for that assertion.



Celebrating our first cricketers

By PETER ARGENT



THE town of Harrow, in the western Wimmera district of Victoria, is the birthplace of Johnny Mullagh, an Aboriginal cricketer great from the 19th century and

a member of the 'Native XI' – the first Australian international touring sporting team in 1868.

Now, the Johnny Mullagh Interpretive Centre, developed by the Harrow community, celebrates the story of Australia's first international cricket team and the history of the township.

"Our centre provided visitors with a vivid, enjoyable and memorable experience celebrating the history of Harrow, Johnny Mullagh and the Aboriginal cricket team," Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre Manager Maxine Pitson said.

"This project was also developed with the vision of creating a viable cultural tourism product, which in turn would bring flow-on economic benefits for the district.

"The Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre tells this almost forgotten story with integrity, honesty and as it happened in the historical sense and the conditions in which such a team was forged in south-western Victoria.

"This story explains how the 1868 team travelled to England by ship, viewing icebergs for the first time for most of the team members, their relationships with the passengers, their sporting prowess and the sad times when King Cole became ill and was buried in London, never more to roam his tribal lands."

Except for the white entrepreneurs (who came from Sydney), the rest of the 1868 team came from around the Harrow district and Naracoorte, in South Australia.

The team practised and competed on the cricket ground in the main street of Harrow. A memorial was erected in honour of Johnny Mullagh on the edge of the oval in 1893.

Johnny Mullagh is buried in the Harrow Cemetery, on the hill

overlooking the town, and these days a cricket match, where Indigenous participants take on a non-Aboriginal side, is played in Harrow each year during March as part of the town's festival. The competitors play for the Johnny Mullagh Cup.

At this fixture, the Aboriginal team members all wear uniforms with the names of the original Aboriginal cricket team of 1868 on their backs.

Elements of the centre include the 'Johnny Mullagh and the Indigenous cricket team' multi-media interpretive experience, along with activities which enhance the visit such as guided tours incorporating didgeridoo playing, talks on the tribal lands and language maps.

Victorian award

The Johnny Mullagh Cricket Centre was awarded the 'Community Development' award at the 2004 Celebrating Melbourne Awards. This was an outstanding achievement because the centre officially opened in April of that year.

The tour of 1868 under Charles Lawrence's captaincy was the first overseas by any Australian sporting team.

From May to October, the 14-man squad played a total of 47 games, two-and three-day contests, winning 14 of them and drawing another 19.

A highlight was a fixture against the Marylebone Cricket Club at the home of cricket – Lord's.

After most games the team staged field days, competing against local athletes and displaying their traditional skills.

Mullagh played 45 matches on tour, scoring the most runs – 1698 at an average 23.67 – and was the equal highest wicket-taker (257 at 10 runs a scalp), along with being the relief wicketkeeper on occasions.

He also played one first-class match for Victoria at the MCG against the touring English team in 1878/79, top-scoring for his team with 36 runs in the second innings.

In recent years, cricket historian Bernard Whimpress and former Australian cricketer Ashley Mallett have penned books about this tour.

Cricket commentator and former Australian Test captain Ian Chappell believes, as do many others, that this team should be recognised as the first Australian Test team.



A picture of Johnny Mullagh, a member of the Aboriginal cricket team that toured England in 1868.



The exterior of the Johnny Mullagh Interpretive Cricket Centre in the Victorian Wimmera town of Harrow.



A bronze statue of Johnny Mullagh is a feature of the museum.

Tjimarri Sanderson-Milera and his medals.



For Tjimarri, nothing beats the feel of sand between his toes



AN Indigenous Adelaide teenager is making people take notice of him in competitive surf lifesaving.

Tjimarri

Sanderson-Milera, 15, recently competed in the Australian titles at Scarborough Beach, Perth, where he won a silver medal in the under 17 beach relay.

His team also qualified for the final of the under 19 beach relay and finished fourth.

At the earlier local South Australian titles, Tjimarri won three gold medals for beach sprint relay (under 17, under 19 and open) and a bronze medal for the board riders (surfing) competition.

It was after that success that Tjimarri and his team were encouraged to compete at the Australian titles in Perth.

Tjimarri has been involved in surf lifesaving since he was nine years old, and is now qualified with his Surf Rescue Certificate and Bronze qualification, and does voluntary beach patrols.

This year Tjimarri has also been working part-time for Surf Lifesaving South Australia in their Diversity Program 'On the Same Wave'. He works as an assistant surf lifesaving instructor and water safety officer with Aboriginal youth in the program.

On the Same Wave (OTSW) focuses on youth with a culturally and/or linguistically diverse

background and Indigenous communities.

OTSW aims to increase Surf Life Saving's understanding, openness and responsiveness to cultural diversity and ultimately hopes to increase membership diversity within clubs.

Tjimarri said surf lifesaving was a great way to spend time at the beach and keep fit.

"I love doing it at the sporting level and competing, but I also like the volunteering side – doing beach patrols and water cover when little kids are in the water," he said.

"I hope I'll be a role model and encourage more Aboriginal kids to do surf lifesaving and learn about surf safety."



Laura Whaler, winner of the under 23 100m/200m double, on the gold medal podium. Also pictured are the minor placegetters.



Shannon McCann, winner of the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles, shares the victory dais with the placegetters.

Shannon, Laura shining lights on the track



LAURA Whaler (NSW) and Shannon McCann (WA) led the Jump Start to London 2012 athletes in a gold rush at the national Under 23 Championships in Adelaide recently.

Whaler showed that she has strong sprinting skills when she took out the double in the 100m and 200m, repeating the feat of last year.

The Indigenous success did not stop there, with McCann also taking double gold in the 100m hurdles and 400m hurdles.

This is an unusual combination, but one that McCann enjoys.

She also broke the meet record for the 100m hurdles.

Another Indigenous athlete, Kertisha Thompson (Qld), won silver in the long jump and triple jump with big personal best performances. Thompson is a junior member of the Jump Squad and is developing her jumping

skills under the watchful eye of new coach Annette Rice.

Angeline Blackburn, the inaugural Athletics Australia Indigenous Sportsperson of the Year, ran a brave third in the under 23 women's 400m.

Blackburn has had a few injury niggles this season, but will be concentrating on qualifying for the 2010 Commonwealth Games team.

The Jump Start to London squad also had a small number of men competing, with Joshua Ahwong, from Mackay (Qld), running a brave second in the under 20 400m against the strong Ollie Wurm, from Victoria.

Liam Gander (NSW) was third in the under 23 100m after a re-run, and Justin Evans finished fourth in the 800m.

Jordan Pearce (Qld) and Eamon Ritchie (ACT) completed the Jump Start squad to compete at the championships.

The Jump Start program is an initiative to develop champion Indigenous Australian athletes.

Charters Towers to host NAIDOC cricket carnival

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 outfields.

"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*.

Meanwhile the highly successful Rainforest Cup Indigenous cricket carnival will be held at Tully from 31 October to 1 November under the Twenty/20 format.

The Malanda Eels 10/132 defeated Cooktown 9/109 in the final of the 2008 carnival.

The other sides were Tully, Mt Garnet, Innisfail and Jumbun. Games were played on turf wickets at two Tully ovals.

Annual search for Q'land cricket talent is on again



QUEENSLAND Cricket is about to embark on an extensive program to identify Indigenous cricket talent throughout the state.

The Eddie Gilbert Cricket Program is an Indigenous talent identification program aimed at male and female players aged between ten and 30.

Specialist development program co-ordinator Nev Paulsen said younger players could even be selected to attend Queensland Cricket Emerging Players' training sessions, while senior players must attend to be evaluated for inclusion in the Queensland Imparja Cup squad for 2009-10 or to be considered for coaching and umpiring programs.

Tour details are:

South Burnett/Central Qld:

MURGON - Cricket Oval (Showground), Tuesday 2 June at 3pm; MOURA - Recreation Reserve, Gillespie St, Wednesday 3 June at 3pm; ROCKHAMPTON - Judds Park, Thursday 4 June at 3pm.

Wide Bay: BUNDABERG -

Salter Oval, Tuesday 16 June at 3pm; MARYBOROUGH - Cricket Oval (Ariadne St), Wednesday 17 June at 10am; GYMPIE - One Mile Nets, Wednesday 17 June at 3pm.

North Qld/Far North Qld:

TOWNSVILLE - Brothers Cricket, Friday 26 June at 3pm; HOME HILL - Cricket Oval (Racecourse), Saturday 27 June at 10am; CHARTERS TOWERS - Cricket Oval, Saturday 27 June, at 3pm; INGHAM - Butler Park, Sunday 28 June at 1pm; INNISFAIL - TAFE Cricket Oval, Monday 29 June at 1pm; CAIRNS - Endeavour Park, Tuesday 30 June at 10am; MT GARNET - Cricket Oval, Tuesday 30 June at 3pm.

Darling Downs/South-west Qld:

ROMA - Cricket Oval, Sunday 2 August at 3pm; CHARLEVILLE -

High School Oval, Monday 3 August at 3pm; BIRDSVILLE - Sports Centre, Tuesday 4 August at 10am; WINDORAH - School, Wednesday 5 August at 10am; THARGOMINDAH - School, Thursday 6 August at 10am; ST GEORGE - Primary School Oval, Friday 7 August at 3pm.

Wide Bay/Central Qld:

MURGON - Cricket Oval (Showground), Tuesday 6 October at 3pm; BILOELA - Cricket Oval, Ian Healy Drive, Wednesday 7 October at 3pm; WOORABINDA - School, Thursday 8 October at 3pm; ROCKHAMPTON - Judds Park, Thursday 8 October at 3pm.

Darling Downs: TOOWOOMBA -

Heritage Oval, Tuesday 20 October at 3pm; ST GEORGE - St Patrick's School Oval, Wednesday 21 October at 3pm; OAKLEY - Cricket Oval, Thursday 22 October at 3pm.

Mt Isa Road Trip: CHERBOURG -

School Oval, Monday 2 November at 1pm; MITCHELL - School Oval, Tuesday 3 November at 3pm; BARCADDINE - Cricket Oval, Wednesday 4 November at 3pm; WINTON - School, Thursday 5 November at 3pm; MT ISA - Sunset Park, Saturday 7 November at 1pm and Sunday 8 November at 11am; DAJARRA - School, Monday 9 November at 10.30am; BOULIA - School, Monday 9 November at 3pm; LONGREACH - Cricket Oval, Tuesday 10 November at 3pm; CHARLEVILLE - High School, Wednesday 11 November at 3pm; CHINCHILLA - Cricket Oval, Thursday 12 November at 3pm.

Metropolitan: BRISBANE -

WSDCC Graceville Memorial Park, Sunday 29 November at 9am; BRISBANE - OCHQ Allan Border Field, Sunday 6 December at 9am.

Players should contact Nev Paulsen to confirm availability and confirmation of venues.

Sessions may be cancelled if no attendees are confirmed.

Origin backdown



Kaiwalagal Rugby League President Harry Cook

By ALF WILSON



KAIWALAGAL Rugby League has relaxed rules for the 2009 Seaswift Island of Origin Series on

Thursday Island to be played over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June.

Players living away from their island of birth will now be allowed to compete.

Earlier in the year, the KRL ruled that only players born on an island and living there would be eligible to compete at the 24th series, to be held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on TI.

After that decision, the KRL came in for harsh criticism.

In recent past years the most successful teams had recruited players from the Cairns and Townsville competitions to

complement locals.

One of the major critics of that decision was Goemu Bau Raiders coach George Bagiri, who said it would be a big disadvantage to some islands.

"With all due respect, some aspects of that decision were good to some extent, but it was also a very big disadvantage to other islands, which don't have the numbers," he said.

"It was not fair to their players and supporters. Goemu Bau Raiders, for example, we rely on our key players (Mabuiag Islanders) who are not living on Mabuiag.

"This year being our 20th anniversary, we would dearly love to participate in this year's Island of Origin knowing that we actually have a chance of winning the shield.

"We do not want to compete, knowing quite well, that we do

not have the artillery to do the job.

"With the cost of the nomination fee (\$2000) and not to mention other costs associated with the carnival, the question needs to be asked: Is it really worth attending this year's Island of Origin."

Mr Bagiri felt that other islands were facing the same dilemma.

"The last thing KRL wants is islands being forced to withdraw due to this very reason, and player shortage because their players are living elsewhere," he said.

"Why complicate things? Why can't it be just plain and simple? Play for your island of origin, regardless of where you live."

Members of the KRL and other interested parties took part in a recent telephone conference over the issue.

KRL President Harry Cook said he welcomed the concerns of Bagiri.

Cook said the KRL encouraged teams to depend heavily on players from the islands rather than players from elsewhere.

"May this be an incentive for players living in the islands to take charge of their local league to benefit their community," he said.

The Koori Mail asked Cook to clarify a few grey areas about the rules, including players who may have been born on one island and have one parent with descendants from another.

"Our preference is for them to play for their island of birth, but if not, another island from where they have descendants," Cook said.

The carnival is expected to be contested by ten to 12 teams

Binawel carries Top Western hopes

By ALF WILSON

BIG forward James Binawel, from remote Dauan Island, will be one of the trump cards for Top Western in the 24th Island of Origin rugby league series on Thursday Island during the Queen's Birthday weekend in June.

The Top Western side will comprise players from Boigu, Saibai and Dauan Islands and Binawel will be one of the star forwards.

He was one of the finds for Torres/Cape at the Foley Shield competition held in Townsville over Easter when his side beat Cairns, Mid West/Mount Isa and Townsville in qualifying games before gallantly going down 32-22 to Innisfail/Eacham in the final.

Binawel was one of the major achievers and shone throughout the carnival, but off the field he is quietly spoken.

He defended with some big hits which jarred the ball loose from attacking opponents, and made many metres with strong runs.

Time and again, Binawel managed to free an arm, allowing him to offload.

Shy he may be, but after Torres/Cape beat Townsville in game three to qualify for the final, Binawel came up with arguably the most inspirational words of the Foley Shield

when he told his team-mates: "We come from the top and we stay at the top."

At the 2008 Island of Origin carnival on Badu Island, Binawel lined up for the Western Bears, which consisted of players from outer islands Boigu, Dauan and Saibai.

Weipa's Garreth Smith was amongst the best forwards at the carnival and packed into the Torres/Cape pack with Binawel.

"James was one of the quiet achievers. I thought he held his own and set a good platform for the whole team. He will be a great asset to the team for the future," Smith said.

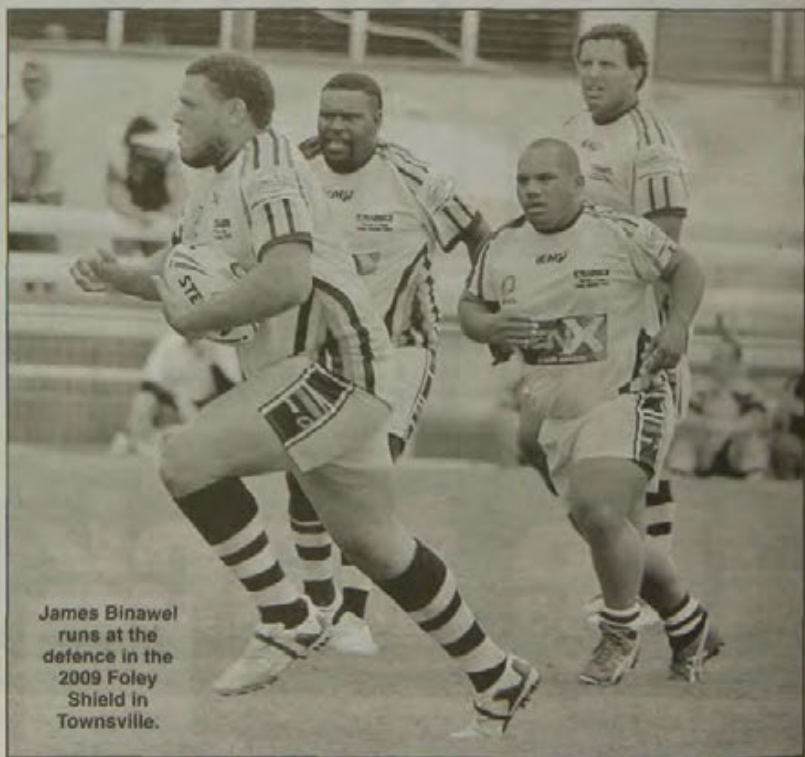
Another fan of Binawel is Wayne Guivarra, arguably the best known rugby league identity in the Torres Strait.

"He gets good position although not confident to offload or has team-mates who can't read his style of play. He is very shy and quietly spoken for a big man," Guivarra said.

"James will be a better footballer when he realises his potential and responsibility as a leader and role model."

Guivarra said that Top Western would benefit greatly by the experience Binawel gained at Foley Shield level.

But already Binawel is being looked at by several Cairns and Townsville clubs who want to sign him for the 2010 season.



James Binawel runs at the defence in the 2009 Foley Shield in Townsville.

Thunder's rollercoaster ride in debut AFLQ season



THE Northern Territory Thunder's rollercoaster ride is continuing in its first year in the Australian Football League Queensland (AFLQ) competition.

The team made a great start, winning its debut game in early April at TIO Stadium Stadium, Darwin, against defending premiers Southport. The Thunder won 16.12 (108) to 14.12 (96).

A fortnight later, in their first away game, the Thunder were soundly beaten by the Brisbane Lions 25.15 (165) to 11.10 (76) at the Gabba, Brisbane.

Back home a week later, the Thunder stopped the Mt Gravatt Vultures' two-game winning streak, winning 21.12 (138) to 12.8 (80).

The Thunder led by nine points at quarter-time and eight points at half-time, but skipped away in the third term, kicking 6.2 to the Vultures' 1.1.

Another seven goals to the Vultures' four in the final term stretched the Thunder's margin.

James Puautjimi led the way for the Thunder, kicking five goals.

Others to kick goals were Darren Ewing 4, Peter MacFarlane 3, Shane Thorne 3,

Marty Smith 2, Bradley Palipuminni 2, and Jarred Ilett and Kenny Morton.

Cameron Ilett was judged best player from Deon Gordon, Damien Roe, Jarred Ilett and Karl Lohde.

Meanwhile, NTFC club officials said they were happy to see Joe Cole being named in the best players for his former club Pioneers in the Central Australian competition.

Cole who was sent down to play with Pioneers in their round two clash against Souths, got the match practise he needed after not playing since round 18 of the NTFL.

NTFC squad member Steven Brookes, playing for Federals in the Alice Springs-based Ngurratjuta Cup, kicked ten goals in their comprehensive win over MacDonnell Shire. This followed up from his bag of nine in round one. Nineteen goals in just two matches is impressive.

The Thunder was to play its fourth round AFLQ game against Redland at Victoria Point (Brisbane) last Saturday.

Officials said having lost to the Brisbane Lions reserves in their first interstate game, the team was even more aware of the pressure of travel and what was needed to win.

'TSI Twins' turn out for Broncos

TSI

THEY'RE Brisbane's 'TSI Twins' – one having played for Queensland and Australia – the other making his National Rugby League (NRL) debut at the age of 26.

Sam Thaiday and secret weapon Palmer Wapau – both Torres Strait Island natives – joined forces in the Broncos' demolition against Parramatta on 24 April.

Thaiday is already a household name here and in Papua New Guinea, having played 89 NRL games, six State of Origins and two Tests.

Wapau, from Weipa, on the Cape York coast, was making his NRL debut.

Unlike the wise-cracking Thaiday, Wapau is shy and retiring.

He's been plucked from the Queensland Cup following some eye-catching form for Redcliffe.

Wapau managed to stay under the media's radar in the run-up to the Parramatta game after Henjak promoted him to his 17-man squad.

"We're not expecting anything special from Palmer," Henjak said on the eve of the game.

"He's kept pretty quiet. He doesn't answer his phone too much. He won't even answer my calls."

Torres Strait boost

Thaiday, who is from Yam Island, said Wapau's promotion to the NRL would be a big boost to the Torres Strait Island community.

"Having us playing in the NRL is great. The more boys that play from up there the better," he said.

"They see us playing and they all aspire to play in the NRL."

Wapau, who works part-time as a groundsman for the Redcliffe club, went to school at Abergowrie College and was good friends with North Queensland Cowboys fullback Matt Bowen before moving to Brisbane.

"He's a real quiet bloke who won't say too much, but I know deep down he's ready to explode," said Thaiday.

"He's a bit of a freak. He plays five-eighth for Redcliffe, he's an exceptional player."

"He probably would have played last year if he wasn't injured around Origin time, so it's a good reward for him."

Henjak said Wapau was an exciting talent.

"He can play in the front row or the back row and he's got some skills and he's quite tough," he said.

Wapau's team-mates revealed the 108kg utility had his own bunk bed in Brisbane's Red Hill training complex.

"He's got a special (bunk) made just for him for 'island time' as we call it," joked Henjak after training.

Wapau, though, had the last word.

"I never really thought I'd play this level. It's still a big shock," he said.

"It didn't even cross my mind that I'd be down here training and playing with Locky (Darren Lockyer) and stuff like that." – AAP



PALMER WAPAU

SAM THAIDAY



Robinvale to host its own Indigenous footy round



AN Indigenous-based club in the small Victorian town of Robinvale is attempting to reconnect with the town's Indigenous community, and is planning its own

'Indigenous round' of Australian football.

It will involve an Aussie rules match between the Indigenous populations of Robinvale and the nearby town of Wentworthville.

Robinvale is between the Murray River towns of Mildura and Swan Hill, in Victoria's north-west, and has a population of 4090, based on the 2006 census. Indigenous people represent 9.4 per cent of the town's population – well above the national figure of 2.3 per cent.

The census figures show that in the ten-19 years age group, Indigenous youth represent 28 per cent of Robinvale's population in that age group.

In a statement, the Robinvale Football and Netball Club (RFNC) said it wanted to 'reconnect with the local Indigenous community, and in the long term play a pivotal and positive role in the lives of Indigenous youth'.

"This initiative is the first step taken in a genuine effort to reconnect the Indigenous community and the RFNC through the introduction of the Indigenous football round," the club said.

"The game is about the recognition and contribution made by Indigenous players, as well as the potential opportunities for the future as a collective group rather than a divided group."

The game will be played on Saturday 11 July (during NAIDOC Week) against the NSW Murray River town Wentworth, which also has a significant Indigenous population.

The game will be part of the domestic football schedule.

The RFNC said arrangements had been made with the local Indigenous artist Barb Egan to design the jersey for the players. Auntie Barb is the mother of Phil Egan, who played for Robinvale, Richmond and Melbourne.

Features on 11 July will include dancers, a sausage sizzle, and a prominent Indigenous AFL player.

Beetson gets his blazer

A YEAR after snubbing his induction into rugby league's Team of the Century, Immortal Arthur Beetson (pictured) has finally been handed his team blazer.

Beetson, who played 74 games for the Balmain Tigers between 1966 and 1970, was presented his blazer at half-time of the Wests Tigers-Melbourne clash at Leichhardt Oval.

Beetson was named as one of two props in the greatest collection of rugby league talent, but he boycotted the centenary ball because he did not agree with the direction the game was headed.

The former Kangaroos captain claimed not enough was being done to nurture the game at the grassroots level by the game's administrators.

His absence was described as 'a decision he would regret' by various league officials, but Beetson said it was a call he would 'not lose any sleep over'.



From little things...

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist
MATT BOWEN

THE first question people have wanted to ask me over the past week has been whether I am disappointed about being left out of the Queensland State of Origin squad in which 30 players were named in preparation for this year's series.

How can I be disappointed at that when I am just happy to be back from injury playing for the Cowboys in front of our great fans?

The last year has been frustrating since I was injured in round six and there were times when people doubted my ability to come back.

So how can I be unhappy when my first priority was just to get back on the field?

How can I be unhappy when the likes of Billy Slater and Karmichael Hunt are playing such good football and deserve their positions?

I feel flattered that people have even mentioned my name in relation to State of Origin.

Things like that help me stay positive and I believe it is this good state of mind which helped me through the long months of rehabilitation.

That – and riding my bike for hundreds of kilometres with our master of torture – Billy Johnstone.

If you are in the 'rehab' group with Billy, you certainly know you are alive because he knows how to punish every known muscle in your body.

There is a standard line that you are more fit at the Cowboys when you are injured than when you are playing!

But the great thing about Billy is that he is a master of discipline.

There are no short cuts.

There are no second bests.

Everything is based on doing the little things right.

This has been a constant message in my life with my parents making sure from day one that I understood doing the little things right ensured the big things in life looked after themselves.

I have always appreciated what my parents have done for me and that's why I will always send my Mum a wave down the television camera after I score a try if she can't make it to the game.

Discipline was always an important part of life at school when I attended Abergowrie College.

I don't think I would have made the adjustment to what is expected at the NRL level if I had not received the education I had.

And that is what a lot of young kids who dream of playing in the NRL do not understand.

There are absolutely no shortcuts in the NRL.

Too many players fail not because of lack of talent – there are plenty of park footballers out there with more talent than me who don't make it.

We have all seen them as kids or still see them running around in park football.

They all the talent to play at a higher level, but they do not have the right attitude or the dedication.

It's true that you need a bit of luck as well, but in the world of rugby league, you normally make your own luck.

Success in rugby league – and in most things worthwhile in life – normally comes from a combination of preparation and opportunity.

Which brings me to my good mate Palmer Wapau, who made his debut for

'There are absolutely no shortcuts in the NRL. Too many players fail not because of lack of talent – there are plenty of park footballers out there with more talent than me who don't make it.'

the Broncos the other week.

I went to Abergowrie with Palmer and he has always been a player who had the talent to play in the NRL.

But the right opportunity never presented itself until recently.

Palmer was considered one of the finds of the 2007 Queensland Wizard Cup season with the Redcliffe Dolphins.

He was picked up by the Broncos, but spent most of last season at the Queensland Cup level due to injury and the form of established players in front of him.

At the time, I said he was the best player playing the game not in the NRL.

This helped people notice of my mate, but also increased people's expectations of him, which wasn't what I intended.

Palmer said as much at the time.

"I was grateful for what Matty had to say," Wapau said. "He gave me a big wrap, but it put pressure on me as well so I've got to try to live up to that."

"My main aim this year is to play one or two NRL games and see what happens after that."

Palmer is already on the road to achieving his long-term dream as he showed against Parramatta the other week.

His story is one of perseverance and looking after the little things (See Page 77).

It's the same at the Cowboys where two new players have really added a new dimension to the club.

Willie Tonga is a player known to all rugby league followers.

Like everybody else in the game, I am pleased to see how he has recovered from his own journey of recovery from injury.

I have spent plenty of hours in rehab with Willie and know how he paid attention to every little thing that might help him recover.

Like me, he wasn't setting his sights on Origin.

He was more focused on settling into his new club and helping the Cowboys have a better season.

He obviously feels at home because his early season form has been good enough to earn him a spot in the Origin squad.

Another case of letting the big things look after themselves by working hard at the day-to-day discipline of your job.

The other new bloke I have a huge opinion of is young Jimmy Tamou.

Jimmy played in the Toyota Cup for the Roosters last year and he has impressed all of us, not only with his size and pace but, more importantly, his attitude.

He is one to watch.

For my part, I am just happy to be playing with the boys again.

My confidence is growing game by game and it was great to combine with JT against Manly the other week to get across the line.

It felt as if I was back home.

If I concentrate on doing all the little things right, I am confident big things can follow.

Go the Cowboys!



Willie Tonga scores for Queensland during the second half of State of Origin 2 at Suncorp Stadium in Brisbane back in 2004.

– AAP Image

Seize the moment

Life is full of situations when you have the opportunity to do something and you put it off until another day only to discover that day never comes.

There are also those times or situations where you just go through the motions because you know that next week you will have another chance to perform at your best.

Then – for whatever reason – the next week never comes around.

As I am writing this, I am preparing to make my comeback from injury in our game against Richmond at the SCG.

Whatever happens in the game, I know that I will come off the field exhausted.

Not because I am not fit – I have trained the house down and am physically prepared to do my best.

The reason I will be exhausted is because after having not played at the AFL level since round 14 last year, I am determined to make an instant impact.

I am going to cherish every single moment I have on my field.

And I am certain my old partner in crime Barry Hall will be feeling exactly the same.

Having shared more than half of my games at the Swans with Barry, I am looking forward to scoring more goals together!

It has been a frustrating time on the sidelines!

With the side struggling a bit, hopefully Barry and I will provide that target down forward and can kick some goals and bring other guys into the play.

I am confident that after playing a couple of games in the reserves that I can hopefully have an impact straight away.

I don't want to be coming in and taking a couple of weeks to find my feet.

There will be times obviously when I'm blowing, but I want to come back and basically make an impact.

But any time I start to blow, I am certain to find a second wind if I focus on the long and slow recovery I had to endure.

Dark times

Although I never gave up hope – particularly early on when I believed I might return in time to try and help the team make the finals – there were the dark times when the thought of never playing for the Swans again entered my head.

It was then that I really started to fully appreciate many of the things I had previously taken for granted.

The quality I needed – and in abundance – while I watched on from the sideline was patience.

Although I tried to contribute to the team by passing on advice to the young guys in the gym or at swimming sessions, it was not the same as being an active member of the squad.

It was a learning experience for myself to

Magic's Moments



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follow one player's performance on the field and try to assist his development by giving him feedback.

That was a positive.

But the frustration of going from watching a player in action to the process of taking small steps in my recovery was frustrating.

It was a real mental test to try to stay positive and to act positive when I was around my team-mates.

I can hardly bear to think what it was like for my partner Emma and our kids James and Taya to have this grumpy person at home!

I certainly have a greater appreciation of the workload of mothers looking after the kids on a full-time basis!

When the hope of returning for the end of the season vanished, life became even more difficult after the ankle reconstruction.

It was not just the basic recovery that took time.

Getting beyond the point of just being able to run straight lines was the most frustrating.

So much of my game is based upon my ability to twist and turn with that sharpest of turns being my strongest weapon.

It was scary to think that I may not be able to return to my best.

Each day was another day to dwell on my future and I had to give serious thought to life after football.

The support of my team-mates was instrumental to my recovery and, in particular, my fellow sufferers in the 'rehab' group: Leo Barry, Henry Playfair and Tim Smit.

Camaraderie

It was a special camaraderie based on our shared frustration and common desire to get back to the top.

It was also refreshing that when I did progress back on to the field, I played a couple of games in reserves in the Canberra competition with the younger guys.

Their enthusiasm was the tonic I needed.

On front of relatively sparse crowds I rediscovered the joy of just playing football.

I never thought of direct body contact as something to enjoy, but I treasured every bump and bruise at the end of each game.

It made me resolve to never take playing the game – or anything else I treasure in life – for granted again.

Every game I play I will resolve to seize the day and enjoy every moment.

I can now also look with confidence towards extending my career another year.

Overall, my form last year was good apart from injuring the ankle and in most games I thought I had an impact.

So if I can keep doing that I will probably go another year.

Whatever happens I know I will make sure I take nothing for granted.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Multi-skilled Stephanie now in Perth

By ALF WILSON



VERSATILITY is one of the main attributes of multi-skilled Torres Strait 18-year-old Stephanie Mooka, who hails from remote Mabuag Island and made her West Australian State Women's Basketball



It's a toss-up for Stephanie Mooka. Rugby league is her favourite sport, but basketball opens more avenues.

League debut for Perth Redbacks on 24 April.

Mooka played 8.14 minutes, scored five points and had two rebounds when her Redbacks side lost 76-56 to Kalamunda Eastern Suns.

Thursday Island-born Mooka is also a women's rugby league player, volleyball and touch footballer with enormous ability...and she has speed to burn.

Last October she was named player of the rugby league grand final when her team Eagles United beat Palm Island Barracudettes 44-10 in the Daisy Cup carnival at Townsville.

Ran riot

Mooka ran riot at lock, scoring one try and booting six goals and keen rugby league judges there commented that they had never seen a more dominant performance at an All Blacks carnival by a woman.

Lanky Mooka was unstoppable in attack and at one stage ran the length of the field to set up a try and was also tough in defence.

Two months before that, Mooka won the women's sprint over the length of the football field at the 2008 Island of Origin carnival on Badu Island.

They refer to Mooka in the TSI as the 'queen of speed'.

Auckland Warriors NRL forward Jacob Lillyman, then with the Cowboys, was a guest at the carnival and described her as a natural sportswoman.

"She certainly has speed to burn," Lillyman said.

The Origin is regarded as the premier sporting event of the TSI and

Mooka won the carnival's best spiker award when her volleyball team Besi Itamar lost the grand final to Saints 3-1.

The Koori Mail last week asked

Mooka about her sporting preferences and how she liked living in Perth compared with the Torres Strait.

"Torres Strait will always be home, but I am enjoying the difference in lifestyle," she said.

Mooka had a surprise answer when asked her favourite sport considering she excels at them all.

"I enjoy playing touch, rugby league, volleyball and basketball. My favourite is rugby league, but I know career wise, there is more opportunity in basketball," she said.

So with so much talent, what are the ambitions for this quietly spoken young lady?

"I would like to play WNBA in America, graduate Year 12 and be successful in all areas of my life," Stephanie said.

Before moving to Perth in February, Mooka was a member of the Cairns Dolphins ABA squad.

Cairns Basketball Inc Hoop Dreaming Project Director Participation and Indigenous Programs Manager Joel Khalu was glowing in his praise for Mooka.

"Stephanie is a very talented player who has the potential to play at pretty high levels," he said.

"She is very athletic and has a knack for getting to the hoop. Stephanie can score and is tough to stop once she gets going."

Mooka travelled to Perth with former Townsville couple Henry Getawan and his wife Sarina, who are excited about Mooka's sporting future.

"Steph was asked to play State League basketball and has the opportunity to go to college in the USA next year," Sarina Getawan said.



● LEFT: Stephanie after her women's sprint win at the 2008 Island of Origin rugby league carnival.

Borrooloola Cyclones will play their part in history

By GRAHAM HUNT



A 'ROUND-BALL' Indigenous team from the remote Northern Territory community of Borrooloola is to make history when it

becomes the first all-Indigenous Australian soccer team to play an international match.

The Borrooloola Cyclones, made up of 18 15-18-year-olds, will compete in the Arafura Games, which open in Darwin on Saturday.

The Games are held in Darwin every two years and this year will involve 26 sports and up to 3000 athletes from around the world, but mainly from the Asia-Pacific region, and including paralympic athletes.

Because Aussie rules is the dominant football code in the Northern Territory, soccer in that part of the world is referred to as 'round-ball'.

Of all the football codes played throughout the Territory, it is

estimated that 90 per cent of participants play Aussie rules.

'Round-ball' does have a foothold, however, in Borrooloola, where up to 80 children play the game.

The man behind soccer's presence at Borrooloola is Glen Thompson, the groundsman at the local school.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) Northern Territory spokesman Damon Port is delighted to have the Borrooloola Cyclones make their international debut.

He has seen the youngsters in action and said: "For natural ability with limited training, they are without exception because they have picked it up so quickly."

Australian soccer officials have seen the high ratio of Indigenous stars at the elite level in Aussie rules and rugby league and are keen to entice more Indigenous players to their code.

An Indigenous soccer tournament in Townsville in July is the centerpiece of a ten-year plan by FFA to increase Indigenous

involvement in the sport.

The federation wants to see Indigenous Australians making up five per cent of players at the elite level.

● Borrooloola is 954 km south-east of Darwin and 380 km from the Stuart Highway. It sits on either side of the McArthur River and is 50 km from the river estuary.

● About the Games: Since 1991, the Arafura Games have been held every two years at Darwin. Unlike other Games, the Arafura Games are not designed for world beaters or Olympic champions; instead it provides a high-quality stepping stone for athletes as part of their journey to compete at the highest level.

The 2009 Games have 26 sports and for the first time will include darts and muaythai (Thai boxing).

After the success of the inclusion of Oceania Paralympic Championships at the 2007 Arafura Games, the 2009 Games will again host paralympic events in eight sports.

Burgoyne sidelined after knee surgery

PORT Adelaide centreman Shaun Burgoyne will be out of action for another three weeks, being forced into having surgery on his left knee.

Burgoyne had nursed knee soreness for three weeks, withdrawing from Port's win over Hawthorn and unable to be considered for the loss to St Kilda.

Further inspection of the knee revealed the need for surgery to repair damage to the surface of the joint, with the operation set to take place yesterday.

Port had hoped to recall Shaun and his brother Peter Burgoyne for last Saturday night's showdown against Adelaide. - AAP



Trip of a lifetime

By PETER ARGENT



AN emphatic 132-point Australian rules win over the South African Lions in

Capetown was a highlight of a tour of South Africa by Aboriginal stars of tomorrow Rex Liddy, Steven May and Curtly Hampton.

They were members of an Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)-Australian Football League (AFL) team on an 18-day tour that actually started and ended with matches in Australia.

The tour involved three matches and included visits to townships in Johannesburg and Cape Town, Soweto and experiencing the N'Gomo safari park.

The tour began with a loss to Western Bulldogs' VFL affiliate Williamstown at Docklands (Melbourne), but included the big win over the South Africa Lions and finished with a convincing 52-point victory over WAFL club Peel Thunder at Subiaco Oval (Perth) on Anzac Day.

AFL footballer and one of the coaches Jason McCartney said Liddy had been a wonderful talent through all the Indigenous programs, but through his rapid recent development, he had grown in a 'wonderful young man'.

"Being involved in an elite structure, he has embraced the culture of being a full-time athlete," McCartney said.

"He now has added the



Rex Liddy and a South African boy share some quiet time during the tour of South Africa by an AIS-AFL Aussie rules team.

mental aptitude of how and what he needs to do to achieve his goals.

"He was a member of the Flying Boomerangs and it is noticeable his confidence to present himself in front of a group has grown tremendously on this tour of South Africa.

"There has also been considerable change in his

physical appearance and he has the definition of a cut athlete.

"Now there is some showmanship about him.

"Although he has the usual skillful traits expected from an Indigenous footballer, he also has tremendous power and strength, along with a remarkable side step which I believe comes from

his rugby heritage.

"Rex has a great passion for the game and coming off a serious hamstring injury, he did everything he could to convince the doctor and physio he was able to play."

Head Coach Alan McConnell said the honour of representing Australia was one that all squad members would value highly and

that the opportunity to represent their country and learn from assistant coaches Nathan Buckley, McCartney and Marcus Ashcroft would be invaluable in the development of this - the next batch of young AFL talents.

"The tour was not simply a football tour, it also provided invaluable personal development opportunities of which all squad members embraced," McConnell said.

"Visits to Nelson Mandela's Robben Island jail cell and his early home in the township of Soweto will provide lasting memories to the young stars."

Our finest young footballers also conducted 'FootyWILD' (the South African version of AFL Auskick) clinics to help further expand the rapidly growing game.

South Africa's 'FootyWILD' program, launched two years ago by the AIS-AFL Academy, has experienced rapid growth in participation rates across all ages. 'FootyWILD' now has nearly 20,000 participants across South Africa.

The AIS-AFL Academy has an outstanding track record of developing elite young talent for over a 12-year period. In that period, more than 75 percent of squad members have been drafted to AFL clubs. Academy graduates are amongst the cream of the code, including Patty Rider, Lance Franklin, Leroy Jetta, Travis Varcoe, Andrew Walker, Mathew Stokes, Cyril Rioli and Rhan Hooper, along with 2008 draft selections Liam Jones and Michael Waters.

Swooping Magpies

NT THE Kartpur Magpies beat the Wudapuli/Nama Dockers 12.10 (82) to 6.12 (48) in the grand final of the 2009 Wadeye Football League competition on 26 April.

The match started in blistering heat and ended in pouring rain. The grand final was a fitting end to the fast-growing Australian football competition in the Wadeye/Daly River region of the Northern Territory, south-west of Darwin.

This year was the first time that the Wadeye Football League (WFL) conducted a structured competition, organising a six-team draw, culminating in the grand final. Last year there was an informal four-team competition.

Daly River Regional Development Manager Ben Kelly is confident next year's competition will involve eight teams.

Up to a 1000 locals from the Wadeye communities turned out at the local Recreation Reserve to watch the final, which began in blistering heat and finished in a final-quarter downpour.

Always in charge

The Magpies were never headed, holding a comfortable lead throughout.

With accuracy in front of goal being the key, the Magpies took advantage of every opportunity to run out away with a 34-point victory.

Best on ground was Cooney Ariuu.

The day began with an AFL juniors exhibition match between local children.

A delighted Ben Kelly said: "Football means a lot to these people and it shows with the turnout we had."

NT Thunder High Performance Manager Murray Davis and NT Institute of Sport Head Coach Brett Hand flew to Wadeye for the game and were impressed with the talent on show.

The Wadeye Football League is part of the Wadeye/Daly River Region project of the AFL Northern Territory and is supported by Eni Australia and FaHCSIA.

Final result: Magpies 12.10 (82) d Dockers 6.12 (48).

Best players. Magpies: Cooney Ariuu, Leon Kintari, Gary Ariuu, Barty Narburup.

Dockers: Alister Lantjin, Lawrence Warner, Darren Lantjin, Alex Lantjin.

Best on Ground Medal: Cooney Ariuu.

Umpires: Mark Atkins and Brendan Higgins.

Semi-final thriller

Earlier, in the first semi-final, the Hawks and the Dockers were level at full-time. The Hawks had their opportunities in extra time, but the Dockers came away with a one-point win.

The second semi-final was the top-of-the-table clash between ladder leaders the Crows and Magpies. The Magpies had relinquished the top spot to the Crows after losing five out of their last six regular season matches.

Looking to turn around their form slump, the Magpies made a flying start and were never headed to maintain a comfortable advantage throughout the match, earning them a grand final berth.

In the preliminary final between the Crows and Dockers, early favourites the Crows let their less-fancied opponents help themselves to a four-goal lead at quarter-time.

The Crows fought their way back, bringing the margin to two goals.

But this was as close as the Crows could get as the Dockers stretched their lead to win by 23 points and earn a grand final berth.



The Kartpur Magpies, in the colours of the Collingwood Magpies, contest the bounce with the Wudapuli/Nama Dockers, in the colours of the Fremantle Dockers, in the final of the Wadeye football competition.



A Wudapuli/Nama Docker looks to evade a defending Kartpur Magpie.



● ABOVE: In brilliant sunshine, the Magpies break the banner as they take to the field. Rain was pouring when the match ended.

● LEFT: Dockers players and supporters at the Wadeye footy grand final.

● BELOW: This car obviously carried Wudapuli supporters.



Big match looms

Tassie celebrates with Indigenous round

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THE clash of the Rocherlea Tigers and the Longford

Tigers in the Northern Tasmanian Football Association's upcoming Indigenous round has been likened to a finals match.

Rocherlea coach Brett Mansell, one of only a small number of Aborigines to have coached in the State, said the 23 May Aussie rules match was creating a lot of excitement around the place.

"It's every bit as big as a finals match. It certainly has been a build-up. It's been a bit of a distraction (to other games), especially to the young Aboriginal boys at the club who have focused on that game," Mansell told *The Koori Mail*.

He expects the Aboriginal spectators who will travel from all around the State to be one-eyed Rocherlea supporters.

"The first time we played Longford last year, they beat us by 100 points, the next time by five goals and then the next time by a point," Mansell said.

He said Rocherlea were 'biting' to meet Longford for the first time this year in marquee match of the Indigenous round.

"It will be a very testy, highly emotional match and I'm very confident we'll do well," Mansell said.

The Indigenous round, a first for a Tasmanian Aussie rules association, will run 16-23 May and will include an awards function, seminar and kids' footy clinic, as



Rocherlea coach Brett Mansell (centre front) with some of the club's other Aboriginal players who are gearing up for the clash with Longford - the highlight of the NTFA's Indigenous round from 16-23 May.

well as visits from some AFL Aboriginal players, including former Carlton great Syd Jackson.

Mansell said his club was the obvious side to be receiving the spotlight for the Indigenous round.

Big representation

The special round is an initiative of the Rocherlea Football club, which sports more than 14 Aboriginal players, by far the most for any Tasmanian side since Aboriginal communities on Flinders Island, and Cape Barren Island had sides up until the 1980s.

The Aboriginal line-up has increased since Mansell took over the reins of the senior side in 2008, numbers helped along

by having brothers and cousins coming to join him.

He said that any given Saturday, there could be four Mansells, two Gardeners, two Summers, two Browns and names like Woodward and Maynard on the field - all recognisable local Aboriginal surnames. This year's team captain, Simon Gardner, is also Aboriginal.

"The club here at Rocherlea is a real down-to-earth, easy-going club. I think that's attractive to the young Aboriginal players, there's certainly a level of comfort," he said.

"It's always pleasing to see good young players come to the club, whether they are Aboriginal or not. It's especially rewarding for me when I see young Aboriginal men

choosing to live a healthy lifestyle and making sport and exercise and footy, in this case, a part of that life style.

"The commitment they show obviously holds them in good stead for their life."

In the past couple of years the club has been on the up on and off the field. He said the one problem was that the playing list had near doubled to 80 players to rotate - admittedly, a good problem to have.

Thirty-six-year-old Mansell said he had committed to staying with the club until they won a flag and planned to see his playing days out with Rocherlea.

He hopes to see his two young sons join will start playing with the club in the near future.

Sheedy honoured for Indigenous efforts



ESSENDON Australian football legend Kevin Sheedy was to be awarded Australian Catholic

University's (ACU National) highest honour yesterday - Doctor of the University - in recognition of his contributions to community and youth work in sport, particularly for his work with Indigenous Australians.

One of AFL's most enduring figures, Sheedy has been a player and coach for more than five decades, with an unsurpassed record of involvement in 1000 games and eight premierships.

Playing first for Prahran in 1964, he later transferred to Richmond, with whom he played 251 games and three winning grand finals. He was a State representative on eight occasions.

After a highly decorated playing career, 'Sheeds' went on to an outstanding period as coach of Essendon (1981-2007), where he coached a record 635 games with a success ratio of 61 per cent - winning four grand finals. He was All Australian coach on four occasions, twice State of Origin coach and coach of the International Rules Team in 2005 and 2006.

However, Sheedy is perhaps

best known as the AFL coach who has most promoted and nurtured Indigenous talent.

In the early 1980s, shortly after his appointment as the coach of Essendon, Sheedy asked the board if there was any reason why there hadn't been an Indigenous player, and decided it was about time there was.

Broke new ground

Essendon, under Sheedy, led the way in talent-spotting and attracting young Indigenous players, and other clubs soon followed. Today, 83 players on the AFL lists, out of about 600, are Indigenous footballers - the greatest participation rate for

Indigenous Australians in any sport.

"It has lifted the spirits of Indigenous kids, and there is a huge bridge being built here," Sheedy said. "If we can work together and build a better country through sport, then we'll never go back to where we were, we'll go forward."

Two highly successful initiatives of Sheedy, with the late Ron Evans and Bill Kelly, are the AFL Traineeship Program and Kickstart camps. The Traineeship Program offers properly paid, sporting apprenticeships to 500 young people each year, of which 100 are Indigenous players. Kickstart camps are held

annually in Melbourne for elite Indigenous footballers, aged 14-15, from all over Australia. The emphasis is just as much on building good leaders as on developing footballers - and one of the pre-requisites for camp selection is that the boys are attending school.

AFL Indigenous Program manager Jason Lifsud said Indigenous males were 11 times more likely to be caught in the justice system.

"However in football the statistics are different," he said. "While Indigenous people make up two per cent of Australians, they make up more than ten per cent of AFL lists."

Future in his hands



Underdog Geale reckons he has Choc's measure

AUSTRALIA AN appointment with IBF middleweight world champion Arthur Abraham or WBA middleweight world champion Felix Sturm awaits Daniel Geale, pictured, if he beats Anthony 'Choc' Mundine in the eagerly-awaited fight in Brisbane on 27 May.

Geale, the IBO world middleweight champion, will take on the more fancied Mundine in a fight that could open new doors for the former Tasmanian Indigenous Commonwealth Games champion.

And while Geale is a world champion, he is the underdog for the fight at the Brisbane Entertainment Centre.

Mundine, a two-time world super middleweight champion, knows of Geale's ability and says he's not under-estimating the 28-year-old Geale.

The fight will be the biggest of Geale's career, but he thinks he can win and boost his boxing profile.

"I'm confident I can get the win. I've been training hard and now it's time to step up and put my all into this fight," Geale said.

"I'm more ready now than ever. I'm hitting my peak physically and mentally. I'm in a great position now. I'm hitting the peak of my career and Mundine's career is nearing the end of his."

Geale is undefeated in his 21 fights

since turning professional. Thirteen of his fights have ended inside the distance. His last outing was against Canadian Ian MacKillop, who was knocked out in the first round.

Geale knows he's the underdog against Mundine (35-1 23 KOs), but says he will silence some critics.

"They are all entitled to their opinions," he said.

"They can believe what they want, but I'll do my talking with my fists in the ring."

"I plan to dominate the fight, staying busy and not get frustrated. I'm going into it expecting this to be my toughest fight to date. I'm not going to go in there trying to knock him out, but if that comes, then great. I have to stay smart. My title is on the line."

Still an 'unknown'

The Sydney-based Tasmanian remains relatively unknown, despite being a Commonwealth Games gold medallist and unbeaten world title holder.

The recent *Ring* magazine listings have Geale at number nine, with Mundine still ranked as a super middleweight at four.

Boxrec.com's independent rankings have Mundine fourth and Geale fifth.

Meanwhile, Danny Green has promised to punch Mundine's 'lights out' after easily disposing of Anthony van Niekerk in Perth last month.

Green, who was lured out of retirement

in March with the promise of a lucrative re-match with Mundine, took just two rounds to knock out van Niekerk, with his powerful right hook twice sending the South African to the canvas.

It was Green's 26th win of his career, 23 of which have been by way of knockout.

And in an ominous sign for Mundine, Green said he was feeling as good as ever, warning his arch-rival that he stood little chance if he wore one of Green's devastating right hooks.

"Anthony Mundine you called me out, when you get hit with one of these, it's going to be lights out," Green said.

"I feel as good as I did when I won the world title."

"The way I'm punching and how loose and relaxed I am, if I punch anyone they are going to get knocked out."

"It doesn't matter who I hit."

"My knockout record isn't there because I've fought nobodys."

Mundine defeated Green in a unanimous points decision at super middleweight in 2006, but the re-match, tentatively scheduled for early next year at Subiaco Oval, is likely to be held at Green's preferred light heavyweight or catchweight.

"He (Mundine) has got to take care of Daniel Geale first and then we'll work out what's going on next and sit down with my team," Green said. — with AAP

Mundine sceptical of Green rematch

DANNY Green might be talking up a rematch with Anthony Mundine, but 'The Man' seems to have other ideas.

After watching Green dispatch South African Anthony van Niekerk inside two rounds, Anthony Mundine dismissed Green's successful return to the ring and told the Perth fighter to 'stay retired'.

Mundine rubbished van

Niekerk as a genuine challenge.

"I saw Sunday's fight but you couldn't really judge Danny Green's performance against an opponent like that because he was so mediocre," Mundine said.

"I wouldn't have him (van Niekerk) as a sparring partner."

"I wasn't impressed — I didn't see anything new."

"Danny Green was the same fighter he has always been."

"I've already whipped his arse, so tell him to stay retired and let me take care of the boxing!"

● **RIGHT:** The last fight between Anthony Mundine and Danny Green in Sydney in May 2006 resulted in a points win to Mundine.

— AFP photo



New club eyes off Lance Franklin



HAWTHORN superstar Lance Franklin could be in the sights of new Australian Football League (AFL) club Gold Coast as it looks

to sign up big names ahead of its 2011 AFL debut.

Gold Coast Chairman John Witheriff believes the race is already on to stop the AFL newcomers signing up a swag of the competition's established stars ahead of their debut.

With its provisional licence to join the competition and funding concerns over the \$120 million stadium out of the way, the new club has been given the all-clear to start filling out its senior playing list.

Witheriff predicts all 16 rival clubs will be pushing extra hard to sign big-name players sooner rather than later to head off the prospect of losing them to the Gold Coast.

Under a host of draft and salary cap concessions granted to the new club ahead of their entry, Gold Coast will have the right to sign one uncontracted player from each existing club at the end of 2010.

Geelong's Gary Ablett, St Kilda's Nick Riewoldt and Lance Franklin — currently all uncontracted after 2010 — have been floated as potential targets.

Rival clubs

Witheriff refused to comment on names, but predicted rival clubs would pull out all stops to ensure their star players were off the table.

"(The clubs) recognise that we're in the market looking for players and I think it's a certainty that they'll be doing whatever they can to support their own football list," he said.

"But we're in a very competitive industry, so that's good, that's important."

"We respect that and equally they respect that we're out there trying to build the most competitive football club that we can."

A month after being granted a provisional licence to join the league, Witheriff said the current focus was on building the club itself, rather than the on-field team.

Gold Coast has signed Telstra as a foundation sponsor in a two-year deal, while also beginning a major membership drive on the Coast.

The club has already signed about 1000 members.

But Witheriff confirmed the search for a captain or marquee player was on.

"Scott (Clayton, recruiting manager) and his team are working flat out and it is true, we've developed a list-build strategy and it is true that the list-build is going on right now," he said.

"We haven't settled on the team look, but it's not age-based, it's player quality-based and it's about finding the best quality player for each position."

"And finally it's about ensuring the longevity of performance. We're not interested in a club that only does well in year one." — AAP



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On the way up

Newcastle netballer judged most valuable at nationals



YET another outstanding Indigenous netballer is shooting for the stars.

Natarlia Manning, from Newcastle, was named most valuable player at the Australian under 19 netball championships in Canberra from 18-23 April.

Playing wing defence for NSW, the agile Manning won a spot in the Australian under 19 squad named after the tournament.

New South Wales remained undefeated throughout the championships and never looked in danger of losing the grand final, leading at every change in their nine-goal win against Queensland.

Officials said Manning was a force to be reckoned with throughout the carnival. Her intercepts and attacking drives helped NSW go through the tournament undefeated and win back-to-back titles.

But the modest athlete couldn't work out what got her noticed.

"I have no idea why I was picked ahead of the other girls," she said.

"I just came and played to the best of my ability. I just did my best."

But for selectors, picking up on Manning's skills, talent and potential was easy.

Throughout the six-day championships, Manning displayed athleticism and agility as well as an

inate sense of timing that caused headaches for her opponents as she continually regained possession.

One official said her ability to read the play made her intercepts and tips throughout the week look easy as she picked off balls all over the court.

Seventeen other players were also named in the Australian under 19 squad.

New South Wales and Queensland were rewarded for their efforts throughout the championships with each having five representatives named in the squad.

Victoria had three players named, two South Australians got the call up and one athlete from Western Australia was called upon for national duties.

AIS camp

The squad will go into camp in July at the Australian Institute of Sport where participants will experience state-of-the-art high-performance coaches from around Australia.

Australian Netball Diamonds Coach Norma Plummer and AIS Head Coach and Australian 21/U Coach Simone McKinnis will be in attendance throughout the camp.

The Australian under 19 team will be named at the conclusion of the camp.

Natarlia Manning plays State League netball with Manly.



Natarlia Manning (in blue) contests possession with a Queensland opponent in the under 19 final.

NRL's flag backdown

A BACKDOWN by the National Rugby League that allows Preston Campbell to wear headgear featuring the Aboriginal flag has been welcomed by Indigenous bodies.

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council — the State's peak Aboriginal representative body — was amongst the first to welcome the reversal.

Campbell wore the headgear against the North Queensland Cowboys in round five, only for the NRL to prevent him repeating the practice against Canberra the following week. This ban was overturned by the NRL before the Titans' game against the Penrith Panthers.

In a letter to league boss David Gallop, NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton congratulated the NRL for a 'common sense' decision in allowing the Titans livewire to display his pride in his Aboriginal heritage.

"Preston is an outstanding role model for all Australians — black and white — and his profile only raises the Aboriginal community's interest and love for rugby league," Ms Manton said in her letter.

"Preston is an awe-inspiring flame for reconciliation."

Ms Manton said the Aboriginal flag was an officially recognised flag under the Australian Flags Act.

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