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## A love like this is no act



ACTING newcomer Marissa Gibson, from Alice Springs, and her grandmother Mitjili Napanangka Gibson were at the

Sydney premiere of Warwick Thornton's film *Samson & Delilah*, in which they both had starring roles. The film received a standing ovation at the packed-out gala event hosted by the Sydney Opera House on 7 May, which also marked the opening of the four-day Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival, now in its 10th year. During filming, 15-year-old Marissa acted as interpreter/co-director for Thornton because her grandmother speaks very little English, and Thornton does not speak Pintupi. See Pages 40 and 41 for coverage of the Message Sticks opening night and Page 48 for news about the film's opening weekend box-office triumph and selection for this year's Cannes Film Festival.

Photo by KIRSTY SHADIAC

# Budget a relief

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government has been gently told to 'put its money is' and work together with

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the design and delivery of programs and services.

But last week's Federal Budget still produced a collective sigh of relief from many Indigenous organisations and lobbyists when it was revealed that Indigenous-specific measures had been spared the type of cuts and savings evident elsewhere.

On Tuesday, Treasurer Wayne

## Thanks for the dollars, Indigenous leaders tell Govt. Now, let's talk...

Swan delivered an unprecedented \$57.6 billion deficit with little prospect of recovery before 2015-16 and predictions of a jobless rate of 8.5 per cent in 2011, marking nearly one million Australians out of work.

Given existing levels of disadvantage, Indigenous people are likely to do things tougher than most as the global financial crisis worsens.

But some of those involved in the campaign to close the gap in disadvantage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians feared the Budget news would be much worse.

The Rudd Government's commitment to the cause appears not to have wavered significantly, though, with the announcement of \$1.3 billion for Indigenous-specific measures - about \$100 million

more than last year.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the measures supported the Government's closing the gap agenda.

The news came less than six months after a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) commitment of \$4.6 billion investment over ten years in Indigenous remote housing, health, early childhood development,

economic participation and remote service delivery.

Health advocacy groups in particular, have now turned their gaze to the relationship between the Government and Indigenous communities and leaders, which they say is marked by a 'top-down', even discriminatory, approach.

They say the next test of Government commitment to Indigenous well-being will be a special Indigenous-focused COAG meeting in July.

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ABOVE: From left, Roy Wiggan, 79, Chris Sampi, 47, Laurette Sampi, 24, Brendan Chaquebor, 46, Paul Sampi, 77, Valarie Wiggan, Nathan Sampi, 32, Kevin George, 57, Dwayne George, 20, and Trevor Sampi, 44.

**M**Y name is Paul Sampi. I am a Bardi man, and was born in 1932 so I am 77-years-old. This photo of me with some of my family was taken at One Arm Point on the Dampier Peninsula north of Broome in April.

I come from Djarindjin (Lombardina), but my family and I live about 16km down the road at a little Aboriginal community called Ngamakoon.

My wife Jessie Sampi is 70-years-old and we've been married for a long time. She was my girlfriend; we met during 1946.

Jessie used to live out on Sunday Island and I lived at Lombardina. During the holidays, the mob from Sunday Island used to come and visit family at Lombardina.

I was 14 or so when we met, and Jessie was seven. Then I left and was in Broome (about 160km south) for a while where I worked on a pearling lugger as a shell opener. I did some diving work too but, even though I didn't mind the sharks, I was scared of sea snakes.

After working on the luggers for about ten years I came back to Lombardina and started looking for Jessie. We had written

to each other all of the time I was away in Broome.

Her parents were a bit reluctant for us to be together, but I fought till I got her. You had to fight in those days, to prove that you were worth it and that you were a good fella.

My wife and I are closer now than ever. We know everything there is to know about each other.

We got married in the church at Lombardina and have eight children – six girls and two boys. And we have 36 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. They keep me young.

For a man of 77, it keeps me going. That's the best thing about having grandchildren. They ask me if I'm really old, if I'm 60! Some of them live in Derby, Broome and Hedland.

I teach my kids and grandkids about dance and fishing. We take them out to make boomerangs, spears and other artefacts.

I really hope – not only for my family but for all future generations – that they don't forget their culture.

That is the most important thing.

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## OUR CHILDREN



Jasper Caddies, 3, and Jayden Henaway, 4, were amongst scores of kids who queued up to have their faces painted during a family fun day held at Pioneer Park in the Townsville suburb of Thuringowa to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Community Group's first year of incorporation. See Page 37 for more. Photo by ALF WILSON

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# Dream comes true

## A brighter future the promise of centre

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY

**TAS** MEENAH Miena, a successful arts mentoring program for young Aboriginal offenders and youth at risk, opened its premises in Launceston last week.

Behind a modest facade, nestled between derelict buildings on the edge of Launceston's city centre, the new arts workspace offers a brighter future for these young people.

Cameron James Riley-Brown, one of the program's participants, spoke at the emotional and entertaining opening.

Nineteen-year-old Cameron, who is on parole after serving time for armed robbery, said the program had helped to set his life on a different track.

Without Meenah Miena and the mentoring of Danny Gardner, Cameron believes he probably would have returned to jail. Instead, the proud young father is playing lots of sport, seeing his little boy grow up and looking forward to becoming a great role model himself.

"My life is starting to get back on track, I am starting to get my confidence back and feel like I have good values in life," he said.

"I'm starting to enjoy life and having good people to support me through hard times has really helped me."

"There is too many good things in life to miss out on. Danny has made me see that doing good things in life makes me feel better as a person."

Cameron wants to stay with Meenah Miena. He is so grateful and inspired by what it has offered him that he plans on training as a mentor when his parole period ends.

The blossoming program has assisted 27 other young Aboriginal people, both within Tasmania's youth detention centre and those at risk.

Meenah Miena, meaning 'my dream', is the vision of Elder, writer and poet Aunty Phyllis Pitchford, who chairs a committee that oversees the program. She told *The Koori*



From left to right, Cameron James Riley-Brown with mentor Danny Gardner (who also performed at the opening), Aunty Phyllis Pitchford and another Meenah Miena mentor Charles Bobongle were all part of the opening of the new art workspace.

Mail that it sought to instil respect for others, but mostly self-pride and self-confidence into youth at risk in the justice system. She said it also introduced them into the 'real world'.

"The aim of this is prevention and intervention," Aunty Phyllis said.

She said that Meenah Miena

connect with their mentor.

Twelve Aboriginal mentors have been involved in the program, and more are sought.

Aboriginal people, artists, community organisations, and State and Federal departments too numerous to list were acknowledged at the heart-warming opening of the premises, which is decorated by the youth and their mentors.

A set of cards featuring the artwork of Ashley Youth Detention Centre inmates and promoting Meenah Miena was also launched on the day.

Aboriginal contemporary artist Judith-Rose Thomas worked with the inmates over a week to create the artworks. She said the experience was one of genuine mutual inspiration.

"It inspired young ones to do artwork that gives a sense of pride and achievement and gave a sense of belonging to this place," she explained.

"And I learnt to give people space and time to make their own decisions; they were beautiful kids."

Danny Gardner was also grateful for his experience as a mentor, learning a lot about himself, finding a good mate in Cameron and skilling up together on safety aspects of painting while refurbishing the inside and courtyard of the building.



Aboriginal contemporary artist Judith-Rose Thomas mentored youth in the Meenah Miena program to produce the artworks featured on the cards she is pictured with here.

especially filled a gap for young people who had gone to court but had not yet been sentenced, a time in which they were particularly vulnerable, and that the premises offered a place of comfort, rest and a space to



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# Dream debut for kids' choir



AUSTRALIA'S first national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children's choir will make its public debut before one of the biggest audiences on the Indigenous music festival circuit.

The Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir aims to give talented Indigenous children the opportunity to join their peers from across Australia for musical, social and cultural opportunities and performances.

About 35 Indigenous children will take to the stage during The Dreaming at Woodford, north of Brisbane, from 5-8 June in two performances alongside the Sydney Children's Choir.

One of the choir's founding partners, the National Australia Bank, recently funded a series of musical workshops in communities across Queensland, including in Cairns, Horn Island and Thursday Island, as well as in New South Wales, to recruit Indigenous youngsters with a love and gift of singing.

More workshops are planned for Shepparton in Victoria and Bowraville in NSW in the coming months.

Some leading Indigenous artists including former Bangarra principal dancer Sani Townson and renowned soprano Deborah Cheetham are working with the choir's founder and artistic director, Lyn Williams, on the workshops.

"The workshops give Indigenous children the opportunity to come together and learn valuable skills, have fun and draw on their creative talents," she said.

Qantas recently came on board as a major partner and supporter of the choir.



Members of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir and members of the Sydney Children's Choir in April this year and, left, the inaugural Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir in July last year.



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# Town Camp crunch time

By DARREN COYNE



ALICE Springs town campers are expected to decide today whether to accept a \$125 million funding package

from the Federal Government.

A delegation from Tangentyere Council travelled to Canberra last week to meet with Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to discuss the deal.

Afterwards, Tangentyere President Walter Shaw told *The Koori Mail* the council would meet on Wednesday (today) to make its decision.

The meeting takes place just a day before a deadline imposed by the Federal Government.

The Federal and Northern Territory governments significantly raised the stakes on 2 May when they made a revised offer of \$125 million for housing infrastructure and services in town camps.

Previously the offer was \$50 million in exchange for 40-year leases over 18 camps, but Tangentyere had consistently refused to accept.



WALTER SHAW

Mr Shaw admitted that 'the carrot certainly got bigger', but he remained tight-lipped over the discussions with Ms Macklin.

He said the delegation, which included four members of the council's executive and its housing officer, would report to community members before any decision was made.

Under the new offer, the

Federal Government would provide \$100 million to fix infrastructure and housing in the camps, and \$25 million to build additional accommodation and support services in Alice Springs. The Northern Territory Government would oversee housing.

But many town campers are wary of signing their land over to government, although some have become frustrated at the delays in the delivery of services.

Mr Shaw said that while the negotiations had dragged on, at the end of the day both parties must agree. He said the sticking points remained around signing leases.

"Right across the board, housing reform is a must for Aboriginal communities," he said.

A spokesperson for Ms Macklin would not comment on whether there would be a further extension to negotiations if town campers refused the latest offer.

Negotiations for the package have been under way for 10 months since the signing last July of an Agreed Work Plan to provide new housing and infrastructure.



Members of Mr Ward's family outside the Kalgoorlie Courthouse during the final week of the inquest into the Goldfields Elder's death. Mr Ward's sister Daisy is third from the right.

# WA prison van death apology

## Protests at company as inquest concludes

**WA** THE family of a Goldfields Elder who died from heatstroke after a 400km journey in the back of an un-airconditioned prison van during sweltering conditions has received an apology from the West Australian Department of Corrective Services.

A Kalgoorlie inquest into the death of Mr Ward in January 2008 concluded on Thursday, and the next day Corrective Services Commissioner Ian Johnson met Mr Ward's family to express his condolences for their loss.

Mr Johnson said he had received a message from members of Mr Ward's family that they wanted to meet with someone from the department.

"As the head of the department I felt it only fitting that I meet with the family immediately following the inquest to express my sorrow for the loss of their loved one in such a tragic way," he said of the private meeting in a Kalgoorlie park.

"I and the department as a



Protesters outside the Perth office of GSL on 14 May.



GSL Public Relations Director Jim Hall met protesters but refused to comment.

whole have been deeply touched by this tragic event and I convey my heartfelt sympathy to all who have suffered as a result."

Mr Ward's sister Daisy Ward later told ABC Radio that the family still wanted changes to the way Aboriginal people in custody were treated.

"This was really late in a way, they should have said sorry to us earlier," she said.

Previously, some members of Mr Ward's family had called for anyone found responsible for his death to face tribal punishment.

WA Coroner Alistair Hope is expected to release his findings next month.

Meanwhile, members and supporters of the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) picketed the Perth and Melbourne offices of international security giant Global Solutions (GSL) on Thursday demanding the dismissal of two staff members who transported Mr Ward between Laverton and Kalgoorlie.

The inquest heard that Mr Ward collapsed in the back of

the GSL prison van after being giving inadequate water and no comfort stops.

DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse threatened a national boycott of GSL if the company refused to sack the two staff members.

"We want those officers, first and foremost, taken off operational duties immediately," said Mr Newhouse, also calling for GSL's contract to be terminated.

"If these things don't happen, and there is enough community outrage and disbelief about this, then we are prepared to organise a national boycott of this company, of any government department or any private business that uses their services," he said.

The protesters demanded to meet directly with GSL management, and while the company's Public Relations Director Jim Hall met and listened to what the protesters had to say, he would not comment on the demands or the circumstances of Mr Ward's death.

"While Mr Ward's death was an unmitigated tragedy, I cannot and will not make any comment on the case until after the Coroner has handed down his findings," Mr Hall said.

Mr Newhouse repeated calls for the WA Government to take control of prisoner transport, including mandatory air transport in remote regions and the replacement of old or faulty vehicles, adding that the company's own investigation into the incident had been 'worthless'. — **By KEN BOASE and KIRSTIE PARKER**



Major Sumner was a part of a delegation to receive the remains on behalf of the Ngarrindjeri.

## Remains returned in solemn ceremony

A SKULL and other bone fragments discovered last year in the home of an elderly British academic have been handed over to the Australian Government in a solemn Aboriginal ceremony.

The handover last Thursday was part of Australia's effort to recover Indigenous remains held across the world. The Government has retrieved remains of more than 1100 people from Britain since 1990.

Remains were sold to museums and trophy-hunters in the 19th century, Australia's High Commissioner John Dauth said in a telephone interview on Thursday.

Spotted by Australian diplomats as they were being put up for auction in November, the bones — a skull, a mandible, a clavicle, two femurs, and a host of bone fragments — were found last summer by an auctioneer hired to clear out the academic's home.

### Ritual dance

The auction was halted after Australia's High Commission in London intervened. The relics were handed to the Australians in the presence of Aboriginal Elders before a brief ritual dance in a small park in central London.

"We came here with very mixed feelings," said Ngarrindjeri leader George Trevorrow.

He said the return of the remains was important to Aboriginal people spiritually, as some believed a soul was in torment unless the body rested in its native land.

"This helps us feel more human," Mr Trevorrow said. "Remember, for a long, long time we were not classified as human."

Mr Dauth said Australian diplomats were still in 'lively dialogue' with institutions such as the Natural History Museum and Cambridge University over the human relics.

"There's a real determination in my country to put behind us the appalling treatment of Indigenous Australians in the 19th and early 20th centuries," the High Commissioner said. — **AP**

# New WA ban on booze praised

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A KIMBERLEY grandmother who spearheaded a campaign which helped see takeaway sales of full and mid-strength alcohol banned in her town, says the State's Director of Liquor Licensing (DLL) will be remembered as a man 'who saved generations of children'.

Doreen Green says Halls Creek can now begin to move forward, tackling such issues as Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), the rate of which in the Kimberley is believed to be 21 times higher than the rest of Western Australia.

DLL Barry Sargeant last week announced the restrictions in Halls Creek, a largely Aboriginal community about six hours' drive from Broome, citing 'the public interest' and minimisation of alcohol-related harm and ill health amongst the town's 1300-or-so residents.

Mr Sargeant had given the licensees of the Kimberley Hotel and Halls Creek Store several months to show cause why he should not introduce the restrictions, which prohibit the sale of takeaway liquor exceeding a concentration of ethanol in liquor of 2.7 per cent to anyone other than a lodger or a liquor merchant.

The restrictions, which came into effect on Monday and are indefinite, are the same as some already in place in nearby Fitzroy Crossing.

"Both the Executive Director Public Health and WA Police presented strong arguments as to why it would be in the interest of the Halls Creek community to introduce these restrictions," Mr Sargeant said.

"In particular, the data presented by the Executive Director Public Health identified the need for effective alcohol control measures to address the level of alcohol-related harm in Halls Creek.

"This was reinforced by the information I received from WA Police in relation to the high incidence of alcohol-related disturbances in the community."

Doreen Green told *The Koori Mail* the restrictions came as 'fantastic news'.

"I think the kids of Halls Creek are the

winners in this campaign," she said.

"And I think Barry Sargeant will go down in Aboriginal history as a man who saved generations of children in the Kimberley.

"He had a lot of evidence before him that suggested we had to do something drastic to address a very drastic situation, but that's not the end of our work."

Ms Green said she and her fellow campaigners would now push the State Government to ensure that the town was resourced to deal with the problems of alcohol in the town, not the least of which was the scourge of FASD.

"We need the doctors, health departments, the police, the Department of Child Protection, drug and alcohol people - all of these people who are helping our people - to be fully resourced and supported," she said.

FASD, which is caused when babies are exposed to alcohol while still in the womb, can cause physical, mental, behavioural, and learning disabilities in children through to adulthood.

## Welcomed

The State Government welcomed the restrictions, but Racing and Gaming Minister Terry Waldrone acknowledged that they were not the total answer and 'not everyone in Halls Creek would welcome it'. He said liquor abuse, particularly in WA's remote towns and communities, had become normalised. He urged the Federal Government to continue with the roll-out of welfare management, already in place in Aboriginal communities 'prescribed' under the Northern Territory intervention, into WA.

Disappointed Halls Creek store owner Peter Tierney said he believed the ban would send Halls Creek's problem drinkers to neighbouring towns, dramatically affecting the amenity of most Halls Creek shire residents, and threaten the viability of local small businesses.

Before the ban was announced, the owner of the Kimberley Hotel Martin Pierson Jones told *The Koori Mail* he believed the Government should focus on the behaviour of 'people who have known substance abuse problems', who would still get alcohol if they really wanted it.



Torres Strait Islander man Tom Mosby, who has made it through to the final 20 in the *MasterChef Australia* television program.

# Chef Tom eyes the main prize

By DARREN COYNE



BUDDING chef Tom Mosby has been cooking up a storm on the latest reality television show, *MasterChef Australia*. The Torres Strait Islander man has made it to the top

20 in the competition, from a massive field of 7500 people.

And now he has his eyes on the main prize, which includes training from leading professional chefs, the chance to publish a cookbook and \$100,000.

With eight weeks to go in the series, Mr Mosby rates his chances as 'pretty good' but says there are a couple of others to keep an eye on.

"It's really competitive in there ... it keeps you on your toes," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I'm waiting for challenges that may require my type of food. The food in the Torres Strait is influenced by Asia and the Pacific Islands so I'm hoping for some Asian-themed challenges."

Although he has been living in Brisbane, his father's family is from Masig Island and his mother's family is from Murray and Darnley Islands. These days, however, he considers Yam Island to be home and visits the Torres Strait whenever he can.

Before signing on the *MasterChef* series,

Mr Mosby admits he was at a crossroads in his life.

"I'm trying to see if cooking is a career that I could really get into," he said. "I was working in law in Brisbane when I was made redundant last November. I started looking at other options; one was the hospitality industry."

"The thing holding me back, though, was the complete lack of business experience and I didn't want to be one of those people that fails after a year."

**'I'm trying to see if cooking is a career I could really get into...'**

"Then I saw the advert for *MasterChef*. I kept it on the backburner and then eventually did the application on the last day. I was quite philosophical about it and then I got the call."

Mr Mosby said his cooking skills really began to develop at the age of 16 when he moved away from home to go to university in Canberra.

"It started as something

I had to do to get by ... I did an art conservation degree and a lot of the students were mature-aged females and they helped me develop my cooking," he said.

As well as law, Mr Mosby has also had a career in art restoration, which took him around Australia and overseas.

He moved to Brisbane 18 months ago with his partner Tony, and together they enjoy cooking as a way to entertain friends.

## NSW stolen wages deadline

ANYONE wanting to make a claim on the NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme for stolen

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### ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

- \$50.1 million extra for native title (over four years)
- \$3 million for a Business Action Agenda (over four years)
- \$29 million for Torres Strait major infrastructure (over four years)
- \$9.9 million to Indigenous art centres and a voluntary Indigenous Art Commercial Code of Conduct (over four years)
- \$202.4 million for CDEP reforms (over five years from 2008-09)
- \$6 million for Australian Public Service Indigenous employment (over three years)
- \$15 million to expand the Sporting Chance Program (over four years from 2008-09)

### A FOCUS ON REMOTE AUSTRALIA

- \$9 million for a Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services (over three years)
- \$1.5 million for a national clearinghouse to collect and disseminate evidence on best practice and success in closing the gap (over three years)
- \$5.5 million for the National Indigenous Violence and Child Abuse Intelligence Taskforce
- \$11 million for dental treatment and prevention services
- \$58.3 million for ear and eye health services
- \$3.8 million for diabetes' access to pathology testing (over four years)

### CLOSING THE GAP IN THE NT

- \$34.6 million for 15 'Indigenous Engagement Officers' (over three years)
- \$156.6 million for 86 extra police officers and related costs (over three years)
- \$80.2 million for existing law and order measures such as night patrol services in prescribed communities, interpreters, and extra legal assistance (over three years)
- \$28.4 million for a NT Youth Development Network (over three years)
- \$32.9 million for safe houses, family and community workers and a Mobile Child Protection Team (over three years)
- \$105.9 million to continue compulsory income management
- \$18.3 million for community stores (over three years)
- \$1.5 million for parenting skills programs (over three years)
- \$2.8 million for playgroup services (over three years)
- \$9.1 million in operational funding for crèches (over three years)
- \$45.7 million for accelerated literacy and numeracy, staff professional development, and 15 classrooms (over three years)
- \$11.2 million for housing to attract and retain teachers (over three years)
- \$37.5 million for school nutrition program (over three years)
- \$3 million for the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Program (over three years)
- \$131.1 million to expand primary health care and health-related services (over three years)
- \$84.1 million for 50 Government Business Managers, interpreter services and cultural competency training for Government staff (over three years)
- \$10 million in 2009-10 for a local priorities fund to address minor service and infrastructure gaps
- \$11 million for baseline mapping of town camps, impact studies, and reporting and evaluation (over three years)

### RESETTING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

- \$10.8 million for Reconciliation Australia's operations (over three years)
- \$26.6 million for the new Healing Foundation (over four years)
- \$13.8 million for expanded Link-Up Services for the Stolen Generations (over three years)
- \$13 million for increased Indigenous participation in the electoral system (over four years)

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Treasurer Wayne Swan on Budget night in Parliament House, Canberra. AAP image

# Govt firm on closing gap

By KIRSTIE PARKER

## Big slice of funding pie goes to NT Intervention

where most Indigenous people lived.

For the second year in a row, most of the Indigenous budget spend – about \$800 million this time – went to continuation of the Northern Territory Emergency Response, or intervention, initiated by the Howard Government in July 2007. Of that, administration of controversial income management of about 15,000 people in prescribed communities would chew up nearly \$105.9 million.

Non-intervention big ticket items included \$204 million for Indigenous health, \$202 million for Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) reforms, and \$50 million for native title system reforms.

Neither Treasurer Wayne Swan nor Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull mentioned Indigenous people in their Budget and Budget reply speeches.

The low-down on the Government's spending on Indigenous measures fell largely to Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, who said the \$1.3 billion

for Indigenous measures built on substantial reforms and commitments already made by the Government.

"It provides the strategic investment necessary to establish the appropriate policy and legislative environment, as well as the impetus and determination to meet the targets for closing the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians agreed by all Commonwealth, State and Territory governments," she said.

"The Budget will advance the substantial Indigenous reform agenda led by the Commonwealth through the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), aimed at ensuring government interventions are better co-ordinated and more accountable."

### Reaction

A few days before the Budget, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) warned that COAG's closing the gap strategy was seriously flawed because it overlooked key social determinants and its approach on housing, infrastructure and CDEP imposed 'top-down, discriminatory solutions' on Aboriginal communities. Post-Budget, the Close the Gap Coalition warned the Government had to maintain financial momentum in future years.

Aboriginal and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said he would be looking for further significant investments at an Indigenous-focussed COAG meeting on 2 July.

"The continuation of efforts in the Northern Territory is welcomed, but the

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THE 2009 Federal Budget has largely quarantined spending on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander initiatives from cuts and savings in response to the global financial crisis.

Despite handing down a record \$57.6 billion Budget deficit last week, the Rudd Government maintained its resolve to close the gap in life expectancy and disadvantage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to commit almost \$1.3 billion to Indigenous measures – about \$100 million more than last year.

Indigenous health campaigners and other advocates largely praised the news, especially in light of a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) commitment in November – not long after the extent of the global recession really began to bite – of \$4.6 billion over ten years towards closing the gap.

The COAG monies target housing, health, employment and improved service delivery.

Last Tuesday's Budget received a mixed response from the business, education and health sectors, but there was general agreement that it contained mostly good news for Indigenous health, native title, economic and electoral participation, visual arts, the Stolen Generations and reconciliation.

But there were complaints that the Government was still failing to involve Indigenous peoples in their own affairs and focusing on remote areas at the expense of regional and urban areas

## Indigenous spending spared big cuts

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sheer amount of resources needed by the NT alone highlights the fact that significant investment in Indigenous health across the country is still needed if health equality is to be achieved by 2030," Mr Calma said.

He repeated his earlier call for a national plan for Indigenous health if Indigenous people were to achieve health equality by 2030.

Oxfam Australia Acting Executive Director James Ensor said the Government's statement to 're-set the partnership between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians' was welcome, but it still needed to ensure that 'Indigenous health agencies are at the heart of the decision-making process'.

Reconciliation Australia (RA) said the Government had made a 'commendable' financial commitment to closing the gap between Indigenous and other Australians, but urged it to genuinely engage more with local Indigenous community on the design and implementation of programs. "The Commonwealth needs to shift further in this direction to achieve its goals," said RA CEO Paul O'Callaghan.

### Health

The peak body for Aboriginal medical services, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), welcomed incentives under a \$26 million rural health workforce strategy to attract and retain health professional in rural and remote areas.

"However, NACCHO is concerned over aspects of the COAG package where Aboriginal community-controlled health services are being marginalised in favour of Aboriginal health funding going to mainstream GP services, most of which never see Aboriginal clients," said



MICK ADAMS

NACCHO Chair Mick Adams.

Dr Adams urged the Government to demonstrate its commitment to closing the gap by partnering with NACCHO to set Aboriginal health priorities.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory (AMSANT) declared the Budget 'good for NT Aboriginal health', saying a further \$100 million in funding for NT Aboriginal primary health care showed the Rudd Government was genuine in its quest to close the gap.

However, AMSANT Chairperson Stephanie Bell said the peak NT Aboriginal health group had been hoping for funds for a National Aboriginal Health Authority.

The Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH) welcomed the \$204 million for remote primary health, singling out a \$58.3 million for ear and eye health services 'after an extended period of



STEPHANIE BELL

ignoring the problem and condemning our children to a life of disability and reduced opportunities'.

Its CEO, Mick Gooda, said Indigenous health would improve only with increased funding for Indigenous education, housing, employment, infrastructure, sport and the like.

### Native Title

National Native Title Council (NNTC) Chair Brian Wyatt said the \$50 million increase for native title over four years was welcome acknowledgement of the significance of land to Aboriginal culture and the fact that resolving claims was taking way too long.

Nearly \$46 million of the funds will help Native Title Representative Bodies meet the serious shortfall of resources facing NTRBs and native title service providers.



BRIAN WYATT

The NTRB in NSW and the ACT, and NTSCORP headed by Warren Mundine also welcomed the extra funds for native title.

"We particularly support anything that encourages State and Territory governments to develop partnerships and new approaches to facilitate reaching settlement through negotiated agreements," Mr Mundine said.

But he said the Government needed to address legislative barriers and consider suggestions that the system included a presumption of ongoing connection to land by Indigenous claimants.

As Chair of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce, Mr Mundine also welcomed Budget news that an Indigenous Economic Development Strategy would be launched later this year.

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) in South Australia said \$5.5 million allocated for a task force to address violence and child abuse in remote Aboriginal communities, needed to be increased for urban areas. "We find it extraordinary that there is a concentration of family violence only in regional and remote centres - family violence happens in Adelaide, it happens in Melbourne, in Sydney," said ALRM CEO Neil Gillespie.

Desart, which represents central Australian Aboriginal community art centres, was grateful for a \$10 million support package for Aboriginal art centres plus roll-out of a commercial code of conduct.

And the Chair of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in western NSW, Sam Jefferies, welcomed reiteration of COAG's commitment to spend billions of dollars on Aboriginal housing over ten years, generating employment and training opportunities as well as housing.

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# Legal services say boost isn't enough

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS) have welcomed a \$6.2 million top up to their funding, but are dismayed it is only one-off funding.

The Federal Government announced the funding just days before the Federal Budget, which contained no extra cash for the struggling services.

The one-off funding will be used to pay staff and accommodation costs associated with the increased cost of service delivery.

In a joint release, Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Minister for Home Affairs Bob Debus said more than \$20 million in one-off funding would provide \$10.1 million for Commonwealth Legal Aid Services, \$4 million for Community Legal Centres and \$6.2 million for ATSILS.

Mr Debus said the ATSILS funding would be used to increase staffing and improve accommodation.

"These additional resources will help address pressing legal aid needs, particularly those of Indigenous Australians and families under acute financial pressure," Mr Debus said.

But the ATSILS say it's not enough. North Australian Aboriginal Justice



ROBERT MCCLELLAND

Agency Chief Executive Officer Priscilla Collins told *The Koori Mail* that the intervention in the Northern Territory had placed extra strains on resources.

She said that while extra funds had been allocated for policing and courts, there had been no extra money for legal services.

Although unsure of how much of the \$6.2 million her service might get, Ms Collins said



NEIL GILLESPIE

it was difficult to retain staff and provide services without increases to operational budgets.

"They give us one-off grants when we need funding for at least a three-year period," she said.

Ms Collins said lawyers working for mainstream legal aid services were paid up to 30 per cent more than those

working for Aboriginal Legal Services.

Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement Chief Executive Officer Neil Gillespie was also critical of the way governments funded Aboriginal legal services.

"Unfortunately it's about a third of what we need," Mr Gillespie said.

Chief Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia Dennis Egginton told *The Koori Mail* the extra funding would help the service get through a difficult period.

"This will help us battle through, but if after 2011 there isn't an increase in funding at the end of our contract then we are going to have to let a whole lot of people go," he said.

"One-off funding is fine, but the real test will be whether or not after the contract period has finished, they increase the money (available for Aboriginal legal services).

Mr Egginton said there was an ever-increasing number of Aboriginal people before the justice system.

"In WA any extra funding we get will go towards maintaining a presence in Aboriginal courts because police are over-policing our mob, and our young people are being targeted," he said.

"And over the last five to ten years there has been a steady increase in imprisonment rates, especially women."

# Copley toasts water system

By KIRSTIE PARKER



**SA** THE 2009 South Australian of the Year is on a mission to bring clean and safe drinking water to remote communities in his state and beyond.

Late in 2007, when Ivan Copley was chair of an Aboriginal community network association called Turkindi Inc, he applied for State Government funding for a water purification system to help ensure emergency clean water for the 105 adults and children in the remote community of Copley, near Leigh Creek.

The water purifier was intended to eliminate the possibility of harmful elements commonly associated with water available in the area.

Copley would be a pilot site and residents of nearby Iga Warta, Nepabunna and other communities within a 300km radius could observe and learn from it and possibly apply for their own funding for similar units.

Mr Copley's application to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government was successful and, on 25 April, members of the St Agnes and Port Pirie branches of community service organisation Rotary International and volunteers from Turkindi Inc arrived in the town.

Also rolling up their sleeves were the people of Copley and Iga Warta, including David and Shirley Mills, from the Copley Caravan Park.

Together, they set about installing the Sky Hydrant water purifier unit and tanks on tank stands fabricated by local business Cookes Motors out of concrete slabs made by the local community.

By the next morning the plant was completed and running perfectly. The event and launch was witnessed by locals and visitors and all enjoyed fresh, clean drinking water and a barbecue lunch supplied by Turkindi Inc.



Residents of the remote SA town of Copley and nearby Iga Warta, and members of Turkindi Inc and Rotary International, weary but elated after the installation of a water purification system in Copley. Ivan Copley, who initiated the project, is pictured behind the Turkindi banner, wearing a hat.

At the end of the day, the filters were inspected, after 500 litres of water had past through the purifier, and everyone present witnessed the muddy looking residue left in the filtration tank, which normally would have been consumed.

The Sky Hydrant is an initiative of Rotary Australia and its 'Safe Water Saves Lives Projects', which has seen

units installed in countries around the world.

Mr Copley said the water purifier could produce more than 1500 litres a day of water that could be stored or bottled.

"This type of filtration unit should be installed in all remote areas where there is unsafe and unclear drinking water, as it will ensure the long-term health of our

children and people in communities where there is no other choice," he said.

"There is a minimum amount of maintenance and there are no moving parts. The cost of running the unit each year is in the vicinity of \$100.

"The cost is nothing compared to the cost of poor health for Aboriginal people later in life."

# Land council rejects attack on native title



THE Kimberley Land Council has rejected claims by a WA Federal Liberal politician that native title law had delivered nothing good for Indigenous Australians.

Kalgoorlie MP Barry Haase launched a stinging attack on native title law as Federal Parliament was considering amendments to the *Native Title Act* on 14 May.

Despite the attack, the draft law to give the Federal Court more say in the mediation of native title claims, passed through the Lower House and will now be considered by the Senate.

Mr Haase said he did not believe the changes would fix the 'mayhem' caused by native title.

"I've seen whole cohesive families torn apart. I've seen communities commit murder as a result," Mr Haase said.

Kimberley Land Council Chief Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann dismissed Mr Haase's claims.

"I am extremely disappointed that Mr Haase has so readily written off the significant gains that native title has delivered to Kimberley Aboriginal people," Mr Bergmann said.

"Foremost amongst these is the self-respect people gain from being recognised, under law, as the rightful

owners of their country. This in turn leads to greater respect from the wider community.

"Native title rights have also led to a range of opportunities for people to work on their traditional lands, through things like the Kimberley-wide ranger program that the KLC and claim groups have initiated across the region.

"Or through the Indigenous Protected

Areas that have been established as a direct result of the recognition of native title."

Mr Bergmann said agreements with developers were delivering real employment, training, and business opportunities for Aboriginal people.

"We have Kimberley Aboriginal people working in a number of resource

employees being Indigenous, with the company aiming to raise that to 40 per cent when their operations go underground.

"Traditional owners have also made significant land deals with the State Government, such as the Ord Stage 2 project, which both addressed the wrongs of the past (when our people had no rights to land), and provided a significant basis for building a strong future."

Meanwhile, both major parties voted against an amendment by Independent Rob Oakeshott, which would have reversed the burden of proof over continuing connection to land.

Mr Oakeshott argued that the State should have to disprove the connection, rather than the present model, which required Indigenous groups to prove their connection.

While opposing the amendment now, Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland left open the possibility of adopting it in the future.

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developments across the Kimberley, including at a goldmine in the Tanami Desert, at an iron ore mine on Koolan Island, and at the Argyle Diamond Mine," he said.

"The recent land use agreement for the Argyle Diamond Mine, negotiated under the provisions of the *Native Title Act*, has resulted in 23 per cent of the mine's

# Fishing 'part of our spirit'

By LAURELLE PACEY



VIVIEN Mason speaks longingly of her childhood when her father, her old uncles and aunts – everyone she can remember – all fished.

"That was part of us... we didn't waste everything. Whatever we caught or gathered, we shared," said the great grandmother and Wagonga Local Aboriginal Lands Council Chairperson.

Mrs Mason has taught her children, her grandchildren and now her great grandchildren where to find seafood and how to collect it.

"I remember the women gathered the abalone, and the kids... going back 60 years, I remember collecting abalone," she said. "That's part of their cultural training. We don't over exploit it, we just supplement our diets."

"We were brought up on seafood, seafood was our main diet. As soon as fishing licences and restrictions come in, well, bang, people got sick."

"The old people are getting diabetes... young people are getting diabetes. It's really sad."

It's no surprise, then, that Mrs Mason is a passionate advocate of Indigenous fishing rights.

"Everywhere I go, every meeting I go to, I bring up fishing rights," she said.

"I will keep pursuing it because without them they're slowly killing our spirit."

Mrs Mason is hopeful about the possibility of changes to the *NSW Fisheries Management Act 1994* that would formally recognise cultural fishing.

The NSW Government is now seeking feedback on the proposals, with the Department of Primary Industries planning community meetings around the State and encouraging submissions.

Primary Industries Minister Ian Macdonald said the Act did not currently specifically recognise or provide for cultural fishing.

"Fishing has been an important part of Aboriginal culture for tens of thousands of years, so it's important our legislation recognises this as a legitimate activity," he said.

The Minister said Aboriginal cultural fishing might include fishing for personal,

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**– Wagonga Local Aboriginal Lands Council Chairperson Vivien Mason**



domestic, communal, educational, ceremonial or other traditional needs, excluding commercial purposes.

Yet, the Department of Primary Industries' discussion paper *Cultural fishing in NSW* suggests changes mainly relate to Section 37 of the Act, which covers permits for special cultural events.

## New relationship

Mrs Mason would like to see these meetings as the start of a new relationship with Fisheries, but believes the discussion paper does not go far enough.

"It really only highlights Section 37, but we need to talk about Indigenous fishing rights as a whole, not just one section of the Act," she said.

"We need to sit down with the Government and say this is part of our life, this is our Dreaming, this is our spirit,

and you've taken it away from us."

"We need to work something out, to compromise on some of these fishing laws."

While Mrs Mason would love to be able to go and get pippis, bimbulas and fish and share them like in the old days, she said some compromise was necessary. But she said she would push for royalties for Aboriginal people because 'government and fishermen have made a hell of a lot of money out of our resources'.

"They treat our people as common criminals because there's so much money involved," she said.

Then, looking out to sea from Dalmeny Headland: "That's our spirit out there... everything in there is part of our family."

"We've got totems there, our sisters swim through the rocks, the whales, the seabirds, eels, crabs whatever."

"We're being disconnected from our family... we just want our spirit back."

● The Department of Primary Industries wants feedback on possible access arrangements, when major cultural events occur, Indigenous laws to take into account, and the types of fish caught. It is also looking to streamline the process of obtaining permits and possibly delegating the issuing of permits to a community or Elder. Meetings were held at Batemans Bay and Wagga Wagga last week, with meetings scheduled in Coffs Harbour (25 May), Dubbo (26 May) and Gosford (16 June).

The discussion paper is on the DPI website – [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/fisheries). Written submissions can be sent to Cultural Fishing, PO Box 21, Cronulla, NSW 2230 or email: [cultural.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cultural.fishing@dpi.nsw.gov.au). Submissions close 30 June.

# NT sex law fears



**LAW**s requiring doctors in the Northern Territory to report all sexual activity by children could result in more teenage pregnancies and increased sexually transmitted infections (STIs), peak Aboriginal and doctors groups say.

Up until April, when the Labor Government changed the law, it was illegal for health workers in the NT not to report suspected child abuse.

But changes to the *Care and Protection of Children Act* have now made it mandatory for all people, including doctors, to report teenagers aged under 16 who are sexually active. Failure to do so could result in a fine of up to \$20,000.

The legislation is part of the Government's response to reports of widespread sexual activity by minors in remote Aboriginal communities.

## Doctors say changes could lead to more unwanted pregnancies

But many fear it will have the opposite effect to what the Government has intended.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) says it will ask the Federal Government to override the Territory legislation if the NT Government continues to ignore its calls to change the legislation.

"Australia-wide surveys have consistently shown that a significant proportion of young people are sexually active under the age of 16, but that's no reason to involve 'welfare' and the police every time," said the group's Chairperson, Stephanie Bell.

"It is a concern to AMSANT that

too many young people are becoming sexually active at an early stage, but this problem cannot be dealt with in this way without causing even greater harm."

"Most sexually active young people are in consensual relationships with other teenagers, so they need confidential primary health care and sexual health services so they can access antenatal care, counselling, prevention and treatment of STIs and prevent unplanned pregnancies. That's not going to happen if (welfare) and the police get involved."

Ms Bell said it was crucial that clinicians reported to Family and

Community Services any young person who might be being sexually abused or exploited. But she said this was already mandatory for health professionals under the previous legislation.

"So why change it now?" she asked. "This legislation will stop young people accessing health care, with serious consequences for their sexual, and general, health."

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) also called for an immediate review of the legislative change.

"This type of mandatory reporting regime could lead to young people losing their trust in

medical services," said Adelaide GP and RACGP NT/SA faculty chairman Prof Nigel Stocks.

Dr Stocks said the new laws interfered with a GP's role to offer 'comprehensive, continuing, and timely support' to teenagers.

"Young people will not seek early care in a pregnancy, will not discuss emergency contraceptive options and there may be an increase in sexually transmitted infections," he said. "This would have a serious long-term negative impact on the health of young people in the Northern Territory."

Dr Stocks said GPs were the first point of contact in the health care system for many young people looking for contraceptive advice and treatment for STIs.

"This legislative change will impact on the rights of competent minors to seek medical advice without fear of reporting to authorities, even when their GP is satisfied that their patient is not the victim of sexual abuse." – With AAP



Vincent Fantauzzo's popular portrait of Aboriginal child actor Brandon Walters.

## Brandon people's choice



WHETHER for critical acclaim or sheer popularity, Aboriginal people have won the 'face-off' that is this year's Archibald Prize.

In March, Guy Maestri took out the \$50,000 major award in the 2009 Archibald Prize for Portraiture with a huge painting of Yolngu singing sensation Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

Now, a portrait of Aboriginal child actor Brandon Walters has won Melbourne artist Vincent Fantauzzo the \$2500 People's Choice award in the

premier portrait competition, scoring the most of the 33,629 total votes cast.

Broome-born 13-year-old Walters played the young boy Nullah opposite Nicole Kidman and Hugh Jackman in Baz Luhrmann's film *Australia*.

The leukaemia survivor had never acted before but he charmed and mesmerised audiences in the film, and now his two-dimensional image appears to have done the same.

The Art Gallery of NSW, which oversees the Archibald Prize, said Fantauzzo first became aware of Walters when Luhrmann, a friend of

the artist's, called and told him what an 'amazing kid' he was.

"I thought it would be great to meet him and that he and his family might be an interesting subject for a portrait," the artist said.

"He was really shy at first but as I got to know him he became bubbly and excited. He has already experienced a lot as a child, which I believe adds to his presence."

"He has a very intense gaze and amazing eyes and I wanted the feel of the harsh Australian sun across his face."

This was the 21st year of the People's Choice Prize.

# Asbestos danger removed



ASBESTOS is finally being removed from the remote community of Areyonga in the Northern Territory more than 12 months after

the Federal Government was notified about the danger.

NT Intervention workers first raised concerns in May last year that there was widespread asbestos in bush communities.

The Government ordered a survey of the NT's 73 Aboriginal communities and found 62 of them had asbestos.

Since then, only three communities with 'high-risk' asbestos have been subject to a clean up.

On 8 May, more than a month after reports that children were using asbestos as chalk in Areyonga, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin issued a statement saying a clean up was under way.

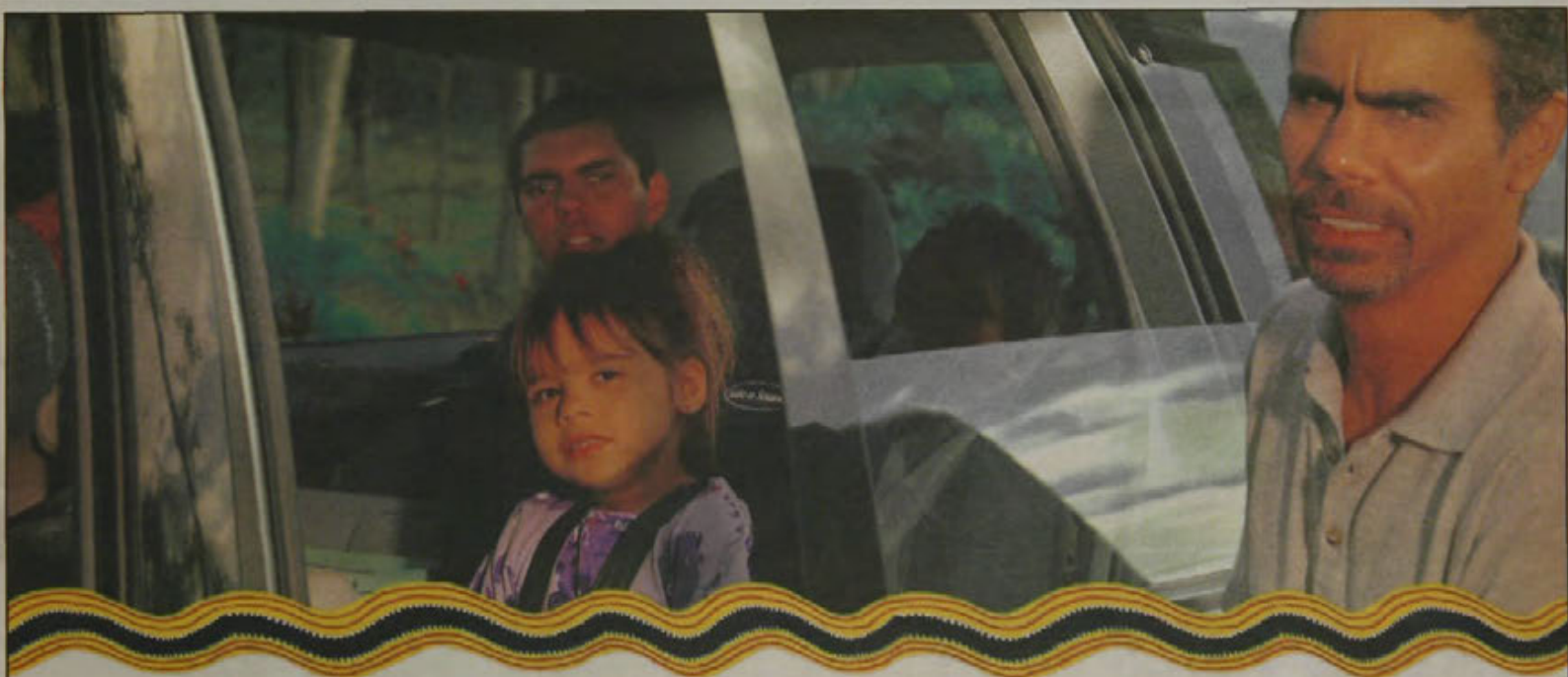
Ms Macklin said removalists McMahon Services would conduct air quality monitoring during removal work, and contaminated material would be buried at a licensed landfill facility.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of this month.

She said the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) organised a community meeting in Areyonga on 1 May to explain the project and provide community residents with an opportunity to ask questions.

She said a Government Business Manager based at Areyonga would continue to ensure that the community was properly informed and all the necessary precautions were taken while work was under way.

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# New home for station



**KALGOORLIE**  
Aboriginal radio 96.3FM will soon have a new home. The station, operated by Tjuma Pulka (which mean

Big Talking in the local Wongai language) Aboriginal Corporation, will be in a purpose-built base at Boulder within months. 96.3FM has been broadcasting from a small, converted miner's cottage in central Kalgoorlie for the past four years.

Station Manager Debbie Carmody said the new base, funded through the Federal Government, would feature two studios and proper office space.

And with the move in mind she is now working on further extending the station's broadcasting reach.

"We currently broadcast to the areas around Kalgoorlie," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"But we're working with the Shire of Menzies to stretch coverage to our north. The council is keen to ensure its many Indigenous residents get a culturally appropriate radio service like we offer.

"And further down the track we'd like to cover the whole of the Goldfields region and down south to Esperance."

There are three permanent Aboriginal employees at 96.3FM ~



In the studio at 96.3FM are producer Katrina Hamlet, left, manager Debbie Carmody and broadcaster Derek Richards.

Ms Carmody, producer Katrina Hamlet and broadcaster Derek Richards. Ms Carmody is hoping for more.

"That's one of the goals of our committee," she said.

The radio station is linked to the Alice Springs-based Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) and through

that group is part of the wider National Indigenous Radio Service (NIRS) network.

"We've got good community backing, a strong committee, committed Aboriginal staff and we'll be moving to larger and better premises," Ms Carmody said.

"Our future is looking good."

# Rec Vic to lose funding

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



**RECONCILIATION**  
Victoria (Rec Vic) will be forced to shut its doors for good in less than

two months after a decision to de-fund the organisation was announced last week.

In a meeting between representatives of the Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and Rec Vic, the State Government confirmed it would not fund the organisation beyond 30 June.

Rec Vic had received State Government annual funding of \$200,000 for the past seven years.

Rec Vic Chief Executive

Officer Frank Hytten told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday he was still reeling from the news. "We are all in a state of disbelief, and at this stage I don't know what our next step will be," he said.

"We thought they might come up with some other solution, so I'm not clear yet as to what we'll do next."

Mr Hytten said Rec Vic has received a lot of community support, and staff had worked hard to promote reconciliation.

"If we don't close the gap in our relationships, we'll never close the gap in health outcomes," he said.

Since the decision was made public last week, Indigenous leaders, community and church groups have come out in support of the organisation.

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# Groups sign Qld native title agreement



CONSERVATION group WWF-Australia and a peak Queensland Indigenous body have signed an agreement to resolve outstanding native claims quicker

and better protect land now under native title. WWF signed the memorandum of understanding with the Qld Indigenous Working Group (QIWG) at a ceremony in Brisbane last Thursday.

"Through the MOU, both parties have agreed to work together in

bringing about changes in Queensland to ensure the existence or creation of protected areas or conservation arrangements over areas where native title validly exists," WWF chief Greg Bourne and QIWG Chairman Eddie Smallwood said in

a statement. "This includes working towards the resolution of native title claims to the satisfaction of traditional owners as well as gaining access to country for owners to support their claims and exercise their valid rights."

The agreement is also expected

to lead to new ventures involving WWF and Indigenous people, including ranger groups, training and land management.

The QIWG is an unincorporated association of Representative Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Bodies of Qld. - AAP

# Mayor makes history



CARPENTARIA Shire Council in north-west Queensland marked history last week as its first Indigenous mayor Fred Pascoe took office.

Mr Pascoe also became the first Indigenous person in Qld directly elected to the position of Mayor outside of an Aboriginal Shire Council.

Former Mayor Les Wilson passed away early this year, prompting the 9 May election.

Three candidates contested the position and a total of 742 votes were cast, with Cr Pascoe receiving 337 votes.

At his declaration of office ceremony, Cr Pascoe, who was surrounded by family, friends and colleagues, thanked all who supported him and acknowledged existing councillors' efforts over the past 12 months.

The former Carpentaria Shire councillor who served 11 years before stepping down at the March 2008 elections, also said he looked forward to

uniting each section of the community.

"I am very proud and honoured to represent the Carpentaria community as Mayor," he said. "I look forward to representing everyone and to uniting each section of the community to progress key projects."

Cr Pascoe said three key projects on his agenda were the Karumba Airstrip, the 2009/10 budget and recovery after the prolonged flooding to hit the shire earlier this year.

Cr Pascoe was born and raised in Normanton, one of the two towns of the rural and remote Carpentaria Shire Council area, which is larger than Tasmania and has a population of about 2500. He attended Longreach Pastoral College and has worked in the pastoral and mining industries, private enterprises and Indigenous organisations. He is now Chief Executive of Bynoe Community Advancement Co-operative Society Ltd, based in Normanton.



Mayor Fred Pascoe, left, with Carpentaria Shire councillors Brenda Schneekloth, Merle Johnson, Deputy Mayor Joyce Zahner and council Chief Executive Officer Mark Kelleher.



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# Inside story to help close the gap



At the launch, from left, Dr Allen Benson from Canada, health worker Anna-Marie Quinn, student Ruby Thompson, Paula Arnol, the CRCAN's Mick Gooda, and Charlie Monkman from Canada.



Danila Dilba CEO Paula Arnol, 'We spent about five months checking to see if anything like this was available in the world'.

By CHRISTINE RYAN



DARWIN's Danila Dilba Biluru Butji Binnitulum Health Service has launched a

world-first health tool which it believes has the potential to close the gap on Indigenous health.

The Indigenous Body Education Resource Animations (IBERA) is a computer-based software program that animates the inner workings of the human body to show the effects of things such as smoking, drinking and various chronic diseases.

"We spent about five months checking to see if anything like this was available in the world and it wasn't - so we went ahead and produced it," Danila Dilba CEO Paula Arnol said in Canberra last week.

"When something happens outside our body we'll do something about it - if you get a cut, you put a band-aid on it. The idea behind this is that when we understand what's happening inside our body we are more likely to do something about it."

Designed especially for Indigenous people initially, IBERA has male and female computer animated bodies accompanied by male or female narrators to ensure cultural appropriateness.

"We can tailor this to clients and only show women the female animation," Anne-Marie Quinn, from Canberra's Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services, said of the package.

## Health tool is a world first

"I would use it everyday. Our health services are usually acute and crisis-driven. This is great for prevention and health promotion. People are sick of flip charts and posters - this is amazing."

The IBERA software can be loaded onto a computer or projection screen, written on or printed out. It has 70 animations across 16 categories illustrating medical procedures such as open-heart surgery and the effects of different health conditions and lifestyle choices.

After testing the package, Year 9 Queanbeyan High School student Ruby Thompson found the process of pregnancy fascinating and gained a greater understanding of the effects of alcohol on the brain.

"It shows that it's stupid to drink. This shows how alcohol slows down your thoughts and reactions so you're not fully there," Ruby said.

"Whether it's junk food, alcohol or smoking, you don't know what happens inside your body once you've had it. This could be great in a science class."

### 'Unlimited potential'

The package has unlimited potential, according to the first buyer, Dr Allen Benson of the Cree Nation, Canada.

"This is so far-reaching compared to anything that has been done before. This is true leadership in health education and I credit Paula with that," Dr

Benson, who is CEO of Native Counselling Services of Alberta, said at the launch.

"Canadian Health authorities have said this has the potential to have more impact on health education than anything before in Canada."

"We are excited to be the North American partners in IBERA and, that this has been designed and developed by Indigenous people, is great."

"This kind of knowledge forces you to think about your body and gives you the information you need to seek answers from medical professionals."

Dr Benson and Cree Traditional Elder Charlie Monkman attended the IBERA launch at Parliament House last

Wednesday to sign a partnership for the marketing rights to IBERA in North America.

Ms Arnol said discussions were under way with New Zealand officials who had expressed an interest in getting the product into schools.

Designs are already under way for a second version of IBERA that explores the effects of childhood injuries, brain injuries and trauma on the body.

Profits from the sale of IBERA will go back into the Darwin Aboriginal Medical Service members and patients, with the board looking at bursaries for Aboriginal health workers to study nursing and medicine.

More information on IBERA is available at [www.ibera.com.au](http://www.ibera.com.au)



Anne-Marie Quinn, from Canberra's Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Services, and student Ruby Thompson took the IBERA resource for a 'test drive'.



From left, Leigh Hughes, IBERA Director Rishenda Moss, Sandra Devehasdin, launch MC Jeff McMullen, Lauren Breen, Paula Arnol and Yakub Eroglu.

# Fall in custody deaths

## But imprisonment levels high: Report

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL people remain seriously over-represented in Australian jails but fewer are dying in custody, according to new figures.

The Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) has released the 2007 Deaths in Custody in Australia report, which shows a decline in the number of recorded Indigenous deaths in prison, or police custody since 1997.

The report found that five of 45 deaths in prison custody in 2007 were Indigenous people, while four of 29 deaths in police custody were Indigenous people. Of seven hanging deaths in prison, one was an Indigenous person.

AIC General Manager of Research Judy Putt said the report's overall findings were generally positive, with 2007 recording the smallest proportion of self-inflicted deaths in prison, and the smallest number of hangings in overall custody since data collection began.

"The findings also indicate a decrease in overall Indigenous deaths since 1990. However, the period following release is discussed as a critical factor in a prisoner's risk of death," she said.

Of concern, the report acknowledges that Indigenous people remain over-represented in the criminal justice system.

The Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1987 found that Indigenous people were over-represented in prisons and their rate of death was relatively high.

"As was the case during the years of the Royal Commission, Indigenous people continue to be over-represented in custody in all Australian states and territories," the report said.

"Indigenous people comprise almost three per cent of the total Australian population but account for over half (54 per cent) of youths in juvenile detention, just over one quarter (26 per cent) of people involved in police custody incidents and almost one quarter (24 per cent) of the prison population," the report said.

The report said recent statistics showed that Indigenous juveniles were 21 times more likely to be detained than non-Indigenous juveniles.

"Rates of detention for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous juveniles have decreased since 1994, although the decrease for non-Indigenous juveniles is considerably greater than that of Indigenous juveniles (38 per cent versus 24 per cent)," it said.

"Similarly, Indigenous persons were 17 times more likely than non-Indigenous persons to be arrested or detained by police and accounted for 26 per cent of all police custody incidents across Australia in 2002.

"In the most recent prison census data, the rate of imprisonment of Indigenous persons was 13 times higher than the rate of imprisonment of non-Indigenous persons."

In New South Wales, which has an Indigenous population of 2.5 per cent, 20 per cent of prisoners were Indigenous, 16.3 per cent of police custody incidents involved Indigenous people, and 45.4 per cent of juveniles in detention were Indigenous.

### Staggering

In the Northern Territory, which has an Indigenous population of 29.2 per cent, 81.6 per cent of police custody incidents involved Indigenous people, a staggering 96 per cent of juveniles in detention were Indigenous, and 84 per cent of the prison population was Indigenous.

And in Western Australia, which has an Indigenous population of 3.8 per cent, Indigenous juveniles accounted for 67.6 per cent of those in detention, 42.9 per cent in prison, and 45.9 per cent in police custody.

Figures from the other states and territories also show Indigenous people are more likely to be locked up at a greater rate than non-Indigenous people.

Despite the shocking figures, Dr Putt said there were some positives.

"The proportion of Indigenous to non-Indigenous deaths in police custody dropped to one in ten deaths in 2007, its lowest point since 2001," she said.

"The report also showed the smallest proportion of self-inflicted deaths in prison and the smallest number of hangings in custody since the program's establishment in 1980."

The full report can be viewed by visiting the Australian Institute of Criminology website - [www.aic.gov.au](http://www.aic.gov.au)

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## 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.

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- To make a claim you will need to complete a Claim Form which can be obtained by visiting [www.atfrs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.atfrs.nsw.gov.au) and downloading a form and faxing it to 02 8243 9466.
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**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](http://www.atfrs.nsw.gov.au)**

# Unions, KLC in deal

By DARREN COYNE



THE Kimberley Land Council has enlisted the muscle of five unions to protect the rights of Indigenous workers employed on the proposed

liquefied gas hub at James Price Point, 60 kilometres north of Broome.

KLC Chief Executive Officer Wayne Bergmann signed an in-principle agreement in Broome on 11 May with the five unions.

The agreement is between the KLC, the Australian Manufacturing Workers' Union, the Maritime Union of Australia, the Electrical Trades Unions, the Australian Workers' Union and Transport Workers' Union.

They say a union agreement is the best way to safeguard the rights of up to 6000 workers if the LNG facility receives environmental and cultural heritage approval from the Federal Government.

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett has previously said the environmental and cultural assessments for the gas hub would not be completed until 2010, and various groups remain opposed to the project.

Opponents made their feelings known recently by spray-painting



ETU State Secretary Les McLaughlin, AWU State Secretary Stephen Price, MUA State Secretary Chris Cain, Kimberley Land Council CEO Wayne Bergmann, AMWU State Secretary Steve McCartney and TWU State Secretary Jim McGivern signed an in-principle agreement in Broome.

a wall outside the KLC office, and around the town of Broome. Police were called to investigate graffiti, which said the KLC was 'Killing Land and Country'.

The attacks prompted the council's co-founder, John Watson, to accuse the vandals of being ignorant of the council's history.

Save the Kimberley

spokesman Kevin Blatchford told *The Koori Mail* that his group was not behind the graffiti, and did not condone that type of action.

However, he said it was a big issue and feelings were running high.

Despite the opposition, the KLC is moving forward with the proposal, which is expected to deliver up to \$2 billion in benefits

to local Indigenous people.

KLC CEO Mr Bergmann said the agreement with the unions continued a long tradition of working together to improve the living standards of Kimberley Indigenous people and their families.

"Unions have long been allies to local Indigenous people in the struggle for land rights and better

living standards," he said.

"They stood alongside the founders of the KLC, on the barricades of the Noonkanbah dispute, and they stand alongside us today as we strive for better employment opportunities for our people, here in the Kimberley."

"We look forward to working with all unions to deliver improved employment outcomes for our people."

## Safe Jobs

AMWU State Secretary, Steve McCartney said the unions 'stand shoulder-to-shoulder with Kimberley Indigenous people to ensure the gas hub delivers good, secure and safe jobs and greater employment and training opportunities for all our people'.

They have pledged to promote Indigenous participation in the new workforce through union agreements and push for good wages and conditions, safe workplaces and access to education, training and development opportunities for Indigenous people.

They also pledged to work collectively to ensure union agreements and project agreements promoted the rights of all workers and Indigenous people, and to support greater recognition of Indigenous peoples' land rights.

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# Senate move for 26 May reinstatement

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE lead-up to National Sorry Day has begun with Labor Senator Trish Crossin

last week tabling a motion to recognise and reinstate 26 May as National Sorry Day.

National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) Co-chair Helen Moran said the motion called for the Senate to recognise 26 May as a day of remembrance each year to commemorate the history of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and its effects.

She said the motion, unsuccessfully tabled by Greens Senator Rachel Siewert during the Howard Government era, received full support of the Greens when it was presented by Senator Crossin.

"With Sorry Day only a matter of days away, the success of the motion is cause for celebration as it reinstates the 26th May as National Sorry Day," Ms Moran said.

"In doing so, it reinforces the importance and continued need to commemorate the Stolen Generations and acknowledges the strength and endurance of the first nations peoples of Australia in the light of the atrocities inflicted upon them by past governments."

Ms Moran said the continued recognition of a National Sorry Day was imperative, particularly in



National Sorry Day Committee Indigenous Co-chair Helen Moran with Jimmy Little at an event in Canberra in February to mark the first anniversary of the national apology to the Stolen Generations. Photos by WAYNE QUILLIAM



An installation of coloured feet as part of the NSDC's 'Stolen Generations Track Home', out the front of Parliament House in Canberra.

light of what the committee believed was a lack of recognition of the first anniversary of the apology

on 13 February this year. This year's theme is 'Sharing a Journey of Healing', with a number of

events planned across the country.

For example, in Canberra, the National Sorry Day Committee, ANTaR ACT and Journey of Healing ACT are coming together to present a joint memorial service and evening concert headlined by Aboriginal singing legend Jimmy Little, with other artists yet to be locked in.

The NSDC is one of two main Stolen advocacy bodies; the other being the Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA). For more details of their activities, visit their websites [www.nsdcc.org.au](http://www.nsdcc.org.au) and [www.sgalliance.org.au](http://www.sgalliance.org.au)

## National Sorry Day Events Calendar

These are details of some National Sorry Day events around the country.

### NATIONAL

Commemorate National Sorry Day and celebrate the apology, morning tea or lunch. To register your morning tea or lunch, email [helen@nsdc.org.au](mailto:helen@nsdc.org.au)

### QUEENSLAND

● Dawn Ceremony: Teralba Park Commemorative Site Support Group, Teralba Park, Cnr Osbourne and Pullen Rds, Everton Park, Brisbane. Light breakfast/sausage sizzle follows. Details: Karen Hall, Indigenous Chair, Teralba Park Commemorative Site Support Group, 0433 030 580.

● Link-Up Sorry Day Fun Day: Live entertainment, free sausage sizzle, information stall and kids activities, Jagera Arts Centre 121 Cordelia Street, South Brisbane. Starts: 10am. Details: (07) 3403 4233.

● Morning Tea and Ceremony: Noonga Reconciliation Group and Dare to Lead, Stolen Generations Memorial Site, Kalinga, Brisbane. Starts: 10am. Details: Bev Hickey, (07) 3256 7430

● Film Screening of *Why Me? Stories from the Stolen Generations*: Barry Jones Auditorium (Ipswich Library), Ground floor, IGIC Building, 40 South Street, Ipswich. Starts: 6pm. Details: (07) 3810 6655.

● Sharing a Journey of Healing: Breakwater Park, Waterloo Esplanade, Wynnum. Bring a plate of food to share. Starts 11am.

● Sorry Day Commemoration: Hosted by Bennarrawa Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Solidarity Group. 'Journey Home' Plaque, Sherwood Arboretum (Joseph St entrance), Brisbane. Starts 7am followed by breakfast in the park.

### WESTERN AUSTRALIA

● Sorry Day Event: Including live music, speakers and free sausage sizzle. Wellington Square, East Perth. Starts noon.

● Morning Tea: Aboriginal Legal Service of WA Sorry Day morning tea. ALSWA head office, 7 Aberdeen Street, Perth. Starts: 9.30am. Details: (08) 9265 6666.

### NEW SOUTH WALES

● 'Sistas on Sorry Day': An afternoon of poetry and the spoken word with Anita Heiss. Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George Street, Sydney. Details: (02) 9254 2400

● Junee Correctional Centre Sorry Day. Songs, poetry, dance and Koori artwork on display, Junee. Details: Gerome Brodin, (02) 6930 5555

### INTERNATIONAL

One year on from 'Sorry' What Next?: European Network for Indigenous Australian Rights, London. Details: [www.eniar.org](http://www.eniar.org)

## Concern over Mullighan Inquiry inaction

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THE South Australian Government has come under fire for not following through on key recommendations from a report into child sex abuse on Aboriginal lands. The Mullighan Inquiry delivered a range of recommendations more than a year ago, including the need for a safe house and other services.

UnitingCare Wesley spokesman Jonathan Nicholls said Commissioner Ted Mullighan uncovered disturbing gaps and weaknesses in the delivery of counselling and therapeutic services to Aboriginal children who had been sexually abused. Specifically, Mr Mullighan, a retired judge, called for long-term funding to allow victims of sexual abuse access to appropriate therapeutic services and for an increase in the level of those services.

"While the State Government has taken decisive action on some fronts, UnitingCare Wesley remains very concerned that new funding has not been allocated to address these core recommendations," Mr Nicholls said.

"The Government has tended to respond to these recommendations with descriptions of existing services, even though Commissioner Mullighan found those services were insufficient and overstretched."

Meanwhile, a former member of the SA Premier's Aboriginal Advisory Council, Khatija Thomas, said a safe house recommended by the Mullighan report must be built on the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

SA Families and Communities Minister Jennifer Rankine said the Government was still working through the details with the

Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council.

"The State Government engaged the NPY Women's Council to develop options and a location for a safe house on the lands," she said.

"That work is under way and we expect to have a report back from NPY Women's Council in late July."

### More positive note

On a more positive note, South Australia's Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement (ALRM) officially opened an office in Coober Pedy last week that will focus on child protection for Aboriginal people in the far north.

The office is expected to provide services to clients who mostly come from the Coober Pedy region, as well as from the APY Lands. ALRM Chairman Frank Lampard said

funding from the Federal Government, in response to the Mullighan inquiry, had directly contributed to ALRM being able to open the office.

Mr Lampard said since ALRM began operating a child protection program last year, it had become concerned about the number of children being removed and also the numbers placed with non-Aboriginal placements.

ALRM CEO Neil Gillespie said that although the new office would focus mostly on child protection, it was hoped that other funding could be found to extend services to include other legal services offered in ALRM offices.

"As of 1 July, a solicitor will be located in the Coober Pedy office - joining a Field Officer who has been working locally for some time," Mr Gillespie said. - With AAP



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### South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board

The South Australian Arid Lands Natural Resources Management Board was established in December 2004 under the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004*.

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- Pastoral land management
- Soil conservation and land management
- Pest animal and plant control
- Primary production
- Business administration
- Water resources management

The Board has up to nine members, including a Presiding Member and is responsible for preparing and implementing a regional natural resources management plan for the region.

Board members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation and the position is remunerated. Members should be willing to provide an average of three to four days per month for their service on the Board. The successful applicants will be appointed for terms ending in April 2011.

Applications must be in writing on the application form provided and must include a current curriculum vitae.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process.

**Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 12 June 2009.**

Requests for Nominee Information Packs and completed applications should be addressed to:

Mr David Leek  
NRM Support Division  
Department of Water, Land and Biodiversity Conservation  
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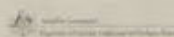
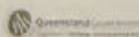
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# Wujal Elder at Alaskan conference

By CAIRNS correspondent  
CHRISTINE HOWES



ABORIGINAL  
Australians were  
amongst  
Indigenous people  
from around the  
world who  
gathered in Alaska

last month to exchange  
knowledge and experiences in  
dealing with the impact of  
climate change.

The Indigenous Peoples  
Global Summit on Climate  
Change also developed key  
messages and  
recommendations for the  
Conference of Parties to the UN  
Framework Convention on  
Climate Change, to be held in  
Denmark later this year.

The results of the summit  
were written into what has been  
called The Anchorage  
Declaration, which expresses  
the solidarity of Indigenous  
Peoples in areas that are  
the most vulnerable to the  
effects and causes of climate  
change.

The declaration expresses  
alarm about accelerating climate  
devastation brought about by  
unsustainable development, and  
calls for a range of actions  
including a binding emissions  
reduction target for all developed  
countries and recognition of the  
importance of traditional  
knowledge and practices in  
developing strategies to address  
climate change.

Kuku Nyungkal Elder Marilyn  
Wallace, from Wujal Wujal on the  
Bloomfield River south of  
Cooktown, attended the summit  
with her niece Naomi Friday, to  
share a DVD made in her home  
at Shipton's Flat.

Mrs Wallace lives there with  
husband Peter. They have no  
electricity or town water and live  
as traditionally as they can to be  
close to their ancestors.

"It's very important for us now  
to look after the environment  
and also go back to our  
homeland so we can maintain  
the food sources," she told *The  
Koori Mail*.

"The DVD was to present at  
the conference and to explain to  
other Indigenous people how we  
as Indigenous people look at the  
weather and social well-being  
changes in our lives.

"And especially how we are  
connected to our land, water and  
sea through the climate, and  
how we look after the land.

"When we go out fishing and  
hunting now the tides are  
becoming higher and it's rotting  
away our sandbanks, all our  
seafood, the shells are moving  
to another location.

"With our hunting areas now,  
the environment and the



UNU Media Studios Producer Citty Williams and cameraman Paul  
Bell with Kuku Nyungkal Elder Marilyn Wallace at Shipton's Flat  
during the climate change film shoot.

landscape have changed, so  
with the weather becoming  
hotter, all our food or bush  
tucker when we go hunting,  
seems to be moving locations."

Mrs Wallace said it was  
interesting to see how other  
Indigenous people were being  
affected by climate change.

"One lady told us about the  
birds coming down to the inner  
town out of the country because  
they were looking for food," she  
said.

"That story meant something  
to me because of our animals.

### Hotter and hotter

In the DVD, we said the  
kingfisher was coming in from  
the coast looking for food and  
there are other animals as well  
because of the climate getting  
hotter and hotter.

"I've always taken my mum  
around bush walking and she  
said last year when they were  
out hunting there was not  
much turkey and there were  
less eggs.

"Then when we spoke to  
scientists they said maybe there  
were more males, and my  
mother said to me we'd have to  
wait for this year, so this year  
we'll go out again.

"The weather is an important  
indicator to us, we live by the

four seasons, our Indigenous  
way."

Mrs Wallace said nearly 500  
people attended the conference,  
and she soon realised many had  
experienced the same problems  
and issues as in Australia.

"Going to Alaska was a good  
experience and taking a young  
girl like Naomi, she got to  
understand that we have  
obligations and rights, and part  
of going to this conference was  
sharing ideas," she said.

Mrs Wallace said one of the  
things the conference had driven  
home for her was the  
importance of recording stories  
for the young people.

"We talk to our younger  
generation and they now choose  
where they want to live. Today  
we're trying to incorporate all  
that and ask our younger people  
to go back to their country and  
learn," she said.

"This is important. At the  
conference it stood out that they  
all want to work with scientists  
because we are scientists in our  
own right and in our own way.

"If we write everything up and  
engage, we can train our young  
people so we can all keep an  
eye on the changes that are  
happening today in our climate."

The DVD can be viewed at:  
<http://www.vimeo.com/2140189>

# Special Mother's Day at the footy for Lorna

By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



A GATHERING of three generations of her family at the footy made Mother's Day special this year

for 72-year-old North Queensland woman Lorna Doolan (nee Lymburner).

The *Koori Mail* was at the Sharks United ground at Townsville on 10 May when a Mother's Day call came over the loud speaker for Lorna.

Jimmy Doolan, 40, said his mum got to see three of her six children on Mother's Day, with the others living out of town.

"Mum saw myself, Bradley and Norman, but Gary is in Rockhampton, Janet is on Palm Island and Clifford in Melbourne," said Jimmy.

"She is so special. It has been great to have her down here at the football watching my Sharks United play University."

A committed Christian, the day started for Lorna with a service at the Uniting Church in the suburb of West End.

"I have also really enjoyed



Jimmy Doolan and his mum Lorna together on Mother's Day.

being with my sisters Evelyn and Elizabeth who also came to the football," she said. "It has been so good seeing all the kids too, and several of my grandchildren were here as well."

The next milestone for Lorna will be — 'God willing',

she says — her 72nd birthday on 5 October.

Mother's Day was a real family affair at the ground, and hundreds of people turned out. The family day had been scheduled for Valentine's Day earlier in the year but was washed out.

# Comment invited on croc plan



A PLAN to allow safari hunters to kill up to 25 large saltwater crocodiles

in the Northern Territory each year is open for comment until the end of May.

The NT Government wants to trial safari hunting during the five-year lifespan of its new crocodile draft management plan.

The aim of the safaris would be to provide economic benefits to Indigenous landholders, who already host safari hunting of animals such as pigs and buffalo.

Under the plan, only crocodiles larger than 3.5 metres would be hunted, and they would have to be shot, not speared.

## NT Govt ponders hunting safaris

The NT Government also wants to triple the size of the zone around Darwin where rangers actively catch and remove crocodiles.

The proposed zone would stretch from the west bank of Adelaide River to the western boundary of the Darwin Harbour catchment and further south into Darwin's rural area.

The safari hunting of large crocodiles requires the approval of the Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

Written submissions to the NT Government's draft plan can be sent to Dr Greg Leach, Crocodile Management, Reply Paid 496, Palmerston NT 0831.

For further information on the plan call (08) 8995 5000.

## NAB Community Microfinance

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For Brisbane childhood mates Tim Ceolin and Mark Rossiter, the idea was the easy part — build secure rooms around the country for cyclists to shower, change, use lockers and secure bikes, all within a room the size of a car space.

Accessing finance was the hard part. Through a Microenterprise loan, Tim and Mark were able to bring Penny Farthings Push Bike Parking to life.

We all have an important role to play in addressing the continued disadvantage experienced by Indigenous Australians. That's why we've developed a Reconciliation Action Plan to create long-term employment opportunities and improve access to financial products and services to help individuals and businesses such as Penny Farthings.

For more information please visit [nab.com.au/microenterpriseloans](http://nab.com.au/microenterpriseloans)



## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW

"I GOT ALL THIS WORRY,  
I'M SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS UPGRADING OUR  
OFFICE, AND STAFF AND CAR FLEETS, WITH MONEY  
FROM THE BUDGET AND ALL HE CAN THINK OF IS  
IS HIS FAMILY AND WELFARE"



### Quote



**'This is the start  
of looking after  
mother earth,  
and that is the  
mothers of our  
people'**

— Amnesty International's  
Rodney Dillon on violence  
against women

● See report page 36

### Unquote

## We need both kinds of change

THESE are unusual times, and not just because we're in the midst of the Great Depression.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians also appear to be experiencing unprecedented largesse from governments who have finally accepted that Indigenous disadvantage will continue to grow unless all concerned get serious about addressing it. And those two factors collided last week when the nervously anticipated Federal Budget was unleashed.

Indigenous people will be just as affected – if not worse – by general cuts and savings as most other Australians but there can be no doubt that this particular Budget's treatment of Indigenous-specific measures could have been far worse.

Which is why the once ritual Indigenous savaging of the Budget did not eventuate.

Clearly this reflects growing pragmatism and resolve amongst those on all sides to finally turn around the Titanic that Indigenous disadvantage has become.

Which is why the Government must listen when health services and others who are hungry to 'buy in' declare the Government's approach to be top-down and seriously flawed.

We're not talking here about serial complainers; we're talking about people who genuinely understand and appreciate the opportunities now at



### OUR SAY

hand and don't want to squander them.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma continues to call for a national plan on how all involved will need to work together year-by-year if the ambitious target of closing the gap by 2030 is actually to be achieved.

To date, the Government's response has been along the lines of: 'We have a plan. We're spending all this money'. But expenditure alone of sizeable chunks of change should not be mistaken for a plan.

If the Government already has one, let it clearly articulate it to those who will be on the front line. It'd be a pity to see a drift or waning of enthusiasm for partnership if it was due only to a lack of communication.

In February, the Government's first report to the Parliament on progress in closing the gap was a bit of a fizzer; more a statement of the terrible status quo. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd will be hoping for a few more runs on the board by the time the second progress report rolls around in just eight short months. So will Indigenous peoples.

It's time for a fair-dinkum chat.

## A Yarn With...



### KATHLEEN COX

Business owner,  
Goombargin,  
Dampier Peninsula,  
Kimberley, WA

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Wongitt – All bush tucka.

**Favourite other food?**  
Fish and rice.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water and a little gin and tonic.

**Favourite music?**  
Country and Western – Backyard country.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
AFL – Fremantle Dockers.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Goombargin.

**What are you reading?**  
Nothing – too busy.

**What are you watching?**  
Nothing – Still too busy.

**What is your greatest highlight in life?**  
Besides my children, owning my own business.

**What do you like in life?**  
Helping others and sharing country and culture.

**What do you dislike?**  
Ignorant people.

**Who would you most like to meet?**  
US President Barack Obama – he has the power to influence change in the world.

**Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?**  
Mr Obama and his family.

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?**  
Through Indigenous business – bring independence and education and control to our own destiny.

# Arts and culture can empower our future



**RHODA ROBERTS**

**A** CAREER in the arts can take you down many paths, and I humbly concede that I probably have one of the best jobs in the Australian arts and cultural industry.

I feel blessed to be able to work, yarn and socialise with the best that the industry has to offer, especially our own unique, diverse and talented mob.

Programming an international festival like The Dreaming brings so many unexpected joys, even for an old sceptic like me.

Watching our young people take on a global world and their understanding, passion and desire for cultural knowledge through songs, stories, music and dance is exhilarating and refreshing. And there are still many who go unnoticed.

We have the oldest living adapting culture in the world and our arts and cultural practices are now being recognised worldwide. Arts events and tourism ventures across the nation are realising the impact and mesmerising effects of an Indigenous experience.

For all of this, art is part and parcel of our everyday life. There is joy in painting, singing or dancing up country in contemporary and or traditional mediums and art forms.

Countless of our people are keepers of ancient cultural knowledge. For some, it's also their livelihood.

In any event, the job comes with unspoken moral obligations of honouring protocols, ensuring the integrity of work, maintaining cultural rituals, passing on oral history and revitalising traditions while constantly challenging age-old stereotypes.

Mix that with the pressure of auditioning for a role, launching an album, producing a film, directing a stage production or developing works for an exhibition with little economic support in a very competitive and volatile industry and you have tenacity at its best.

If those of our mob at the top of their arts game were footballers, they'd all be Brownlow Medal winners and earning a good wage with the distinct possibility of a six-figure income during their career.



The Chooky Dancers, from Elcho Island in the Top End, performing at last year's The Dreaming festival. They have taken Aboriginal culture to the world stage.

How many of us would gladly pay to watch a live State of Origin game and not even bat an eye at cost of the ticket?

And, yet, I often hear our mob question why they should have to pay for a ticket to see a music concert, stage production or attend a festival.

Our writers, performers and artists are doing us proud socially, culturally, politically and philosophically.

Their arts and life are often inseparable; they continually question the status quo and strive to help others to understand stories, art, ceremonies and craft practices.

The late Lin Onus embodied this. He invested his heritage, activism, social realism and political statements in his distinctive work. He reminded us all what it means to be connected to land and that we are simply visitors and caretakers.

But the reality is that there are few overnight successes in Indigenous arts. Most of our artists who train for years to be at the top of their fields are lucky if they earn the average annual wage. It's lucky they're multi-skilled and have a profound desire to continue in their craft.

And while our visual artists have done extraordinarily well internationally in recent decades, performing artists are still vying for the opportunity to perform

and get national airplay. It is so competitive.

With many pubs and clubs resorting to karaoke nights and the like over the last decade, we have seen a decline in the number of live venues for musicians and it

bands and ensembles far exceeds the space we can offer.

This is the hard part of the job, selecting a lucky few from hundreds.

So what does it take to be selected?

There are many considerations to programming, such as the inclusion of a diverse range of styles and striking a balance between local and international acts of high calibre, as well as the representation of cultural forms.

More often than not, it's simply witnessing something new or the energy and passion that are encapsulated in a performance. On the other hand, there's no simple formula. It can also come down to gut instinct.

I received a request last year from a young woman who had not performed before an audience but wanted to sing at the festival. She sent a home-made recording of one of three songs that she had penned. It was raw, but the pure nature of the story about her nana touched my



Another great Indigenous act ... Trevelyn from Banawurun on stage at last year's The Dreaming festival.

seems festivals have become the new club to get that experience.

As The Dreaming heads into its fifth year, we are proudly showcasing some 54 bands across a range of venues. But the number of applications we receive from emerging singers and songwriters and established

work. Use the Internet, do your research and then be bold. Never give up if you feel strongly about your work, if it is what makes you whole.

Young artists such as Street Warriors, Microwave Jenny, Casey Donovan, The Medics or Katie Doyle are our future. Their songs bear witness to our history and the subtle connections between politics, community and the continuance of on-going traditions. They're inspiring and leaders in their field, so buy a ticket and support their next gig.

Arts and culture are a way forward for us. They provide us with a platform to address the cultural taboos that often are not discussed in policy, community discussion and grass-roots politics.

Perhaps it's time we reflected on what is meaningful to us as the First Peoples of this nation who have inherited a legacy of spirituality and achievement from our history and ancestors.

Through our arts and culture, we can empower our future.

● **RHODA ROBERTS** is an occasional columnist for The Koori Mail. A Bundjalung woman from northern NSW, she's well-known as a producer, director, documentary-maker, consultant and performer in theatre, film, television and radio. She was co-creative director of the 'Awakening Segment' during the opening ceremony for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games and, more recently, creative director of the 2008 Sydney New Year's Eve fireworks. During the past four years, she has established The Dreaming festival, held at Woodford in Qld, as one of Australia's top festivals and Indigenous cultural gatherings.



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Ms Koori Love is taking a mini-break - but don't panic! She'll be back all fresh and party next edition. If you need a fix of her inimitable advice in the meantime, go to [www.mskoolilove.com.au](http://www.mskoolilove.com.au)

# Indigenous Australians bound for United Nations forum in US

AUSTRALIA'S recent endorsement of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is expected to make an annual Indigenous peoples' gathering this week especially significant for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The declaration will be just one of the focus areas at the eighth Session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York.

Other discussion areas will include social and economic development, the second international decade of the world's Indigenous Peoples and emerging issues from different member States.

A half-day discussion is also scheduled to focus on the Arctic.

Indigenous Women will also be a topic of discussion at the Forum, and the Australian Human Rights Commission has funded a number of women to attend.

The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs has funded two women and one man from Fitzroy Crossing to attend the forum.

Organisations that have been assisted by the Human Rights Commission to send

Fitzroy Crossing and the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action

The NSW Aboriginal Land Council's representative for the Wiradjuri region, Craig Cromelin, is also attending and, according to the former cotton picker, carpenter and welder from

Aboriginal people around the world?" he said.

Cr Cromelin said he was honoured and thrilled to have been selected to represent his people at the global forum.

James Cook University's Janine Gertz is also attending the forum and said for her it

and advocacy skills in the international arena and she would be keen to share those on her return.

"Some of the issues I am particularly passionate about having input into are the impacts of climate change on Australia's Indigenous population and the

ongoing fight for the repayment of the wages of Indigenous workers still being held by State Governments around Australia, including Queensland," she said.

Ms Gertz was also working with her own traditional owner group, the Gugu Badhun people from the Greenvale region, to develop and implement a social and business enterprise plan, with the aim of improving the general social and economic situation of her people. She said attending the Forum would allow her to connect her own role within her local community, with the universal experiences of the world's indigenous peoples.

**'Who would have thought that a descendant of the Ngiyampaa people of south-west NSW would be addressing the United Nations on issues that affect hundreds of thousands of Aboriginal people around the world?' – Craig Cromelin**



representatives to New York include the National Native Title Council, the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, the National Indigenous Higher Education Network, the National Indigenous Youth Movement of Australia, Marninwartikura Women's Resource Centre in

Murrin Bridge, the trip is just an example of making the most of your opportunities.

"Who would have thought that a descendant of the Ngiyampaa people of south-west New South Wales would be addressing the United Nations on issues that affect hundreds of thousands of

would mostly be a learning experience.

A Gugu Badhan and Ngadjon Jii woman originally from Malanda, Ms Gertz is the university's Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator.

She said attending the forum would help her develop lobbying

# Time running out to have rep body say

## End of July the deadline for preferred model



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people are being urged to have a final say in the establishment of a National Indigenous Representative Body.

The Steering Committee headed by Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma must present a preferred model for a new body to the Australian Government by the end of July.

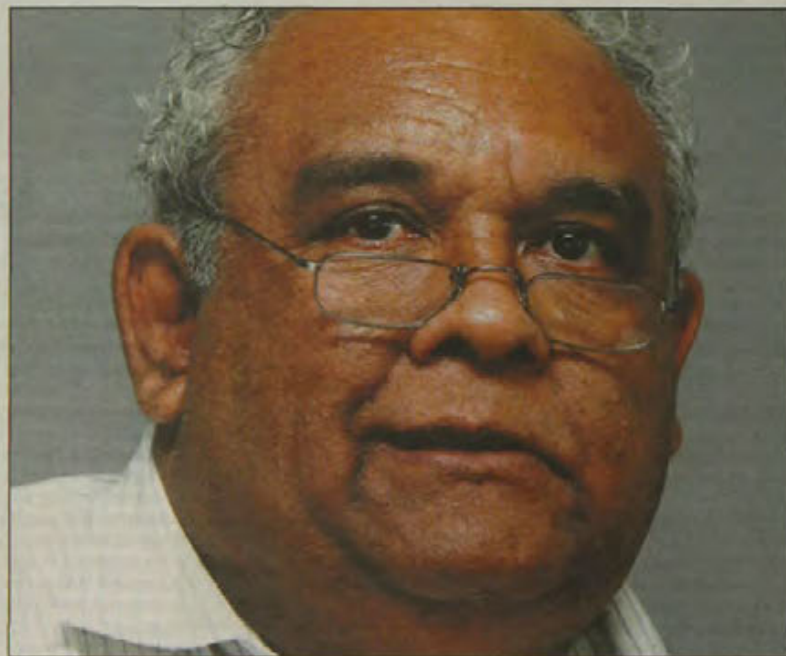
It is also required to make recommendations about the establishment of an interim body to begin from August 2009, and to ensure strong community support for the preferred model.

An eight-page community guide, called *Getting it Right*, has been distributed through Indigenous media, including *The Koori Mail*, and other avenues.

The guide asks key questions which must be resolved for finalising the model for a new representative body.

Mr Calma said Indigenous people wanting to help determine the model should answer an online survey by 10 June or provide a written submission by 24 June.

"We will also be running a national



**Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma: "... this final stage of consultations will work out nuts and bolts issues..."**

competition to name the new national representative body with advertisements in national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander media throughout May," he said.

Mr Calma said the Steering Committee

wanted to hear from Indigenous people to ensure the new body provided a strong, independent and credible voice on issues that matter to Indigenous people now and into the future.

"Now that common ground and consensus has been reached on issues such as the objectives of the national body, this final stage of consultations will work out nuts and bolts issues such as how the body can best represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a way that includes local and regional issues," he said.

"We also need to resolve the structure of the new body and determine whether members should be elected, whether they should be nominated to the national body by regional or state/territory level organisations, or whether it should be a combination of both.

"We need to probe what the body's relationship with the Federal Government and the Parliament should be and how it should be constituted. For example, should it be a statutory authority, a company limited by guarantee or a non-government organisation?

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have maintained throughout the consultations to date that the body should be sustainable and able to operate independent of government funding over time, so the question of funding and sustainability is another critical issue to be resolved."

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has previously indicated that she wants a representative body in place by the end of the year.

● To complete the online survey and to obtain information on how to make a submission go to [www.humanrights.gov.au/social\\_justice/rebody/index.html](http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/rebody/index.html)



Keith Mobbs, from Lane Cove in Sydney, takes a satirical look at new plans for Indigenous affairs being made at the very highest levels of Government. Have a chuckle on page 27.

## Learning a natural process

I AM a new reader of *The Koori Mail*. Each time I finish reading the newspaper, I feel as though I have truly read some REAL news about my country.

I work in the early childhood sector, currently in a long day care centre in the Sydney metropolitan area. The article 'Toddler claims are not correct' (*The Koori Mail*, 22 April) caught my eye.

No-one needs to force early childhood educators to include anti-bias learning

experiences with children under five years of age in their services.

It is a natural process, like eating and resting.

As one of my professional goals for this year, I am taking steps to make links with the Aboriginal Australians of our local community here in Erskineville.

My steps are small, but the knowledge is passed on to my co-workers, families and children of the service.

We are not forced to fly any flag, however we chose to out of respect for the Gadigal of the Eora Nation, on whose land we share.

It was an interesting read, the abovementioned article, and I will be sharing it with my co-workers in our staff room.

**KATERINA ATHANASSIOU**  
SDN Erskineville Child and Family Learning Centre  
Sydney, NSW

## POETRY

### Jumping Billy Flash

The old man walking down the beaten track  
Many a horse he's ridden in the great outback  
Across those wide blue ranges  
He's seen many a sight  
Dingoes frightening the herds at night.

Now old Ned was a true bushie character of old  
He will tell stories of the good and the bold  
Once he told of Jumping Billy Flash  
An Aborigine of the bush outback.

Well, Billy Flash could whip a snake  
Around his head and crack it like a whip  
Then he would cook and eat it  
No quip.

Til one day Billy Flash stood on a red belly  
Well did you see him jump  
He really hopped and corroboreed  
Around that old black stump.

For he thought he had been bitten  
But he knew what to do  
For he and old Ned were bushies true.

For true mates as different as the day is done  
What an unusual sight for everyone  
Old Ned and Billy Flash  
Trod on forever in the great outback.

Til one day they were found  
By an empty bore  
Until this day no one knows why  
They forgot the bush lore.

**MARGARET ARMSTRONG**  
Ipswich, Qld

### Farewell

A myriad of flowers  
stares down from above  
evidence to the truth  
you are very dearly loved.

The sadness seems unbearable  
as sorrows stains our cheeks  
yet a flicker of hope is born –  
you're finally at peace.

Your straight-faced sense of humour  
even in your final days  
is what I will miss most  
along with the love you always gave.

So now I bow my head  
and ask the Lord to guide your way  
into the soul of all creation  
where you will forever stay.

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Errol Bay, NSW

## Film a triumph

I WRITE to express my absolute admiration, appreciation and respect to Warwick Thornton and his new film, *Samson & Delilah*.

I am a non-Indigenous student at the University of Canberra and studying in the social work paradigm; Indigenous contemporary issues and how they are portrayed is a constant theme of our study.

However, through all my academic experience, I could not summarise how I felt or what it means for me to want to work within the heart of Australia.

*Samson & Delilah* encompasses these feelings. Leaving the cinema I felt inspired, shamed, uplifted. But most of all, I was utterly moved.

This film has changed me, and I cannot stop thinking about the characters within it and the love and pain of their lives.

The scarcity of their dialogue only showed me how intense these connections can be, and I praise Mr Thornton for creating such a real and brave new film, showing an untold story of this country.

I know many other people will also take a lot away from this amazing triumph of human expression.

**KARLA PULLEN**  
Canberra, ACT



*Samson & Delilah* director Warwick Thornton (front) with the film's lead actors Rowan McNamara and Marissa Gibson.

## 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.

We will publish 'Looking For' letters as long as they do not breach the privacy of individuals mentioned.

Lastly, remember too that we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met.

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## Young Liam comes from a family full of Australian football talent

FIRSTLY, I commend *The Koori Mail* for the wonderful stories that you cover – whether they are about individuals, family or our great sporting legends.

I would like to make a small comment on *The Koori Mail* (8 April) where it said: "As a 15-year-old, he (Liam Corrie, pictured right) was a member of the Emus' grand final loss to the Cove. There is no doubting his

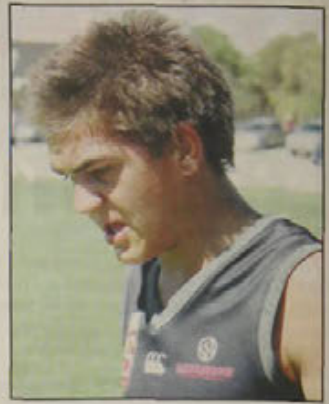
football heritage, as Liam is a cousin of the Davey brothers, Aaron and Alwyn, along with also being related to former Brisbane and now Collingwood player Anthony Corrie."

My comment is to advise that Liam is also a cousin to Fabian Francis, who played at the AFL level with Melbourne, Brisbane Bears, Port Power and Fremantle.

I am the mother of Fabian and I am the eldest of 11 siblings, including the mothers of the Davey brothers and Anthony Corrie, and including Liam's father.

I thank you for taking the time to read my brief note and, again, keep up the excellent news service.

**THERESA FRANCIS**  
Christie Downs, SA



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## Shame on the lot of them!

AUSTRALIA, the great sporting nation, taking out gold medals in most sports worldwide. Isn't that something to be proud of? Of course it is!

Then the recent exposure of the criminal and immoral behaviour of some members of some of our outstanding and most popular sporting teams must cast a shadow over the whole nation.

The saddest thing about this most recent exposure is that it has been happening for decades and nothing has been done about it, until a victim had to take it to the media.

A couple of things I find more sickening is the pat on the back for rugby league commentator and former player Matthew Johns by one of his mates after he publicly apologised to his family with no mention of the woman whose ordeal he admitted being a part of.

Then there was another football great saying that if a woman accommodated two or three men, it was a form of bonding for the team.

Is that the best they know of team bonding? People who think like that should remember and respect the person who bore them.

I doubt that Matthew Johns could get into much more trouble than he is in already, so if his big, tough mates are not prepared to step up and share the blame with him, he ought to be man enough to name them.

**HAROLD HUNT**  
St Marys, NSW

## Another chance

Why do you refuse me  
please tell me why

Here I am  
holding out my hand  
please come back again...

The silence is cold  
we're fast growing old  
please  
please  
please tell me why.

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Erowal Bay,  
NSW

# No pension joy in NT

ABORIGINES living in Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory will be the only pensioners in the country who will not benefit from the recent announcement of an increase in single pension payments.

With the full support of Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, the policies of the NT intervention continue to allow the quarantining of welfare payments going to any Aborigine who lives in an Aboriginal community, a policy which Ms Macklin promises to extend to Aboriginal people

**'While White Australian pensioners are out celebrating ... Aborigines continue to suffer from the racist, assimilation policies being forced upon them by the current Government' - Nala Mansell-McKenna**



elsewhere in the country

While White Australian pensioners are out celebrating their pay rise, Aborigines continue to suffer from the racist,

assimilation policies being forced upon them by the current Government.

We are also receiving many complaints from Aboriginal mothers who have been

victims of Government officials spying on them in the hope of removing their single pension payments from them.

This is not peculiar to Aborigines, but it's an added burden on a people already discriminated against generally and who are being made to feel humiliated when having to apply for welfare payments.

**NALA MANSELL-McKENNA**  
State Secretary/Youth Worker  
Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre

## YOUR POETRY

### Black Diamonds Forever

See the children playing in the dusty haze  
They are our Black Diamonds, with big eyes do they gaze  
At the beautiful things they see with the people of their land  
Desert winds do call them as they  
Walk hand in hand.

*Little Black Diamonds are happy, as their smiles light up the place  
For these are true Aboriginal children, so proud of their special race  
They are taught to respect their tribal lores  
For their culture must live on forever on this our Mother soil.*

They see the goanna as he runs across those dusty plains  
They know they must hunt for food before the coming rains  
Old man emu watches as they take off out of sight  
Where the kangaroo is cooking as an old man sits by the fire light.

*Little Black Diamonds are happy, as their smiles light up the place  
For these are true Aboriginal children, so proud of their special race  
They are taught to respect their tribal lores  
For their culture must live on forever on this our Mother soil.*

Naked as the day they were born, shining so alive in the golden sun  
With big smiles upon their faces as they look at you as they run  
You can hear lots of laughter, and your tears fill to the brim  
For these children are our future, they are our kith and kin.

*Little Black Diamonds are happy, as their smiles light up the place  
For these are true Aboriginal children, so proud of their special race  
They are taught to respect their tribal lores  
For their culture must live on forever on this our Mother soil.*

Old man tells them the stories of their Dreamtime  
He tells how the mountains were made long before their time  
Old man tells the stories of the meaning of the stars  
Then he takes the boys next day to explain the paintings in the caves.

*Little Black Diamonds are happy, as their smiles light up the place  
For these are true Aboriginal children, so proud of their special race  
They are taught to respect their tribal lores  
For their culture must live on forever on this our Mother soil.*

Black Diamonds can go on forever, for our ancestors teach them well  
Our culture is their Dreaming, you can forever tell.

**MARGARET ARMSTRONG**  
Ipswich, Qld

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# Vincent would be proud

THE 2009 Australian of the Year, Professor Mick Dodson, suggested a change of date for Australia Day from 26 January.

I totally agree with him and propose the date of 23 August.

My reasons? On 23 August 1966, Aboriginal stockman Vincent Lingiari and others walked off Wave Hill Station and into Australian history in an industrial dispute over pay, living and work conditions.

More than 230 Indigenous men, women and children employed by Lord Vestey walked to the Victoria River.

It was a nine-year struggle supported by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians; such

names as Brian Manning, Frank Hardy, Bill Jeffrey, George and Moira and Kerry Gibbs, Stan Davey, Robert Wesley Smith, Dr Fred Hollows, Dr Phillip Nitschki, Robert Tudawali, Dexter Daniels, Phillip Roberts, Clancy Roberts, and Davis Daniels as well as Sydney University students.

In 1975, then-Prime Minister Gough Whitlam, 'Jugardi' or 'The Big Man', gave part of our traditional lands by symbolically pouring soil into Vincent's hands at Dagaragu. This moment was captured by Aboriginal photographer Merv Bishop.

When Federal Labor was last in Opposition, its then-spokesman on reconciliation Peter Garrett

backed a suggestion that Freedom Day, the anniversary of the walk off, be made a national holiday. He said this would be an important step towards reconciliation.

"Reconciliation under Prime Minister (John) Howard is pretty much dead in the water, but Labor would reinvigorate and kick-start reconciliation," he said.

"We think it's still an important principle and there's places to go with it.

"A great sign of reconciliation would be to make Freedom Day a national holiday or mark it as a day of national significance."

Australians celebrate many battles fought overseas by our

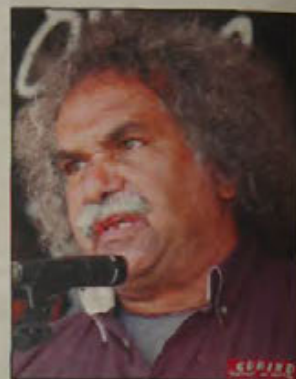
armed services. We commemorate these events on ANZAC Day 25 April, the Boer Wars in Africa, World Wars I and II, North Korea, Vietnam and, more recently, Afghanistan.

Surely it must be time Australia celebrated our victory on our soil?

The Wave Hill Walk Off marked the beginning of the modern day land rights movement but I find that governments have a callous indictment to this historical event.

No lives were lost but, after nine years, honesty, compassion, integrity and fairness came to this place.

MAURIE JAPARTA RYAN  
Kalkaringi, NT



Letter-writer Maurie Japarta Ryan

# Champion for his people — and his football club

## Tribute

## Darrell West

25 April 1945 –  
24 March 2009

**D**ARRELL ARTHUR WEST was born to Ida and Marcus West in Launceston, Tasmania, on 25 April 1945. He spent his childhood at Killiecrankie on Flinders Island, living off the land and learning his cultural practices.

Much of his early childhood can be read about in his mother the late Aunty Ida West's book *Pride Against Prejudice*.

Darrell moved to Hobart with his mother and sister Lennah in 1960. It was on mainland Tasmania that his football talent became noticed; he would go on to become a household name in Tasmanian football circles.

He first played with the under-15s Hobart Police Boys Club. He moved to the north of the state and his senior playing career began with North Launceston.

When he signed with Glenorchy, North Launceston offered to fly him to Launceston to play every Saturday but he hated flying. He was refused a clearance, resulting in missing a State Premiership with Glenorchy.

He went on to play two seasons with Glenorchy as their star full forward.



Main picture: The late Darrell West. A cartoon highlighting the football prowess of Darrell West. Darrell West points to his health worker badge at the Brisbane Commonwealth Games. He was on duty as part of the medical team for the march but was still arrested.

The most famous, or perhaps infamous, story of Darrell's playing days was in the 1966 grand final against Hobart. Darrell had already kicked the proverbial 'bagful' and, with less than a goal in it, he marked out from goal and selflessly handballed to a team-mate rather than take

the glory himself; the siren sounded and Glenorchy lost the grand final. In an obvious dig, Darrell was awarded the 'Most Unselfish Player' award.

He led the Irish Town Football Club to three premierships, and then played at various clubs until retiring from football at 42.

Darrell was also an amateur boxer, state champion in springboard diving, and A Grade cricketer, basketball, ten-pin bowler and held a golf handicap of 15.

He played and excelled in football including the National Aboriginal Football Carnivals in the 1970s and

was the 1986 Tasmanian Aboriginal Sportsman of the Year.

His prowess on the football field drew media attention and he attracted controversy when he insisted to one Hobart news reporter that he be called an Aboriginal player. Darrell believed that the fact of his



Aboriginality was his instant induction into politics.

Darrell West was a true champion for his club and his people.

He married Liz Nichols in 1966 and they had three children – Mark, Wendy and Sally.

For the Tasmanian Aboriginal community and archaeological community, Darrell's name will remain synonymous with Aboriginal heritage officers.

He became the first Aboriginal heritage officer in Tasmania in the 1980s, and this work allowed him to be on the land, where his spirit was happiest.

He was heavily involved in the Franklin River protests, taking then-Prime Minister Bob Hawke to parts of it and advocating for the protection of Kuti Kina Cave. He was involved in the beginnings of the Aboriginal Centre and the reclaiming of Oyster Cove (putalina).

In his earlier working life he fished, sold papers, was a telegram boy, rigger and ship builder.

He was in the first group of people to do the Victorian Aboriginal Health Worker course and applied these skills at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane.

Darrell passed away from cancer on 24 March this year, leaving behind two daughters, a son and seven grandchildren, all of whom inherited his sporting gene. He will be remembered as an integral part of the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

— By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



The 'cast' in correspondent Keith Mobbs' satirical submission 'Sorry Affairs of State', foreground Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and, back from left, Treasurer Wayne Swan, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Environment Minister Peter Garrett. *News Pix image*

# Sorry Affairs of State

**KEITH MOBBS**, from the Sydney suburb of Lane Cove, sent us this satirical look at the very highest levels of the Federal Government. The scene is Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's Canberra office. Rudd is seated on a large throne at the head of a long table and Environment Minister Peter Garrett, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Treasurer Wayne Swan are seated at the side in low chairs....

**Rudd:** Can I just say thank you for attending this collective verbal communication assembly for interactive response and engagement.

**Swan (offering a translation to a puzzled Macklin and Garrett):** Thanks for coming to the meeting.

**Rudd (in a low menacing voice):** Thank you Wayne. You will be aware that since I presented my Sorry speech...

**Swan (grinning broadly at the others):** And successfully avoided compensation!

**Rudd (glares at Swan but continues):** ...our opponents have attacked our Indigenous affairs record alleging that we have not delivered on some of our promises...

**Garrett (interjects excitedly):** Some of? Remember the treaty, the abolition of the Australia Day date, a national Indigenous elected body, a funding boost

to legal aid, bridging the Indigenous health gap funding; and we ignored the NT intervention review...

**Macklin (outraged):** Peter! Really! You have no idea how sorry we continue to be, and how hard it is to form partnerships with our nominated Indigenous leaders. Even getting control and access to Indigenous land through generous 40-year leases is meeting resistance.

**Rudd:** Well you know something? Being sorry is the only thing that's worked for us, and what I'm about to propose is an Indigenous affairs revolution.

**Swan:** Grants to the elite Indigenous leaders? Noel was only saying the other day that he needs...

**Rudd (angrily):** No! What we need is a Sorry campaign where we apologise at regular meetings for our lack of policy implementations and I want Peter to take over Jenny's portfolio while she takes his Arts responsibility.

**Macklin (clearly peeved):** But who would take Peter seriously? He's not even allowed to speak on climate change issues.

**Rudd (rolls eyes):** Oh no, he won't be speaking. I want Peter to form a Sorry band and

perform as back-up to Wayne who will read my latest policy notes.

**Swan (brightens):** Brilliant! I say sorry for the policy implementation delays, Peter drowns out the protests with his sorry theme music and then I whip into another Rudd special gap-buster set of promises.

**Rudd:** Exactly. (gives notes to Swan) Jenny, ask any policy question of Wayne.

**Macklin:** What's happening with the compulsory income management policy?

**Swan (reading from Rudd's notes):** We will be finalising the policy to develop an ambitious long-term natural strategy which will evolve from initial inquiries to establish confidence building measures so we can cut our cloth to make sure it fits.

**Swan (looking at Macklin and Garrett with heads on chest and quietly snoring):** Boss this could be a winner.

**Rudd:** You know something? If we had a Sorry concert across Australia every month, we could delay any action for another year and reduce our commitments to five per cent, blaming the deficit.

**Swan:** Oh mate! I've got to run this by Noel and Warren...



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## 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

<p><b>SYDNEY (NSW)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday 19 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-5pm  <b>Venue:</b> Patrick White Room, Australia Council for the Arts, 372 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, Sydney</p> <p><b>CANBERRA (ACT)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Wednesday 20 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9am-3.30pm  <b>Venue:</b> Gorman House Arts Centre, Ainslie Avenue, Braddon, Canberra</p> <p><b>MELBOURNE (VIC)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Thursday 21 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9am-5pm  <b>Venue:</b> River Room, Hamer Hall, Victorian Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne</p> <p><b>HOBART (TAS)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Friday 22 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-3pm  <b>Venue:</b> Tasmanian Museum &amp; Art Gallery, 40 Macquarie Street, Hobart</p>	<p><b>DARWIN (NT)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Monday 25 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-5pm  <b>Venue:</b> Museum and Art Gallery for the Northern Territory, Conacher Street, Fannie Bay, Darwin</p> <p><b>CAIRNS (QLD)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Tuesday 26 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 10.30am-5.30pm  <b>Venue:</b> Trinity Esplanade Room, Rydges Tradewinds, The Esplanade, Cairns</p> <p><b>BRISBANE (QLD)</b>  <b>Date:</b> Thursday 28 May 2009  <b>Time:</b> 9.30am-5pm  <b>Venue:</b> State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane</p>
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**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

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# Notification of proposal for the grant of a lease under the Aboriginal Land Act 1991

## Invitation to have your say

The General Manager, Remote Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Program, Department of Communities (Housing and Homelessness Services) is the Trustee of Reserve No. 93 Torres, being the land described as Lots 1 to 15 (inclusive) on Crown Plan T20722 and located in Tannaway on Thursday Island. The Trustee proposes to grant a lease pursuant to s.83T (4) (a) (b) and s.40D (1) (a) of the Aboriginal Land Act 1991 as follows:

**Premises** Property located at 3 David Street, Thursday Island with an area of 809 square metres more or less and described as Lot 7 on Crown Plan T20722 County Torres Parish of Port Kennedy

**Term** 99 years (renewable), commencing from the date of issue of the lease

**Purpose** Private residential purposes

Aboriginal people who have a particular connection with the land under Aboriginal tradition and/or custom are invited to express their views about the proposed grant of this lease.

For more information, or to provide comments or objections, contact:

Mr Felix Klose  
Coordinator, Remote Indigenous Housing and Homelessness Program  
Department of Communities (Housing and Homelessness Services)  
396 Sheridan Street, Cairns / PO Box 2556 Cairns Qld 4870  
Telephone: 4046 3000  
Facsimile: 4046 3030  
Email: Felix.Klose@communities.qld.gov.au

To be considered before any decision is made about the grant of the lease, a submission must be made in writing by 5pm on Tuesday 9 June 2009 to Felix Klose on the contact details above, or must be hand-delivered by close of business on that day to:

Department of Communities (Housing and Homelessness Services) office (formerly the Department of Housing) at Douglas Street, Thursday Island.



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Applications are particularly sought from Aboriginal people; people with scientific qualifications in the area of conservation biology, wildlife management or related disciplines; or people with experience and expertise in the following areas: local government, community involvement in conservation, Aboriginal cultural heritage, rural or regional issues, ecotourism or ecologically sustainable visitor use, enjoyment and appreciation of reserves, environmental education and community involvement in environmental education, non-Aboriginal cultural heritage conservation and bushfire management.

The Government is committed to increasing representation of indigenous people and women on advisory committees. Young people aged between 18-40 are also strongly encouraged to apply and help chart the future of national parks.

Apply on-line at the DECC website at [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nprws](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/nprws). Or e-mail [rac@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rac@environment.nsw.gov.au) or call the Stakeholder Liaison Officer on (02) 9585 6117 for an application form and information kit.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30 JUNE 2009.

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# Ambassador gets boomerang wish



A HIGHLY respected Indian ambassador had one major wish when he visited Australia recently - to throw a boomerang.

So Ambassador Chinmaya Gharekhan and his wife Rita were treated to an Aboriginal cultural tour in Sydney on 11 May.

The tour was organised by the Department of Foreign Affairs in Canberra for Mr Gharekhan and his wife to experience a private and authentic Aboriginal experience.

Thullii Dreaming owner Sharon Williams and Colin Wightman showed Mr Gharekhan and his wife Aboriginal engraving sites, and provided a bush tucker morning tea, cultural displays, didgeridoo playing and boomerang throwing.

Ms Williams said the ambassador was most excited about throwing a boomerang, and was determined to make it come back.

"He was genuinely very interested and most respectful of learning some Aboriginal culture; he is also passionate about Aboriginal art," she said.

Mr Gharekhan has been the longest-serving Indian permanent representative to the United Nations. He has held diplomatic postings in Egypt, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Laos, Vietnam and Yugoslavia.

He also served as UN Under-Secretary-General and was UN special representative in the Palestinian occupied territories.

Apart from the cultural tour,



Sharon Williams, of Thullii Dreaming, with Ambassador Gharekhan at top and, above, Mr Gharekhan throws a boomerang, watched by his wife Rita and Ms Williams.

Mr Gharekhan delivered the 2009 Australia-India Lecture at the Lowy Institute.

He spoke about India's 'dangerous neighbourhood', and in particular the deep security challenges posed by the situations in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

He presented a sobering

picture of the prospects for these countries, and the implications for India and other countries threatened by jihadist terrorism.

The Australia-India Council, the Lowy Institute's partner in the Australia-India Strategic Lecture series, supported his visit.

# Govt warned on job rights



THE Rudd Government may be breaching the human rights of Indigenous Australians by

abolishing jobs programs in remote Aboriginal communities, a key adviser says.

Father Frank Brennan, who is chair of the Government's National Human Rights Consultation Committee, said many in Aboriginal communities felt their right to find employment was being jeopardised by the decision to abolish the community development employment projects (CDEP) scheme.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced late last year that the CDEP scheme, which provides part-time community-based

employment to top up dole payments, would be abolished in all 'non-remote' communities from June 30.

Fr Brennan is currently travelling across Australia to gather feedback for a report to the Government on ways to protect and promote human rights in Australia.

## Investigate

Speaking on 8 May after a meeting in the Aboriginal community of Yarrabah, south of Cairns, he said his committee would investigate whether the Government was breaching residents' rights by abolishing the scheme without providing other opportunities for employment.

"If the only prospect of employment is through a CDEP scheme then what is

government doing in taking it away?" he said.

"How do you then realistically speak about upholding the right to employment, the right to work and even the right to training the people living in these communities?"

The Yarrabah council has appealed to the Government to continue the scheme, which is the only major employer in the community, until after the current economic downturn is over because there are currently few job opportunities in the region.

Fr Brennan said the committee would also consider several other issues raised by residents in Indigenous communities, including land rights and alcohol management programs.

He is due to report to the Rudd Government in July. -AAP



Patrick Undy with fellow Centrelink staff member Brendon Culmore at Uluru.

# Griffith lad moved by Red Centre

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

**NT** WHEN Patrick Undy stepped off the plane at Alice Springs in January last year, the first thing he noticed was the stifling Northern Territory heat, with average temperatures that month of about 36 degrees.

He'd come to the Red Centre as part of the Federal Government's Emergency Response Centrelink team based in Alice Springs, and he spent the next year working in the surrounding remote communities from his new 'office' under a tree, in an old shack or sitting beside a campfire.

The 25-year-old Wirajuri man, who grew up at Darlington Point near Griffith, western NSW, had never lived away from home before, and said it took him a while to get used to his new surroundings more than 2000km away from his family.

"I'd never been out of New South Wales before and I knew there were some real hardships going on up there. Some of my people were doing it pretty tough," he said.

"I was a bit nervous being away from my family and community because they're my anchor."

When protests against the NT intervention started to emerge, Mr Undy also began to question whether he was doing the right thing.

He said that while he understood the anger and emotion the intervention stirred up, his focus was to ensure the local community had the same access to information and

support as everyone else.

"At first a lot of people were against us, even some of my own mob back home," he said.

"They were asking what we were doing up there, and I really had to think about it myself. Especially as an Indigenous person, you question whether this is the right thing."

However, for every negative story published, Mr Undy said he encountered someone, whether it was an elderly pensioner or single mother, who told him of

senior men made the law. They invited him to sit with them in the Elders' circle.

"I realised that while they don't have a lot of material possessions, they're rich in so many other ways," he said.

"Their family customs are strong and their language is still alive. They treat each other with a lot of respect and caring."

Mr Undy said the experience gave him an even stronger appreciation of his own family.

Raised by his grandparents from a young age, he said any success he had achieved was possible only because of his family's support.

Mr Undy was his community's first Indigenous school captain, and he founded and mentored an Indigenous youth group while he was still in high school. He also won the Centrelink Youth Award for his work with young Indigenous people in and around Griffith.

Now back working in Griffith as Centrelink's Indigenous Customer Service Officer, Mr Undy says he has been forever changed by his 12-month posting where he exchanged his 9-to-5 working life in an office with four walls, for the vastness of the desert and an old milk crate for a seat.

"I will never take things for granted any more," he said.

"Something as simple as getting in the car and driving to the shops to buy something cheap, that never happens for a lot of people in the Territory."

"I realise how lucky I am and how much opportunity there is in Griffith for young Indigenous people compared to the mob up there, and I want to keep making a difference wherever I am."



Patrick Undy beside Alice Spring's Todd River in flood.

being able to have a bit of food in the cupboard or some spare change in their purse. And it was these stories that made it all worthwhile, he said.

Apart from the beauty of the land, Mr Undy said he also came to form a connection with the people, who left a strong impression on him.

He said he met some of the Elders in one community where there were no police and the

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## Aboriginal Heritage Assessment

### Registration of Stakeholder Interest for Aboriginal Heritage Assessment: Redfern RSL

Cultural Resources Management is seeking to identify Aboriginal stakeholder groups and/or people wishing to be consulted for an Aboriginal Heritage Assessment in relation to the proposed development of Redfern RSL located on 157-159 Redfern Street, Redfern NSW. The consultation process will be conducted in accordance with the Department of Environment and Climate Change (NSW) Interim Community Consultation Requirements for Applications (National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974: Part 6 Approvals) which became effective 1st January 2005.

Parties are invited to register their interest with Cultural Resources Management in writing to:

Guadalupe Cincunegui  
Archaeologist  
Cultural Resources Management  
63 Hannah Street Beecroft, NSW 2119  
Telephone/Fax: 02 9481 8100

Applications must include contact details. The closing date for registration is 30th May 2009.

Phone enquiries are welcome and should be directed to Guadalupe Cincunegui on 0439 184 174.



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## ATTENTION ALL ABORIGINAL HOUSING OFFICE (AHO) TENANTS

From 6 July 2009 the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) will change how it calculates rent for AHO households in properties managed by Housing NSW. Rents will be calculated on the basis that all eligible household members are receiving their full entitlement of Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA). This is because CRA is a rent supplement to assist people on lower incomes to meet the cost of renting.

This means that the AHO will be able to access more government funding to improve homes and housing services for Aboriginal people across NSW. The extra funding will assist the AHO to maintain and improve the condition of the properties you live in and upgrade existing properties to the standard the community expects.

If you and your household members are eligible for CRA, each of you should apply to Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs. It is important that you apply now to make sure you will be getting your CRA as soon as is possible after 6 July.

From mid-May you will receive a letter that tells you your new CRA rent. If you already receive CRA, you should take that letter to Centrelink or Veterans' Affairs so that they can adjust your CRA to cover your new rent.

No rent will be higher than market rent. It is not the intention of the CRA changes to have tenants out of pocket.

Community information forums were held in 10 locations throughout NSW from mid-March to early April 2009 to explain CRA rents to AHO tenants, their household members and Aboriginal advisory services.

If you did not attend any of these forums; are still unsure of what to do; or have any questions, please contact:

- Centrelink's Indigenous Call Centre on 13 6380 or
- Aboriginal Housing Office Information Service on 1800 727 555 or
- Housing NSW on 1300 HOUSING (1300 468 746)

# 2009 National



One of the artworks on display at Reconciliation Place in Canberra.



A previous Reconciliation Week event in Adelaide recognising Indigenous war veterans.

# What's happening around the nation

## NEW SOUTH WALES

• Mon, 18 May: Sydney Writer's Festival Event, 'Black Politics: Inside the Complexity of Aboriginal Political Culture', Carrington Hotel, 15-47 Katoomba Street, Katoomba. Starts 1.30pm. Details: [www.swf.org.au/](http://www.swf.org.au/)

• Fri, 22 May: Sydney Writer's Festival Event, 'Terms of Engagement', Bangarra Theatre Pier 4/5, Hickson Road Walsh Bay. Starts 2pm. Details: [www.swf.org.au/](http://www.swf.org.au/)

• Sat, 23 May: Sydney Writers' Festival Event, 'Black Politics' with Sarah Maddison and Larissa Behrendt, Campbelltown Arts Centre, Cnr Appin and Camden Roads Campbelltown. Starts 2pm. Details: [www.swf.org.au/](http://www.swf.org.au/)

• Sun, 24 May: Harbour to Hawkesbury Reconciliation Group Event, Reconciliation Church Services, Thornleigh Hillcrest Uniting Church, 1-3 Paling Street Thornleigh. Starts 8.45am and 10.15am. Details: Allen West, (02) 9484 5693

• Sun, 24 May: Manly Warringah Pittwater Aboriginal Support Group Event, Sorry Day 2009, The Scout Hall, Bilarrong Reserve, Wakehurst Parkway, North Narrabeen. Starts 2.30pm. Details: Helen Ford, (02) 9451 3299

• Sun, 24 May: Guringai Festival Event, Connecting to Country-Listening and Learning with the Elders, St Anthony in the Fields Church, 46 Myoora Road, Terrey Hills. Starts 10.30am. Details: Anne Lanyon, 0408 279 871 or [www.sjaroundthebay.org](http://www.sjaroundthebay.org)

• Mon, 25 May: Harbour to Hawkesbury Reconciliation Event, reconciliation student writing competition, Northern Sydney Region. Ends Fri, 5 June. Details: Denise Calt, (02) 9777 7985 [www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au](http://www.willoughby.nsw.gov.au)

• Mon, 25 May: Illawarra Reconciliation Event, Reconciliation Garden and Aboriginal Flag Raising, Bellambi Public School, Owen Park Road. Starts 9.30am. Details: Aloma Stewart, (02) 4284 8666

• Tues, 26 May: Marrickville Residents for Reconciliation Event, Sorry Day Event with speaker Larissa Behrendt, Marrickville West Public School, Beauchamp Street. Starts 6.30pm. Details: Peter Dixon, (02)

Every year, school and community groups around the country, including local reconciliation committees, join in the activities to promote the core values of reconciliation during National Reconciliation Week. Here are the events that we've heard about in the coming days (and for future events, remember to let us know what's happening in your local area).

9558 5792 [peterdixon@bigpond.com](mailto:peterdixon@bigpond.com)

• Tues, 26 May: Museum of Contemporary Art Event, Sistas on Sorry Day with Anita Heiss, 140 George Street, Sydney. Starts 2pm. Details: (02) 9254 2400 or [mail@mca.com.au](mailto:mail@mca.com.au)

• Tues, 26 May: Gosford City Council Event, Reconciliation Ceremony, Flag Raising and Sorry Day Film, Gosford City Council Chambers. Starts 10am. Details: Keith Hall, (02) 4325 8940

• Wed, 27 May: Benelong and Surrounds Residents for Reconciliation Event, Ryde Children's Voices for Reconciliation, Eastwood Plaza, Rowe Street, Eastwood Sydney. Starts 11.30am. Details: Pam Studd, 9807 2986 or Carol Drake, (02) 9867 1737

• Wed, 27 May: Ku-ring-gai Reconciliation Centre Event, Ku-ring-gai Children's Voices for Reconciliation with special guest Indigenous author Boori (Monty) Prior, Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon. Starts 11.30am. Details: Robbie Prince, (02) 9424 0992 [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/guringai](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/guringai)

• Wed, 27 May: Guringai-Festival Event, Lorraine McGee-Sippel Author Talk, Level 1, Stanton Library, 23 Miller Street, North Sydney. Starts 1pm. Details: Gillian Hill, (02) 9936 8417 or [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

• Wednesday 27 May, Muswellbrook Shire Council Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee Event, Aboriginal Flag Raising Event, Reconciliation Mural Simpson Park,

Market Street., Starts 11am. Details: Kim Manwarring@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

• Thurs, 28 May: Combined Churches Maggie Committee Event, Nambucca Uniting Church Rally, Uniting Church Nambucca Heads. Starts 10am. Details: Rob Bruce, (02) 6655 5965

• Thurs, 28 May: Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation Event, 13th Annual Lane Cove Children's Voices for Reconciliation, Lane Cove Plaza Longueville/Burns Bay Roads, Lane Cove. Wet weather venue: Lane Cove Civic Centre, Cnr Longueville/Epping Roads. Starts 10.30am. Details: Jill Chambers, (02) 9428 1150

• Thurs, 28 May: Eastern Regional Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum Event, Pauline McLeod Awards for Reconciliation, City of Botany Bay. Starts 4pm. Details: Leisa Simmons, (02) 9386 7912

• Thurs, 28 May: Sydney University Medical Society Event, Indigenous Health Forum, Lecture Theatre, Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. Starts 4pm. Details: Clare O'Sullivan on [cosu6115@usyd.edu.au](mailto:cosu6115@usyd.edu.au)

• Thurs, 28 May: Guringai-Festival Event, Ten Canoes Film Screening and bush tucker tasting, Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Garden 420 Mona Vale Road, St Ives. Starts 6pm. Details: Michelle Davies, (02) 9424 0668

• Fri, 29 May: Blue Mountains Women's Spirit Event, Santa Maria Conference Centre. Starts 10am. Details: Suzie-suziebmwhc@pnc.com.au

• Fri, 29 May: Hornsby Area Residents for Reconciliation Event, Children's Voices for Reconciliation, Hornsby Mall, Florence Street, Hornsby. Starts 10am. Details: Helen White, (02) 9804 6067

• Fri, 29 May: Gosford Office of Fair Trading Event, Annual Aboriginal Artists Art Exhibition and Competition, Gosford Regional Art Gallery, 32 Webb Street, East Gosford. Starts 5.30pm. Details: Sean Lonergan, (02) 4320 0630

• Fri, 29 May: Commemoration Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans, Anzac Memorial, Hyde Park South.

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# Reconciliation Week

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Starts 11am. Details: Rod Holtham, 9264 8188 or David Williams, 0450 361 418

● Fri, 29 May: Guringal-Festival Event, Caring for Country and Connections to Sea, Coastal Environment Centre, Lake Park Road, North Narrabeen. Starts 6.30pm. Details: Tina Demetriou, (02) 9970 1676

● Sat, 30 May: Denilquin Reconciliation Group Event, sausage sizzle and information stall, Waring Gardens. Starting time to coincide with markets.

● Sat, 30 May: Monaro Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee Event, Working Bee (bring gardening equipment and lunch), Lambie Gorge is situated on Cooma Back Creek behind the bowling club. Starts 10am. Details: Geoff Bowland, 0414 524 699

● Sat, 30 May: Parkes Reconciliation Group Event, Community BBQ, Bushman's Dam. Starts 12noon. Details: (02) 6862 4327

● Sat, 30 May: North Illawarra Reconciliation and Treaty Group Event, Cultural Walk, Geera (Mount Keira) Cultural walk with Dootch Kennedy, meet in Summit car park. Starts 10am.

● Sun, 31 May: North Illawarra Reconciliation and Treaty Group Event, Gathering and BBQ, Sandon Point Aboriginal Tent Embassy (SPATE). Starts 12noon.

● Sun, 31 May: Tamworth Branch of Australians for Reconciliation Event, BBQ, Lions Park, Werris Creek Road, Starts noon. Details: Ainslie, 0423 221 002

● Sun, 31 May: Guringal-Festival Event, Mark Olive Outback Catering, Civic Square, Manly Council Chambers, Manly. Starts 1pm. Details: Maraday Luscombe, (02) 9976 1572

● Tuesday 2 June, Lane Cove Resident for Reconciliation Event, 'Kanyini' film screening, the Cove Room, Lane Cove Civic Centre, Cnr Longueville/Epping Roads. Starts 7pm. Details: Kerrie McKenzie, (02) 9428 1197

● Tues, 2 June: Reconciliation Event, Public Forum: Celebrating the UN International Year of Reconciliation - How can we better protect Indigenous Rights in Australia? NSW Teacher's Federation Auditorium, 39-41 Reservoir Street Surry Hills. Starts 5pm. Details: www.nswrecon.com or (02) 9219 0719

● Sat, 6 June: Myall Creek Memorial Committee Event, Myall Creek Massacre Memorial Commemoration, Myall Creek Hall on the Bingara/Delongra Road near Inverell. Starts 10am. Details: Graeme Cordiner, (02) 9817 0288

● Fri, 19 June: Kyogle Reconciliation Group Event, Walking and Gathering - Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth. Meet at War Memorial. Starts 1pm. Details: Ruth Haig, (02) 6632 3378

## QUEENSLAND

● Wed, 27 May: Reconciliation stall at the Market Day, Royal Women's and Brisbane Hospital. Starts 9am. Details: rosallieractit@gmail.com

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA

● Wed, 27 May: Reconciliation Breakfast - Why reconciliation makes good business sense, National Wine Centre, Starts 7pm. Details: Rosslyn Cox, (08) 8302 0493

● Wed, 27 May: Reconciliation Statement of Commitment, Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure, 101 Grenfell Street, Adelaide. Starts 10.30am.

● Wed, 7 May: Adelaide Hills Aboriginal Forum Reconciliation Event, Community Garden, Duck Flat, Mount Barker. Starts 9.30am.

● Wed, 27 May: Reconciliation Event at Noarlunga Health Village, starts 10am.

● Wed, 27 May: Aboriginal People, plants and culture, Indigenous Culture for kids, Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Starts 10am.

● Wed, 27 May: Culture Shock, Art Gallery of South Australia, Starts 10am.

● Wed, 27 May: Art and Craft Sessions and Torres Strait Islander Dance, Tandanya. Starts 10am.

● Thurs, 28 May: Learn about Aboriginal Art, Marion Cultural Centre, Oaklands Park. Starts 1pm.

● Thurs, 28 May: 2009 Lowitja O'Donoghue Oration, Bringing black and white Australians together, Bonython Hall, The University of Adelaide, Starts 7pm

● Thurs, 28 May: Aboriginal people, plants and culture, Indigenous culture for kids, Adelaide Botanic Gardens. Starts 10am.

● Thurs, 28 May: Art and Craft Sessions and



The Sea of Hands, one of the most visible signs of reconciliation in Australia.

## All are urged to take part

**WHERE** were you on 27 May 1967?

Were you even born? For many Aboriginal people of a certain vintage, the date is indelibly marked in their memory as a significant milestone in Indigenous history because it was the day when Australians voted overwhelmingly in a referendum in favour of the Commonwealth taking responsibility for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and including Indigenous Australians in the national Census.

These days, 27 May also marks the start of National Reconciliation Week (NRW) each year.

And the close of the week each year, 3 June, is the anniversary of another important milestone - the High Court's decision in the Mabo case.

The Mabo judgement recognised the native title rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the original inhabitants of the continent. It overturned the myth of 'terra nullius', the idea that the continent was an empty land until European arrival in 1788.

'See the person, not the stereotype' is the message of National Reconciliation Week 2009, linked in with a major advertising

campaign that aims to challenge stereotypes and asks the question 'what does it mean to be an Indigenous Australian today?'

Reconciliation Australia (RA) wants all Australians to join in a week-long celebration of the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The organisation, co-chaired by Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson, is also asking Australians to think about how they personally can help to turn around the disadvantage that continues to be experienced by many Indigenous people.

Torres Strait Islander Dance, Tandanya. Starts 10am.

● Fri, 29 May: Service to Commemorate the service of Australia's Indigenous Veterans, State National War Memorial, corner of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide. Starts 10am.

● Fri, 29 May: University of Adelaide Reconciliation Week BBQ and Flag Raising Ceremony, Goodman Crescent Lawns, The University of Adelaide, North Terrace. Starts 12noon.

● Fri, 29 May: Reconciliation Youth Disco, St Lukes Anglican Church, Whitmore Square, Starts 6.30pm.

● Fri, 29 May: Reconciliation down Rundle - Showcase of Indigenous Culture, Rundle Mall, Adelaide. Starts 10.00am.

● Fri, 29 May: The Dreaming Tent - Workshops, story-telling and panel discussions, South Australian Museum, North Terrace, Adelaide. Starts 10am. Details: Rosslyn Cox, (08) 8302 0493.

● Sat, 30 May: Walk for Reconciliation family fun fair, Elder Park, King William Street. Starts 9am.

● Saturday 30 May: Learn about Aboriginal Art, Marion Cultural Centre, Oaklands Park. Starts 1pm.

● Sat, 30 May: Blak Nite, Carclew Youth Arts. Starts 4pm.

● Sat, 30 May: Beyond the Beyond: Cultural Awareness, Former Colebrook Children's Home site, Shepherds Hill Road, Eden Hills. Starts 10.30am.

● Sun, 31 May: St John's Halifax Church, Reconciliation Sunday Service, Halifax Street Adelaide. Starts 9am.

● Sun, 31 May: Reconciliation Church Services, St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wakefield Street Adelaide. Starts 11am.

● Sun, 31 May: Campbelltown City Council Reconciliation Community BBQ, Thorndon Park, Hamilton Terrace, Paradise. Starts 10.30am.

Reconciliation Week at Tandanya:

● Sun/Mon, 30-31 May: Torres Strait Islander Dance - traditional stories, songs and dance. Starts 12noon.

● Mon/Tues, 1-3 June: Kanyini film screening. Starts 10.30am.

● Mon/Tues, 1-3 June: Cultural Presentation and Performance - Yidaki (Didgeridoo), Starts 12noon.

● Mon/Tues, 1-3 June: Liyam Ngam, Documentary screening, Starts 1pm

All Tandanya Reconciliation Week event inquiries: Kate Greenshields, (08) 8224 3202 or email: venue@tandanya.com.au

● Mon, 1 June: Painting and Weaving workshops and Aboriginal story telling, City of Tea Tree Gully Library, Modbury. Starts 5pm.

● Mon, 1 June: Hawke Centre Public Forum: What matters in Australia today: four perspectives, Adelaide Town Hall. Starts 5.45pm.

● Mon, 1 June: Reconciliation Action Plan Workshop, National Wine Centre, Starts 12noon. Details: Rosslyn Cox, (08) 8302 0493.

● Tues, 2 June: Film screening: Journeys from heartache to hope, State Library of South Australia, Starts 5.30pm

● Wed, 3 June: ANTaR South Australia represents screening of Sacred Ground, Tandanya Theatre. Starts: 6.30pm. Details: (08) 8224 3222.

● Wed, 3 June: Film screening of Kanyini, State Library of South Australia. Starts 5.30pm.

● Wed, 3 June: Mabo at Warruparinga, Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Bedford Park. Starts 5pm.

● Sun, 7 June: Kaurna and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Celebration, Living Kaurna Cultural Centre, Bedford Park. Starts 11am.

## VICTORIA

● Wed, 27 May: Gathering as One exhibition launch, St Francis Pastoral Centre, 326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. Starts 5.30pm. Details: Contact Project Dreaming Tracks, (03) 9471 1410.

● Wed, 27 May: Reconciliation Week Launch, Manningham gallery, Manningham Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Starts 10.30am. Details: (03) 9840 9246 to register attendance.

● Wed, 27 May: Mute Relics and Bedevilled Creatures: Constructing an Antipodean Curio Cabinet, Counihan Gallery in Brunswick, 233 Sydney Road, Brunswick. Starts 11am. Details: (03) 9389 8622

● Wed, 27 May: Maroonah Reconciliation Week Celebrations, Maroonah Federation Estate, 32 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood. Starts 10am. Details: Amanda Atchison, (03) 9298 4553

● Wed, 27 May: Murrumbidgee Indigenous Trade Fair and Business Showcase, The Sebel Albert Park Hotel, 65 Queens Road, Melbourne. Details: Koorie Business Network 03 9870 2611

● Wed, 27 May: Yulkum-Jerrang: Indigenous Economic Development Conference, The Sebel Albert Park Hotel, 65 Queens Road Melbourne. Details: Koorie Business Network 03 9870 2611

● Fri, 29 May: 'The Past Matters' annual festival, Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham. Details: 03 9439 8700

● Fri, 29 May: Children's Cheering Carpet-Saltbush, children's performance, ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr. Details: Contact Art Play

● Sat, 30 May: Kanyini Retreat - a community learning experience, retreat location is Montsalvat Eltham. Details: http://www.kanyiniretreat.com.au/

● Sat, 30 May: Aboriginal Sites of Significance Tour and Demonstrations, Mia Mia Gallery in Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe. Starts: 10.30am

● Sat, 30 May: Rapprochement Indigenous Art Exhibition-Artist Floor Talk, Manningham Gallery, Manningham Municipal Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster. Starts: 2.30pm. Details: Call 9840 9367 to register attendance

● Sat, 30 May: City of Bayside Reconciliation Week, Corporate Centre in Royal Avenue, Sandringham. Starts: 2pm

● Sat, 30 May: Reconciliation Rocks - Activities Day, Iramoo Sustainable Community Centre, St Albans Campus Victoria University. Starts: 11am

● Sun, 31 May: Guard of Honour and Flag Raising for Aboriginal Returned Soldiers, The Shrine of Remembrance, Birdwood Avenue, South Yarra.

● Mon, 1 June: Contemporary Indigenous Youth Workshop, Manningham Arts Centre, 177 Foote Street, Templestowe. Starts: 5.45pm. Details: Call 9840 9246 to register attendance

● Mon, 1 June: Quaker Silent Vigil, outside old GPO, Bourke Street Mall. Starts: 12noon. Details: Margaret Sprong 03 9728 9010

● Tues, 2 June: Celebrate Reconciliation Week at Fitzroy Library, 128 Moor Street Fitzroy. Starts: 6.30pm. Details: Contact Yarra Libraries 1300 695 427

● Wed, 3 June: Our Land, Our Culture Environment Day, RMIT Stiggants Reserve, Warrandyte. Starts: 9.30am. Details: 9840 9246 to register your attendance

● Wed, 3 June: Mabo Day Concert, RMIT Kaleide Theatre, Building 8, Swanston Street, Melbourne. Starts: 1pm.

# Reconciling goes on



RECONCILIATION has been a part of Lismore, in northern New South Wales, for ten years. It continues all year round, but the month of May is busier than most with fundraisers, dinners, picnics, singing and more planned this year.

'Lismore People for Reconciliation' had its origins in a meeting at the Lismore Workers Club in 1998, seven years after the formation of the national Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation.

Aunty Fay Smith, Aunty Agnes Roberts and Judith Light were present at that first Lismore meeting. Along with Lismore City Council Aboriginal Development Officer Annette Olive, they formed the core of the Lismore Reconciliation Group in what members describe as 'a happening time'.

Many Australians will remember Sunday 28 May 2000, when a quarter of a million Australians walked across the Sydney Harbour Bridge in support of reconciliation.

Lismore had its own bridge-to-bridge walk the same day, when Aunty Fay led 1500 people across the Richmond River.

Bundjalung Elders were presented with four sorry books with personal apologies made to the Elders. Many signed up for the movement and also

for the 'Voices Together' choir.

Some changes have occurred since the early days. In 2001, the national Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation was renamed Reconciliation Australia. And Lismore People for Reconciliation became a branch of NSW Council for Reconciliation, receiving funding from the state body.

Lismore People for Reconciliation co-leader Thelma James summarises the biggest change: "It is okay to talk about Indigenous issues since (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd apologised."

Members of the Lismore group encourage communication, with time set aside for each participant to share information. Another reconciliation group from nearby Kyogle visited for a public showing of the TV series *The First Australians*.

Only Judith Light survives of the three women who met at the Lismore Workers Club in 1998. Aunty Fay and Aunty Agnes are sorely missed, but the Bundjalung Elders and the group's present members continue to organise and mobilise.

● There will be a reconciliation dinner from 6.30pm at local café and resource centre Gunnawannabe this Friday, 22 May. On Sunday, 24 May, there'll be a picnic at Lismore's Heritage Park from 10am to 2pm, featuring a performance by the Voices Together Choir.



Members of Lismore People for Reconciliation, back, from left, Judith Light, Steve Fitzgerald, Margaret Seydel and Robyn Sloper. Front, from left, Thelma James, Melanie Duncan and Pat Coughlan.

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Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

## Protecting Australia's Children Funding

Protecting Australia's Children Funding reflects the Australian Government's recognition that there is an immediate need for projects that advance the implementation of *Protecting Children is Everyone's Business: National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 (the National Framework)*.

On 30 April 2009 the Council of Australian Governments endorsed the National Framework. It is anticipated that Australian, State and Territory Governments will finalise an Implementation Plan for the first three years (2009-2012) of the National Framework by August 2009.

### Funding assistance

This time-limited funding is to support innovative projects that will be completed by 30 September 2009. The projects must:

- advance at least one of the six National Framework supporting outcomes
- be innovative, practical, on-the-ground services or activities targeted at children and young people at risk, carers, adult survivors of abuse, or people who work with children
- not duplicate existing services, activities or projects.

This funding round opened on 16 May 2009.

### Who can apply?

Non-government organisations with proven expertise and effectiveness in providing time-limited, targeted services for children in out-of-home care, early intervention services or prevention services.

### How to apply?

Information and funding packages are available online at [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au). Funding application packages are also available on request by email or phone.

Email: [child.protection@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:child.protection@fahcsia.gov.au)

Freecall: 1800 050 009

TTY: 1800 555 677

Applications must be made on the Protecting Australia's Children Funding Application Form and submitted by 2pm, 1 June 2009.

Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications to be lodged at the submission address:

### Protecting Australia's Children Funding

#### Tender Box

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Module B Reception

Tuggeranong Office Park

Athlton Drive

Tuggeranong ACT 2900

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

# Volunteers win praise



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle has paid tribute to 'unsung heroes' who have made significant contributions to

Indigenous communities around Queensland.

"National Volunteers Week (last week) is the perfect occasion to remember those volunteers who have made a positive contribution to Queensland's Indigenous communities," Ms Boyle said on Thursday.

"Anecdotal evidence tells us that volunteering in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities is extensive, especially informal volunteering.

"Many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a natural desire to help each other as well as strong connections to their extended families and communities.

"This means that volunteering is considered as a normal way of life – not as a separate, unique or complementary activity to their professional or personal lives."

Ms Boyle said the Queensland Government wanted more volunteering in communities across the State, and had set a target of increasing the number of Queenslanders involved in

volunteering to 50 per cent.

The theme of this year's National Volunteer Week was 'Everyday people, extraordinary contribution'.

Ms Boyle said organisations such as Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) were playing a special role in facilitating and supporting further volunteering activity in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

"This not-for-profit, non-government organisation is helping Indigenous communities build a stronger future," she said.

## ICV projects

"For example, ICV is working with communities to harness local opportunities, build local assets and overcome disadvantage by setting up local community development projects with the help of volunteers.

"Importantly, the organisation works in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities – working with Indigenous people, not for them."

In Mt Isa, for example, Indigenous community controlled health service Gidgee Healing is set to benefit from the ICV volunteers' skills and experience in organisational development.

The service delivers primary and allied health services to the Mount Isa area.



ICV management consultant Alex Clarke (centre) with Leona and Karen West at Gidgee Healing, an Indigenous Community Controlled Health Service based in Mount Isa.

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## Honouring Indigenous Returned Service Men and Women Shrine of Remembrance Service

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Richard Wynne, along with Aunty Dot Peters and the Victorian Indigenous Remembrance Committee invites you to attend the annual

### Honouring Indigenous Returned Service Men and Women Shrine of Remembrance Service

**Venue:** Shrine of Remembrance – Eternal Flame, St Kilda Road, Melbourne  
**Date & Time:** Sunday 31 May, 2009 at 11am

Please feel free to lay a wreath or a poppy at the conclusion of the Service. All are welcome.

## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

### Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



**Name of applicant** Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation.  
**Public comments due** 26 June 2009  
The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) is considering an application from Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. The area pertaining to the application has now been altered, and corresponds with the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. Among other changes, the application area now includes all of Wilsons Promontory National Park.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area
- any other relevant matter.

If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application for the amended area shown on the accompanying map, which can be sent to:

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat  
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne VIC 3001  
Email: [vahe@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:vahe@dpcd.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 03 9208 3243  
Fax: 03 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Nature Conservation Act 1992

### Intention to prepare draft management plans

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| Anderson Street Conservation Park                 | Kondalilla National Park*                  |
| Barnard Island Group National Park*               | MacKenzie Island Conservation Park         |
| Bustard Head Conservation Park                    | Mazeppa National Park*                     |
| Bottle Creek Conservation Park                    | Michaelmas and Upolu Cays National Park*   |
| Broadwater Conservation Park*                     | Minerva Hills National Park*               |
| Bulleringa National Park                          | Mount Aberdeen National Park*              |
| Cape Pallarenda Conservation Park                 | Mount Jim Crow National Park               |
| Capricorn Coast National Park*                    | Mount Scoria Conservation Park*            |
| Causeway Lake Conservation Park                   | Mount Whitfield Conservation Park          |
| Deepwater National Park*                          | Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 1  |
| Dipperu National Park (Scientific)*               | Mouth of Baffle Creek Conservation Park 2* |
| Epping Forest National Park (Scientific)*         | Narrien Range National Park*               |
| Eurimbula Conservation Park                       | Nicoll Scrub National Park*                |
| Eurimbula National Park*                          | Rundle Range National Park*                |
| Eurimbula Resources Reserve*                      | Rundle Range Resources Reserve*            |
| Flat Top Range Resources Reserve                  | Sheep Station Creek Conservation Park*     |
| Frankland Group National Park*                    | Smithfield Conservation Park               |
| Holbourne Island National Park*                   | Southwood National Park*                   |
| Hope Islands National Park*                       | Taunton National Park (Scientific)*        |
| Joseph Banks (Round Hill Head) Conservation Park* | Three Islands Group National Park*         |
| Kamerunga Conservation Park                       | Townsville Town Common Conservation Park   |
| Keppel Bay Islands National Park (Scientific)*    | Turtle Group National Park*                |
| Keppel Sands Conservation Park                    | Venman Bushland National Park*             |
| Kinrara National Park                             | Welford National Park*                     |
|   | White Blow Conservation Park*              |

Landholders, local governments, interested groups and members of the public including Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are invited to make written submissions suggesting how the protected areas listed above should be managed. Suggestions may include comments on any adjoining marine park areas.

All submissions will be considered and a draft management plan prepared for each protected area. A further round of comment will then be invited on the draft plans.

The areas marked \* in the above list have existing management plans which are under review and will be replaced by new plans. Suggestions for these areas can, but do not have to, relate to the existing plans.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the existing management plans and a guide to making a submission visit the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) website at [www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans](http://www.epa.qld.gov.au/parkplans), or telephone the DERM Customer Service Centre on 1300 130 372.

The closing date for submissions is 29 June 2009.

Submissions can be emailed to [parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au](mailto:parkplans@epa.qld.gov.au) or posted to:

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# Conference focus on



From Kullarri Regional Environmental Health (in blue shirts) were, from left, Cedric Tait, Emmett Clements, Rossy Phillips, Chicky Clements, Ray Christophers and Phillip Augustine. With them at right is Emama Ngundee Aboriginal Corporation (Derby WA) member John Brahmi.



Ken O'Brien, of the NT Department of Health, with Tarun Weeramanthri, of the WA Department of Health.



Adam McEwen, of the NSW Central Coast, and SA Health's Bradley Campbell.



Geoff Wright, from the Kullarri Health Service in Western Australia.

## Kalgoorlie plays host

**WA** A RANGE of issues of vital importance to Indigenous Australians was on the three-day program at the seventh National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Conference.

Held last week in the West Australian Goldfields city of Kalgoorlie, environmental health practitioners from across Australia heard experts discussing issues including climate change, food and water quality, animal management and workforce development.

Among the special guests was 'Queen of the Kimberley' Mary G, whose alter-ego Mark Bin Bakar also gave a keynote address. Organisers said they were pleased with the response to the conference.



Palm Islanders Bryan Conway and Walter Morgan, with Doomadgee's Tremaine Ned (right).



Matthew Lester, of WA Health, Melissa Stoneham, of Curtin University, and Kenan Bender, of the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Council.



Andrew D'Addona and Clayton Abreu, of Qld Health, with Michelle Major, of Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council, and Sonja Carmichael, of Qld Health.



Tait Farram, of Bega in NSW, Louie Bin Maarus, of Nirrumbuk Aboriginal Corp in Broome, and Lawrence Lukale, of the Shire of Ashburton Council (WA).

# environmental health

## Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet



The team behind the new [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/iehp](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/iehp) web resource, from left, Brendon Sherratt, Bradley Campbell, Thaddeus Nagas, Iris Prouse, Sonja Carmichael, Clayton Abreu, Jane Burns and Adam McEwen. They are pictured at last week's conference in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

# Resource a 'one-stop info shop'



INDIGENOUS environmental health practitioners now have a valuable new tool to help them with their work. It's a web resource that has been billed as a one-stop information shop for the several hundred Indigenous practitioners nationwide.

The resource, launched in Kalgoorlie last week at the seventh National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Health Conference, will give interested parties access to:

- Environmental health issues, such as waste management, food and safety and caring for country
  - Resources and equipment
  - Workforce issues
  - Regulations and standards
  - Programs and projects
  - Policies and strategies
  - Organisations and publications.
- The resource was a direct result of

## What is environmental health?

**E**NVIRONMENTAL health is defined as the branch of public health that is concerned with all aspects of the natural and built environment that may affect human health. Other terms that refer to the discipline of environmental health include environmental public health and environmental health and protection. Caring for country is a vital part of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental health practitioners' work, because of the strong links between Indigenous Australians and their home country.

recommendations from the 2007 conference, held in Cairns.

An all-Indigenous focus group oversaw development of the resource, liaising with the Edith Cowan University-based (Perth) Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet. The new resource can be found at [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/iehp](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au/iehp)

Focus group chair Sonja Carmichael, who works for Queensland Health, welcomed the development.

"It's great for all our environmental health practitioners," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"It's a major step in sharing knowledge, and it can only get better from here for all of us."

"We're hoping all our practitioners get involved, and that eventually we will have our own website."

● For more details on the new resource, call Jane Burns on (08) 9370 6163 or email [jane.burns@ecu.edu.au](mailto:jane.burns@ecu.edu.au)



Kirstin Ross, of Batchelor Institute in the NT, with Frank Mills of Qld Health in Townsville, at the conference in Kalgoorlie.



Perth-based Marr Moorditj health workers Raelene Tolentino and Kristie Taylor.



Christopher Blow, from Darwin, with Cherbourg's Patrick Alberts.

# Violence action call

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



ADVOCATES say Indigenous women must be strongly represented on any national advisory group resulting from a recent Federal Government strategy aimed at tackling family and domestic violence.

The 'Time for Action' report released in late April by the Federal Government made 117 recommendations.

But Aboriginal women want a special focus because of the higher rates of such violence within Indigenous communities, which have been calling for victims' services for years.

The Government says it will set up a national help-line, raise public awareness of the issue through schools and the media, examine the best way to deal with perpetrators and form a national advisory group.

Amnesty International, which had major input into the report's content, has welcomed its release, but warns that the report's recommendations need to be followed if violence against women is to be reduced. The human rights group's Indigenous Rights Co-ordinator, Rodney Dillon, said he didn't want to see the report gathering dust like others have in the past.

"I'm very cautious about this because other reports like the Deaths in Custody report and the Bringing Them Home reports did not see the recommendations implemented, so I'm hoping that these 117 recommendations are taken seriously," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"The money that has not been spent in the last 20 years dealing with these issues



Rod Dillon from Amnesty International and women's advocate Hannah McGlade want Aboriginal women to have a strong voice in the planned national advisory group to stop domestic and sexual violence.

may now have to be spent to make our families healthy again.

He said Aboriginal communities had been calling to have law and order and safe houses for the last 20 or 30 years.

"(There) should be family violence centres where women can go and feel safe," he said. "This is the start of looking after mother earth, and that is the mothers of our people."

Mr Dillon said there should be warnings about domestic violence on alcohol packaging, in the same way that tobacco

products carry warnings about cancer and other smoking-related illnesses.

"We find that alcohol and violence have travelled together, not only here in Australia but all around the world," he said. "If we had 'stop violence against women' on alcohol containers...I think that would be a start."

"That's only a small bit of it, but I think you need to have meetings in communities and to have signs up in schools and churches and everywhere, that this is not acceptable behaviour."

Nyoongar lawyer and Women Against

Violence advocate Hannah McGlade said there needed to be a dramatic increase in the number of services available to victims of domestic violence.

"There's real waiting lists for example for women who are victims of sexual assault," she said.

"You know the resources and the services are not presently there. We have a great waiting length in our courts so we need this continual investment from a societal level in the services."

"The recommendation for a national centre of excellence to oversee the efforts to end violence I think is a great one, but we really need to see the issue of violence against Aboriginal women fully included in a national centre."

"Aboriginal women are 35 times more likely to be a victim of violence, 10 times more likely to die of violence and our young people, particularly our girls, are at very significantly higher risk of sexual assault."

Mr Dillon said the Government should also look at successful programs such as one operating at Mount Theo outside Yuendumu in Central Australia.

"The Mount Theo program is probably one of the best community rehab centres in Australia, because they deal with the men and take them out on country and talk about what caused the problem in the first place," he said.

"Everyone in that region talks about it, and we should be looking at what's working, because some of the programs set up in other communities have failed."

The Federal Government has committed more than \$1 billion over the next four years to build new support services and public housing, and wants all states signed up to a national approach by early next year.

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# Chance for young people to trek the Kokoda Track



NSW RSL clubs are offering 11 young people aged 16-22 an all expenses-paid trip to Papua New Guinea to walk the entire 155km wartime trail, the Kokoda Track.

More than 2000 Australian soldiers died along the Kokoda Track between 1942-43, helping prevent the Japanese army from launching a full-scale assault on Australia.

At the conclusion of the trek, the group will visit the Bomana War

Cemetery, where 3819 Commonwealth soldiers are buried.

The group will be led by two trek leaders, assisted by a dozen local guides. Successful candidates will first have to pass a medical test and then undergo three months of training

to ensure they have the fitness and strength to complete the track while carrying a 25kg backpack through rugged terrain.

Visit [www.clubsnsw.com.au](http://www.clubsnsw.com.au) or email [kokoda@clubsnsw.com.au](mailto:kokoda@clubsnsw.com.au) for more information.

# Fun for the family

## Children's community group celebrates first anniversary

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



THE Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Early Years Community Group celebrated the

first anniversary of its incorporation on 9 May with a family fun day at Pioneer Park, in the Townsville suburb of Thuringowa.

More than 200 people attended, including representatives of the group's funders the Smith Family, Good Beginnings and the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

Local dance group Whantunah Jaban entertained the crowd.

The group runs an Indigenous playgroup, the Bibique playgroup, which was established about six months ago and is run by community members.

"This day was for the families involved in this organisation and children attending the playgroup," said Family and Community Worker Bonny Hoey.

"We want to spread the word about our community playgroup and the year ahead for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Early Years Community Group Inc."

Activities for the children included jumping castles, face painting, and dancing.



Whantunah Jaban dancers show the kids how it's done.



Ralda Sibley, back left, was there with her daughters Shayann Anderson, 10, and Kristen Anderson, 15.



There was a queue for the jumping castle.



Elder Lilian Willis enjoyed the company of her grandson Reggie Bligh.

## Land council gets \$20,000 for plans



THE Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council, Coraki, has received \$20,000 from the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority

(NRCMA) to prepare vegetation management plans for four properties under its management.

The plans will be prepared by community employment and environmental organisation EnvITE, and will focus on the native vegetation conservation and cultural values at the properties, identify the threats to these values and provide a plan of works to address the key threats.

Members of Bogal Local Aboriginal Land Council and the local community will have input into the plans.

The vegetation management plans can be used to secure further funding to train and employ Indigenous bush regeneration teams, to undertake the work recommended in the plan.

## \$110m for WA housing



A MASSIVE cash injection to build and repair homes in remote West Australian Indigenous communities will help improve appalling living conditions, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister

Jenny Macklin says.

Late in April, Ms Macklin announced \$110 million for new houses and major upgrades and repairs to existing houses for remote communities over the next four years.

The funding is part of the remote Indigenous housing national partnership with the WA Government, which will take responsibility for housing and tenancy management services.

Ms Macklin said it was the largest single investment to improve appalling living conditions in remote

Indigenous communities.

"Housing is central to protecting children, getting them to school, improving health and hygiene and shaping parents' everyday norms like going to work," Ms Macklin said.

"This funding will enable new houses and upgrades to be delivered in major communities in West Kimberley, including the remote service delivery sites on the Dampier Peninsula, Ardyaloon and Beagle Bay."

Ms Macklin, who last week visited the Ardyaloon community, on the Dampier Peninsula, said more than 1600 Indigenous children and their families in regional and remote areas would benefit from \$3 million for the expansion of playgrounds.

The playgrounds are part of a Federal Government expansion of playgrounds

program for Indigenous families which will support 36 playgroups across the nation.

"Playgroups offer mums and dads, grandparents, caregivers and children with an opportunity to get together in a relaxed environment and participate in music and singing, imaginative play, outdoor and free play and art and craft activities," Ms Macklin said.

Under the program, 12 playgroups will receive up to \$100,400 in the first year and \$91,000 in subsequent years to enable a co-ordinator to travel to communities for playgroup sessions.

Two intensive support playgroups will receive up to \$300,000 in their first year of operation and \$200,000 in each following year to provide purpose-built vehicles to transport play equipment to isolated and disadvantaged families. —AAP

## PUBLIC NOTICE - GANGULU PEOPLE'S AUTHORISATION MEETING

### AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANT APPLICATION OF THE GANGULU PEOPLE

The area that the Gangulu People's native title claim (QUD6144/98; QC97/036) covers is shown on the map below.

The Gangulu People native title claim group is described as comprising the descendants of William Toby 1st, and the named applicants include Echna Fraser, Viola Sheridan (Tuahine), Karen Austin, Lynette Blucher, Robert Toby Jnr and Louis Toby.

An authorisation meeting will be held in Rockhampton as follows:

**Date and Time:** Sunday, 31 May 2009 at 9.30am.

**Place:** Leichhardt Hotel Conference Room, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton

**Purpose of the Meeting:** to authorise proposed amendments to the Gangulu People's native title claim.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you:

- fall within the description of the native title claim group; or
- hold or may hold native title in relation to the claim area.

If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting, or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects Limited on (07) 4054 5389 or 0417 758 071 by Monday 25 May 2009 if possible, so that arrangements can be made for travel assistance, accommodation, catering etc.



## PUBLIC NOTICE - GANGULU PEOPLE'S AUTHORISATION MEETING

### AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GANGULU PEOPLE AND SANTOS FOR PART OF THE SANTOS/PETRONAS GLADSTONE LNG PROJECT

Santos Limited proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) with the Gangulu People to authorise the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline (and other necessary infrastructure associated with it) for part of the Santos/Petronas Gladstone LNG (GLNG) Project (the Proposed ILUA). The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.

The ILUA Area is covered by the Gangulu People's native title claim (QUD6144/98; QC97/036). That native title claim group comprises the descendants of William Toby 1st.

An authorisation meeting will be held in Rockhampton as follows:

**Date and Time:** Saturday, 30 May 2009 at 9.30am.

**Place:** Leichhardt Hotel Conference Room, Bolsover Street, Rockhampton.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** to authorise the Proposed ILUA between Santos and the Gangulu People.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you:

- fall within the description of the native title claim group; or
- hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects Limited on (07) 4054 5389 or 0417 758 071 by 25 May 2009 if possible, so that arrangements can be made for accommodation, travel, catering etc.



# It's time for Dreaming



AUSTRALIA'S  
international  
Indigenous  
festival, the  
Dreaming, will  
celebrate its fifth

year in June, with a notable line-up including a keynote address by 2009 Australian of the Year and Reconciliation Australia Co-Chair Professor Mick Dodson.

"The Dreaming festival is a wonderful showcase of Indigenous talent – a great gathering of proud people demonstrating strong, proud cultures," Prof Dodson said.

"It's an experience every Australian needs and deserves, and I'm very much looking forward to being part of it this year."

The festival will run from 6-9 June under the artistic guidance of Bundjalung woman Rhoda

Roberts at in the Woodford valley overlooking Queensland's Glass House Mountains.

The program will also include film and literature components, performing arts, food and wine, ceremony, exhibitions, performance artists, craft workshops, music program, street performers, musicals and a youth program.

## Experience

Festival organisers promise an authentic experience of Indigenous culture, with some 850 high-profile artists, performers, leaders and healers.

The opening ceremony will bring Arnhem Land songman Djakpurra Munyarrun and Australian Idol winner Casey Donovan together with The Gondwana Children's Choir making its debut performance along with 30 members of The

Sydney Children's Choir.

A highlight of this year's festival will see award-winning writer Alexis Wright and acclaimed actor Deb Mailman take part in the speakers' forums.

And Cairns indie band The Medics will join Microwave Jenny, the Maza Sisters, Blue King Brown and renowned didgeridoo player William Barton in a varied offering of the contemporary and traditional.

For more information on the festival, go to [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com). Readers will find a full wrap of the festival in *The Koori Mail*, edition 453 out on 17 June.

● Just a reminder that the closing date for applications by artists and performers vying for inclusion in next year's Dreaming festival is 31 May this year.

# Tasmanian anger at heritage threat

By DARREN COYNE



TASMANIA'S  
Aboriginal people  
are demanding  
control of their  
heritage as  
the State

Government plans to axe a whole department.

It was revealed last week that the Tasmanian Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts would be abolished as a cost-saving measure.

The decision comes as the Government tries to fill a \$1 billion state budget black hole, left by falling Commonwealth GST revenue.

The department of 700 staff encompasses the state's national parks as well as Heritage Tasmania and Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna said Aboriginal people wanted Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania handed back to them.

"We would also like to ensure that Aboriginal Heritage is not neglected and funding is maintained during this transition," she said.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said under the Government plan, Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania would be "thrown in the mix with Primary Industries, Water and Arts".

"Aboriginal Heritage deserves more than that," she told *The Koori Mail*.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Land and Sea Council Manager Fiona Newson backed Ms Mansell-McKenna's call.

"It's heartbreaking on a daily basis working for the Tasmanian

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– TAC's Nala  
Mansell-McKenna



Aboriginal community and having to go back and tell them that the Government has signed off on yet another culturally-sensitive site to be destroyed in the name of development and big business, and we have absolutely no control over the decision making of these government officials," she said.

"It's just another slap in the face by the State Government for Aboriginal people."

Ms Newson said the Tasmanian Aboriginal community had been given management of a number of sites around the state, including three cave sites in the World Heritage Area of the state's south-west.

"The Aboriginal Heritage Tasmania office was allocated millions of dollars to manage the World Heritage area, and yet not

one cent was given to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community," she said. "So where did all the money go? This is just one example of where we are held to ransom over the control of our own sites at a financial level by this department."

Premier David Bartlett confirmed that the state Department of Environment, Parks, Heritage and the Arts would be abolished, and said the move would save \$15 million and cost 30-40 jobs.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said she was dismayed at the lack of consultation with the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

"We will have to see what the outcome of these changes are but it is a good opportunity for the Government to hand back control of Aboriginal heritage to us," she said.

# Legal service hosts seminar



THE Aboriginal Legal Service of WA (ALSWA) hosted a seminar in Perth at the beginning of the month to let people know about the current national consultations on whether the nation needs a Human Rights Act.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said he believed it was important 'that our people's voice is included' in the consultation process.

"There needs to be a human rights-based approach if we are to see an improvement in the quality of life for our people and our communities," he said.

The forum, held at Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service, was facilitated by ALSWA lawyer Tammy Solonec, and featured guest speakers including Australian Human Rights Commissioner Graeme Innes, Amnesty International campaigner Rodney Dillon and Christine Fougere, from the Human Rights Commission.

Participants discussed human rights, responsibilities and their protection and promotion in Australia.



From left, ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington, Christine Fougere from the Australian HRC, Australian Human Rights Commissioner Graeme Innes, and Amnesty Indigenous Rights Campaigner Rodney Dillon at the seminar.

# Amnesty calls for rights law



AMNESTY International is calling for the introduction of a Human Rights Act to safeguard people's rights and freedoms.

The message comes as people have less than a month to have their say on whether the nation needs such a law, with the National Human Rights Consultation accepting submissions until 15 June.

Amnesty International has reiterated its call for the Government to use the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which it endorsed in early April, to reform law, policy and programs relating to Indigenous Australians.

The group's Indigenous Rights Co-ordinator, Rodney Dillon, said recent Government policies, such as the suspension of the *Racial Discrimination*

Act in the Northern Territory, had shown how vulnerable human rights were, if not formally protected.

"Translating (the Government's) endorsement of the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples into action should greatly assist the Government in its attempts to bridge the gap between the enjoyment of human rights by Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," Mr Dillon said.

Meanwhile, the Australian Human Rights Commission (HRC) has said concerns that a national Human Rights Act would fall foul of the Constitution can be confidently put aside.

Commission President Cathy Branson said the constitutional validity of a national Human Rights Act was questioned earlier this year by former High Court Judge Michael McHugh, who expressed doubts that elements of the

proposed model were constitutionally valid. She said, 'to clear the air', the HRC recently held a roundtable, bringing together leading constitutional and human rights lawyers, including Mr McHugh, to discuss the constitutional validity of a Human Rights Act.

"The roundtable reached unanimous agreement on a number of important issues," she said. "Most importantly, that a Human Rights Act can be drafted in a way that is constitutionally valid."

● To make a submission to the National Human Rights Consultation go to [www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au](http://www.humanrightsconsultation.gov.au). Submissions can be made directly to the website or you can write to National Human Rights Consultation Secretariat, Attorney-General's Department, Central Office, Robert Garran Offices, National Circuit, BARTON ACT 2600. Submissions will be accepted until 15 June.

## arts nsw

NSW Department of the Arts, Sport and Recreation

### 2010 Arts Funding Program

Arts NSW administers a range of arts funding opportunities including program and project funding, fellowships, scholarships and awards aimed at encouraging creativity in the arts and fostering a spirited cultural environment for New South Wales.

Details of the 2010 Arts Funding Program including Guidelines and Application Forms are available for download at [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au). Alternatively you can contact Arts NSW at Email: [artsfunding@arts.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artsfunding@arts.nsw.gov.au) or Freecall: 1800 358 594 (NSW) or Phone: (02) 9228 5533.

Applications close: 5:00pm Monday 6 July 2009

Applicants should ensure they have read the 2010 Arts Funding Program Guidelines before submitting an application.

### 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, Marulan; 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 8 July 2009.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at [www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing).

If you have any questions please phone Tanya Koenen, 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**  
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MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES

### Official Visitor Scheme

People from all cultural backgrounds who meet the essential requirements are invited to apply to become an Official Visitor for a NSW correctional facility.

Official Visitor appointments are made by the Minister for Corrective Services for a period of up to two years under the *Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999*. Official Visitors facilitate the resolution of complaints and inquiries made by inmates and staff within Correctional Centres, Periodic Detention Centres and some court cells throughout NSW. Official Visitors are required to visit the facility to which they are allocated, once a fortnight. They are required to provide reports to the Minister for Corrective Services and the Commissioner of Corrective Services.

**Essential requirements:** Successful applicants will demonstrate:

- The capacity to understand issues relevant to the Justice System and correctional facilities;
- An understanding of special needs and particularly the needs of Aboriginal people and people of non-English speaking backgrounds;
- Superior communication skills and experience in, or knowledge of, the use of conciliation and mediation techniques to solve problems.

Any person who is to any extent responsible for the management of, or who is employed at or in connection with, a correctional centre is not eligible to be an Official Visitor.

Appointments commence from 1 October 2009 for a period up to 30 September 2011.

An eligibility list may be created for future appointments.

**Remuneration:** NSW Official Visitors are paid according to the Guidelines for Board and Committee Members 2005, NSW Premier's Department. The rates are \$104 for a half day (up to 4 hours) and \$207 for a full day (in excess of 4 hours). Incidental expenses and travel costs incurred will be met.

**Information Packages:** Janet Ruecroft, Departmental Liaison Officer, Office of the Minister for Corrective Services, 02 9228 5661; e-mail [Janet.Ruecroft@robertson.minister.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Janet.Ruecroft@robertson.minister.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications in writing to:** The Minister for Corrective Services, Attention Janet Ruecroft, Departmental Liaison Officer, GPO Box 5341 Sydney 2001

**Closing Date:** 12 June 2009.

#### Public Notice

### General Meeting

#### Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services,

Thursday 28 May 2009, 11:00 a.m.

at Ngura Hostel, 118 Victoria St Ashfield 2131

**AGENDA:** The purpose of this meeting is to approve the new Rule Book as per the CATSI legislation. Copies of the draft Rule Book is available from the office, contact no. 02-97998446.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ray Longbottom President

Aboriginal Corporation for Homeless and Rehabilitation Community Services

#### HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

#### Aboriginal Community Meeting

4th June 2009

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority invites Aboriginal community members to discuss a range of natural resource issues at its Southern Highlands meeting in June.

The Aboriginal community meeting will run between 10-12pm at Wingecarribee council theatre. Wingecarribee Council Moss Vale. Lunch will be provided.

RSVP to John Lennis on (02) 4587 0059.

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## Cherbourg Safe Havens Service funding available

Non-government organisations are encouraged to apply for funding of up to \$630 000 per annum for three years to provide culturally appropriate support for Indigenous children experiencing family and domestic violence in Cherbourg.

This funding is aimed at meeting the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and family members affected by domestic violence.

For an information pack or details on the information session to be held in Cherbourg on Wednesday 20 May 2009, visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au) or phone 4125 9398.

Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Tuesday 9 June 2009.



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# Message Sticks Festival



Winner of the Bob Maza Fellowship  
Aaron Fa'aoso.



Winner of the SBS Indigenous TV  
Mentorship Award Eileen  
Nganayamea Torres.

## Industry award winners named

THE opening night of Message Sticks also saw the announcement of three Indigenous industry awards.

The Tudawali Award, named after Robert Tudawali who was born on Melville Island in the Northern Territory and became the world's first Aboriginal film star after landing a central role in the 1955 film *Jedda*, went to Jack Charles.

Charles began acting at the age of 17 and together with Bob Maza formed the first Aboriginal theatre company, Nindethana, in 1971. His life story has now been captured in the documentary *Bastardy*, which is due for release later in the year.

In making the announcement, Australian of the Year Mick Dodson said the award was going to an 'Aboriginal Elder who had pioneered Koori theatre in the early 1970s and helped shape the cultural landscape of Australia'.

"I am of course talking about Jack Charles," he said.

As he continued his speech, Prof Dodson suddenly looked up in surprise to see the award recipient already standing smiling and ready on stage next to him.

"You've come on a bit early for me Uncle," he joked. "I'm supposed to say nice things about you now."

Uncle Jack then delighted the audience by theatrically side-stepping out of the spot-lit area and standing on the extreme edge of the stage patiently waiting in the dark for his cue.

The Tudawali Award recognises an

individual who has made a significant contribution to the development of Indigenous media or the creation of a landmark body of work in film and television and consists of \$7000 in prizemoney and a Tokampini (bird) sculpture by Samuel Poantimulul, Robert Tudawali's nephew.

"I'm overwhelmed in getting this award," Charles said.

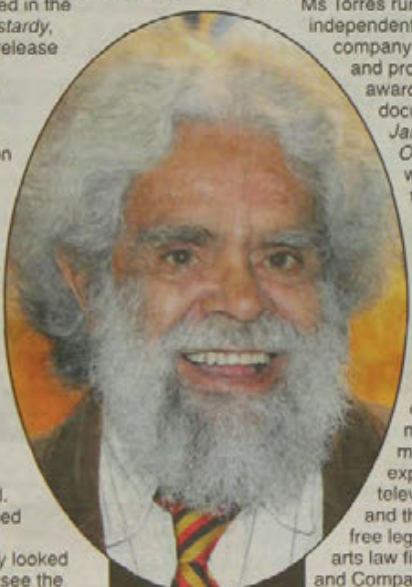
The SBS Indigenous Mentorship Award went to Eileen Nganayamea Torres, from the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

Ms Torres runs an Indigenous independent production company with her sisters and produced the award-winning documentary *Jarlmadangah - Our Dream* which won an award at the Cherokee International Film Festival.

The mentorship award includes travel to local and international festivals, conferences or markets, mentorship from experienced SBS television executives and three hours of free legal advice from arts law firm Terri Janke and Company.

Meanwhile, Torres Strait Islander Aaron Fa'aoso, who came to prominence for his role in the SBS series *RAN, Remote Area Nurse*, was awarded \$10,000 through the Bob Maza fellowship.

He has just finished shooting the second series of *East West 101* and said he would use the money to help pay for tutorials at the New York Film Academy where he planned to complete an eight-week master-class.



Winner of the  
Tudawali Award  
Jack Charles.  
Photo by KIRSTY  
SHADIAC



From left, Lia Pa'apa'a, Josh Bond and lead singer of Blue King Brown Natalie Pa'apa'a.



Indigenous media  
pioneer Lester  
Bostock with  
Maureen Bostock.



SBS Living Black's Allan Clarke and his  
mother Margaret West.



ABC's Message Stick presenter Miriam  
Corowa with Grant Saunders.



At the after-party were, from left, Miss Ellaneous, Marilyn Miller and Black Booty Supreme.

# marks 10th anniversary



Message Sticks curators and Most Outstanding Documentary Logie award-winners for *First Australians* Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale.



*Samson & Delilah* Producer Kath Shelper, actors Rowan McNamara (Samson), Mitjili Napanangka Gibson, Marissa Gibson (Delilah) and Director Warwick Thornton.

Photo by KIRSTY SHADIAC

## Four days of great films



Emily Corowa and Emelda Davis.



"Life is incredibly special and we need to hang on to it, and we need to look after our children."

These were the words of Indigenous film-maker Warwick Thornton after the credits of his film *Samson & Delilah* stopped rolling at the film's Sydney premiere and he, his producer Kath Shelper and the film's cast walked on stage at the Sydney Opera House to receive a standing ovation.

The 7 May gala event was also the opening night of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this year and featured four days of feature, documentary and short films made by established and emerging Indigenous directors.

Accolades flowed on the night for Message Sticks curators Rachel Perkins and Darren Dale, from Blackfella Films, who, as Wesley Enoch described it in his opening speech, 'just recently got a little lump of metal that says they're great' — a reference to their recent win at the Logies for the series *First Australians*.

The buzz surrounding *Samson & Delilah*, which has been selected to screen at this year's Cannes Film Festival, meant tickets to the Message Sticks opening night were a hot commodity.

Arts Minister Peter Garrett made mention of the traffic jams caused in Alice Springs at the film's Australian premiere, which he reckoned was almost better than



*Bran Nue Dae* Producer Robyn Kershaw with John Harvey who produced short film *The Farm*, which screened as part of this year's Message Sticks festival.

being selected for Cannes and Roy Billing, who played Bob Trimbole in the Channel Nine series *Underbelly: A tale of two cities*, found himself sitting on the red carpet in the theatre's aisle, after gracing the red carpet on arrival.

"How many movies do you have to sit on the stairs?" he remarked. "How good is this?"

Before the screening, *Australia* Director Baz Luhrmann said he had attended Message Sticks for the past three years and pronounced the Indigenous film industry to be the most

exciting thing currently coming out of Australia. "Tonight heralds the next wave," he said.

And there's still plenty more to look forward to. That was the promise made by Manager of the Indigenous Branch of Screen Australia Sally Riley who described *Samson & Delilah* as a 'coming of age'.

"This is a really important time in the history of Indigenous film-making, she said. "With eight more feature films in the pipeline, this is just the beginning."

Director Thornton said *Samson & Delilah* had been 'a long journey'.

"But it hasn't been a hard journey," he said. "If you really believe in something, nothing is going to stand in your way."

Acting newcomer from Alice Springs Marissa Gibson, who played Delilah, stayed close to her grandmother Mitjili Napanangka Gibson who speaks very little English and also featured as Marissa's on-screen grandmother in the film. Mitjili Napanangka Gibson was also the star of Thornton's award-winning short film *Nana* and created all the artworks for the film.

"She's got an exhibition opening here on the weekend," Marissa said, referring to her grandmother's solo show, which opened at Gallery Gondwana on Saturday 9 May.

"It's fun taking it all in... getting a standing ovation, that's amazing."

Visit [www.gallerygondwana.com.au](http://www.gallerygondwana.com.au) for details of Mitjili Napanangka Gibson's solo show which finishes on 24 May.



The young stars of *Samson & Delilah* Marissa Gibson and Rowan McNamara.



*Underbelly* actor Roy Billing with his wife Linda Tizard 'on' the red carpet.

# Fremantle hosts inaugural



Bianca May was named Most Promising New Act.



Bryce MC won R&B Album of the Year.



Jade Masters was WA Drummer of the Year.



ABOVE: Yabu Band won the Contemporary Album of the Year award.



LEFT: Fitzroy Express took home the Country Album of the Year award.



Nyoongar Elder Richard Wilkes giving the Welcome to Country address.



Gina Williams performing.



Naomi Pigram, the Female Vocalist of the Year.



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## IMPORTANT MEETING SECOND GUNAI/KURNAI NATIVE TITLE APPLICATION

Some land within the external boundary of the Gunai/Kurnai Native Title Determination Application VID6007 of 1998 (VC97/4) was not claimed. An authorisation meeting is being called to authorise the lodgement of a second native title application over all relevant land previously not claimed within the boundary of Gunai/Kurnai native title application.

Indigenous persons who have native title rights and/or interests in this area through descent from a Gunai/Kurnai ancestor (listed below) are encouraged to

attend this meeting.

The meeting will be held on:

Date: Saturday 13 June 2009

Time: 9:30am

Place: Kermot Hall, cnr Princes Drive & Monash Way, Morwell

The land to be claimed in the native title application falls within the external boundary of Gunai/Kurnai native title application as shown in the map below:

### Gunai/Kurnai ancestors include:

Jemmy Bull & Mary  
Bungil Narran  
Bungil Tay-a-bung  
Jimmy  
James Scott  
Charlotte Mercawan  
Merrigun Lucy Gould  
Edward 'Neddy' O'Rourke  
Charles Rivers Glunkong & Kitty  
Dan Bun-gyl Tambo & Kitty Wangung  
Charles Boldin/Bolden & Emily  
Clarke  
Old Darby Tar-loomba & Mary  
Tar-un-gook  
Charles Hammond &  
Annabella/Hannah McLeod  
King Tom Kee-lum-bedine & Mary  
War-gyle  
Old Ngary & Mary Woon-grook  
Timothy Bungil Barlijan &  
Patty Tu-duk  
Yallung/Tharnaberrang Kitty &  
Wookalnom/Dukalunern Mary  
Tommy Bumberrah  
Bungil Wrekallak  
Jack Chase & Kitty  
Billy Login/Logan & Mary  
George Thomas  
Wood-a-turn  
William McDougall  
John Wilson & Polly



If you are unsure if you are a descendant of a Gunai/Kurnai ancestor please contact Native Title Services Victoria on 1800 791 779.

Representatives of Native Title Services Victoria will be in attendance. Lunch will be provided. If you would like to RSVP, have any questions and/or require assistance with transport/fuel reimbursement, please contact Charmaine Singleton at Native Title Services Victoria on toll free 1800 791779 or (03) 9321 5300.



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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](http://www.deewr.gov.au/IndigenousStaffScholarships)

# Indigenous music awards



Female Artist of the Year and Gold 'n' Solid Artist of the Year Candice Lorrae was overcome.



Bass Player of the Year was Lorrae Coffin.



Peter Brandy was the Male Artist of the Year.



WAMI Indigenous Music Officer Phil Bartlett Jr.



AADS CEO Phil Bartlett Sr.

## Winners were just too solid

By KEN BOASE in Perth



MORE than 300 people packed the Fly By Night club in Fremantle on 6 May to witness the inaugural

Too Solid Indigenous Music Awards.

Something of a coming of age for Indigenous music in Western Australia, the awards were co-sponsored by the Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service (AADS) and the WA Music Industry (WAMI).

While there have been Indigenous categories in the annual WA Music Industry (WAMI) Association awards in the past, there has never been a set of awards for Indigenous artists covering excellence over a range of styles and gender.

WAMI Indigenous Music Officer Phil Bartlett Jr said the new awards would give due recognition to up-and-coming artists as well as artists who have been performing for a long time and deserve wider promotion and publicity.

"We wanted to hold an awards night to get something out there professional to give our young artists something to aspire to," he said.

"The first one had to go off with a big bang and having Naomi Pigram, Fitzroy Express, the Walkabout Boys and Gina Williams perform on the night was a huge bonus.

"These are acts that have been performing for some



AADS organisers Sandra Blurton-Wilkes and Denise Kickett on the night.



Boyde Stokes was Guitarist of the Year.

time and it has shown that there's a huge amount of talent in our Indigenous artists in WA."

The Too Solid night was opened by Nyoongar Elder Richard Wilkes who said the awards were an avenue for Aboriginal people to grow and be successful, adding to the many professional achievements of Indigenous people across Australia.

"There were a lot of people from the industry there on the night and they had never



Jason Bartlett was the Male Vocalist of the Year.

heard some of these acts perform even though they've been around for a long time," Mr Bartlett said.

"People from WAMI and others were amazed by all this undiscovered talent. We even had international music reps there on the night and they were excited by what they saw.

"All of the winners on the night will be promoted through the normal channels at WAMI and each person has won a fantastic prize to record their

music, and it's a stepping stone for them to go to the next level."

AADS Executive Director Phil Bartlett Sr said his organisation was keen to get involved with the awards to give a strong message about responsible use of alcohol, and to promote the service to the wider Indigenous and general communities.

"We use a range of methods at AADS for therapies including art and dance that go to help healing for people, and music is something we see to strengthen our spirit, and while we use modern instruments, the cultural message and the storytelling is part of our ancient history," he said.

"We've always known that we have great musicians among us, but we've never had a forum like this to showcase that and give those acts some bigger audiences so that the rest of Australia can hear them as well."

Mr Bartlett said the association between AADS and WAMI would go on, with AADS continuing to offer in-kind support to ensure the awards night was well managed and delivered a good professional base for the sponsors of individual awards.

He said he had received many comments from people who attended the awards night congratulating the organisers for such a unifying event between the different Indigenous language and cultural groups.

# Taste of success

## Black Olive's cuisine to be a feature



ABORIGINAL cuisine will top the menu with the launch of an innovative

business venture featuring the gastronomic delights of Mark Olive, widely known as TV chef the Black Olive.

Launched at Melbourne's Flemington Racecourse last week, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice Brian Tee congratulated the Aboriginal chef and Peter Rowland Catering Chairman Paul Lappin, for establishing a 'unique business partnership' featuring Aboriginal delicacies.

The new venture will incorporate Mr Olive's blend of Indigenous Australian cuisine into Peter Rowland Catering menus.

"Partnerships like these are about closing the social and economic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians," Mr Tee said. "We want successful Indigenous businesses in the Victorian economy, run by strong, skilled and dynamic Indigenous people."

Mr Tee said the joint venture was a great example of how



At the launch were, from left, Parliamentary Secretary for Justice Brian Tee, Black Olive Productions Director and Executive Chef Mark Olive, Black Olive Productions General Manager Sara Jones, Peter Rowland Catering Chairman Paul Lappin, Black Olive Productions Managing Director Mikael Smith and Peter Rowland Catering CEO Marcus Moore.

successful partnerships between Indigenous businesses and the private sector could work in Victoria, and more importantly would support Indigenous jobs creation in the industry.

"Beyond building an economic bridge between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians, this

initiative will also build a cultural bridge, by introducing Indigenous cuisine to the mainstream," he said.

Mr Tee said the Victorian Government was committed to strengthening ties between Victoria's Indigenous community and the private sector through the

Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Strategy.

"The strategy is led by the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group, which brings together 14 leaders from the Indigenous, philanthropic and business communities along with the Victorian Government, to

explore and generate economic opportunities for Indigenous Victorians.

"The group is particularly focused on helping young Indigenous people fulfill their potential, as well as improving workforce participation and growing Indigenous businesses."

## STOLEN WAGES

Deadline 31 May 2009

### What are Stolen Wages?

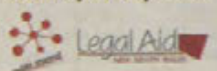
Up until 1969, the NSW Government placed wages, pensions and child endowment payments belonging to many Aboriginal people into trust fund accounts. When the trust fund accounts were closed, much of the money was never repaid. The NSW Government set up the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme to repay Aboriginal people the money that was held in trust and never repaid. This means that you may be able to claim unpaid money for yourself or on behalf of a relative who has died.

### NEW CHANGES FOR DESCENDANTS

Did you know that only family members who are registered may be entitled to receive a payment? You will need to register your own claim even if someone else in your family has already registered on behalf of your deceased relative. We urge every family member to check that they are registered before the deadline.

If you need help call LawAccess NSW  
on 1300 888 529 for your nearest  
Legal Aid NSW office.

You must register your  
claim by 31 May 2009



### Worimi Conservation Lands Registered Aboriginal Owners and The Worimi Community Plan Of Management Open Days

- Saturday 30th May 2009 at Karuah Community Hall  
16 Mustons Road, anytime between 10.30am and 2.30pm
- Saturday 13th June 2009 at Worimi LALC,  
2163 Nelson Bay Road, anytime between 10.30am and 2.30pm

The Worimi Conservation Lands (WCL) Board of Management is starting work on preparing a plan of management for the lands, and is seeking input from the registered Aboriginal owners and Worimi community.

The open days will be an opportunity to let the WCL Board of Management and NPWS know about the issues that are important to you and how you think they should be dealt with in the plan of management.

Information on the development of the Plan and the current management of the WCL will be on display.

NPWS staff and members of the Board will also be available throughout the day to answer any questions you may have.

Light food and refreshments will be provided on both days.

To register or for any further information, contact NPWS on (02) 4984 8204.

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



## Reconciliation awards the biz



THEY may say not to mix business with pleasure, but the adage is unlikely to ring true for Queensland businesses that enjoy being part of the reconciliation process between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Now, there's a chance for businesses who support the increasingly popular cause to be recognised for their efforts.

There's just a little under a week left for Queenslanders to nominate themselves or others in this year's Reconciliation Awards for Business.

The awards recognise and reward businesses, communities and individuals who embrace reconciliation and acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories.

"Reconciliation is a priority for Queensland. It's about acknowledging our past to help pave the way for a better future," said Premier Anna Bligh last week.

"This awards program provides an ideal platform for the community to celebrate the many important reconciliation projects and initiatives happening across our state."

Awards Ambassador and Queensland Rugby League great Steve Renouf said the awards were a great opportunity to highlight the many stories of success in the community.

Award winners will be announced at a presentation ceremony during NAIDOC Week (5 - 12 July) where a total of \$25,000 in prizemoney will be awarded for Emerging Business, Established Business, Community Organisation, Partnerships and the Premier's Reconciliation Award for Business.

Nominations close this Monday, 25 May. Visit [www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au](http://www.reconciliation.qld.gov.au) or phone (07) 3224 6817 for more information.

## Vic conference set to get down to business



HUNDREDS of delegates are expected to attend the second Indigenous economic conference, Yulkum-Jerang, in Melbourne next week.

This year's theme, Growing our Future, follows on from the inaugural Koori Business Network (KBN) conference in 2007.

This year's three-day event starting next Wednesday, 27 May, aims to provide stakeholders with an opportunity to share perspectives and enhance their opportunities for doing business. The goal is to stimulate more Indigenous business.

The conference will bring together the broader Indigenous business community with government, corporate and academic agencies to explore innovative opportunities in Indigenous economic development.

### Entrepreneurs

Delegates will hear from leading Indigenous entrepreneurs and business operators on their pathways to success and also have the opportunity to participate in business workshops on investment and financing opportunities.

KBN Manager Esmat Manahan said the emphasis this year would be on innovations, research, networking,

entrepreneurship and creating jobs.

She said the conference would also facilitate business improvement and partnership opportunities among stakeholders.

She encouraged all sectors, including emerging business and community groups, government agencies and the private sector, to take part.

Ms Manahan said that while the forum would maintain a strong state focus, she encouraged participation from outside Victoria as well as international delegates.

The Koori Mail is a media partner of the conference. Look for extensive coverage in Edition 452, out 3 June.

# Move to put directors on right course



INDIGENOUS business leaders are being encouraged to take part in a new course for company directors.

The Australian Institute of Company Directors (AICD) in partnership with the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is running the course next month.

Neil Willmetts, an Indigenous business leader who will take part in the course and also help co-ordinate the program, said he was pleased to join fellow Indigenous directors building their skills and knowledge of directorship.

"The AICD course is held in high regard in the corporate community because it provides the necessary skills and knowledge to successfully govern companies," he said.

"If as Indigenous business leaders we are serious about making a difference in the corporate world, we need the mainstream governance skills and practical experience that will make us an attractive resource to corporate Australia.

"This training is a starting point." Mr Willmetts said a total of 24 people would take part in the course, which will be held at Sanctuary



Indigenous business leader Neil Willmetts, who will take part in the course.

Cove in south-east Queensland.

AICD Queensland Manager Richard Moore said the course recognised the need to support the corporate governance education of Indigenous directors and business leaders.

"Directors are under intense pressure at the moment with these tough economic conditions," he said. "Sound knowledge of directors'

duties and corporate governance is important to everyone in the business community.

"AICD and DEEWR are committed to facilitating greater access to directorship development opportunities for Indigenous business leaders.

The course is a comprehensive program designed to provide directors with a full understanding of their duties and responsibilities.

All scholarship places on the program will be funded by AICD, DEEWR and the Australian business community.

Mr Moore said corporations could sponsor a place (valued at \$8200) and nominate a participant to attend the program, or alternatively sponsors could elect for DEEWR to fill the scholarship placement.

He said corporate sponsors confirmed to date include Visy (The Pratt Foundation), Suncorp Metway Ltd, Woodside Energy, ISS Facility Services, Iluka Resources, Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute and ETSA Utilities.

Mr Moore said there was still an opportunity for additional companies to sign on to support the participation of more Indigenous business leaders to attend the program.

For further information visit: [www.companydirectors.com.au](http://www.companydirectors.com.au)

To sponsor a participant, contact AICD Queensland on (07) 3222 5500.

## IBA helps to meet a vital need

IN this challenging economic climate the need to be able to build and sustain wealth has never been more important. Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders share this need, and organisations like Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) are dedicated to assisting Indigenous Australians to live in better circumstances.

IBA provides a range of commercial services and products for Indigenous Australians that include:

- Direct assistance for business success through initial business support, business finance and ongoing business mentoring services.

- Providing a range of competitive housing loan products to approved applicants

- Assisting Indigenous communities and organisations to participate in business through investment opportunities with IBA and private sector partners.

- Undertaking innovative housing, construction and infrastructure projects in remote Indigenous communities throughout Australia.

Many small to medium businesses fail due to poor management and support. IBA provides Indigenous Australians with tailored business finance but,

more importantly, planning and mentoring support to increase the prospects and development of the businesses. Demand continues to grow for this business support. In 2007-08, this program created or supported 244 jobs, 84 per cent of which were for Indigenous people. The rate of Indigenous home ownership (36 per cent in 2006) is significantly less than that of non-Indigenous Australians (71 per cent). Traditionally there has been a lack of tailored home loan products for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

IBA's home ownership service provides that gap product which has assisted more than 13,000 Indigenous families to buy their own home. Using their home as an equity base enables participation in further financial and commercial activities, providing a means for intergenerational transfer of wealth.

Historically, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples living on Indigenous land have not been able to buy homes because their tenure of the property was not secure enough to meet lenders' requirements. This has limited their ability to control their living conditions, improve long-term economic circumstances and transfer assets to future generations. IBA now offers affordable home finance products and support to meet this need.

IBA believes engagement with the private sector is the soundest way to build a significant asset base, but has historically been difficult for some Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. By brokering and supporting industry partnerships with Indigenous businesses, IBA participates in the growth of local economies, encourages Indigenous employment and assists Indigenous communities in exercising more control over their assets.

IBA is making a difference in the remote and rural communities. Their construction and facility management capability delivers essential infrastructure to communities, reducing the cost of construction in remote areas, increasing Indigenous participation in the construction of local houses and creating small businesses and self-employment through government outlays for housing.

Sustainability is the most important element in Indigenous economic development. IBA is assisting to build the foundations and equip Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to maintain their wealth and assets; to have greater control over their future.

● If you would like to find out more about what IBA has to offer, visit the website [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au) or contact 1800 107 107.



Participating in the Economy

with RON MORONY  
General Manager  
Indigenous Business Australia

# A tribute to women



AN exhibition featuring portraits of Indigenous women from around Australia will open in Melbourne tomorrow (21 May). The exhibition, *Tribute to Indigenous Women*, by Victorian artist Meg Davoren-Honey, is the result of four years of travelling and meeting women.

"My first trip to Darwin, four years ago, opened my eyes to a whole new world," Ms Davoren-Honey said.

"My first sitter was a happy young woman from the long grass. She told me all about living in the bush and other adventures.

"That was the inspiration to do something to bring attention to the bravery, patience, stoicism, happy and sometimes tragic plight of some of our very own people.

"I met other artists from Darwin, travelled to Tiwi Islands and met more ladies, some also artists.

"On my return to Melbourne, the desire to paint a vast range of Indigenous women almost overwhelmed me.

"(Artist) Bindi Cole organised for me to go to the Dandenong Indigenous Centre and see her father, Bryon Powell, and he introduced me to the staff and visitors.

"Then at Aboriginal functions I met more and so it went. For three years I have gathered information, painted portraits and learnt so much.

"This (exhibition) is my tribute to these women."

Ms Davoren-Honey said she hoped the exhibition would showcase the women's achievements and inspire young people to work towards their goals and dreams.

She said the subjects from Darwin were Barbara Hope, Mabel Cincald, Elenore



Artist Meg Davoren-Honey with some of the portraits included in the exhibition, *Tribute to Indigenous Women*.

Brooks, Hopie Manakgu, Sondea Nampijmpa (artist), and Joyce Johnstone (artist).

From Tiwi Islands she painted artists Ita Tipungwuti and Theresa Purantatameri, and a young woman called Laura she met walking along the road.

From Melbourne, subjects included Joy Murphy, Pamela Pedersen, Deborah Cheetham, Bindi Cole, Terri-Lee Mobourne, Laura Jennings, Terri Clark, Tracy Vanbeek, Kate Parrott and Helga Lehtinen and her daughter Anja Cruse. The exhibition will be held at the

Victorian Artists' Society, 430 Albert Street, East Melbourne, until 26 May and at Tjanabi, Federation Square, Melbourne from 27 May.

The exhibition will be opened by Indigenous footballer Michael Long, who the artist painted for the Archibald Prize.

# Paul Kelly a hit with students

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



WHEN 19-year-old Maia Akiba first came to Djarragun College eight years ago, most of what he knew of music was the popular Island reggae from his Torres Strait home of Saibai Island.

Now he is a proficient guitar player and about to embark on the next stage of his journey by leaving his close-knit school community in Gordonvale, south of Cairns, to start a mechanic traineeship in Ingham.

It will be a big move for the softly-spoken young Torres Strait Islander, but one for which he feels ready.

He will not easily forget the day Australian music icon Paul Kelly came to visit and joined him and fellow school band members on stage with a funky reggae version of *To Her Door*.

Later that night, when a group of students and teachers saw Kelly live in concert, he dedicated a song to the school and the school band.

They were chuffed, to say the least. And surprised that the man on stage who hundreds of people were cheering for and singing along to the lyrics was the same one who had joined them for a jam at their school and spent the whole day just listening and chatting with them.

Long-time music teacher John Grace said music had kept many

of the students on track at school, fostering a love of learning and a path for further education. Many, like Maia, have gone on to learn trades and finish apprenticeships.

Some former students are completing university degrees. One of the latest Djarragun College graduates is half way through a law degree at James Cook University.

## 'Home away from home'

Most of the students come from Torres Strait and Indigenous communities across Cape York and Yarrabah to a 'home away from home' where their culture is integrated into the school curriculum.

Mr Grace said the Paul Kelly visit had been a boost for the

whole school, including a few excited parents when their children called to say Kelly was dropping in.

"I think Paul Kelly found our school very interesting and had a positive experience," he said.

It was Kelly himself who contacted the school after he heard about its 'Back on Track' program that aims to keep young people out of juvenile detention.

But Mr Grace said the most important aspect of the school, of which Aboriginal leader Noel Pearson is patron, was the core philosophy of identifying with culture.

The students meet in their cultural groups throughout the day, among a host of other cultural activities. Mr Grace said it

was the kind of school where traditional music and song sat comfortably alongside contemporary genres like hip-hop.

Both, he said, were listened to at the school, but not at the risk of disconnecting students with the modern world. The school discos still pump out the likes of Eminem and Chris Brown.

For Maia, however, it is always reggae that is top of his play-list, his favourite being South African artist Lucky Dube.

For now, though, he has his sights firmly on the future, and with a Certificate III in Mechanics under his belt and his final term at the college fast approaching, he is just months away from leaving the schoolyard behind for good.



Paul Kelly jamming with Djarragun College students Maia Akiba and Iona Nawakie.

## Legal centre backs \$1000 art award

THE Illawarra Legal Centre and Wollongong Council have joined forces to support an Indigenous artwork, which takes its inspiration from the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Indigenous artists could win \$1000 by creating a two-dimensional artwork, reflecting a quotation from the declaration: "Recognition of the inherent dignity of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world."

A selection of entries and the prize-winning work will be displayed in the Old Court House, Belmore Basin, Wollongong next month.

Entries close on Friday 5 June 2009. For more information go to [www.illawarralegalcentre.org.au](http://www.illawarralegalcentre.org.au)

# Mark Bin Bakar to head ATSIAB



MARK BIN BAKAR



FEDERAL Arts Minister Peter Garrett has announced the appointment of Mark Bin Bakar as the new Chairman of the

Australia Council for the Arts' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board (ATSIAB).

Mr Garrett also announced composer Dr Matthew Hindson, AM, as the Chairman of the Australia Council's Music Board, and said both men would bring significant career and life experience to their new positions.

"With a career spanning more than 20 years, Mr Bin Bakar is a significant figure in the preservation of Australian Indigenous culture through the arts, much of his adult life having been dedicated to encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to claim, control and enhance their cultural inheritance," the Minister said on Thursday.

Mr Bin Bakar, a Broome-based

musician, comedian and radio announcer well-known for his comedic alter-ego 'Mary G', will take over the reins from educator Dr Chris Sara.

"He was recognised for this lifetime of work in 2007 when he was awarded the NAIDOC Person of the Year and in 2008 when he was nominated for Australian of the Year, Mr Garrett said.

"Mr Bin Bakar will bring a new level of insight and experience to the ATSIAB, the Council's lead authority on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, and the key promoter of the integral link between these cultures and Australia's national identity."

The Australia Council for the Arts is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body. It invests in artists and arts organisations working in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts, community partnerships, dance, literature, music, theatre, visual arts and multi-artform practices.

# Trip an eye-opener

By NEELIMA CHOAHAN



ON his maiden trip to India, Aboriginal artist Otto Jungarrayi Sims was often mistaken for a

Jamaican.

But the Yuendumu resident has enjoyed educating the Indian people about his rich heritage.

"People did not know there were Indigenous people in Australia," he said.

Mr Sims, along with his wife Ormay Nangala Gallagher, was in New Delhi as part of a recent first-ever Indigenous Australian art exhibition in India.

Organised by the Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation, the show featured 85 paintings, including Sims' 'Yankirri Jukurrpa, or Star Dreaming', which sold for \$A6700.

Featuring 43 artists, Desert Dreamings was a mix of new and established painters, including such well-known names as Judy Watson and Paddy Japaljarri Sims.

### Grossed \$45,000

The paintings started at \$A200 with the most expensive, Shorty Jangala Robertson's 'Water Dreaming', the first one to sell at \$A16,558.

Warlukurlangu Artists Aboriginal Corporation Manager Cecilia Alfonso said the show, which was two years in the making, was received beyond their expectations.

"We sold about 30 paintings for more than \$A45,000," she said.

"It is a completely new market and everyone is affected by the economic downturn.

"But we are very pleased with the results."

The unsold paintings are to



Water Dreaming intrigues Indian student Pratik Sharma.

remain in India and will be exhibited at an art gallery near New Delhi.

Ms Alfonso said the exhibition attracted a lot of attention from curious punters.

"One of the things we strive to do is to help raise awareness of Indigenous culture," she said.

"Just being here has been nice because we have been able to engage with a large number of people."

Indian student Pratik Sharma said at first he found the swirls and dots of Robertson's 'Water Dreaming' just a confusing blur.

However, after a careful look, the 21-year-old budding photographer said he began to see some meaning in the intricate motifs.

"I am seeing this kind of a painting for the first time," he said.

"It looks interesting but I am trying to find out what is it exactly."

Ms Alfonso said the Indian audience had asked a lot of questions about the art and were intrigued by the non-representational way of

telling a story.

"The Indian people have been very receptive to the colour and to the aesthetic," she said.

"And they find it interesting that the art is so abstract and that it tells a story."

Ormay Nangala Gallagher said people had been really curious about her painting, 'Yankirri Jukurrpa Ngarlikurlangu, or Emu Dreaming'.

"People ask me 'what is this big arrow'?"

"And I said, 'that's an emu track'," she said.

"They ask me 'what's' this circle?"

"And I say 'we use this as a symbol of waterholes and camps.'"

Mr Sharma said he had been fascinated by the striking colours used in the paintings and the exhibition had piqued his interest in Aboriginal art.

"It is a bit of an eye-opener because it is really different from Indian art," he said.

"The first time you see them you get attracted."

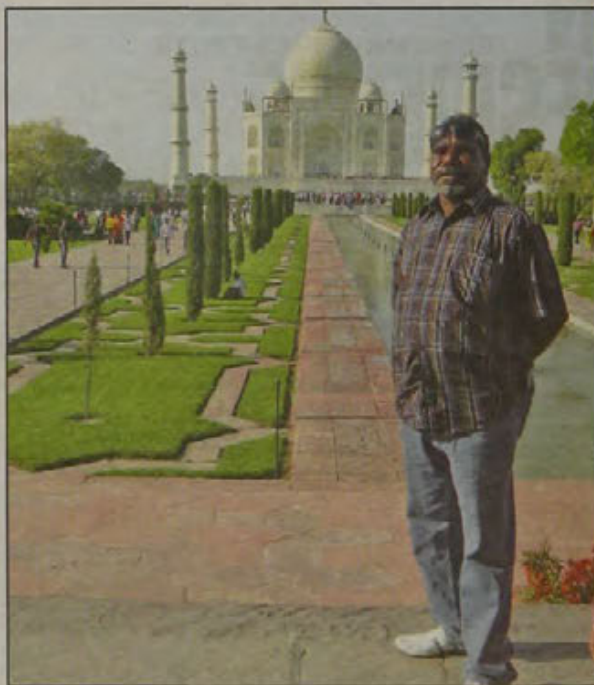
"The bright colours make me feel happy."



Otto Jungarrayi Sims and Ormay Nangala Gallagher at the first Aboriginal art exhibition in India.



Ormay Nangala Gallagher with her work 'Yankirri Jukurrpa Ngarlikurlangu, or Emu Dreaming'.



Otto Jungarrayi Sims outside the Taj Mahal in India.

# Partnership boost for Torres Strait

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ASPIRING Torres Strait artists will be able to access skills development training in their home communities under a new partnership between the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) through the Gab Titui Cultural Centre, and Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE (TNOIT).

Under the Artistic Skills Development Partnership, week-long visual arts training workshops will be delivered on four Torres Strait islands – Iama, Boigu, Poruma and Mabuiag – to equip locals with skills and knowledge to further develop their arts practice.

TSRA Chairperson Toshie Kris said Gab Titui secured \$40,000 through Arts Queensland's Building Skills and Opportunity Fund to build the capacity of outer island communities in order to support an economically-viable arts sector.

"The workshops will cater for artists at beginner through to intermediate levels, covering practices such as lino-cutting and screen printing," he said.

"There is an opportunity for workshop participants to increase their profile and enhance their incomes through the sale of their products, as artworks produced may be exhibited at Gab Titui Cultural Centre and could also be featured in Indigenous art fairs in

Cairns and Darwin later this year.

"The workshops will incorporate an analysis of training needs on each island, providing participants with information."

Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE Director Jo Pyne said TAFE was proud to be partnering with Gab Titui to increase training opportunities.

"This is a great initiative because it combines the strengths of the two partner organisations – TAFE's training delivery expertise and Gab Titui's capability to support career development and provide exhibition and sales services to artists," Ms Pyne said.

Torres Strait Regional Authority Portfolio Member for Arts and

Culture David Bosun, said the partnership provides a proactive approach to better service delivery in the Torres Strait. "These workshops provide different levels of artistic skills and the participants will be able to take on these ideas and continue to make artwork as Gab Titui now sells all the art materials that can be freighted directly to each island," he said.

"All of these initiatives aim to help artists on the outer islands by allowing them to work and stay in their own community."

The workshops will be delivered by experienced TAFE art teacher Diana Abiad, who has wide experience working with Indigenous artists.



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# Film proves a major hit



THE film *Samson & Delilah* has proved itself a box office hit in Australia.

The film had the highest per screen average for any Australian film since the release of *Lantana* in 2001.

*Samson & Delilah* tells the love story of two Aboriginal teenagers in a remote community in the Central Australian Desert.

Director Warwick Thornton said on 11 May it was great to have a hit.

"This is very, very cool – we're all so buzzing. It is a great feeling to know that as I fly off to France, the Australian public is looking after our baby *Samson & Delilah*," he said.

Thornton was flying to France for a screening of the film at the prestigious Cannes International Film Festival.

He was travelling with producer Kath Shelper and the two 15-year-old lead actors, Rowan McNamara and Marissa Gibson.

The film was due to screen at the festival in the Un Certain Regard section last Saturday.

Un Certain Regard is reserved for films that express a personal vision, with an emphasis on special cultural expression and cinematic innovation.

Meanwhile, cinemas across Australia reported sold-out sessions during the opening weekend.

Natalie Miller, from the Nova Cinema in Melbourne, said it was great to see long queues for an Australian film.

"Nova Carlton is so proud that an outstanding film has been so well received by our audience," she said.

"You can just feel the sense of excitement from the



The two 15-year-old lead actors from *Samson & Delilah*, Rowan McNamara and Marissa Gibson.

audiences who are seeing the film – that wow, this is an incredible film and it's an Australian film.

"It's really captured the imagination of film-goers."

In its opening weekend, the film made \$199,163 on just 12 screens for an enormous screen average of \$17,170.

The box office news capped off an extraordinary week. The film received a standing ovation on the opening night of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival at the Sydney Opera House.

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# Rich art prize finalists named



**FINALISTS** for Australia's richest Indigenous contemporary art awards have been announced.

West Australian Culture and the Arts Minister John Day said 15 artists and one artists' group had been chosen from a field of 213 nominations.

They are now finalists for this year's WA Indigenous Art Awards exhibition, which has a total prize pool of \$65,000.

The awards comprise of the WA Indigenous Art Award of \$50,000, the WA Artist Award of \$10,000, and the People's Choice Award of \$5000.

The \$50,000 WA Indigenous Art Award will be awarded to the artist whose work in the awards exhibition is considered

by the selection panel to be the most outstanding.

The \$50,000 award winner and \$10,000 recipient will be announced at the opening event on Friday 24 July.

The People's Choice Award of \$5000 will be presented at the end of the exhibition season to the finalist who receives the highest number of visitor votes.

The exhibition will be displayed at the Art Gallery of WA (AGWA) from 25 July 2009. Entry to the exhibition is free.

Mr Day said the awards, in their second year, received 213 nominations from arts organisations nationally.

"This is a significant increase on the 157 nominations submitted for the inaugural awards," he said.

"I am proud to highlight that of the selected finalists, seven artists and the artists' group are from WA, illustrating the high standard of work being produced by WA artists."

Indigenous artists were nominated by their peers and selected by a panel.

The selection panel consists of Keith Munro, curator of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA) in Sydney; Judith Ryan, senior curator of Indigenous Art at the National Gallery of Victoria; Clotilde Bullen, curator of Indigenous Art; and AGWA Director Dr Stefano Carboni.

The 15 artists and one artists' group selected to exhibit in the WA Indigenous Art Awards 2009 are:

Tony Albert, of Brisbane, Lorraine Connelly-Northey, of Swan Hill, Victoria, Timothy Cook, of Melville Island, NT; Nici Cumpston, of Adelaide, SA; Gali Yalkarriwuy Gurruwiwi, of Elcho Island, NT; Ricardo Idagi, of Mer Island, Torres Strait and Melbourne Vic; Brian McKinnon, of Geelong, Vic; Doreen Reid Nakamarra, of Kiwirrkura, WA; Yinarupa Nangala of Kiwirrkura, WA; Dennis Nona, of Brisbane, Qld; Tiger Palpatja, of Amata Community, SA; Christopher Pease, of Perth, WA; Shane Pickett, of Perth, WA; Spinifex Artists Group - Women's Collaborative of Tjuntjuntjara community, WA, Great Victoria Desert; Wakartu Cory Surprise, of Fitzroy Crossing, WA; and Daniel Walbidi, of Bidiyadanga WA.

# Busy time ahead

## More exhibitions, five-year business plan, study in pipeline for Cairns artist

By Cairns Correspondent  
**CHRISTINE HOWES**



A FIVE-YEAR business action plan executed within just three years means that Cairns-based artist Lisa Michl Ko-manggen will be somewhat busy for the next six months.

Earlier this month Ms Michl opened her own curated exhibition, 'Ngai Ngaka Pital' (Returning Home), at the Cairns Regional Gallery with the support of Noel Pearson and renowned didge player David Hudson. Mr Pearson said in his foreword to Ms Michl's catalogue that he first met Lisa and her brother, activist Shaun Edwards, when they were teenagers, 'knocking on the doors of the Cape York Land Council in the early 1990s, seeking support for the land rights of the Koko Berra'.

"These siblings were the most precocious of all of the people concerned with matters of land rights and culture that I have ever met," he said.

"I am astounded when I reflect back on the diligence and rigour which they applied to their learning of the culture and traditions of their people, their fidelity to their Elders and the efforts they made to gain an intimate knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing relationship with, their traditional homelands."

"Lisa's art is much the product of an extraordinary cultural determination."

Over the year ahead, not only will Ms Michl need to be painting for two new exhibitions in the NT and NSW, she's also looking at tertiary study and a further series of meetings with her business manager aimed at redeveloping a plan to work on over the next five years.

"He's helped me develop my business plan and within that plan I identified an action plan which I've been implementing over the past three years," Ms Michl said of her business manager.

"So I've been able to set clear goals for my business and a clear direction for my artistic career."

She also volunteers as chairperson of UMI Arts and is a member of the National Indigenous Arts Reference Group, part of the Australia Council.

"That kind of experience over the past few years has all assisted me in developing my professionalism as an artist."

"I guess more recently in the past few months I'm being seen as a role model to other Indigenous artists who would like to work as independent artists as opposed to working through art centres."

"Because of that, they're approaching me to mentor them or they're asking me questions on where they can get seeding assistance to develop their artistic career."

She said the works at this most recent exhibition were a result of her spending time on her country on the central west coast of Cape York, with Elders and family over the past six-12 months.

"The exhibition was basically an opportunity for me to tell the stories and exhibit my new work which are in fine art paintings, lino cut prints and etchings," she said.

"The works in this exhibition spoke about that time, spoke about the stories that I heard from my Elders, and spoke about the stories that were handed down to me."

She said the launch was very successful, with more than 300 people in attendance.

"It was very busy and I actually made a few sales, which is a bonus," she said. "It was fantastic."



Guests at Lisa Michl Ko-manggen's self-curated art exhibition launch.

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Lisa Michl Ko-manggen with didgeridoo player David Hudson.

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# Seaman Dan sails home with last CD

By MARGARET SMITH



IN what he insists will be his last CD, Torres Strait-based singer Seaman Dan's *Sailing Home* could scarcely

have been more aptly-named.

Sitting at Pegasus Studios in the hills above Cairns, the old gentleman recalls a lifetime of adventure and accolades.

And, while the 79-year-old is recovering from ill health and an eye operation, his deep voice is as mesmerising and tuneful as ever.

*Sailing Home* is a collection of ballads, Torres Strait music, reggae and blues songs written by Seaman, The Waifs, the Pigrum Brothers, Shane Howard, and his co-producers and collaborators Dr Karl Neuenfeldt and Will Kepa, and recorded by Cairns-based music engineer Nigel Pegrum.

On the CD, some old favourites such as *Saltwater Country* are given a new heartfelt treatment and there's a sultry cover of Otis Reading's *Dock of the Bay*.

But the great surprise are songs such as *Sailing the Southeast Wind*, *Water and Lighthouse* which have quite complex musical accompaniments and Torres Strait-style choir backings.

*Mango Rain* is a love song with some play-song language and a jazz beat, *Mak Taim* is based on traditional fast-beat Torres Strait Islander dancing songs, while *Full Fathom Five* is a moving tribute to a pearl diver left behind.

Seaman Dan's great-grandfather Douglas Pitt came from Jamaica and other ancestors came from Polynesia and Melanesia. Seaman Dan himself was born on Thursday Island in 1929 and spent decades working

looking for," he recalls.

Seaman Dan became a ship's captain for Burns Philp where he says they treated him with respect.

He explains that when he was in Darwin he got a job in a butcher's shop and was invited to play in the local hotel. He played a combination of jazz and blues 'because during World War II the African Americans used to come to our parties and play their music'.

Seaman Dan would sing Nat King Cole's *Sweet Embraceable You* and *Making Whoopi*, but 'once the audience knew I was from Thursday Island, they would ask me to sing old T.I.'.

In 1999 he got his big break when popular music specialist Dr Karl Neuenfeldt, whom he describes as 'a true gentleman' visited Thursday Island and offered him a recording contract.

Now Seaman Dan has five CDs to his name, the first four being *Follow the Sun*, *Steady Eddy*, *Perfect Pearl* and *Island Way*. He won the ARIA Award for Best World Music recording in 2004 and the Australia Council's Red Ochre Award in 2005 for his contribution to Indigenous music.

Seaman Dan has done a lot of travelling in his time, mainly with his guitar, so he is more qualified than most in his observations of music.

"The way I see it, music brings people together," he said. "Everyone's smiling, everyone's one people. I love that."



Seaman Dan and, below, the cover of his new album.



as a trochus and pearl diver.

"The pearl shells are so camouflaged that you really do have to know what you're

## Mental health group opens office in Bourke

**NSW** MENTAL health group the Richmond Fellowship of NSW (RFNSW) has opened a new Service Centre in Bourke, north-western NSW. RFNSW CEO Fred Kong said the new office was part of

a three-way partnership with the Greater Western Area Health Service of NSW Health and the Department of Housing as part of the statewide implementation of the Housing, Accommodation and Support Initiative (HASI). "This is part of our ongoing commitment as an

organisation to provide culturally-appropriate support to Indigenous people experiencing the effects of mental illness," he said. "The HASI model being developed will provide culturally appropriate methods of supporting the Indigenous community in Bourke and

surrounding areas. The development of the Indigenous model will assist Indigenous clients as well as the whole family in dealing with mental disorders and decrease the stigma attached to mental illness in the community." Mr Kong said the new approach recognised the need

for culturally-appropriate services as part of a holistic model of support. "Instead of the conventional one-on-one approach we'll identify and work with a wellness cluster within the community to give that client the best possible chance of recovery," he said.



A group photo of participants at the HATs course run by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

## HATs on course

By Cairns Correspondent  
**CHRISTINE HOWES**

**QLD** CAPE York communities in north Queensland have taken another step towards self-control of their health services with the completion last week of a series of workshops. Run by the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS), the workshops involved people who will be members of local Health Action Teams (HATs) in their communities.

The promised move from government to self-control has been overseen by the Cairns-based Apunipima Cape York Health Council (ACYHC), which has been working on the project for several years.

The HATs will be critical to communication between the actual health services delivered to communities – whether by their own medical service or visiting specialists – and the administration role to be taken on by ACYHC.

Last week, HAT members from Aurukun, Lockhart River, Coen, Pompuraaw and Kowanyama attended the final in a series of RFDS-run workshops held in Cairns aimed at supporting their evolving roles.

Community control 'doesn't happen overnight', said RFDS project officer Liz Kyle. "As project officer I was looking at community capacity of the HATs towards taking on some of these changes – for them to be able to understand what is happening next around community control," she said.

"It has been three years of capacity building and training, and working closely with ACYHC.

community to get some training in capacity development and community development," he said.

"They've also put their hands up to be a reference point in the community ... and to work with us on planning locally.

"These are dedicated, strong people who want to see change in their communities and basically are putting their money where their mouth is."

ACYHC Chair Bernie Singleton said

Dr Wenitong said the move to community control was a big step.

"It's probably going to be one of the biggest regional community-controlled services in Australia, possibly across the world, so this is really big," he said.

"There are lots of challenges but it's all worthwhile in the end. It's a really good model.

"From a clinical perspective, we really need to continue to work with the HATs along a whole lot of things."

Dr Wenitong said ACYHC wanted to see an Indigenous health service manager in each primary health-care centre in Cape York, and for the HATs to work closely with them.

Lockhart River Elder Veronica Piva, who also manages the community's Home & Community Care Centre, said self-belief was critical.

"Firstly you have to believe in yourself and your mob," she said.

"And also you have to create a future for what you're planning for the health of our people. And don't wait.

"We have to better ourselves, go on to further training, go on to become doctors or nurses.

"This is the only way we can do it, and you can't wait for somebody else to do it for you."



**'We have to better ourselves, go on to further training, go on to become doctors or nurses'**

– Lockhart River HAT member Veronica Piva

"I guess we're hoping it has taken them to that level where they can now move on with some of the things ACYHC are putting together."

ACYHC Senior Medical Officer Dr Mark Wenitong said the HATs were the 'real key' to the process at every step along the way.

"HATs are community members who have volunteered to work in teams in their

HATs were the ones who would be able to say when and how health services were delivered in their respective communities.

"We need to put culture into health ... and that's where you (HATs) will help us," he told the group.

"You're the ones who ... will be able to say 'this is the way services are delivered in our community', when it's delivered and how it's delivered."



Aboriginal nurse David Copley all smiles at the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards.

## Aboriginal nurse wins praise at national awards



AN Aboriginal nurse was a finalist in the HESTA Australian Nursing Awards, while a midwife

working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women took out the top honour.

David Copley, of Kaurna descent, was recognised in the Graduate Nurse of the Year section for developing a ground-breaking approach to Aboriginal mental health services and a mental health awareness program for Aboriginal teenagers.

And that recognition came in the year after he received his Bachelor of Nursing degree from Flinders University in South Australia.

"I worked in the disability field for 18 years, starting off as a nursing attendant then doing a Diploma of Applied Science in Developmental Disability," Mr Copley said.

"The illness amongst my people seemed to be getting worse and worse and nothing was happening. I thought this is crazy; I want to participate in changing this. So I decided to become a nurse."

For his undergraduate research project, Mr Copley investigated Aboriginal mental health. After completing his Bachelor of Nursing he continued studying, becoming the first



LYN OLSEN

Aboriginal nurse in South Australia to complete a Graduate Diploma – Mental Health Nursing.

"We talk about one in five people having a mental health issue, but for Aboriginal people, depending on where you are or which community you are looking at, it's more like one in three, or even one in two," he said.

"General Practice Network South had a position for an Aboriginal mental health shared care clinician, they had faith in my ideas, dreams and concepts for mental health services for Aboriginal people (even though I was only a new graduate)."

"We set up the service, using a combination of cultural concepts combined with modern mental health techniques, and with their support we have

established a service that is having positive outcomes."

Today the service provides mental health services to patients through two Aboriginal family clinics in Adelaide's southern suburbs.

During his graduate year, Mr Copley also helped develop a mental health awareness program specifically aimed at Aboriginal youth aged 12-17.

Mr Copley is also now a casual teacher at Flinders University's School of Nursing and Midwifery in the subject of Indigenous Health Issues for Nurses and Midwives.

Meanwhile, the winner of the Nurse of the Year award was Lyn Olsen, a Dandenong-based midwife who works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mothers and children.

In her role as a midwife for Bunurong Health Service, Ms Olsen has done everything from driving patients to specialist appointments, arranging off-site visits and running playgroup – whatever it takes to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander mums and their babies engage with health care.

"I believe a nurse's job is to care," she said. "Other professions have to keep their distance but people let nurses, especially midwives, into their personal space and that's such a privilege."

# Staff get training in mental illness



THE NSW Government has announced training to help hundreds of its staff identify mental illness in children and young people who are in out-of-home care. Community Services Minister Linda Burney and Minister Assisting on Health (Mental Health) Barbara Perry said last week the program for Department of Community Services caseworkers and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services staff would increase awareness and skills for those working with vulnerable children.

"The reality is that many children who come into care have led traumatic lives,

which can have a huge impact on both their physical and mental health," Ms Burney said.

"Our number-one priority is to increase the well-being of these children, which is why this mental health training program was developed – to help caseworkers better detect and refer children who have mental health issues and to provide health workers with improved knowledge of the child protection system."

Minister Perry said staff would be trained to identify symptoms early that may indicate some form of mental illness.

"Staff will look out for whether the child is displaying symptoms such as anti-social or

aggressive behaviour, symptoms of self-harm or signs of illogical thought or speech," Ms Perry said.

"This training helps ensure that if a mental illness is identified, the young person will be referred for appropriate medical attention."

### Experiences

Research showed that children in care could have poor mental health as a result of their experiences prior to entry into care, Ms Perry said.

"Over half the boys and girls in a NSW study were reported to have significant psychiatric disturbances, including

trauma-related anxiety," she said.

"The risks of mental health issues arising increase with the age of the child when they enter care. For instance, a child who enters care before the age of seven months has fewer attachment problems than a two-and-a-half year old who has a much higher risk of mental health and attachment problems."

Ms Burney said the joint training program, which was piloted in December, was shaped to be relevant, valuable and to make working together easier, in line with the Government's action plan Keep Them Safe which focuses on the importance of working collaboratively to improve child protection in NSW.

# Miller riders take award



From the Miller Bike Fleet, from left, Steve Williams, Barry Griffiths and Shane Prior with SSWAHS Director for Aboriginal Health Vicki Wade.

**NSW**  
AN Aboriginal men's bicycle group from the Sydney suburb of Miller has won a national cycling award.

The Miller Aboriginal Cycling Project - 'Bike Fleet' NSW picked up an encouragement award in Canberra on 16 March at an event presided over by former Victorian Premier Steve Bracks.

The Miller Bike Fleet was developed by the Miller Aboriginal Men's Group in partnership with Sydney South West Area Health Service, the HUB Miller, Mission Australia and other local organisations.

The group developed policy and procedures in a risk management framework to operate the fleet.

The Miller community has

access to bikes for health, social and recreational benefits.

The Aboriginal men's group hosted a 'Bike Maintenance Fleet' Certificate of Attainment with Miller TAFE, where the men assembled bikes and learned skills to maintain them.

The fleet is comprised of those six bikes and the fleet organises free bike skills courses.



From left, Thomas Hudson from Cape York Health Council, Deputy Director of General Performance and Accountability Directorate, Queensland Health Terry Mehan, Cook MP Jason O'Brien, Elder and traditional owner Suzie Madua, Weipa Town Authority Chairperson Carrie Gay and Rio Tinto General Manager Jo-Anne Scarini.

## A new integrated approach to health at Weipa



A NEW multi-million-dollar health centre is up and running at Weipa, on Queensland's Cape York.

And Cook MP Jason O'Brien says people in the Cape will now have access to a vastly improved and expanded health service as a result.

Mr Cook joined traditional owners, other local residents and hospital staff in Weipa officially opening the new integrated centre at the beginning of the month.

"Health is one of the key factors in determining quality of

life, and a priority concern to most people, and I am thrilled that we have been able to deliver on this project for the people of Weipa and Cape York Peninsula," Mr O'Brien said.

### Together

"This facility brings together under the one roof all the existing health services currently offered by the Weipa Hospital and primary health outreach teams, the Queensland Ambulance Service and general medical practice."

The new Weipa Integrated Health Service is in John Evans Drive.

# Scientists close to vaccine to slash major childhood killer



AUSTRALIAN scientists are in the final stretch of developing a vaccine which could dramatically cut deaths from the world's seventh biggest disease killer.

Rheumatic heart disease and acute rheumatic fever start out as a relatively minor bacterial throat infection, but they claim 400,000 lives - often children - in developing countries every year.

Scientists at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research have developed a trial vaccine which has proven effective at warding off multiple strains of the Group A Streptococcus (GAS) bacteria, the cause of these throat infections.

Human trials could begin as early as next year, says Dr Michael Batzloff, who is working on the vaccine alongside colleagues at the institute's Bacterial Vaccines Laboratory.

"There is potential for this vaccine to be used in Australia and in many

Indigenous communities, and in developing countries where there is a huge need for it," Dr Batzloff said.

"There's information out of Tibet that at one hospital, 50 per cent of child admissions were for heart conditions due to rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease."

Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children suffer the world's highest rates of the diseases.

School-age children are most at risk of suffering a GAS infection, and while most recover without incident from their 'strep throat', in a small percentage of cases, particularly those who have repeat GAS infections, it leads to an auto-immune reaction.

The body attacks its own tissues - primarily the heart valves - causing damage that will be lifelong or even lead to death.

The World Health Organisation lists this as the seventh leading cause of disease death behind respiratory

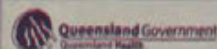
diseases, HIV, diarrhoea, tuberculosis, malaria and measles.

Dr Batzloff says the trial vaccine had proven effective against 'almost all' GAS bacteria strains found around the world, and the protection was thought to last years.

"It's an exciting phase for us now because it is moving from the lab into the clinic," he says of the imminent human trials. "(And) when this vaccine ultimately becomes available, the idea is that it will prevent rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease."

The vaccine could be added to the roster of early childhood immunisations in Australia, with Dr Batzloff saying the step could end severe throat infections in children.

The research results are to be presented on Friday at the Heart Foundation's annual conference, a three-day gathering of 500 cardiologists, GPs and other professionals now under way on the Gold Coast.



## mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services. In addition there are also mobile and relocatable services.

### Mobile and Relocatable Service

**Rockhampton:** Biloela 25 May to 19 June, Sapphire 23 June to 1 July.

**Toowoomba:** Charleville 22 May to 11 June, Quilpie 12 June to 25 June, Arguehella 23 June to 24 June, Oakley 29 June.

**Townsville:** Concurry 11 June to 24 June, Mount Isa 25 June to 3 September.

**Cairns:** Mossman 5 May to 4 June, Ravenshoe 9 June to 18 June.

**Mt Garnet:** 22 June to 24 June, Greenville 25 June to 29 June.

**Gold Coast:** Helensvale to 18 June.

**Nambour:** Kilcoy 25 May to 5 June, Brille Island 9 June to 31 July.

**North Brisbane:** Brighton 9 June to 31 July.

As age is the biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer, the program targets women aged 50-69 years. Women over the age of 40 are also eligible. Women can arrange a free BreastScreen by calling 13 20 50, for the cost of a local call, and will be connected to their nearest BreastScreen Queensland Service. Individual and group bookings are also available.

EARLY DETECTION COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

# New survey for schools

By MARGARET SMITH



THE Northern Territory Government is embarking on another survey of Indigenous education programs in NT schools.

NT Schools Department chief Alan Green said a survey last year showed poor attendance and literacy and numeracy skills and, despite the department giving the matter urgent attention, he was not optimistic that the current 2009 survey would fare any better.

The department is also looking into the possibility of more school/TAFE remote area colleges.

Indigenous education in the NT has been under the spotlight continually since the Federal intervention promised better outcomes. More recently, Australian of the Year Mick Dodson said education was his number-one priority for 2009, to create real opportunities and skills for remote area children.

At the launch of Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma's annual report for the 2008 year, a panel of Indigenous leaders also took up the issue.

"If the Government wants real change, we have to live with each other and be respectful of each other," co-chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation

Greg Phillips told the forum.

Yalmay Yunupingu, a senior Yolngu educator with the Yambirpa Council in Arnhem Land, has worked for 30 years in Indigenous education, with a focus on bilingual education. She told the forum that the Remote Learning Partnership had been a disappointment for her people.

"We worked for years on a legal document, but were then told it was useless," she said.

The council had been working with Yirrkala School and 'have always had high expectations for our children, but

were worried about some of the new agendas and punitive models.

"Our community gives local Yolngu people – grand-dads and aunties – opportunities to teach side by side with professional teachers," he said.

"The Yolngu way of teaching is considered to be of the utmost importance. It's also important for incentives to be given to Indigenous people for them to be involved."

On the issue of the lack of resources given to smaller remote communities such as Yirrkala, he said people who had chosen to live in the bush should be able to 'get alongside other people'.

"Often kids in bush schools don't have computers because there's no generators or power," he said.

"But instead there can be solar power, so education can be available alternatively. It's important to look at all the opportunities."

Mr Yunupingu said he thought governments often under-estimated the important role communities such as Yirrkala could play in the wider community.

"My sister runs programs for adults who need healing and for people all over the country who come to our community to see what bush medicines can do," he said.

"This is alternative practice that we know helps them spiritually and mentally. We're helping people in this way."

**'We ask government for support, but they don't help us'**

often resources are very poor'.

"We ask government for support, but they don't help us," she said.

Ms Yunupingu said it was hard to get a fair hearing, but Elders still practised natural healing which helped to sustain them.

Mandawuy Yunupingu, who founded the Yothu Yindi Foundation and is a former principal of Yirrkala Community Education Centre, agreed.

He said it was only recently that there had been a lot more attention given to remote area schools, but they



NSW Indigenous leader Warren Mundine after being awarded an honorary doctorate from Southern Cross University.

Photo: The New Camera House

## Mundine awarded honorary doctorate



INDIGENOUS leader Warren Mundine has been awarded an honorary doctorate from Southern Cross University in Lismore, northern NSW.

The Bundjalung man is the former national president of the Australian Labor Party, Deputy Mayor of Dubbo, and former chair of NSW Country Labor.

Mr Mundine is Chairman of the Australian Indigenous Chamber of Commerce.

He was brought up in a large Aboriginal family with strong Catholic and Indigenous beliefs.

Mr Mundine has played leadership roles and served on national, state and local boards providing business, operational and strategic advice.

He is an executive with the Australian Employment Covenant as well as Chief Executive Officer of NTSCORP Ltd. He is also a member of the Australian Institute of Management, the Australian Institute of Company Directors, the Chair of NSW Labor's Indigenous Policy Committee, executive member of the National Native Title Council, executive member of the St Joseph's College Indigenous Fund, and a board member of National Aboriginal Islander Skills Development Association.

He lives with his partner Kerry Costanzo, the NSW Mineral Council General Manager – Marketing and Business Development.

He has seven children and five grandchildren.



Mandawuy and Yalmay Yunupingu at last year's Garma Festival in the Top End of the Northern Territory.

Photo by STEPHEN CHERRY, courtesy of the Yothu Yindi Foundation

The Voice of Indigenous Australia

# Award just reward for Rouline



SELLING her own Indigenous-themed jewellery is the goal for TAFE

award-winner Rouline Ferguson.

The mother-of-one, from the Lismore suburb of Goonellabah, in northern NSW, was named Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at this month's NSW North Coast TAFE Awards of Excellence.

The proud Bundjalung 33-year-old took out the award, sponsored by *The Koori Mail*, from a field of seven finalists. Ms Ferguson said her arts

course through TAFE was helping her to achieve her goal.

"I'm doing the Arts Certificate III course now, and there'll be further courses starting later this year," she said.

"All I've learned will help me with my dream of selling my own jewellery at the local markets. I hope to do this with my brother Marcus, who is an artist."

The other North Coast TAFE Indigenous award finalists were Tegan Blanch, Maria Caldwell, Daphne Dux, Russell Freeburn, Jenna Petersen and Maryanne Roberts.



Rouline Ferguson with her TAFE award.

Photo: THERESA DALTON

# Honours for high achievers

ALICIA SMITH



INDIGENOUS students Alicia Smith and Christie Beckett will be amongst 39 high-achievers from the Sydney Institute of TAFE to be honoured at a ceremony celebrating the students' success next

Friday 29 May.

Alicia, who studied Certificate III in Business Administration, is the 2009 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year after she moved to Sydney from the North Coast to improve her career opportunities through training at Ultimo College.

Now a Resource Officer with the Nura Gili Indigenous Programs unit at UNSW, Alicia plans to do her Diploma in Business Administration to open doors to greater opportunity – and eventually take her skills back home to work with youth in the local community.

"I want to work with young kids to help them stay at school and pursue a career path so they can do what they really want to do in life," she said.

"TAFE has helped me do that and it will play a huge role for these kids, to get them on track to a career."

Christie Beckett is the winner of the Eora College Achievement Award for her studies in Certificate III in ATSI Cultural Arts.

Christie said she decided to follow her dream of becoming an artist and studying at Eora has made her more certain of where her future lies.

"I want to be a role model for not only my children but also my community," she said.

"I want to show what you can achieve if you study hard. When I was at school, people didn't really believe in me. Now I can show them who I really am and what you can do if you really set your mind to it."

"I would like to do as much as possible and one day teach Indigenous Art."



CHRISTIE BECKETT

## Students' DVDs to focus on environment and how to protect it



HIGH school students from the west coast of Cape York Peninsula are to become digital storytellers, producing ten short story documentaries promoting the need to preserve our natural environment.

Cook MP Jason O'Brien says \$5040 has been awarded to Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire to produce the documentaries as part of the annual Natural Resource

Awareness grants.

The theme of this year's grants is 'Youth working together protecting, repairing and restoring the environment'.

Kowanyama Land and Natural Resources Management Office (KLANRMO) applied for the grant and will provide considerable in-kind support to the project, which is expected to be completed this month.

"This project will see ten young people from Kowanyama's state school train in

digital media before filming their own brief natural resource stories," Mr O'Brien said.

The stories will be recorded on DVD for use by the community, within the Department of Environment and Resource Management and local Land and Sea offices.

Mr O'Brien said the DVDs would also assist the wider community to appreciate natural resource management issues, with the stories being told through the eyes of the students.

# Policy revamped

By BRITTA LYSTER



MORE than 150 local staff and community members gathered at Lake Macquarie

late last month as part of the introduction and roll-out of the New South Wales Education Department's newly-revamped Aboriginal Education and Training Policy.

'Because It's Everybody's Business' is the major theme behind the policy, which was officially launched last November and was preceded by the Aboriginal Education Policy, in 1982 and again in 1996.

Developed in collaboration with Aboriginal communities, the policy aims to guide departmental employees in supporting Aboriginal students to match or better the outcomes of the broader school population over the next three years and beyond.

## Multiple focus

It focuses mainly on relationships, engagement and ongoing learning with special efforts to forge ongoing relationships with local Indigenous people.

The Lake Macquarie staff development day, hosted by Morisset High School, was held to grow local teaching staff's awareness of the policy and how best to implement it with engagement from local Indigenous people.

Seven surrounding local primary schools joined Morisset High School for a traditional smoking ceremony. Attendees walked through the recently established Aboriginal bush tucker garden and outdoor learning area before taking part in dance, movement and art workshops, a resource treasure hunt and traditional games and enjoying a feed of crocodile and kangaroo.

MHS Aboriginal Education Assistant Selena Archibald praised the enthusiasm of the local schools, which she said would strive above and beyond the department's target of improving the outcomes for all Aboriginal students by the end of 2012.

"My long-term goal at Morisset High School is



Tammy Wright performing the opening smoking ceremony.

to help and assist staff in feeling confident enough in the implementation of the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy through acknowledgement and understanding," Ms Archibald said. "I can confidently say that

this is starting to be evident."

During the staff development day, staff considered how best to implement the policy and effectively utilise existing local community resources, services, individuals and organisations. They developed strategies aimed at supporting staff in obtaining and disseminating accurate information reflecting the area's rich diverse Indigenous heritage.

"This staff development day was a lot of hard work, but I feel that it was worth it," Ms Archibald said.

"Staff and community alike are talking about the positives and what they learnt. They have

gained knowledge on how to support the implementation of Aboriginal Australia into their lessons.

"I feel very proud of our school and partner schools in embracing everything that was offered."



Morisset High School Aboriginal Education Assistant Selena Archibald and Louise Campbell address guests.



Louise Campbell and Uncle Gary Simon launching proceedings.



Guests at the Staff Development Day - Morisset High School.

# They dare to lead



A SCHOOL working with transient students in Kalgoorlie, an independent girls' secondary school in southern Brisbane, a remote school in Australia's north-west, an elite program at a Karratha high school, and a government primary school in the far west of Sydney.

What do they have in common? They were all major winners of the recent Dare to Lead Excellence in Leadership in Indigenous Education Awards.

The awards were announced by Federal Education Minister Julia Gillard at a ceremony at Parliament House, Canberra, on 29 April.

"These schools have been selected because they are outstanding examples of the positive change that can be achieved through strong leadership, innovation, astute use of data and a genuine connection with local Indigenous communities," Ms Gillard said.

"These things are easy to say but hard to do, and it means the people in those school communities put a priority on this each and every day – days when it was going well, and days when it was going badly. Days when you could see the outcomes coming true around you, days when the outcomes seemed a million miles away."

## Embraced challenge

"But they have embraced the challenge of looking at Indigenous disadvantage in education and personally committed themselves to closing that gap."

Ms Gillard thanked the winning schools for their hard work.

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.

The High Achievement Award winners (in alphabetical order):

- East Kalgoorlie Primary School: A Kindergarten-Year 7 school on the outskirts of Kalgoorlie, WA. Almost all of its students are Indigenous. Despite a very transient student population, it is working to increase attendance, engagement and academic outcomes.

- 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: Located 200km north of Broome, and with 95 of its 100 students Indigenous. It instituted a Bardi Cultural Program after consultation with Elders, and the resulting community connectedness is having an impact on numeracy and literacy.

- Southside Education: An independent facility in Brisbane's southern suburbs for secondary-aged young women 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: Located 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.

"These awards are designed to acknowledge schools and school leaders working in focussed and strategic ways to achieve excellence in improving Indigenous student outcomes," Dare to Lead Manager Susan Boucher said.

"These schools 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 winners of the Achievement Awards (in alphabetical order) were also announced:

- Armidale Catholic Schools, NSW
- Ashcroft High School, NSW
- Christies Beach Primary School, SA

- Dalby State High School, Qld
- East Waikiki Primary School, WA
- Glenroi Heights Public School, NSW

- Kempsey West Public School, NSW
- Melrose High School, ACT
- Mildura College of Koorie Education, Vic

- Mimili Anangu School, SA
- Narrogin Primary School, WA
- Richardson Primary School, ACT
- Rokeby Primary School, Tas
- Rostrevor College, SA.



● LEFT: East Kalgoorlie Primary School's Donna Bridge, Mandy Clinch and Ms Gillard.



● RIGHT: Karratha Senior High School's Mark Whisson, Beth Smith, Jennifer McMahon and Ms Gillard.



● LEFT: One Arm Point Remote Community School's Stephen Price, Peter Hunter and Ms Gillard.



● RIGHT: Southside Education's Lorraine Ward, Colleen Mitrow, Uncle Albert Holt and Ms Gillard.



● LEFT: Willmot Public School's Peter Corney, Sandra Hickey, Carmen Cefai and Ms Gillard.

# University out to improve retention rates



Dr MICHELLE TRUDGETT



Indigenous students to continue their studies.

Dr Michelle Trudgett is the first recipient of the new Post-doctoral Research Fellowship.

The fellowship was created especially for Indigenous early-career researchers.

Dr Trudgett's work will focus on developing strategies to help more Indigenous students undertake and

complete post-graduate studies.

The 34-year-old is a descendant of the Wiradjuri nation in central-western NSW, although she has lived in Sydney most of her life.

She has already completed a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Professional Studies in Aboriginal Studies, as well as a Doctor of Education at the University of New England.

Frustrated by the lack of support available to herself and other Indigenous students undertaking postgraduate studies in Australia, Dr Trudgett's doctoral research focused

on this theme.

Her research included 26 recommendations that could be implemented by government and universities.

Her post-doctoral research at Macquarie University will continue on with this line of inquiry.

She intends to establish key factors that contribute to the success of Indigenous Australians obtaining postgraduate qualifications as well as identifying factors which influence the low retention, participation and completion rates of Indigenous Australians in post-

graduate education.

Dr Trudgett said she was honoured to have been given the opportunity.

"It is absolutely fantastic that Macquarie University has recognised the importance of Indigenous research," she said.

"Appointing me to a post-doctoral fellowship does not signify a job for one Indigenous person – it actually signifies the beginning of a solid foundation of Indigenous research in the university."

"This has the potential to impact many people – Indigenous and non-Indigenous."

# Bush skills honed

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON



OVER the recent Easter School Holidays, Community Active Programs through Education (CAPE) PCYC, through

the Something Better Project, ran a three-day Walkabout - Navigation and Camping Skills weekend for Napranum and Mapoon youth.

Cairns-based Development Co-ordinator for the CAPE Indigenous PCYC Liv Gray said that local Weipa man Rev

James Hughes contacted her to run the program for a group of youth he felt needed to have a greater challenge than some of the other activities running during the same holiday period.

"Outdoor Educator Andre Vogel and myself flew to Weipa and began the journey out to Stones Crossing," Officer Gray told *The Koori Mail*.

The project was aimed at providing the youth with a range of skills, including navigation with map and compass, camp cooking, setting and pulling down camp sites with minimal impact philosophies.

It also built participants' self-esteem, leadership and resilience through having a go at new things and achieving challenging goals.

For example, a huge team effort was required when late wet season rain hit the camp on the second night just as dinner was about to be cooked.

"The group bound together and everyone put in 100 per cent to ensure the fire kept burning, the curry kept cooking, the beds kept dry and the dessert was ready," said Officer Gray.

The group camped at Stones Crossing camp site the first night and made a bush camp the second night.

"Both nights they built their own bivvies (shelter) and cooked their own dinner. The youth aged between 11 and 14 years felt overly challenged at times, navigating through the heat of the Cape York sun, through flat open forest that all seemed to look the same.

"Through some skillful navigation, we found big red kangaroos and waterholes to cool our aching feet. Not to mention the great salad sandwiches we managed to

rustle up for lunch along the way," Officer Gray said.

The Something Better Project is running in eight communities at present, with an emphasis on diversionary activities and suicide prevention and awareness workshops throughout the Cape and Cairns for community

members and service providers who deal with youth on a daily basis to support the ever-present risk of suicide in these communities.

Running over the next few months, the workshops provide awareness of warning signs, risks, how people can help, and who to call for extra support.



Lunch time in the bush.



Two of the participants in the Something Better Project, Leshia and Dylan, take a breather.



Onward bound as the young participants trek through savannah country.



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**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](mailto:info@kic.com.au) or visit [www.kic.com.au](http://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](mailto:visualarts@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**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](http://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 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](mailto:seminars@ards.com.au) or visit [www.ards.com.au](http://www.ards.com.au)

**Until 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](http://www.comeout.on.net)

**Until 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](mailto:admin@thelongwalk.com.au) or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

**Until 4 June:** Ngura Tjuta-Big Country Art Exhibition. This exhibition will include works by Harry Tjurtjuna, Puntjina Monica Watson, Nyankula Watson Walyampari, Jimmy Donegan, Yangi Yangi Fox and more. All welcome. Details: (08) 9192 2658 or (08) 9192 6118 or email [enquiries@shortstgallery.com](mailto:enquiries@shortstgallery.com) or visit [www.shortstgallery.com](http://www.shortstgallery.com)

**Until 5 June:** Community Heritage Grant-calls for applications. Grants up to \$15,000 are available to community groups around the country to help preserve and manage locally held nationally significant cultural heritage collections of documents and objects for future generations. Details: General inquiries on (02) 6262 1111 or Sally Hopman on (02) 6262 1704 or (0401) 226 697 or Erin on (02) 6262 1147 or visit [www.nla.gov.au/chg](http://www.nla.gov.au/chg)

## Calma to give oration

**OUTGOING** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma (pictured) will deliver the third biennial Mabo Oration on 5 June.

Commissioner Calma will speak on his conviction that 'From self-respect comes dignity, and from dignity comes hope: meeting the challenge of social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples'.

The Mabo Oration is presented by the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland and honours Eddie Koiki Mabo, celebrating his contribution to native land title, Indigenous human rights, and associated legal and political changes in Australia.

Mrs Mabo will represent the family at the event, and former Federal Court Judge and author of *An Australian Charter of Rights*, Murray Wilcox, will provide comment on Mr Calma's oration.

Mr Wilcox has provided controversial comment on Australian human rights laws and may be best remembered for handing down the controversial Nyoongar Native Title ruling before retiring in 2006.

The Mabo Oration will be held on



5 June, from 5.30 pm for a 6pm start, at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Bank, Brisbane. Tickets cost \$16.50 and can be purchased from [www.qtx.com.au](http://www.qtx.com.au), on 136 246 or at the door.

**Until 2 July:** Our Culture, My Dance Workshop. This is a new Indigenous music and dance program that's starting up in Bankstown. This program is open to all Aboriginal children up to 5 years of age and their families where they have the opportunity to learn traditional music and dance for a 10-week period culminating into a performance for NAIDOC Week celebrations in Bankstown on 4 July. All welcome. Held at Level 2/23 Marion St, Bankstown from 10am onwards. Details: Anna or Shareen on (02) 9796 2931 or email [cdo@bcrg.org.au](mailto:cdo@bcrg.org.au)

**20 May:** Public Forum on Human Rights. The Chair of the National Human Rights Consultation Committee, Father Frank Brennan, SJ, AO, will be in Lismore to chair a public forum on human rights hosted by Janelle Saffin. The ideas raised at the forum will become part of the Committee's report to the Australian Government. All welcome. Held at the Lismore Workers Club from 6-8pm. Details: Lee Duncan on (02)6621 9909 or (0448) 158 150 or email [lee.duncan@aph.gov.au](mailto:lee.duncan@aph.gov.au)

**20 May:** Hip Hop Projections 4, from the Root to the Tip. MC Trey and BrothaBlack host a unique night of hip-hop, spoken word, dance and live visuals by some of Australia's best artists from backgrounds spanning the Pacific to the Middle East in a multicultural mix-up of lyrical and visual madness. Featuring The Last Kinection, Sistanative, Omar Musa, VJ Spook, Johnny M, Farid Farid, 9 Lives and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Courtyard, Riverside Theatres, Parramatta, from 6-9pm. Details: (02) 9897 5744 or email [info@ice.org.au](mailto:info@ice.org.au)

**21 May:** Theatre to The Edge Tour. Townsville audiences will have the opportunity to glimpse into the creative process with Tom E Lewis and Angela Chaplin through both performance and workshops in storytelling, acting and puppetry. Held at the Court Theatre, Townsville, from 6.30pm onwards. Cost:

\$32 adults, \$26, concession \$23 and Students \$10. Rated G. Details: Lorna Hempstead on (07) 4721 5433 or email [admin@tropicsun.com.au](mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au) or visit [www.tropicsun.com.au](http://www.tropicsun.com.au)

**21-22 May:** 'Binnanendi' Young Men Growing Into Manhood. Binnanendi, a Kaurna term that means 'to grow into manhood', presents an insight into the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and young men through performing arts, fashion, digital storytelling, photography and music. Cost: \$8 per person or \$6 concession. Held at Higher Ground, 9-15 Light Square, Adelaide, at 10am, 1pm and 7pm. Details: Martin Sawtell on (08) 8341 1150 or (0405) 225 201 or email [martin@kurruru.org.au](mailto:martin@kurruru.org.au)

**22 May:** Reconciliation dinner. Come along and share with your friends a delicious dinner at GunnaWannaBe. The meal will consist of curried chicken and rice, Uncle Mick's roo stew, spaghetti bolognese, various dampers, apple pie and ice cream with various teas and local coffee. Cost \$25 per person. Held at GunnaWannaBe Café, 18 Union St, South Lismore, from 6.30pm onwards. Details: (02) 6622 7094 or email [thelma@gunnawannabe.com](mailto:thelma@gunnawannabe.com)

**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](mailto:admin@thelongwalk.com.au) or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://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 Wirranda, Joe Geia Band, Barracking by Red Dust Theatre, Koorie night market, traditional Indigenous games, Tiger Stripe and Skeeter, 3KnD, NITY 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](mailto:admin@thelongwalk.com.au) or visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au)

**23 May:** Performance Workshop. This workshop will focus on equipping actors to harness the raw power of honest communication, real emotion and personal life experience to create a vivid sense of personal truth in performance. Ages: 15 years and over. Cost \$50 per person. Held at the Cultural Centre, Townsville from 10am-1pm. Details: Details: Lorna Hempstead on (07) 4721 5433 or email [admin@tropicsun.com.au](mailto:admin@tropicsun.com.au) or visit [www.tropicsun.com.au](http://www.tropicsun.com.au)

**23 May:** The Springs Reunion. This is a reunion to gather, share and document stories either by writing notes, sound or video recordings from families who either lived or stayed at The Springs, Orange. There will be a booklet made as a resource tool for schools and community plus you will receive your own copy. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Held at The Springs from 10.30am onwards. Details: Fleur Magick on (0400) 409 102 or Orange LALC on (02) 6361 4742.

**25 May-12 July:** Guringai Festival. This Festival aims to raise awareness of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the Northern Sydney region. There will be art exhibitions, performances, films, environmental walks, workshops and more. For details contact your local council or (02) 9970 1170 or visit [www.guringaifestival.com.au](http://www.guringaifestival.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](mailto:management@nsdc.org.au) or visit [www.nsdcc.org.au](http://www.nsdcc.org.au)

**27-29 May:** Yulkum-Jerrang, second Indigenous Economic Development Conference 'Growing our Future'. This conference will operate over three days with a dynamic program including Victorian, Australian and international speakers, workshops, Aboriginal Youth Mean Business Forum, Murrinbidja 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](mailto:events@conferenceworks.net.au) or visit [www.kbncconference.vic.gov.au](http://www.kbncconference.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](mailto:enquiries@reconciliation.org.au) or [Martha.Piper@reconciliation.org.au](mailto:Martha.Piper@reconciliation.org.au) or visit [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au)

**28 May:** Koori Entrepreneur Program 09. The program focuses on supporting, nurturing and developing emerging and existing Aboriginal businesses. Free and all welcome. Held at the Cowra Services Club from 10am onwards. Details: Mike Foster

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on (02) 6340 2038 or (0407) 234 497 or visit [www.cowraregion.com.au/CEP](http://www.cowraregion.com.au/CEP) or call Darren Smith on (0438) 891 863 or call Peter Gordon on (02) 6362 0448.

**29 May:** Display of Traditional Owners Acknowledgement Plaques. Wimmera Health Care Group in Horsham, Victoria, will be launching in partnership with the Baringi Gadjin Land Council the three Traditional Owner Acknowledgement Plaques to be displayed in the main foyers of the Wimmera Base Hospital and its Dimboola Base Hospital from 3pm. Details: Netta Hobbs on (03) 5381 9200.

**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](http://www.acpa.net.au)

**3 June:** Youth Forum on Bullying. This forum will give you an opportunity to be heard and be part of the solution. The participants in the forum will look at bullying, why it occurs and what we can do about it as a community. All welcome. Held at Wollongbar TAFE campus from 9.30am-2.30pm. Details: Regan Harding on (02) 6620 4758 or Mark Gasson on (0408) 675 598.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:ntru@aiatsis.gov.au) or visit [www.ntru.aiatsis.gov.au](http://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](mailto:info@thedreamingfestival.com) or visit [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com)

**5 June:** Third biennial Mabo Oration 2009. The Mabo Oration honours Eddie Mabo, celebrating his contribution to native land title, Indigenous human rights, and associated legal and political changes in Australia. Mrs Mabo will represent the family at the event. Tom Calma Social Justice Commissioner will deliver the oration. Held at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, Brisbane from 5.30pm onwards. Details: MaryBeth Gundrum (07) 3247 0920 or (0439) 676 364 or email [marybeth.gundrum@adcc.qld.gov.au](mailto:marybeth.gundrum@adcc.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.adcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.adcc.qld.gov.au)

**5 June-12 July:** On the Edge – Visions of a Tropical Coastline Art Exhibition. On the Edge defines a shared affinity for the unique tropical sea coast from Cairns to the Torres Straits. Artists include Anna Englitis, Ian Horn, Joey Laifoo, Elaine Lampton, Aaron Meeks, Rosella Namok, Dennis Nona, Brian Robinson, Alick Tipoti, Ceferino Sabatine, Zane Saunders and Sasi Victorie. All welcome. Held at the Umbrella Studio,

## Beanies in 'Alice'

**THE 2009 Alice Springs Beanie Festival** will be held from 26-29 June. It will feature an 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.

There will be beanies, baskets, Indigenous spinning, free workshops, beanie olympics and more.

There are 13 different beanie categories and heaps of prizes are up for grabs.

It is held in Alice Springs.

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482 Flinders St, Townsville. Details: Vicki Salisbury on (07) 4772 7817 or email [director@umbrella.org.au](mailto:director@umbrella.org.au) or visit [www.umbrella.org.au](http://www.umbrella.org.au)

**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](mailto:ldf@quinkancc.com) or visit [www.laurafestival.tv](http://www.laurafestival.tv)

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**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](mailto:info@tsra.gov.au)

**5 July:** Wollondilly Aboriginal Naidoc Family Day 2009. The day will include free sausage sizzles, face painting, cultural stalls, Aboriginal art, displays from National Parks and Wildlife and more. Free and all welcome. Held at the Botanic Gardens, Picton. Details: (02) 4677 1100.

**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](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://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](mailto:info@kic.com.au) or visit [www.kic.com.au](http://www.kic.com.au)

**17 July-23 August:** Indigenous Print Makers-Group Exhibition. The works on display are the results of three one-week workshops run at Umbrella in 2008. The series of Master Classes were facilitated by four of Australia's most renowned printmakers, Alick Tipoti, Arone Meeks, Theo Tremblay and Danie Mellor. All welcome. Held at the Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders St, Townsville. Details: (07) 4772 7109 or call Vicki Salisbury on (07) 4772 7817 or email [director@umbrella.org.au](mailto:director@umbrella.org.au) or visit [www.umbrella.org.au](http://www.umbrella.org.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](mailto:admin@snaicc.asn.au) or visit [www.snaicc.asn.au](http://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](mailto:garmafest@bigpond.com) or visit [www.garma.telstra.com](http://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](http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/indigenous)

**31 August-6 September:** Retta Dixon reunion. This is a reunion for former residents of the Retta 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.

**1-4 September:** Deadly Days Festival 09 – Bigger, better and deadlier. This is an action-packed two-day festival with hands on learning, workshops and try-a-trade on day 1 followed by arts, culture, music, sport, education and employment expos on day 2 with special guests. Held at Kingscliff from 1-2 September, Grafton from 3-4 September and Port Macquarie from 3-4 September. Free and all welcome. Details: (02) 6623 0335 or Regan Harding on (02) 6620 4758 or (0458) 200 151 or Simone Nelson on (0408) 852 202 or email [simone.nelson@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:simone.nelson@tafensw.edu.au) or [regan.harding@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:regan.harding@tafensw.edu.au)

**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](http://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 [menshealth@pco.com.au](mailto:menshealth@pco.com.au) or visit [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.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 [menshealth@pco.com.au](mailto:menshealth@pco.com.au) or visit [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.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](http://www.cdesign.com.au/niec2009)



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Glen Mackie, from Cairns, working on one of his art projects.

# Yam artist is on a mission



WHEN Glen Mackie, from Cairns, looks to his future he sees an established artist on a mission to share his passion and his people's stories with the next generation.

The 34 year-old Indigenous artist took part in a Skilling Queenslanders for Work employment project which was run by Choice Australia Management, and as a result says he has taken a giant leap towards achieving this vision.

He is set to star in an upcoming television series on the successes of this and other Queensland Government-funded jobs projects across the state.

Mr Mackie said he feels obligated to maintain his history and culture through art. "It's not just that I want to be an artist - it's my responsibility. I'm the only person from my community on Yam Island who paints and draws. If I don't share our stories they will die," he said.

"The project gave me paid work experience whereby I could share my

story and art with young Indigenous people who had lost their way a bit."

Mr Mackie said he worked with the young people to develop their artistic abilities through mediums such as painting, lino work and carvings.

"Some of those young people have been through so much and it was amazing to see them smile and discover art for themselves," he said.

### Exhibitions

"I've gone from being unemployed for six months to studying visual art at uni and having an agent who is organising exhibitions of my artwork."

"A lot of this is due to the confidence I gained on the project as well as the experience."

"When I'm finished here, as well as establishing myself as an artist, I want to get back on the streets of the communities and teach the kids how important it is to keep their culture going."

Bernie Carlon, the Executive Director of Employment and Indigenous Initiatives

for the Qld Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation, said the 12-part TV series would run before the nightly WIN news on screens across the state.

"The series shines a spotlight on Skilling Queenslanders for Work jobs projects and the difference they can make to the lives of job-seekers," he said.

"Glen's story, like all of those featured in the upcoming series, is one of hope - of someone who has seized the opportunity to gain skills and work toward sustainable employment."

During 2008/09, the Queensland Government will invest \$81 million in the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative to give more than 21,500 long-term unemployed and under-employed people job-related assistance and skills training to maximise labour force participation and increase Queensland's prosperity.

For more information on the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative visit [www.employment.qld.gov.au](http://www.employment.qld.gov.au) or call 1300 369 925.

## Ronald is building his future



A YOUNG Torres Strait Islander man has been named the Queensland construction industry's top trainee, and he's credited his family with his success.

Ronald Kris, 20, took out the Queensland Road Construction and Maintenance Trainee of the Year award at the Civil Contractors Federation-Boral 2009 Construction Training Awards.

Mr Kris said the ceremony was a great way to celebrate the investment the department had made in its apprentices, and the training he had received since starting in 2007 had been invaluable.

"I'm proud to be recognised and would like to thank RoadTek and my parents who have supported me and given me the confidence to build my career," he said.

Mr Kris has worked on major projects for RoadTek including Peninsula Developmental Road in far north Queensland, the upgrades of the Captain Cook Highway and Desai Highway Range on the Mulligan Highway, both north of Cairns, as well as a number of minor works projects in north Queensland.



RONALD KRIS

State Main Roads Minister Craig Wallace praised the young worker for his hard work and dedication, and said his skills and confidence had strengthened with his completion of the Certificate III in Civil Construction, which he had passed 'with flying colours'.

"Ronald Kris has shown maturity beyond his years, is always keen to learn, has a great attitude and is currently learning the skills to become a junior supervisor," the Minister said.

Mr Wallace said the awards recognised and rewarded trainees who had shown exceptional talent in the construction industry.

RoadTek has a range of apprenticeships, traineeships and cadet positions throughout Queensland and currently employs 127 people in these categories.

## It's your guide to employment

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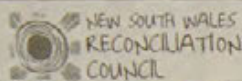
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**Applications Close:** Friday 29th May, 5pm

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### PROJECT OFFICER (INDIGENOUS)

Vacancy No. 1161 (Kempsey)

Vacancy No. 1162 (Taree)

The Many Rivers Diabetes Prevention Project (MRDPP) is implementing and evaluating a community and school-based intervention to reduce the risk of Type-2 diabetes and other chronic diseases among Aboriginal children in rural NSW.

This is a great opportunity for an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to assist with implementing the project strategies within either the Kempsey or Taree Aboriginal communities.

The two positions are available on a full-time fixed term basis until 31 December 2010.

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### CLINICAL COUNSELLORS

- 2 positions available
- 1 position based in Aurukun, 1 position based in Cairns

As a Clinical Counsellor you will be responsible for the promotion of social and emotional wellbeing and provide holistic counselling and outreach services to people living and working in the community.

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To request a Position Description or apply with a letter of application and resume, please contact Joanna Bakker, Human Resources, 12 Casuarina St Brisbane Airport QLD 4007 or [jbakker@rfdsgld.com.au](mailto:jbakker@rfdsgld.com.au). Please direct all enquiries to Gill Mainey, Manager Primary Health Care Services, on 07 4040 0444. Applications close 30 May 2009.

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- Delivering culturally appropriate health promotion

## Women's & Children's Health

The Women's & Children's Health AHW will work as part of the Primary Health Care team and concentrate efforts on improving women's & children's health. This will involve a range of tasks including:

- Assist in the monitoring the health of women and children in the region
- Implementing screening programs
- Helping to deliver education and preventative health programs in the region
- Work together with other programs and initiatives to improve women's and children's health outcomes

Eligibility for registration as an Aboriginal Health Worker in the NT is essential for both positions.

Attractive salary packages in the range of \$60-70K will be offered to the right applicants linked to skills and experience.

For the job documentation contact us by email at [recruitment@kakaduhealth.org.au](mailto:recruitment@kakaduhealth.org.au)

For further information please contact, Victoria Thomasson on 08 8979 9999.

Applications close Sunday 31 May, 2009.

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of Technology

## Canberra Institute of Technology Yurauna Centre

### Administrative Assistant

#### Administrative Services Officer Class 2

Salary Range: \$42,233-\$46,832 (PN: 54618)

Under general direction attend to routine enquiries from staff, students, prospective students and community and industry personnel. Enter data into local information management systems, files, itineraries, databases and student enrolment systems. Provide general administrative support to the Yurauna Centre.

**Eligibility/Other Requirements:** Current driver's licence would be an advantage. Office Administration qualifications relevant to position.

**Note:** Persons from an indigenous background are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Caroline Hughes (02) 6207 3308

[caroline.hughes@cit.act.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto:jobs@act.gov.au) or by post to Shared Services, Recruitment Services, GPO Box 158, Canberra City ACT 2601

**Applications close:** 28 May 2009

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**DAREBIN community health**

## Indigenous Health Opportunities at Darebin Community Health

Darebin Community Health is committed to making a significant contribution to strengthening the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community. This commitment extends through our community development and health promotion programs, and ensuring priority access to services.

We are currently seeking to appoint two dedicated and skilled Indigenous workers to join DCH.

### Female Aboriginal Liaison Worker

0.8 EFT, On-going  
EEO Appl No. A78/2009

A dynamic position is available to support DCH to facilitate access to and the delivery of culturally appropriate health services for clients from the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Children and families are a focus of this position.

**Application close:** Friday May 30 2009  
**Enquiries:** Liz Chondros 9485 9079

### Aboriginal Chronic Disease Worker

0.8 - 1.0 EFT, Maternity Leave Relief  
EEO Appl No: A98/2009

This primary purpose of this exciting role is to participate in the planning and delivery of the Aboriginal Health Promotion and Chronic Care (AHPACC) project, which aims to promote healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing for local ATSI people with chronic disease.

**Application close:** Friday May 30 2009  
**Enquiries:** Carolyn Hines 0417 355 623

Professional development opportunities and generous salary packaging arrangements are available.

For further information and position descriptions visit [www.dch.org.au](http://www.dch.org.au)

**Queensland Government**

## Retail Positions

The Retail Stores Branch operates six retail stores in remote Indigenous communities (Doomadgee, Kowanyama, Lockhart River, Palm Island, Pormpuraaw and Woorabinda) throughout Queensland. These stores are supported by a central administrative branch located in Brisbane.

The stores are committed to improve the nutritional well being of people in remote Indigenous communities, and sell a wide range of products including grocery, fruit and vegetables, freezer and chiller products, dairy, variety, electrical, whitegoods and fuel.

### Store Manager AO6

Lockhart River, Woorabinda and Kowanyama, Queensland. (Three positions)  
**Salary:** \$72,515 - \$77,585 p.a. (plus an In-Lieu Allowance of 26.31%)  
**Key duties:** Manage and maintain an effective and efficient retail store operation.  
**Skills and abilities:** Substantial retail experience with responsibilities for the management of retail operations, including stock control, reporting and monitoring.

### Assistant Store Manager AO4

Doomadgee and Lockhart River, Queensland. (Two positions)  
**Salary:** \$54,534 - \$59,969 p.a.  
**Key duties:** Provide support and assist in managing and maintaining an effective and efficient retail store operation.  
**Skills and abilities:** Experience in a supervisory role or equivalent management experience in retailing.

### Clerk AO2

Lockhart River, Queensland.  
**Salary:** \$35,956 - \$43,160 p.a.  
**Key duties:** Prepare and maintain all clerical, administrative and banking records in accordance with departmental policies and procedures.  
**Skills and abilities:** Experience in general administrative and financial procedures in a business environment.

*These positions are Specified. This applies to positions where a significant proportion of the duties involve policy and program development, direct communication and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons. Applicants will need to nominate an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person who is recognised and accepted within their respective community as a referee, however it is not mandatory for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person to fill a specified position.*

**To apply for the positions grouped above:**  
**Enquiries:** Eoin Quinlivan on (07) 3224 2027  
**Closing date:** Monday, 1 June 2009

### Smart jobs in Queensland

To view position descriptions, apply and see more jobs at [www.jobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au)

**Reconciliation Australia**

## Strategic Advisor

### Full-time position in Canberra

A high level opportunity has come up in the Reconciliation Australia team for an outstanding individual who wants to use their skills to achieve major change in Australia.

In addition to having a strong commitment to reconciliation, the successful candidate would have significant policy-related experience on issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. She/he would have excellent communication skills with diverse stakeholders, including a proven track record in building and maintaining corporate and government relationships. Adaptability to changing circumstances is vital. She/he would work closely with the CEO and other managers in a strong team environment.

Reconciliation Australia is committed to ensuring equal life chances for all Australians while respecting the special place, culture and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians. It is an independent, non profit organisation that seeks to model reconciliation through its work; to improve community awareness about the need for major change and to influence policy and public debate on these issues.

**Eligibility:** This is an Indigenous identified position and Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification / requirement. This is a four year contract position open to renewal. Further information about this position including the job description and selection criteria is available from our website at [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au)

**Salary:** \$138K plus 9% superannuation.

**Applications close:** Thursday 11 June 2009 at 5pm

**Written applications to:**  
Kate Leonard,  
HR Manager  
Reconciliation Australia  
PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604  
**phone:** 02 6272 2633  
**email:** [Kate.Leonard@reconciliation.org.au](mailto:Kate.Leonard@reconciliation.org.au)



**NSW GOVERNMENT** **ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAMS**  
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## NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care

### Residential Support Worker - Aboriginal Level 1/2

90 temporary fulltime positions available across NSW

**Salary:** total remuneration package valued up to \$55,539 per annum including salary (\$40,878 pa - \$50,330 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

#### Job description

Enjoy making a difference as a Residential Support Worker (RSW) - Aboriginal, working in a professional environment providing care and support to people with a disability living in community-based group homes. Accredited training will be available to successful applicants.

#### Requirements

- Aboriginality
- A commitment to increased independence and community integration for people with a disability and assisting with support in daily living and personal care
- Demonstrated ability to work effectively as part of a team or independently as required
- Current NSW Class C driver's licence or willingness to obtain for the purposes of driving departmental vehicles

**Enquiries 1800 185 466**  
**Closing date 5 June 2009**


#### Job notes

You must read the job information package and address the full selection criteria. Please note, shift work will be a requirement of the role. Information sessions will be conducted within your local region. These positions are in a temporary fulltime capacity for up to 12 months in terms of Section 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. These positions are targeted to employment of Aboriginal people and are authorised by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW) 1977.

#### Submit your application

Apply online by visiting the careers page at [www.dadhc.com.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.com.au/dadhc/careers) or post to:

DADHC Recruitment Centre  
NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd  
Level 8, Locked Bag 7466  
Liverpool BC 1871



**Peter Riley**  
Aboriginal Residential Support Worker

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These positions are partially funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations under the Indigenous Structured Training and Employment Program (STEP)

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Department of Ageing, Disability & Home Care



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## Assistant Hostel Manager

### North Melbourne

Kevin Coombs Hostel

APS Level 2

\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Must hold a valid Working With Children Check card

### Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Jamone Maynard on 03 9642 2775.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, Melbourne VIC 3001.

### Closing date

By 5pm 5 June 2009.

## Corporate Services Administrative Support Officer

### Alice Springs

Regional Office

APS Level 2

\$33,823 - \$41,511 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Initial point of contact for all visitors and telephone calls
- Provide support to the finance, personnel and payroll functions
- Record keeping, including maintaining company filing systems
- General office administration, including stationery, mail services and petty cash

### Want to know more?

Contact Tresna Appo on 08 8952 6544.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Tresna Appo on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 5 June 2009.

**Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people**  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.  
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MUSEUMVICTORIA

## LEAD CURATOR, BUNJILAKA REDEVELOPMENT

- Full Time & Fixed to June 2012
- Salary \$71,672 + 9% Superannuation

Museum Victoria is seeking an inspiring and experienced curator to lead the development of content for a set of new exhibitions at Bunjilaka, Victoria's Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Melbourne Museum.

Melbourne Museum currently receives 750 000 visitors per year and is a trusted source of information on history, anthropology, science and the natural environment. The Lead Curator role for this major gallery development offers a unique opportunity to reach a large audience while working with a world class collection as a core member of an experienced production team.

The successful candidate will have an extensive knowledge of Aboriginal history and culture in south east Australia. They will have worked on the development of content for exhibitions or comparable projects aimed at a general audience.

Selection Criteria available at  
museumvictoria.com.au/Employment  
For more info, contact John Kean on 03 8341 7385.

Apply to jobs@museum.vic.gov.au quoting position  
MV7066 by Monday 8 June 2009 COB

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### 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

(ABORIGINAL TARGETED)

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 1/2 - Temporary Part-Time

**Suburb:** Barwon Local Area Command, Moree

**Vacancy Ref:** 09/048

**Salary Package:** \$57,790

**Salary:** \$48,173 - \$52,370

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Part time salary will be paid at the pro-rata rate.

**Job Description:** The General Administrative Support Officer position is within the overall management responsibility of the Local Area Manager.

The General Administrative Support Officer provides support within the Local Area Command focusing on quality advice and high-level customer service to members of the public as well as other members of the NSW Police Force.

The General Administrative Support Officer also provides administrative, clerical and keyboard support at various NSW Police Force locations, including within the Court Process Office.

**Job Notes:** Temporary employment/appointment under Sections 82D, 90/91 or 95 of the Police Act 1990 for up to 12 months. This position is part-time, working a minimum 14 hours per week. Permanency may be offered.

Under the NSW Police Force Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2009-2012, this position is targeted for an Aboriginal person. This is in accordance with Part 9A, Section 122J of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

This position operates under the non-continuous shift award with rostering undertaken in accordance with flexible rostering guidelines.

Position will generally be rostered to perform work in business hours on weekdays and may be rostered to perform afternoon shifts and weekend shifts on the front counter.

Applicants must obtain an information package from the Inquiries Officer for full job details.

If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.

Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.

General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our website - www.police.nsw.gov.au

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated computer keyboard, data entry and word processing.
- Ability to prepare routine/minor correspondence.
- Ability to operate the corporate records management system.
- Effective communication and customer service skills.
- Broad knowledge of systems and administrative practices/procedures, including the working of local court system.

**Inquiries/Information Pack:** Alexis Taylor on (02) 6752 9446  
**Inquiry Email:** Tay11ale@police.nsw.gov.au

**Applications marked:** Alexis Taylor, Acting Local Area Manager, Barwon Local Area Command

"Confidential" to: NSW Police Force, PO Box 444, MOREE NSW 2400

**Closing Date:** 5/06/2009

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## RESOURCE OFFICER

NSW Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

A suitable person is being sought to fill the position of Resource officer for the NSW Congress

The person in this role will have responsibility for the administrative and research needs for the NSW Congress Regional Committee, the NSW Development and Outreach Officer and various local ministries throughout the state. The position involves some travel.

The applicant is expected to have a commitment to working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the Congress, an ability to effectively communicate cross culturally and a willingness to work within the ethos of the Uniting Church of Australia.

It is important that the person is skilled in enabling, empowering and supporting the leadership of others and to fulfill administrative task competently.

Salary is based on the NSW Uniting Church stipend rates and allowances.

**Closing Date for applications Friday 5th June 09**

**Send Applications to:** Sue Willgoss  
Board of Mission  
PO Box A2178  
Sydney South NSW 1235

For job description package or further information contact: Board of Mission - 02/82674397.

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## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER

(2 positions)

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 3/4 - Permanent Full-Time  
**Suburb:** Orana Local Area Command - WELLINGTON and GILGANDRA

**Vacancy Ref:** 09/050

**Salary Package:** \$65,072

**Salary:** \$53,855 - \$58,969

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is as a member of the Local Area Command, Crime Management Team with the responsibility for providing advice and support to Police in the management of Aboriginal issues across the Local Area Command (LAC).

The ACLO assists and supports the development, implementation, monitoring and reviewing of programs that bring about positive outcomes between Police and Aboriginal people, which are in line with NSW Police policy. They also work towards reducing tensions between police and Aboriginal people to understand the police perspective, while ensuring that police stay well informed and aware of the Aboriginal perspective.

The ACLO assists in establishing and maintaining close personal rapport with Elders. Leaders and the grass roots members of the Aboriginal community by developing network contacts within the Aboriginal community to strengthen co-operation and communication and to assist community members in their dealing with policing issues and their contact with other statutory bodies.

**Job Notes:** This position requires an applicant's Aboriginality as a genuine occupational qualification as authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

All applicants must include date of birth and other supporting documentation.

In accordance with the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998, applicants for this position will be required to sign a Prohibited Employment Declaration and the preferred applicant will be subject to the terms of the Act, persons who have been convicted of certain serious sex offences are prohibited from applying for this position as it involves child-related employment.

The ACLO is required to wear a uniform.

Applications are encouraged from both females and males. Applicants must obtain an information package from the Inquiries Officer for full job details. If you have any further queries after reading the information package please contact the Inquiries Officer.

Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.

General information about the NSW Police Force can be found on our website - www.police.nsw.gov.au

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and a sound knowledge of Aboriginal heritage and culture. Ability to work effectively with local Aboriginal communities, service providers and Police personnel.
- Knowledge of the issues impacting on Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system.
- Effective written and oral communications skills. Experience in word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies. Experience in program development/management.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Prepared to work shifts on a 24-hour rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

**Inquiries:** Inspector Rod Blackman on (02) 6883 1560

**Inquiry Email:** blactrod@police.nsw.gov.au

**Information Pack:** Kerry Sealon on (02) 6883 1501

**Applications marked:** The Local Area Manager, Orana Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, 143 Brisbane Street,

"Confidential" to: DUBBO NSW 2830

**Closing Date:** 5/06/2009

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Job Reference No. 809/55  
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Your role will include providing high quality course information service, maintaining and updating culturally sensitive promotional material, liaising with and making referrals to other government and non-government agencies.

#### HOW TO APPLY

The information package, including selection criteria and application forms, is available from [www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au) or telephone Recruitment on 021 4221 8951.

Applications Close 29 May 2009

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.

### MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION Australian Inland Employment Services WORK SKILLS COORDINATOR & EMPLOYMENT OFFICER Broken Hill, Bourke, Walgett

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation, a Dubbo-based regional service organisation is seeking suitably qualified persons to fulfil the roles of Work Skills Coordinator and Employment Officer to assist the Area Manager in the roll out and operation of Job Services Australia to Western NSW. Capabilities demand a high level of understanding of indigenous / remote community needs and pathways to employment as well as strong knowledge / comprehensive experience in service delivery in employment services.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Sound and responsible decision-making abilities
- Demonstrable experience and knowledge of employment support and initiatives
- Ability to work well in a team
- Computer skills (including reporting and spreadsheets)
- Sound Knowledge of Employment Services
- Awareness of Barriers for Indigenous and other Job Seekers in remote areas
- Ability to work under pressure and meet strict deadlines
- Knowledge of Employment Services and/or other employment support initiatives

**Requirement:** Reside in / near locations.

#### Remuneration band:

**Work Skills Coordinator:** Package up to \$60,000 (negotiable). Community organisation tax advantages are available.  
**Employment Officer:** Package up to \$55,000 (negotiable). Community organisation tax advantages are available.

**Status:** (Probationary Period) then Employment Contract. Performance will be judged on outcomes.

**Applications close 22nd May 2009 and must be in writing:**

CEO

MPREC

PO Box 2428, DUBBO NSW 2830

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**Further information:** Steve Hogan Operations Manager  
P 02 6841 0111 F 02 6841 0122



### INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT AND OUTREACH OFFICER

NSW Uniting Aboriginal and Islander  
Christian Congress (UAICC)

A suitable Indigenous person is being sought to fill the position of Development and Outreach Officer for the NSW UAICC.

This is a key leadership and co-ordination position for the NSW UAICC.

The person in the role will oversee the work and development of the UAICC throughout NSW. The person will be responsible for further developing the state office, supporting existing ministries and planning for the development of new UAICC ministries throughout the state. The position involves travel.

The applicant should have strong Christian faith, good leadership abilities, a commitment to UAICC, expertise in holistic ministry with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and a willingness to work within the ethos of the Uniting Church of Australia.

It is important that the person is able to promote the vision and work of Congress and continue to develop the covenanting relationship between the Congress and the Uniting Church of Australia.

Salary based on NSW Uniting Church stipend rates and allowances.

This is open to Lay and Ordained men and women.

**Closing Date for applications Friday 5th June 09**

**Send Applications to:** Sue Willgoss  
Board of Mission  
PO Box A2178  
Sydney South NSW 1235

**For job description package or further information contact:** Board of Mission - 02/62674387.

## 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 **Matraville Sports High School for a School Learning Support Officer.**

For full position criteria and to apply for this position go to [www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.jobs.det.nsw.edu.au).

Closing date for applications is  
**Friday 5 June 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

**PUBLIC EDUCATION**



### Reconciliation Australia Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) Relationship Manager

3 year full-time contract based in Canberra

Reconciliation Australia is a non-government, not-for-profit organisation with an ambition of closing the 17-year gap in life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children.

Our Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) program provides organisations in all sectors with opportunities to contribute to closing the gap in their areas of influence. Government departments, major corporations, Indigenous organisations, schools and not-for-profits are involved in this ambitious program to turn good intentions into action.

As one of the RAP Relationship Managers you will be working with a small team to maximise the potential of the RAP program by continuing to attract and support diverse organisations in the development, implementation and reporting on their Reconciliation Action Plans. You will have primary responsibility for working with organisations to consult, develop and effectively implement and monitor appropriate actions promoting reconciliation; and consulting with Indigenous and other stakeholders to ensure that the actions are informed, relevant and positively linked to the drivers of life expectancy. Experience in working with the corporate sector and in corporate affairs is highly desired.

Information about the RAP program and the job description are available from our website at [www.reconciliation.org.au](http://www.reconciliation.org.au).

The successful applicant will work in a dynamic team environment, have excellent interpersonal and organisational skills and be able to deliver in a fast paced environment. They will work independently and be able to influence across diverse stakeholder groups.

**Salary will be determined depending on experience, expertise and skills.**

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

**Applications close Friday 5 June 2009 at 5pm**

#### Written applications to:

Kate Leonard, HR Manager  
Reconciliation Australia  
PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604  
phone: 02 6272 2633,  
email: [Kate.Leonard@reconciliation.org.au](mailto:Kate.Leonard@reconciliation.org.au)



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Applicants must obtain an application package either, by logging onto the Hunter Institute website at [www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au) 'Employment at Hunter Institute' section or phone the Recruitment Officer on (02) 4923 7370 quoting the Job Reference Number.

⇔ **APPLICATIONS CLOSE 5:00 PM, FRIDAY 12 JUNE 2009**

- **HI09/075E ABORIGINAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PARTNER, EDUCATION OFFICER**  
Maitland Campus - Salary: \$66,332 - \$78,667 p.a.
- **HI09/074E CLERICAL SUPPORT OFFICER, CLERICAL OFFICER 1/2**  
Aboriginal Education & Training Unit - Newcastle Campus  
Salary: \$39,272 - \$45,659 p.a.

This position is targeted to the employment of an Aboriginal person and is authorised by the Department's EEO management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**NB:** The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 makes it an offence for a prohibited person (a person convicted of a serious sex offence, the murder of a child or a child-related personal violence offence, as well as a Registrable person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act 2000) to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in, child-related employment.

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[www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au)



Australian Government

Indigenous Business Australia

### HOME LENDING - LENDING OFFICER POSITION

#### Principal Home Lending Officer (PN 4144)

**Salary \$58K to \$62K plus Bonus and Super  
Cairns based**

#### Are you?

- Experienced in home or business lending?
- seeking to make a real contribution in a dynamic and challenging, yet rewarding work environment?
- interested in promoting Indigenous economic empowerment?

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is seeking an energetic and motivated person to join its home lending team in Cairns.

IBA is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority established to engage in commercial activities while furthering the economic and commercial interests of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The successful applicant will be part of a small lending team that provides a range of flexible and affordable home loan products to Indigenous Australians to assist them buy their own home.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information including position statement, selection documentation and how to apply visit [www.iba.gov.au](http://www.iba.gov.au). If, after reading the job documentation, you have any questions, please contact John Gillespie (02) 6121 2611 or email [john.gillespie@iba.gov.au](mailto:john.gillespie@iba.gov.au).

**Applications close on 27 May 2009**

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**Applications close 5pm, Monday 25th May 2009**



## 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 Kiduff

Bulgarr Ngaru Medical Aboriginal Corporation, 131-133 Bacon Street GRAFTON NSW 2460

Phone: 02 6643 2199 • Fax: 02 6643 2202

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RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS FOR BETTER HEALTH

### Project Officer

Housing and Built Environment component of the Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH)

The Sax Institute is a small and innovative organisation funded primarily by NSW Health to build capacity in public health and health services research. Together with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council and the University of Sydney, the Sax Institute is establishing the Study of Environment on Aboriginal Resilience and Child Health (SEARCH). SEARCH is a large-scale cohort study involving 2000 urban Aboriginal children across NSW. It will examine the links between environment, resilience and health outcomes among these children. SEARCH will also undertake a descriptive study investigating the housing needs of Aboriginal families living in urban communities.

We are currently seeking a Project Officer to coordinate the component of SEARCH that will investigate the housing needs of Aboriginal families. The Project Officer will conduct direct assessments of the homes of 70 families that have been recruited to SEARCH, with a focus on exploring issues around safety, insulation, mould and vermin. The Project Officer will also facilitate focus groups to further explore housing issues faced by Aboriginal communities. The Project Officer will routinely liaise with participating Aboriginal Medical Services, coordinate study logistics and trouble-shoot any issues which may affect study implementation.

To be suitable for this role you must have extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities, be a strong project manager, be able to manage multiple tasks at once, and have excellent communication skills with an ability to build successful collaborative relationships with both internal and external stakeholders. You must also have a current NSW Driving Licence. Aboriginality would be highly regarded but is not essential.

The Project Officer will be based at the Sax Institute however the role will require frequent travel to participating Aboriginal Medical Services across NSW as well as the homes of families recruited to this component of SEARCH.

The position is offered full-time up to 30 June 2010 in the first instance.

For further information, a position description or to apply please contact Nicole Cockayne by phone (02) 9514 5938, email [nicole.cockayne@saxinstitute.org.au](mailto:nicole.cockayne@saxinstitute.org.au) or PO Box 123 Broadway NSW 2007. Applications MUST address the essential criteria listed in the position description.

Applications close: Friday 29 May 2009.



Kormilda College is an independent, coeducational, multicultural day and residential secondary college providing an excellent Christian education to the people of northern Australia.

## Casual Residential Assistants

The College requires casual residential assistants to work day, evening or active night shifts in the residences. For further information about these positions contact the Head of Boarding on 8922 1611.

The job description can be downloaded from:

[www.kormilda.nt.edu.au](http://www.kormilda.nt.edu.au) or

contact Wendy Jennings on 8922 2521



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## Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn CATHOLIC EDUCATION OFFICE

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced persons for the following position in the Catholic Education Office (CEO) of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn to commence as soon as possible.

Religious Education & Curriculum Services:

### Indigenous Officer

(Readvertised position)

(Previous applicants will be considered and need not reapply)

The role aims to provide leadership and services to enhance the learning outcomes of Indigenous students and to further develop the understanding of Indigenous perspectives within the Catholic tradition and ethos of the Catholic Education Office and Catholic schools in the Archdiocese.

This is an Indigenous identified position. The successful applicant will have significant experience in Indigenous education, experience liaising with Indigenous communities and Indigenous perspectives across the curriculum.

The position contributes 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.

Further enquiries and information regarding the position to Mrs Leonie Kelly, telephone: 02 6234 5412 or [leonie.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:leonie.kelly@cg.catholic.edu.au) or visit our website at [www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au](http://www.ceo.cg.catholic.edu.au)

Please note that applicants must address the selection criteria.

The appointment of a successful applicant is subject to satisfactory employment screening for child related employment in accordance with CEO policy.

Closing date: Friday, 22 May 2009.



## PROJECT OFFICER, BUNJILAKA ABORIGINAL CULTURAL CENTRE

- Full Time & Ongoing Opportunity
- Salary \$50,175 + 9% Super

As the Project Officer, you will be responsible for coordinating a program of exhibitions and events in the Birrarung gallery and Milarrri garden which enhance the reputation of Bunjilaka. You will ensure Bunjilaka programs and tours of the gallery and gardens are presented in a culturally authentic way, which maintains the integrity of Victorian Aboriginal cultural values.

You possess a good knowledge of Aboriginal history and culture in south eastern Australia and will be an enthusiastic member of the Bunjilaka and Museum team.

This position is offered to applicants of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent (VCAT Exemption #A261/2008).

Selection Criteria available at [museumvictoria.com.au/Employment](http://museumvictoria.com.au/Employment)  
For further position information, contact Caroline Martin on 03 8341 7300.

Apply to [jobs@museum.vic.gov.au](http://jobs@museum.vic.gov.au) quoting position MV0170 by Monday 8 June 2009.

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## NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL

### Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Aboriginal Health Education Officer/Social Worker

Perm Full Time Position No: NNPOW09415

An applicant's race and gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Jane Dennis, (02) 9382 2361.

Apps: [phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:phhpowhr@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 5 June 2009.

ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

### Registered Midwife (Identified)

Aboriginality MCMLS

Aboriginal & Maternal Infant Health

Perm Full Time Position No: NNRHW0905

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: Shesha Caprice or Fran Pekin, (02) 9661 1572.

Apps: [elizabeth.cox@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:elizabeth.cox@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 5 June 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit [www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au) or contact the enquiries person.

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## Regional Coordinator

Aboriginal Services

Web Search No: Pool Ref 009721

Level/Salary: LB PSGA \$77,679 - \$86,017 pa

We are seeking committed individuals who want to make a difference through co-ordination of local and regional justice plans throughout Western Australia. You will be responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of AJA plans and working with other Government departments and agencies to ensure community aspirations and priorities are addressed. You will also be responsible for engagement between aboriginal communities, government and other key stakeholders.

To Access Detailed Information: [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9476 0011 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Gordon Cole on (08) 9264 6128.

Location: Various across WA

Closing Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2009 at 4.30pm.



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## Senior Health Worker

Indigenous Health Program, Community and Extended Care Services, Nambour, Sunshine Coast-Wide Bay Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$78 367 p.a., comprising salary between \$65 408 - \$68 685 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (007) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SC04656. Duties/Abilities: Provide a high level of competent health care and support based on the needs of the Indigenous community of the Sunshine Coast District and in accordance with the key performance indicators, goals and targets set for Indigenous Health. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld), there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Marilyn Chew (07) 5470 6270.

Application Kit: (07) 5313 8065 or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

Closing Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2009.

## Health Worker Generalist (Indigenous Mental Health Worker)

Charters Towers Rehabilitation Unit, Rural Integrated Mental Health, Institute of Rural Health - Western Sector, Charters Towers, Townsville Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49 675 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 354 - \$43 538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (001) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09TV04607. Duties/Abilities: Participate in collaborative practice activities which facilitate effective, efficient and equitable health improvement services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, consistent with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program's core business activities. Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Christine Sleight (07) 4787 5200.

Application Kit: (07) 4750 6775 or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009.

You can apply online at [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

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## THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

### Teacher / Authorised Supervisor - Early Childhood

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation requires the services of a qualified teacher for its Multifunctional Aboriginal Children's Service (MACS) Long Day Care, in the Campbelltown area, catering for 36 children between the ages of 2-5 years. The role requires the person to build a strong rapport with the children, existing staff, parents and community members. The person will be experienced in providing educationally sound programs that assist children to develop cognitively and socially and will meet the requirements to act as Authorised Supervisor.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Appropriate qualifications in Early Childhood.
- Qualifications and experience suitable to become Authorised Supervisor under the Children's Services Regulation (2004)
- A good understanding of Aboriginal culture and proven ability to work with communities.
- Experience in planning, developing, implementing and evaluating programs to assist children make a smooth transition to school.
- Experience working with the integration of special needs children.
- Aboriginality would be a distinct advantage (BUT not Essential) to working in this role, under section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

Applications for this position must consent to a Working with Children's Check.

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### Project Officer

\$71,671 to \$79,193 (plus Superannuation)

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- Are you interested in working with Aboriginal organisations?

This Project Officer position has a key role in working with Aboriginal organisations and regional stakeholders to support improvements in planning, service development, funding allocation and reporting. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply for this position.

This is an exciting opportunity to work with Aboriginal organisations and government departments to support and implement key reforms including establishing the internal DHS Close the Gap Coordination Board, supporting the Positioning Aboriginal Services for the Future initiative and the Simplifying Funding and Reporting initiative.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Therese Robinson on (03) 9096 8716. To view the job description and apply online, please visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on vacancies. Please quote reference no DHS/PSPI167272 Closing Date: Wednesday, 3 June 2009

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The Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator will demonstrate a capacity to work effectively with Indigenous Australians, culturally relevant expertise and a strong understanding of Indigenous employment issues. He/she will have a strong track record in project development and management, underpinned by excellent communication, negotiation and presentation skills.

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Applications Close: 14 June 2009.

Further information phone 02 6338 4555.

Applicants need to complete all aspects of the online application form and address the selection criteria.

Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.



[www.csu.edu.au/jobs](http://www.csu.edu.au/jobs)

### Client Service Manager - Remote Communities

Housing and Homelessness Services Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM0702/09

**Key Duties:** Manage and lead a small team. Ensure delivery of quality services to diverse range of clients.

**Skills/Abilities:** Management and leadership of a service delivery team in a community context. Oversee delivery of services in accordance with the organisation's objectives and policies.

**Enquiries:** Renae Cunneen, Acting Senior Resources Officer, (07) 4039 8308 or E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009

### Client Service Manager - Remote Communities

Housing and Homelessness Services Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Townsville/Palm Island

REF: QLD/COM0724/09

**Key Duties:** Manage and lead small team. Ensure delivery of quality services to diverse range of clients.

**Skills/Abilities:** Management and leadership of a service delivery team in a community context. Oversee delivery of services in accordance with the organisation's objectives and policies.

**Enquiries:** James Harmon, Area Manager, (07) 4760 7389 or E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009

### Indigenous Business Development Officer

Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE

Education and Training

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: All Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE Campuses

REF: QLD/TAFE6204/09

**Key Duties:** Initiate and implement business strategies to enhance business performance and growth within the Learning Pathways and Partnerships portfolio and specifically for Indigenous clients.

**Skills/Abilities:** Negotiate and develop a range of training programs that reflect the training needs of the Indigenous and Community Sector and to promote the Institute as a quality provider in education, training and consultancy services.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3247 6242

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009

### Business Services Manager - Finance

Tagai State College

Education and Training

Salary: \$62 219 - \$68 419 p.a. (Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Thursday Island in the Torres Strait

REF: FNQ10189/09

**Key Duties:** Manage the College finances and assist the Manager with budgets.

**Skills/Abilities:** Understanding finance and payroll processes is essential. The uniqueness of the college requires a high level of communication skills. An awareness of the Torres Strait culture would be beneficial.

**Enquiries:** Robyn See Kee (07) 4030 6333

Closing Date: Monday, 25 May 2009

### Business Services Manager - Human Resources

Tagai State College

Education and Training

Salary: \$62 219 - \$68 419 p.a. (Total Remuneration Value)

Location: Thursday Island in the Torres Strait

REF: FNQ10190/09

**Key Duties:** Manage the College Human Resources processes entailing approximately four hundred staff.

**Skills/Abilities:** Understanding of Human Resource processes is essential. The uniqueness of the college requires a high level of communication skills. An awareness of the Torres Strait Culture would be beneficial.

**Enquiries:** Robyn See Kee (07) 4030 6333

Closing Date: Monday, 25 May 2009

### Senior Housing Officer - Remote Communities

Housing and Homelessness Services Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Townsville/Palm Island

REF: QLD/COM0726/09

**Key Duties:** Support the delivery of quality housing services to a diverse range of clients. Support and supervise a small team.

**Skills/Abilities:** Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

**Enquiries:** James Harmon, Area Manager, (07) 4760 7389 or E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au)

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009

### Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 622 p.a. (\$23 204 - \$35 077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Woorabinda

REF: P0171/09

**Enquiries:** David Peff (07) 4932 3503

Closing Date: Monday, 1 June 2009

### Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$39 804 - \$42 622 p.a. (\$23 204 - \$35 077 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Gladstone

REF: P0173/09

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### Indigenous Services Manager

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Area North Central Victoria

Box Hill

Reference No:2009/NCV085

The Indigenous Services Unit (ISU) has responsibility for promoting and ensuring there is equity and access to Centrelink Services for Indigenous customers and communities. As an Indigenous Services Manager you will be expected to manage the support services provided by the Area's ISU.

This is an identified position requiring the occupant to have an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and communities, and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively.

For further information about this position, contact: Maria Axalis-Coulter on 03 9963 9291

For Selection Documentation, contact: Helen Stratis on 03 9963 9076; Tania Oliver on 03 9963 9232, or via email: [recruitment.anc.vic@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:recruitment.anc.vic@centrelink.gov.au)

Applications close Monday 1 June 2009

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

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## WELLBEING COUNSELLOR

Worawa Aboriginal College  
Yarra Valley Victoria

Worawa Aboriginal College is Victoria's only registered Independent Aboriginal School. It is a co-educational boarding school for students in Years 7 - 10 drawn from Aboriginal communities across Australia. Currently the College has a capacity of 55 students. The College is located in the Yarra Valley in a beautiful rural setting and operates an innovative curriculum centred on personalised learning plans and digital portfolios.

The Wellbeing Counsellor will have primary responsibility for overseeing the provision of Well Being across the College, ensuring appropriate and timely responses to young people needing support. The position reports to the Director of Students.

A relevant tertiary qualification in Social Work, a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and demonstrated ability to provide counselling and group work support to youth are important requirements. Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

If you are looking for your next challenge and want to join a rewarding enterprise, then Contact [admin@worawa.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@worawa.vic.edu.au) or 03 5962 4344 to obtain a Position Description.

Applications Close:  
29 May 2009



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- Events management

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Commencing salary is negotiable within the range above depending on your skills and experience along with other excellent employment conditions.

For further job related information please contact Sue Andrews on (02) 6269 2500 or Freecall 1800 818 490. (Position documentation and more information on the ILC are available on our website at [www.ilc.gov.au](http://www.ilc.gov.au))

Applications are to include the ILC Cover Note (available on the ILC website), covering letter and detailed current CV only. Further information may be requested if you are required for an interview.

Applications should be emailed to [vacancies@ilc.gov.au](mailto:vacancies@ilc.gov.au) or marked "Confidential" and forwarded to Mr Adam Jenkins, Indigenous Land Corporation, GPO Box 652 ADELAIDE SA 5001

Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday 29 May 2009.

Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.



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## Want to make a difference to children in care?

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian needs Community Visitors for the Far Northern Zone based within the Cairns area, to cover visits to the Indigenous Communities located within the Cape York Peninsula and Torres Strait Islands.

The Commission protects the rights, interests and wellbeing of those members of the community under 18 years old. Community Visitors (CVs) help by monitoring the care provided to children and young people in the child protection system.

Community Visitors regularly visit those in foster care, residential facilities, disability respite centres, mental health facilities, youth detention centres and youth shelters.

To be a CV, you must be an excellent problem solver with an understanding knowledge of, and commitment to, child protection issues. You need strong communication skills and the ability to self manage and work in a team.

The role requires out-of-hours work, access to a personal computer at home and your own vehicle. Benefits include an excellent hourly rate and flexible working hours.

The Commission has identified that this role requires a male from an Indigenous Specific background. Applicants will be expected to provide a reference from an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person concerning their ability to satisfy the Key Result Areas as the position has a high level of direct contact or high level of interaction with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and their communities.

Please note: criminal history checks will be carried out on all successful applicants, as Community Visitors are required to hold a blue card.

For more information, visit [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au) go to 'Organisation' and look for Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian reference number QLD/CCYP7039/09 or contact Simon Morawiec or Emma Parkinson, Zonal Administration, Community Visitor Program on 1800 008 175.

Applications close Monday 1 June 2009  
Applications will remain current for 12 months



NSW Department of Commerce

For information on Commerce please see [www.commerce.nsw.gov.au](http://www.commerce.nsw.gov.au). For Information Packages please call (02) 9372 7194. Please quote Reference Number.

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## CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

CLERK GRADE 3/4  
DUBBO FAIR TRADING CENTRE  
CUSTOMER & PROPERTY SERVICES DIVISION  
OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

REFERENCE NO: 2009/053

**SALARY PACKAGE:** \$65,072 pa. Package includes salary (\$53,855 - \$58,969 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**LOCATION:** Dubbo

**JOB STATUS:** Temporary Full-time

Temporary Full-time for up to 12 months under Section 24, 29 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002.

**JOB NOTES:** Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1997. Information session - Dubbo Fair Trading Centre, 50 Wingewarra Street Dubbo at 4:00 pm on 25 May, 2009. To book your attendance please phone (02) 5804 5000.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Division provides services to consumers and traders on all aspects of fair trading including targeted activities to inform and regulate the marketplace. The Customer Services Officer is a member of a team which delivers effective, high quality customer services, including to Aboriginal communities.

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality is a key criteria for this position and it is essential that applicants address this in their application.
- Experience working effectively with indigenous communities and an understanding of issues affecting indigenous people.
- Demonstrated ability to provide quality customer service in a challenging environment.
- Proven problem solving, negotiation and dispute resolutions skills.
- Demonstrated capacity to develop specialist skills in a range of complex topic areas including Fair Trading legislation and services.
- Highly developed interpersonal skills and demonstrated capacity to work effectively in a team environment.
- Proven sound communication and ability to develop and deliver community programs.
- A current NSW drivers licence and willingness to drive.

**ENQUIRIES:** Kerrie Smith (02) 58045001

**CLOSING DATE:** 29 May 2009

**INFORMATION PACKAGES:** Access Information Packages at [infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:infopack@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) with position number 2009/053 in the Subject heading - this is an auto response. Or if by post, contact Dani Pather on (02) 9372 7179.

**APPLICATIONS TO:** [recruitment@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au) or if by post mark "Confidential" to: Dani Pather, ServiceFirst Human Resources, Level 6, McKell Building, 2-24 Rawson Place, SYDNEY NSW 2000. GA1-792703



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DURRI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION  
MEDICAL SERVICE

Senior Management  
Positions

Over the last 28 years, Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (DACMS) have provided essential and culturally appropriate health and medical services to Aboriginal communities. Located in Kempsey, northern NSW, DACMS is committed to make primary health care and education accessible to all members of the community so as to improve both the health status and wellbeing of the local community.

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### Practice Manager

The Practice Manager is responsible for the management of the health service to clients to ensure prevention, early detection, diagnosis and health care intervention services are managed to achieve improvement in the health outcomes of clients. This includes the management of the operations and delivery of all health and providing leadership to the Practice Management team.

### Business Services Manager

This position is responsible for the operational management of all financial services, administration and associated support services to ensure the achievement of the company's strategic direction. This includes ensuring the sound financial performance of the organisation by supporting each business unit with financial budgets and robust management accounting as well as managing the delivery of administrative, finance and other business services to the organisation.

### Human Resources Manager

The Human Resources Manager is responsible for the operational management of all human resources activities and ensuring that human resource systems and practices support the functionality of the organisation. Developing and managing the HR strategy, providing operational HR services and advising all staff on HR practices.

The successful candidates will require the ability to hold all relevant security clearances such as National Police Check, and Working with Children clearance.

To obtain a full position description for either position, including the selection criteria, please email [recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:recruitment@humanresourcescentre.com.au).

Applications close:

31 May 2009

and should be sent to [jdclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au](mailto:jdclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au)

Durri ACMS aims to be an employer of choice for indigenous and non-indigenous Australians. Indigenous Australians, culturally and linguistically diverse Australians are encouraged to apply.

## There's no better time to join us

### Administration Support Trainee Identified Indigenous Position

- 1 x Orange
- 1 x Port Macquarie

The Administration Support Trainee is accountable for providing word processing, desktop publishing, data entry and general administrative services to the Learning and Development business unit and to support the efficient and cost effective administration of its business operations.

For more information and the selection criteria, please visit our website to download a copy of the position description or contact Amanda McCarthy on 02 6391 5302.

Applications close 5pm Friday 5 June 2009

Please note Indigenous people are eligible for the position(s) as authorised by the Country Energy's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

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## Careers at Eastern Health

### YARRA RANGES

#### Social Worker/Counsellor

Indigenous Health Service

(Yarra Valley Community Health Service)

Ongoing Part Time, Ref: 54649

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

Enquiries: Doseena Fergie, 5957 1100

For more information and to apply online

visit: [www.easterhealth.org.au](http://www.easterhealth.org.au)

Applicants may be required to undergo a

Police Records/Working with Children Check.

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### MURDI PAAKI REGIONAL ENTERPRISE CORPORATION

Australian Inland Employment Services

Readvertised (previous applicants do not need to reapply)

#### AREA MANAGERS

Job Services Australia, Broken Hill, Bourke, Walgett

Murdi Paaki Regional Enterprise Corporation, a Dubbo-based regional service organisation is seeking suitably qualified persons to fulfil the role of Area Managers to manage the roll-out and operation of Job Services Australia to Western NSW. Capabilities demand a high level of understanding of Indigenous / remote community needs and pathways to employment as well as strong knowledge / comprehensive experience in service delivery in employment services.

#### Selection Criteria:

- Experience and knowledge of Employment Services and/or other employment support initiatives
- Capable supervision and guidance of staff
- Sound and responsible decision-making abilities
- Computer skills (including reporting and spreadsheets)
- Awareness of barriers faced by Indigenous and other job seekers in remote areas
- Ability to work well in a team
- Superior organisational and time management skills
- The ability to work under pressure and meet strict deadlines
- Driver's Licence

Requirement: Reside in / near locations.

Remuneration band: Package up to \$70,000 (negotiable). Community organisation tax advantages are available.

Status: (Probationary Period) then Employment Contract. Performance will be judged on outcomes.

Applications close 22nd May 2009 and must be in writing:

CEO

MPREC

PO Box 2428, DUBBO NSW 2830

MARKED PRIVATE

Further information: Janelle Whitehead CEO

P 02 6841 0111 F 02 6841 0122

### Ngallingnee Jarjum Tabulam & district community Preschool

#### Supported Playgroup Co-ordinator

Award: Community Service Worker Grade 3

This position has recently been established to target families with children aged 0 to 8 at the Jubullum village. It is an essential criteria that the co-ordinator has qualifications in Child Care, Welfare or relevant areas with a knowledge of child development. The applicant must also have knowledge of the local area, be computer literate, be able to keep records and write reports. Current unrestricted NSW drivers license required. All applicants will be required to complete a 'working with children' police check.

Applicants may obtain further information from Karren Amadio of the Tabulam Preschool 66 661344

Applications must be posted to Sharon White, Tabulam Preschool, PO Box 99 Tabulam NSW 2469.

Applications close 30/5/09

Aboriginality is a necessary requirement of this position, exemption is claimed under section 14(b) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

### Shoalhaven City Council

#### Community Development Officer Aboriginal

Permanent Position - Full time role or job share arrangement may be considered

- Salary: \$1,091 to \$1,222 per week full time + superannuation (Grade 14, Band 3, Level 2)
- Great opportunity to utilise community development skills
- Flexible working arrangements

Council is seeking a suitably qualified Aboriginal person to join its Community Development team. The successful applicant will have a relevant Social Science Degree or TAFE qualification in Social Science/Welfare or equivalent. Community development experience is essential.

Applicants for the permanent position(s) may also be considered for future casual or limited term contract work.

Note: Shoalhaven City Council considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

Information packages are available on Council's website [www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) or contact Cindy Holmes at Habitat Personnel on (02) 4422 4222 (Ref No. 39464).

Enquiries and initial application to Cindy Holmes - Business Manager, Habitat Personnel on (02) 4422 4222.

Applications Close: 5.00pm Friday, 5 June 2009



### NEWCASTLE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Are you experienced in working with indigenous men, boys and families living with mental health issues?

Here is your opportunity to work in an exciting project - Headin' Up. You will be part of a dynamic and creative organisation which can offer considerable flexibility of employment and above award conditions.

#### Indigenous Family Worker (Male)

To provide individual family work and group work to fathers, male carers, children and their families.

Grade 4, SACS Award with above award conditions.

Hours 21-35 (full-time) pm negotiable.

NFSS is an EEO employer.

NFSS considers being an Indigenous Australian person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

NFSS considers being a man is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s.31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For an information package please contact (02) 4926 3577. If you'd like to discuss the above position please contact Matt Lamont on (02) 4926 3577.

Closing date: Friday 29 May 2009

### Project Officer, Australian Indigenous Studies.

#### School of Culture and Communication

Working with the Academic Co-ordinator, Australian Indigenous Studies, this position will provide high-level project support and administrative assistance for the Australian Indigenous Studies program in the Faculty of Arts.

Under the guidance of the Academic Co-ordinator, you will be responsible for planning, managing and organising resources to support the goals of the Australian Indigenous Studies program. You will also be responsible for co-ordinating publicity for the program, dealing with enquiries, liaising with the University community, senior management and the wider community (including the Indigenous community), and any other administrative support as required.

This is a part-time (0.5 EFT) fixed-term position available to 31 December 2009.

Salary: \$53,516 - \$59,174 p.a. (pwr-rata) plus 9% super.

Job No: 0021364.

For position information and to apply online go to [www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers](http://www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers), click on 'Job Search' and search under the job title or job number.

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### NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at

[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

#### Administrative Assistant

Population Health, Location is negotiable (Wallsend, Tamworth or Tarlee)

Temp Part Time, 20 hpw

Position No: 63166

The Administrative Assistant is responsible for ensuring the provision of efficient administrative support to service delivery programs, clinicians and senior staff. This position is part of a team of administrative assistants supporting integrated service delivery, responsible for effective population health programs in the Hunter New England Area Health Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### Administrative Assistant

Population Health, Tamworth

Position No: 63164

Temp Part Time, 20 hpw (until 30/6/2010)

To ensure the provision of efficient administrative support to service delivery programs, clinicians and senior staff. This position is part of a team of administrative assistants supporting integrated service delivery responsible for effective population health programs in the Hunter New England Area Health Service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

#### FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

- Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants for these positions 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.

Enquiries: Maree Neate, 4924 6492

[maree.neate@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maree.neate@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 29 May 2009.

#### Aboriginal Clinical Leader

Moree, Armidale or Tamworth

Position No: 63201

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enquiries: Judy Stephens, 6767 8615.

Closing Date: 5 June 2009.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

### Australian Government

Department of Families,  
Housing, Community Services  
and Indigenous Affairs



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#### Project Officer (Ongoing)

Registration and Regulation Branch

APS Level 5 (\$60,044 - \$62,343)

Woden, ACT

The Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) administers the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (CATSI Act). ORIC supports and regulates approximately 2600 Indigenous corporations under the Act and provides an avenue for the establishment of new Indigenous corporations where these are necessary.

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We welcome applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, people with diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds and people with a disability.

People with hearing or speech impairment may obtain selection documents via TTY 1800 260 402.

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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
08/456	Anthony Warren Slater	74.24ha	93km S'ly of Pannanonica	Lat 22°27' Long 116°07'	Ashburton
16/524	Vernan John Potter	124.32ha	55km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 120°48'	Coolgardie
24/742	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	599ha	56km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°00'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/233	St. Francis Group Ltd	711.5ha	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/259	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	51.24ha	35km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°57' Long 121°12'	Menzies
29/262	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	72.39ha	27km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°53' Long 121°11'	Menzies
29/305	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	1.99ha	29km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°54' Long 121°11'	Menzies
29/306	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	72.38ha	32km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°55' Long 121°12'	Menzies
29/307	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	27.61ha	39km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°00' Long 121°12'	Menzies
29/318	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	48.69ha	96km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°09' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/246	Intermineral Australia Pty Ltd	1362.44ha	101km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°52' Long 120°00'	Menzies
31/377	Great Southern Mines NL	890.67ha	142km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°59' Long 122°40'	Menzies
53/1069	Rodpion Exploration Pty Ltd	7326.78ha	93km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°09' Long 121°06'	Wiluna
77/1140	St Barbara Ltd	115.8ha	52km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°34' Long 119°41'	Yilgarn

**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:** 20 May 2009

**Native Title Parties:** 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 party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **20 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. 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. **20 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 3820.

## Notice of application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland

Notification day: 3 June 2009



National Native Title Tribunal



Q12008/027 Wakka Wakka #2 and Tarong ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to this agreement covers about 9,350km<sup>2</sup>, located approximately 50km north-east of Chinchilla and Dalby in the vicinity of Kingaroy as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Cherboung Aboriginal Shire Council, Dalby Regional Council, Gympie Regional Council, North Burnett Regional Council and South Burnett Regional Council.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

TEC Coal Pty Limited and  
Tarong Energy Corporation Limited  
(Proponent)  
Level 10, AMP Place, 10 Eagle Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Cyril Couchy, David Anthony Beezley, George Bone, Kevin John Doonan, Michael Bond, Oscar Chapman, Robert Lacy, Beryl Gambrell, Pam Peggy Duncan, Patricia Dawn Bond on their own behalf and on the behalf of the Wakka Wakka People (Wakka Wakka #2 Applicants)  
c/- Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural and Heritage Aboriginal Corporation  
106 Lamb Street, MURGOON QLD 4605

The agreement contains the following statements:

(Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal)

Clause 9.6: For the purposes of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA and Regulation 7(5) of the Regulations, Proponent and the Wakka Wakka #2 Applicants state that Subdivision P, Division 3, Part 2 of the NTA is not intended to apply to any Agreed Acts.

Clause 9.4(a): Proponent and the Native Title Parties consent to:

(i) all Agreed Acts; and

(ii) the conduct of the Tarong Coal Project,

whether the acts or conduct occurred in the past or are to occur in the future.

Clause 1.2 Definitions:

Agreed Acts means the acts and classes of acts listed in Schedule 2 (to the agreement);

NTA means the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth);

(The term 'Tarong Coal Project' is also defined in clause 1.2. Full details of this defined term and of the 'Agreed Acts' listed in Schedule 2 to the agreement may be obtained upon request by contacting the Brisbane Registry of the National Native Title Tribunal on freecall 1800 640 501)

**Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified**

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Queensland South Native Title Services, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Brisbane, Qld 4001 by 3 September 2009.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Felicity

Thiessen on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

Resolution of native title issues over land and waters.

## Manager

Remote Employment Services, Cairns

(salary package negotiable)

**Indigenous Job Connections** needs an energetic, experienced hands-on leader to plan and implement strategies and projects designed to move our remote area indigenous clients off welfare and into employment and small business ownership in a sustainable and culturally sensitive way.

The position will be Cairns based and include extensive travel to remote indigenous communities in FNQ.

You will have appropriate trade or tertiary qualifications preferably with training & assessment qualifications.

Applications close 5.00pm on Monday 25 May 2009

Indigenous people are encouraged to apply.

For application package:

Phone: 0419681860 or email: [jps@lig.com.au](mailto:jps@lig.com.au)



NEW SOUTH WALES  
RECONCILIATION  
COUNCIL

## Chief Executive Officer

Full-time Position  
Peak Reconciliation Body  
Central Sydney location

The NSW Reconciliation Council (NSWRC) is currently calling for applications for the position of CEO. The NSWRC is a non-government, member-based organisation working to advance reconciliation and social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The CEO is responsible for the overall management of the Council's office, projects, and small team of staff. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Salary:** From \$60K pa (dependent on experience) + super (F/T, 2 yr contract)

**Enquiries & Application Packages:** Call (02) 9219 0719; email [nswrc@das.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nswrc@das.nsw.gov.au) or download application package from [www.nswrecon.com](http://www.nswrecon.com)

**Applications Close:** Friday 29th May, 5pm

## Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS)

(Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing)

## Healthy for Life Coordinator (Registered Nurse)

(Re-advertised)

This is a funded and based position within Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service and is responsible for the over-all implementation, monitoring and management of the Healthy for Life program for round 3 sites- Dubbo, Peak Hill and Coonamble. The program is part of an ongoing initiative implemented by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing targeting child & maternal health and chronic illnesses within identified and funded communities.

The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a very high level of skills and experience in either child & maternal health or chronic illnesses, and have experience in providing health services to Aboriginal communities. The Healthy for Life program has been funded to provide further positions, to which the Healthy for Life Coordinator will be responsible for managing in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

Suitably qualified and skilled people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander heritage are encouraged to apply.

Interested persons will need to contact Trish George Healthy for Life Coordinator at Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (02) 6845 3545 for an information package which details the 'Essential & Desirable Criteria' to be addressed in application.

Applications close at 5.00pm Friday 5 June 2009.



Worawa Aboriginal College  
Yarra Valley Victoria

CO-PRINCIPALS  
'WALKING TOGETHER'

The Worawa Aboriginal College Board is seeking to appoint two Co Principals one of whom will be Indigenous. This innovation embraces the 'Walking Together' ethos and provides for Aboriginal pedagogy, protocols, wisdom and values to be embedded across the curriculum.

In the true Spirit of Reconciliation the College Board and management are jointly committed to the 'Walking Together' ethos, enriching the College program through shared wisdom and Indigenous and non-Indigenous knowledge sharing.

Worawa Aboriginal College is Victoria's only registered Aboriginal school. Established in 1983 Worawa has successfully delivered an integrated Education, Culture, Wellbeing program to young people from Aboriginal communities across Australia for over 25 years.

Worawa's curriculum is responsive to the needs of Aboriginal students and has a focus on pastoral care. The Worawa Education Program is based on the concept of 'two way' learning. This involves the Teaching and Learning Program addressing the Key Learning Areas of mainstream curriculum whilst taking into account Aboriginal culture, values, spiritual beliefs and learning styles. Worawa provides specialised attention and Personalised Learning Plans to address the individual needs of students ensuring each student has the opportunity to progress academically, socially, emotionally, culturally and spiritually.

**Worawa's Mission is:**

- To provide an appropriate mainstream education to enable students to attain the confidence, knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become fully contributing members of Australian society.

- To provide students with a sense of their Aboriginal identity, knowledge of their history, confidence in their place as First Australians; and to build their self esteem as a basis for success in their chosen life pursuits.

The Principal Mr Peter Moxham, is leading the implementation of this innovation. Enquiries are invited from those who are interested in either mode of leadership.

For literature about Worawa Aboriginal College and criteria for employment as a Co Principal please telephone Mr Peter Moxham, Principal on (03) 59 62 4344 during office hours.

Completed forms should be mailed to Mr Peter Moxham, PO Box 1250, Healesville 3777. Closing Date 15th June 2009.

Worawa Aboriginal College acknowledges the Brigidine Secondary Schools Council for the model and thank them for sharing information and experience of its implementation in Brigidine schools.

## HOUSING NSW

**SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER  
(OPERATIONS CO-ORDINATOR)**

Business Support Unit

Clerk Grade 7/8

Southern & Western Housing Services Division  
Wollongong

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-19486

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** This is a service improvement support role that provides high level specialised advice and resources in relation to service delivery strategies, service initiatives and partnership activities.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Well developed oral and written communication skills.
- Proven track record of working collaboratively with a range of government and non-government stakeholders to deliver cross agency products and services.
- Experience in service improvement processes.
- Experience in project management of implementing change or new product initiatives.
- Capacity to build and maintain key relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Strong influencing, networking and negotiating skills.
- Demonstrated ability to analyse problems and identify multiple pathways for resolution and identify the most appropriate response.
- Demonstrated ability to analyse business processes and practices and provide recommendations and strategies for improvement.

**Job Notes:** This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Michael Hassett (02) 4224 5780

**Information Packages:**

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820.

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620.

**Closing Date:** Friday 29 May 2009.

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## HOUSING NSW

**PROJECT OFFICER, STOCK  
TRANSFER**

Clerk Grade 7/8

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division  
Albury Client Service Team (CST)  
& Nowra CST

Temporary Full-Time (Various positions)

Position No: DOH-09-19479

Total remuneration package valued up to \$88,249 per annum (Salary: \$72,247 pa - \$79,972 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The Project Officer will work within CSTs reporting to the Team Leader. They will work with HNSW Community Housing Division & Community Housing Provider to help facilitate the transfer of public housing tenancies to the community housing provider.

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- Demonstrated commitment to the values of social housing.
- Understanding of stock transfer programs and sound project management skills.
- Superior organisational skills and ability to prioritise work.
- Demonstrated high level ability to communicate effectively with a broad range of agencies, personnel and individuals.
- Demonstrated experience in developing networks and partnerships.
- Strong influencing, networking and negotiating skills to deal with a range of staff and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated high level ability to analyse complex issues/information and provide quality advice.
- Demonstrated commitment to working with organisations as partners in service delivery.

**Job Notes:** There are various Temporary Full-Time positions available for a period of up to 12 months with possible extension under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act, 2002. Applicants must address the full selection criteria. Travel and overnight stays may be required as part of this position. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Paul O'Reilly 0407 209 180.

**Information Packages:**

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 29 May 2009.

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# Santos

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)**

Santos Limited (Santos) proposes to enter into a series of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) (ILUAs) for the Santos/Petronas Gladstone LNG Project (GLNG Project). The purpose of these ILUAs is to authorise the construction and operation of:

- a 435km gas transmission pipeline between upstream gas fields in Central Queensland and Curtis Island, near Gladstone;
- a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island; and
- all other necessary infrastructure associated with the pipeline and the facility.

This notice relates to a proposed ILUA for part of the GLNG Project over the land shown on the map below (the ILUA Area).



The ILUA Area is not covered by any current registered native title claims. The ILUA Area is in the vicinity of the Carnarvon Highway and Dawson River (between Rolleston and Injune). The ILUA Area is located in the area between the Karingbal #2 (QUD23/06; QC06/05) and Bidjara People (QUD216/08; QC08/05) native title claims (on the north and west) and the Iman People #2 (QUD6162/98; QC97/55) native title claim (on the south and east).

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area you are invited to contact Santos to register your interest.

Responses must be received by 5 June 2009 and should clearly set out:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Responses should be sent to Santos at the following address:

Kylie Boyd  
Indigenous Affairs Unit  
Santos Limited  
GPO Box 2455  
Adelaide SA 5001

Phone: 1800 726 867 or 1300 726 867

Public Notices have also been placed by Santos in relation to the other proposed ILUAs for the GLNG Project.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL373	Approx. 50 km South West of Taroom Local Government Areas within the area: <b>Daib Regional Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures</b> Lot 1 on plan AB241 - Freehold Lot 1 on plan SP103977 - Freehold Lot 2 on plan SP103977 - Freehold Lot 33 on plan AB128 - Freehold Lot 37 on plan AB180 - Freehold Lot 38 on plan AB186 - Freehold Lot 41 on plan AB241 - Freehold Lot 42 on plan AB241 - Freehold Lot 43 on plan AB222 - Camping and Water Reserve - also held as TL 0/209240 Horse Creek - Unallocated State Land Road Reserves <b>Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence:</b> 2771.759 ha	<b>Taroom Coal Pty Ltd</b> 079 251 442

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Brisbane Mining District, Telephone: (07) 3236 3733.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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: qldrcg@fedcourt.gov.au.

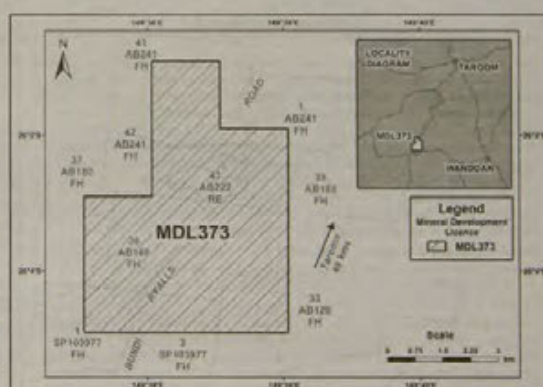
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000. Telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 June 2009



**Queensland Government**  
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## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5037	Coolgardie Gem & Mineral Club Inc	30.06ha	2km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
20/2094	John Cedric Callegari	21.47ha	31km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°19' Long 118°10'	Cue
24/4430	Western Resources Pty Ltd	2.43ha	38km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Ironcap Resources Pty Ltd				
25/2062	Heron Resources Ltd	119.34ha	32km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3669-71	Kalgoorlie Lake View Pty Ltd	373.92ha	17km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd				
26/3696-8	Yamarna Goldfields NL	592.74ha	13km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3702 & 26/3704	Polymetals (WA) Pty Ltd	361.03ha	21km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1868-72 & 27/1902-14	Kesli Chemicals Pty Ltd	2897.1ha	34km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1174	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	63.94ha	136km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°03' Long 123°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2047	Peak Resources Ltd	69.11ha	6km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 121°05'	Menzies
30/1080	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	74.49ha	47km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 120°36'	Menzies
31/1960-4	Wayne Craig Van Blitterswyk	938.32ha	134km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°49' Long 122°31'	Menzies
45/2736	Kevin Graham Danks	121.54ha	15km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 119°46'	East Pilbara
46/1628	Talga Gold Pty Ltd	99.73ha	41km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°43' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
77/3966	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	20.68ha	64km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°16' Long 119°15'	Yilgarn
77/3967	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	96.94ha	114km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°50' Long 119°08'	Menzies/Yilgarn
77/3968	Kevin Williams	200ha	12km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°53' Long 119°02'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 20 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 **20 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. 20 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 Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

**Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:**

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL400	Approx. 12 km East North East of Julia Creek Local Government Areas within the area: McKinlay Shire Council	Current Road Reserve Tenures: Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 604.2482 ha	Queensland Shale Oil Limited 070 910 262

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s. 194AAA of that Act.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Mr Isa Mining District, 13 Isa Street, Mr Isa, 4825, Telephone: (07) 4747 2159.

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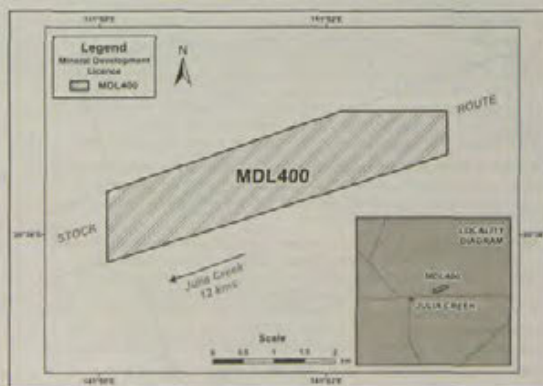
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**Notification Day:** 30 June 2009



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## Indigenous Employment Coordinator

NovaSkill is seeking an experienced person to be based in Newcastle to develop and deliver a range of services to assist Indigenous Australians to obtain and maintain employment.

The ideal candidate will have the following attributes:

- Knowledge of the VET sector, and understanding of Government Indigenous programs
- Established networks within the Indigenous community, and be identified and be accepted as an Indigenous Australian
- Strong administrative skills including Microsoft Office suite
- A current NSW Drivers Licence

This is a senior position and an attractive salary package including salary sacrifice will be negotiated. A fully maintained vehicle is also included.

**Applications, including a covering letter and CV should be addressed to:**

Recruitment  
PO Box 328  
New Lambton NSW 2305  
or recruitment@novaskill.com.au by 25 May 2009

**nov skill**

**Please note:** this position requires applicants to undergo a Working with Children check & Criminal Record check before commencement



**Indigenous Liaison Officer**



BoysTown is a dynamic and innovative national organisation, providing a diverse range of programs to disadvantaged children, young people and their families.

Expand the engagement of the Parentline service with parents and carers of Indigenous children and young people from remote and urban regions of Queensland.

This role will encompass a diverse range of "hands on" tasks that will include the following:

- Build relationships with parents and carers of Indigenous children and young people in Queensland to promote Parentline services.
- Build relationships with Indigenous communities in Queensland to identify their needs and to raise awareness of the Parentline services.
- Build a data base of organizations/agencies throughout Queensland that deal with parents and carers of Indigenous children and young people.
- Establish ongoing liaison mechanisms to foster promotion of self help seeking behaviour for parents and carers through Parentline.
- Develop a project plan that will enable contact with targeted parents, carers and Parent groups
- Promote BoysTown and Parentline as an option for help seeking.
- Work with Mind Matters to promote Parentline as an option for help-seeking.
- Enhance counsellor training to improve response and intervention techniques to Indigenous clients in culturally sensitive ways.
- Assist with budget monitoring for the project and work with an awareness of budget restrictions.
- Assist with the development of materials to promote Parentline to the targeted groups.
- Travel to remote communities and to meetings that support the project as required.

To view a full position description and to apply, please go to [www.boysntown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boysntown.com.au/vacancies). If you would like to speak to someone about this role, please call Sarah Johnson in HR on 07 3857 1202

**Closing Date - Sunday 31st May 2009**



**WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE**  
CO-OPERATIVE LTD A.B.N. 780 1499 0451  
37 Pitt St (P.O. Box 396), WALGETT NSW 2832  
Phone: (02) 6826 1611, 6826 1798  
Fax: (02) 68261201  
Email: walgettams@bigpond.com

### Looking for a tree change?

Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service (WAMS), along with the Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service (BAHSL), currently have vacancies in the following area's:

#### AT WAMS

- Registered Nurse - Sexual Health
- Registered Nurse - Primary Health
- Aboriginal Health Worker
- Family Health
- Aboriginal Health Worker
- Primary Health
- Female Aboriginal Health Worker
- Family Centred Primary Health Care

#### AT BAHSL

- Registered Nurse
- Enhanced Primary Health Care

All Job opportunities at WAMS and BAHSL include an intensive two week orientation to the individual services and the communities they service.

Salary is in accordance with Qualifications and experience. Assistance with accommodation can be provided on request.

**For more information or to obtain a Job Description please contact:**

Kylie Gilmore - Practice Manager-Programs  
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service  
Ph. 02 68 28 2622 Mobile: 0400304816  
Email: kylie.gilmore@walgettams.com.au

Hellen Mannix - Manager  
Brewarrina Aboriginal Health Service  
Ph. 02 68 39 2150 Mobile: 0427753300  
Email: hellen.mannix@walgettams.com.au

**Closing Date: 29 May 2009**

All applications in writing can be addressed to:  
Chairperson  
Walgett Aboriginal Medical Service Ltd.  
P.O. Box 396 Walgett NSW 2832

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# Indigenous tennis tournament to go ahead



THE Victorian city of Geelong will host the inaugural Darrangeeey Festival of Tennis from 7-9 July to coincide with the National Aboriginal and Islander Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week.

The Indigenous Tennis Australia Foundation (ITAF) and Tennis Victoria say they are pleased with progress being made and the co-operation with a broad range of stakeholders and partners.

"It would be impossible for this festival to go ahead without the support and backing of the local Aboriginal community and our partners, including the Geelong Lawn Tennis Club, The Geelong College and Sport and Recreation Victoria," said ITAF Chairman Joey Chaffield.

"Their enthusiasm for the project and assistance is tremendous."

The festival is designed to help develop a passion for tennis by promoting the lifetime benefits of the game among school age children from

Victorian Aboriginal communities.

It also aims to showcase their unique culture.

Organisers hope it will be a fun event.

The festival will include an opening ceremony and an Aboriginal cultural exhibition to encourage involvement from the wider community.

The festival has received support from the local Wathaurong community.

The community has a role in communicating with all the Indigenous regions and communities throughout Victoria and assisting with logistical issues throughout the event.

Tennis Victoria has endorsed the festival, seeing it as an opportunity to promote tennis to Indigenous communities throughout Victoria.

The tournament will be held at the Geelong Lawn Tennis Club and The Geelong College.

Competition entry forms and further information are now available from the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative.

# Debutant rises to challenge



THE Northern Territory Thunder have picked up their second nomination in three weeks for the NAB AFL Rising Star Award, with teenage

defender Deon Gordon picking up the round-three nomination on debut. A standout in the Thunder's big win over Mt Gravatt in Darwin, Gordon followed team-mate Jimmy Puautjimi, who was the round-one nomination.

Gordon, who turned 18 on 2 April, is one of ten children raised in the community of Beagle Bay, about 180km north-west of Broome. He has eight brothers (four older and four younger) and one younger sister.

He moved to Darwin at the start of term two in 2006 to attend St John's College, where he was a boarder, and after three years graduated with his NTCE at the end of last year.

He now works with the AFLNT on a Sportsready Traineeship and lives in Darwin with his aunt and uncle as he builds on a promising career

that started when he joined St Marys under 18s in the 2006-07 season.

In 2007-8 he played in their A grade premiership side as a 16-year-old, holding down a key defensive role, and in 2008 he represented the Northern Territory at the national under 18 championships.

He also played a key role in the NT under 16 campaign as an over-age player, culminating in an experience never to be forgotten - he played in the grand final of the championships at the MCG on AFL grand final day.

## Changed clubs

This year Gordon moved clubs to play with family members at the Darwin Buffaloes, where in between recurring hamstring problems, he played as a focal point up forward.

The likeable youngster has a scholarship with the NT Institute of Sport and has worked hard on improving his fitness, strength and core over the summer months and has been rewarded for his hard work by being the youngest player to play with the new NTFC.

# Santos

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

Santos Limited (Santos) proposes to enter into a series of Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Area Agreements) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) (ILUAs) for the Santos/Petronas Gladstone LNG Project (GLNG Project). The purpose of these ILUAs is to authorise the construction and operation of:

- a 435km gas transmission pipeline between upstream gas fields in Central Queensland and Curtis Island, near Gladstone;
- a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island; and
- all other necessary infrastructure associated with the pipeline and the facility.

This notice relates to a proposed ILUA for part of the GLNG Project over the land shown on the map below (the ILUA Area).

The ILUA Area is currently covered by the Karingbal #2 native title claim (QUD23/06; QC06/005) and the Bidjara People's native title claim (QUD216/08; QC08/005).

The Karingbal #2 native title claim group is described in the Karingbal #2 claim as comprising the descendants of Albert Albury Senior and Jemima of Albinia.

The Bidjara People's native title claim group is described in the Bidjara People's claim as the biological descendants of: Jemima; Harry Gadd; Mother of George, Ada and Georgina Turner; Paddy Murphy; George Mother and Roy Murphy; Harry Brown and Alice; Jemima Tindale and Jim 'Toby'; Lawton; Charlie Victor; Maggie; Lisa Fraser aka Eliza Peters; Dinah Lena; Hector Watson; Celina Grey; Alick Bosun; Mother of Ada, Lucy, Billy and Archie Lang;

Willie and Minnema Colonel; Rubena Smith; William 'Snapper' Barnes; Jo and Dixie; Isabel Florence Bailey; 'Gylma' Lucy; Kate Johnson - Mother of Lucy Long; Billy Langlo; Edward 'Charlie' Prince; and Nellie Combo (mother of Billy Geebung) and Lucy Combo Ada, Fred and Mick Tatten.

If you consider that you:  
• fall within the description of either of the native title claim groups; or  
• hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area,  
you are invited to contact Santos to register your interest.

Responses must be received by 5 June 2009 and should clearly set out:

- your name and contact details; and
- the basis upon which you claim to hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Responses should be sent to Santos at the following address:

Kylie Boyd  
Indigenous Affairs Unit  
Santos Limited  
GPO Box 2455  
Adelaide SA 5001

Phone: 1800 726 867 or 1300 726 867

Public Notices have also been placed by Santos in relation to the other proposed ILUAs for the GLNG Project.



## 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
04/1873	Santmy Resources Pty Ltd	324.02km <sup>2</sup>	99km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°20' Long 125°55'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1877	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	548.82km <sup>2</sup>	65km NE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°40' Long 125°55'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1878	Ochre Resources Ltd	168.31km <sup>2</sup>	151km SW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°59' Long 124°26'	Derby-West Kimberley
06/1946	Skyrne Hill Pty Ltd	107.95km <sup>2</sup>	51km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°02' Long 115°21'	Arbuthnot
20/700	John Cedric Callegari	3.04km <sup>2</sup>	29km NE'ly of Coe	Lat 27°18' Long 118°08'	Cue
25/355	Rubicon Resources Ltd	23.6km <sup>2</sup>	38km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/358	HJH Nominees Pty Ltd	11.76km <sup>2</sup>	52km NE'ly of Kalbarra	Lat 30°56' Long 121°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/390	Rubicon Resources Ltd	14.66km <sup>2</sup>	45km E'ly of Kalbarra	Lat 31°06' Long 122°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/391	Rubicon Resources Ltd	2.93km <sup>2</sup>	42km E'ly of Kalbarra	Lat 31°05' Long 122°05'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/398	TE Johnston & Associates Pty Ltd	17.76km <sup>2</sup>	53km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1900	John Branton	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	70km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1901	Christopher John Branton	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	69km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1904	Clasico Minerals Ltd	81.93km <sup>2</sup>	120km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat 31°25' Long 123°28'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1905	Heron Resources Ltd	29.56km <sup>2</sup>	65km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1906	Heron Resources Ltd	8.86km <sup>2</sup>	64km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°04'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/700	Bruce Robert Legendre	29.67km <sup>2</sup>	54km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°09' Long 120°51'	Coalgate/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
29/716	Wild Acre Metals Ltd	36.07km <sup>2</sup>	64km W'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°50' Long 120°28'	Menzies
30/373	Heron Resources Ltd	35.87km <sup>2</sup>	53km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°26' Long 120°34'	Menzies
31/577	Hawthorn Resources Limited	2.98km <sup>2</sup>	79km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 121°40'	Menzies
31/820	Wayne Craig Van Bitterswyk	8.92km <sup>2</sup>	127km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°45' Long 122°29'	Menzies
31/846	Heron Resources Ltd	2.98km <sup>2</sup>	77km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°23' Long 121°52'	Menzies
31/848	Seatommy Pty Ltd	2.97km <sup>2</sup>	114km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 122°12'	Menzies
36/702	Alia Resources Pty Ltd	3.02km <sup>2</sup>	22km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°03' Long 120°51'	Leonora
37/996	Rubicon Resources Ltd	8.99km <sup>2</sup>	15km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°19'	Leonora
38/2196	Callum Baxter	170.01km <sup>2</sup>	72km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°37' Long 123°29'	Laverton
38/2230	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	206.86km <sup>2</sup>	72km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 123°00'	Laverton/Menzies
39/1435	Legacy Iron Ore Ltd	59.66km <sup>2</sup>	99km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°30' Long 122°30'	Menzies
46/803	Gondwana Resources Ltd	184.73km <sup>2</sup>	24km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°48' Long 119°54'	East Pilbara
47/1911	United Iron Pty Ltd	18.9km <sup>2</sup>	91km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°09' Long 118°52'	East Pilbara
51/1294	Motiva Gold Pty Ltd	215.42km <sup>2</sup>	50km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°46' Long 118°02'	Meekatharra
66/56	Jason Stanley MacDonald	15.17km <sup>2</sup>	51km E'ly of Kalbarra	Lat 27°46' Long 121°41'	Northampton
69/2574	Reverse Mining Limited	406.9km <sup>2</sup>	84km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°04' Long 123°05'	Dundas
74/432-4	AngloGold Ashanti Australia Ltd	1020.25km <sup>2</sup>	41km NE'ly of Munglinup	Lat 33°24' Long 121°07'	Esperance
80/4222	Legacy Iron Ore Ltd	35.91km <sup>2</sup>	28km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°28' Long 127°41'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification date: 20 May 2009

Native title parties: Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification date to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to applications. The 3 month period closes on 20 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.

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
52/107	Sinosteel Midwest Corporation Ltd	2911.39ha	82km N/W of Meekatharra	Lat 25°51' Long 118°40'	Meekatharra
Search for Groundwater					

**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:** 20 May 2009

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45/206	Atlas Iron Ltd	72ha	70km W/W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°07' Long 119°04'	East Pilbara
45/207	Atlas Iron Ltd	45.5ha	66km W/W of Marble Bar	Lat 21°07' Long 119°06'	East Pilbara

**The purposes for L45/206 are:** Mine site accommodation facility, pipeline, road, mine site administration facility, communications facility, water management facility, storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, workshop and storage facility.

**The purposes for L45/207 are:** Pipeline, road, mine site accommodation facility, water management facility, mine site administration facility, communication facility, storage or transportation facility for minerals or mineral concentrate, workshop and storage facility.

**Nature of the act:** Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification day:** 20 May 2009

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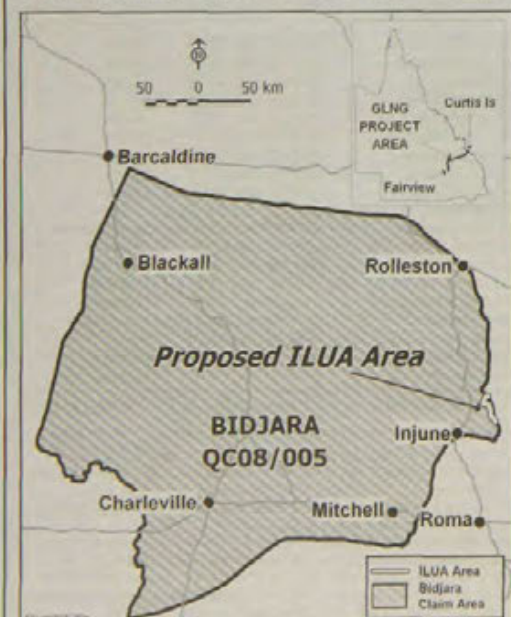
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## Sport

# Doubts over Palm league

## Clubs slow to pay insurance premiums

By ALF WILSON



THE domestic rugby league competition on the North Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island is in jeopardy because the five clubs have not

paid their player insurance premiums.

The clubs - premiers Butler Bay Bulls, Skipjacks, Jets, Brothers and Raiders - are set to compete in 2009 fixtures at the local footy oval and about 2000 men, women and children are expected to turn up.

But whether games start as scheduled on Saturday depends on the clubs paying their compulsory player insurance premiums.

### Must be paid

The draw will only be finalised if the premiums are paid under QRL rules.

A meeting was held of club officials and Palm Island Rugby League (PIRL) members on 12 May to discuss the matter and another is planned for a few days before scheduled kick-off time.

Cr Zina Prior, of Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, who is also on the PIRL board, said that football would definitely not start until the clubs paid their insurance money.

"We are waiting on this major detail and then football will start," the councillor told *The Koori Mail*.

But PIRL President Ili Dabea remained confident that locals would be watching their favourite sides and players come Saturday. "Everybody on the island is as keen as mustard to see the football again following the major success last season. There has been a lot of player movement between clubs and any of them can be considered a big chance of winning the premiership," he said.

Dabea, who is often described as being part of the furniture of island football, said the league was the talk of Palm Island and added that women's rugby league would start later.

"We have planned three rounds for the men and will have finals during September," he said.

Referees will travel from mainland Townsville or Ingham to handle matches, with locals being trained.

Dabea expects hundreds of Townsville people to travel by ferry to Palm Island on Friday to watch the games on Saturday before returning a day after.

Most have family on the island and will have no trouble getting accommodation.

A Palm Island side was due to travel to the mainland on 10 May to meet Townsville competition side Sharks United, which had an A grade bye, in a scratch match.

But the side did now show due to the high financial costs of such a trip.

Last September the Butler Bay Bulls beat arch-rivals Skipjacks 34-20 in an entertaining Palm Island A grade men's grand final before more than 2000 spectators.

The Butler Bay Bulls also took out a close reserve grade final 38-32 and Jets claimed the women's decider 22-10 over Bulls.



Action on Palm Island grand final day last season.



Palm Island fans at last year's rugby league grand final.

# Darnley back in Origin

By ALF WILSON



THE inclusion of a Darnley Island team, with players coming from seven places, has added spice to the 2009 Island of Origin rugby league carnival on Thursday Island during the Queen's Birthday weekend. This side will be called

Saam Karem Beizam, which is named after a reef off Darnley, and a shark.

Many of the players and supporters will make the journey to Thursday Island in dinghies powered by outboard motors - weather permitting.

Twelve young Darnley Islanders will be in the squad, along with others from Thursday Island, Bamaga, Townsville, Cairns, Mackay and Charters Towers.

All have descendants on Darnley Island, with the exception of two outsiders who are allowed under new rules.

Darnley organiser Frank Cook said the squad would all meet on Thursday Island on 3 June, two days before the 24th Origin begins at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval.

"It will be a big task to get the players into positions as many will have never met, but I am confident we will field a good side," Thursday Island-based Cook said.

He said a Darnley Island team last competed at the Origin about five years ago when it lost all games.

"They were very inexperienced then," Cook said.

## Foley Shield

Some of the foundations for such a side were laid during the Foley Shield competition in Townsville over the Easter weekend when Torres/Cape was beaten 32-22 by Innisfail/Eacham in the grand final.

Genus Passi, of Townsville, whose mum is Louisa Hood (nee Sailor), was approached by Frank Cook to coach the Darnley Team.

Passi Snr said that he organised the players from the major north Queensland centres and was looking forward to the Origin.

The side will be a blend of experience and youth, with 18-year-old Townsville five-eighth Genus Passi and forward Tony Fennimore, from Mackay, flying north, along with Cairns players Thaldy Reuben, Joey Cook, Jade Gabedi, Francis Stephen and Dennis Cook.

NPA players Jackson Sailor, Bruce Sailor and Jaffa Cook are from Bamaga, and Brian Elu is from Umagico.

Thursday Island players in the squad include Harry Cook, Kailu George, Cyril Pau Jnr, Michael Pau (all KRL Suburbs club), Ricky Sailor (Pioneer Knights), Jimmy Rattler (Roosters), and George Kris, Ontor Gela and Maxwell Sailor.

Horn Islander Benny Doolah will add depth to the squad.

"This has been a long time coming getting a side from Darnley," Cook said.

It is expected that eight to ten teams will play in the Origin series, with Mulga Tigers, from Badu Island, and Arkai Brothers, from Kubin, amongst the early favourites.

## Goal from kick-off

A YOUNG Indonesian made Arafura Games soccer history with a goal from the opening kick-off.

The kick by Aceh captain Hendra Yani in the 12 May under 18 game soared high, then dropped sharply into the net over the head of the surprised Northern Territory 16s goalkeeper... and equally surprised players, officials and spectators.

The 18-year-old Yani later told the Aceh team manager: "It was a deliberate attempt to score. It was not a fluke."

The one-nil lead obtained by Aceh in the first few seconds lasted into the second half before the Northern Territory equalised. Aceh seemed certain to win when they led 2-1 into extra time, but NT netted from a last-minute corner to force a draw.



Genus Passi Snr and son Genus Jnr prepare for the 2009 Island of Origin rugby league series on Thursday Island. The Darnley side is named after a shark and a reef.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL381	Approx. 19 km West North West of Ravenshoe Local Government Areas within the area: Tablelands Regional Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 1 on plan AP14401 - OL 22/211 Lot 62 on plan CWL3204 - SL 22/45723 Lot 1 on plan MP131144 - Freehold Wild River - Unallocated State Land Road Reserves  Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 346.8283 ha	<b>Bluestone Nominees Pty Ltd</b>  092 257 013

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s. 194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s. 194AAA of that Act.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3896 3216 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 167 Walsh Street, Mareeba, 4880, Telephone: (07) 4048 4795.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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.

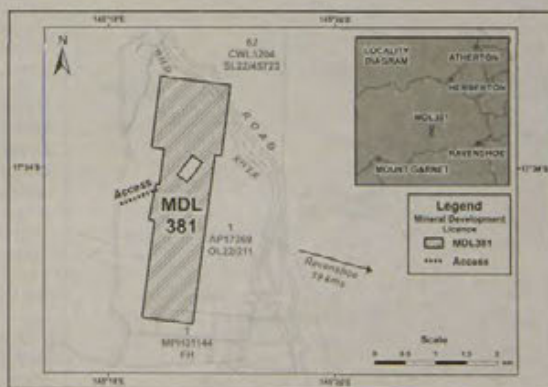
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

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Notification Day: 30 June 2009



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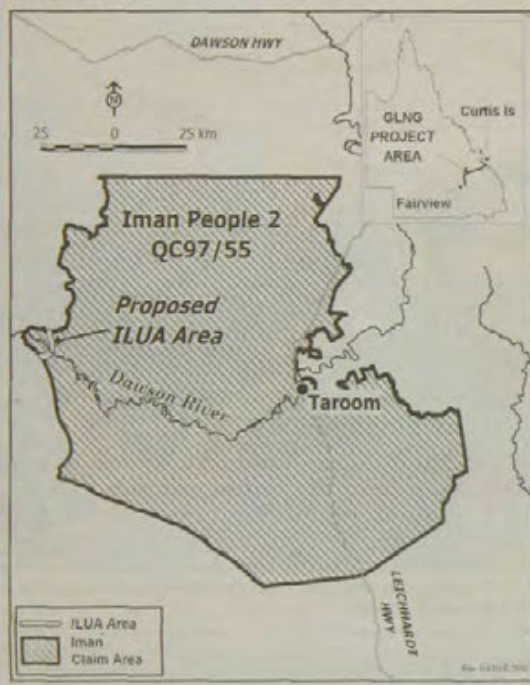
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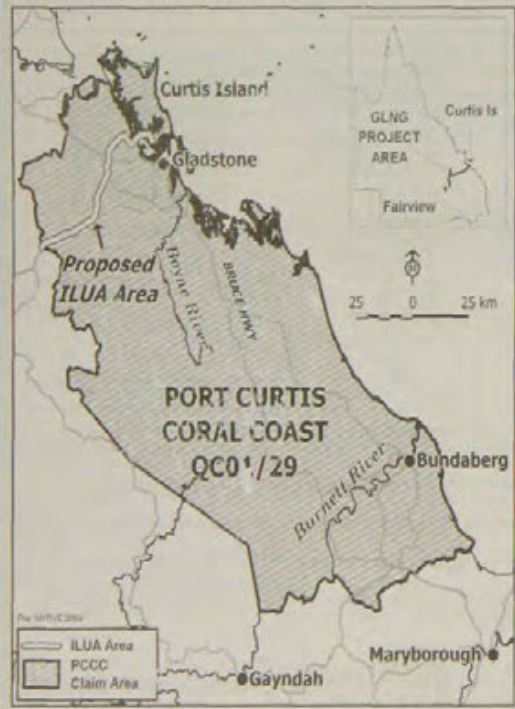
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The ILUA Area is currently covered by the Port Curtis Coral Coast native title claim (QUD6026/01; QC01/29). That native title claim group is described in the claim as comprising the descendants of Dina; Jessie; Johnson; Matemate and George Swain; Sandy and Fanny; Dulha/Doolan; Buller Tolson (Norman Buller); Alice Murray; Jane; Betsy; Rosie; Elsie Myers; Maggie Little; Rosie Blackman; Emma Jones; and Mary Anne.

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## 'The Man' v 'The Real Deal':

# Fighters at crossroads



TWO-TIMES super middleweight world champion Anthony Mundine is the

overwhelming favourite, but he remains cautious of Daniel Geale – the man he faces in their World Boxing Organisation (WBO) title fight in Brisbane on 27 May.

Mundine wants to become a world champion in two weight divisions and will use the fight as a stepping stone towards a match-up with World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Felix Sturm.

Geale, the WBO world middleweight champion, knows that for him to reach any heights in world boxing, he has to overcome Mundine.

It is shaping up as a classic fight between two Indigenous Australians – the outspoken Mundine and the unheralded Geale.

Mundine has had 38 fights for 35 wins (23 by KO), while Geale's record is 21 wins (13 by KO) and no losses.

Geale is arguably Australia's most under-rated world champion. In his last fight, the 28-year-old from Launceston scored a first-round KO over Canadian Ian MacKillop.

The way in which Geale went about that bout left fight fans stunned and Geale's corner in little doubt that he was ready for the biggest showdown of his career.

Mundine's last fight was back in February, when he won a brutal points decision over fellow Australian Shannon Taylor.

Mundine is wary not to under-estimate Geale.

"Daniel is a very talented boxer who goes about his business without much fuss," Mundine told a press conference.

"I think he has realised though that you can't hide in the shadows forever and if he is the real deal, then he is going to have to get through me."

Geale knows that Mundine will be his toughest opponent yet, but remains confident.

"There is no doubt Anthony is a very talented fighter, but I've got the belt and I'm not giving it up without a fight," he said at the press conference.

"I'm feeling great physically and mentally and can't wait for the fight."

The bout will be screened live on MAIN EVENT Pay-Per-View.

Meanwhile, Anthony Mundine says he'll do all he can to help his cousin, fellow former NRL player Wes Patten, defend criminal charges.

"I am my brother's keeper,"



DANIEL GEALE



ANTHONY MUNDINE

Mundine said after attending Sydney's Central Local Court last week to sign papers allowing Patten's bail conditions to be lessened.

Patten is facing charges over a Sydney home invasion in which a man was attacked with a stun gun in November 2008.

The 34-year-old, from Alexandria, has been reporting to police seven days a week since his arrest.

But his lawyers last week successfully applied to have his bail conditions varied to four days a week, which required Mundine to sign new paperwork relating to Patten's surety.

The boxing champion said he would do anything to help his cousin – a member of Team Mundine, his boxing training crew – who had been going through a bad time.

"He's a good bloke, man. Everyone makes mistakes, as we've seen with the current news," Mundine said, referring to the Matthew Johns group sex scandal.

"He's trying to do better for his life and I'm always there for him. I'm my brother's keeper and he'd do the same if I was in the same situation."

Mundine said Patten often turned up at his Redfern gym and was happy to be getting his life back on track.

"He's always coming in for training," he said.

"I try to inspire him, you know? He's in a positive frame of mind."

Mundine said Patten was relieved to have his job back, presenting *The Barefoot Rugby League Show* on National Indigenous Television, which also screens on the Fox Network.

Patten played for the Balmain Tigers, Gold Coast Chargers, South Sydney and St George Illawarra between 1993 and 2000.

He was to return to court yesterday when his case was to be mentioned. – with AAP

# Away games hold key for Thunder



LEARNING to win away matches is the key to the Northern Territory Thunder's first year in the Queensland Australian Football League competition.

Before last Saturday, the Thunder had played five matches, winning their two home games in Darwin, but losing each time they had travelled.

The Thunder were hoping to break the sequence last Saturday when they took on Broadbeach at Carrara Stadium, on the Gold Coast.

Playing interstate is proving to be a hurdle for the Thunder with their third loss away from home in round five of the QAFL.

After having slow starts to each of the previous away games, the Thunder dominated the first quarter in their round five showdown with the Labrador Tigers – another Gold Coast club.

The game slipped away from the Thunder in the final minutes.

## Tremendous start

The Territorians had a thunderous start, leading by 33 points at quarter time, then a tight goal-for-goal scoreline at each break followed to see the NT Thunder break by five points at full-time.

The final scores were: Labrador 14.9 (93) d Thunder 13.10 (88).

Goal kickers for the Thunder were Darren Ewing 6, Jarrod Ilett 3, and Mark McLean, Marty Smith, Bradley Palipuminni and Shane Thorne.

Best Players were Jarrod Ilett, Mark McLean, Peter MacFarlane,

Cameron Ilett and Deon Gordon. Jackson Emblem was reported for allegedly striking Labrador's key ruckman Trent Knobel, but the charge was later dropped.

More good news followed for the Thunder when key mid fielder Cameron Ilett was cleared to play in last Saturday's game against Broadbeach.

Ilett was reported for front-on contact with Tigers captain Aaron Shattock, but because of Ilett's clean record and pleading guilty, he was cleared to play, with the 37.5 points carrying over to any possible future reports.

## Another defeat

The Thunder's second away loss came at Victoria Point (Brisbane) on 1 May when beaten 23.18 (1567) to 20.11 (131) by the Redland Bombers.

Darren Ewing kicked seven goals bringing his total to 17 and third place on the QAFL leading goalkicker board.

Before last weekend's round six games, the Territory team was sitting in eighth position on the ladder, with eight points.

Southport and Redland were leading with 16 points, followed by Morningside (12), Labrador (12), Brisbane Lions (12), Mt Gravatt (12), and Broadbeach (12).

Aspley (4) and Western Magpies (0) were behind the Thunder.

The top five teams will advance to the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Alice Springs will be the venue for the Thunder's next home game. They will play the Western Magpies at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, on 23 May.

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The ILUA Area is not covered by any current registered native title claims. The ILUA Area is generally located between the Comet River (on the west) and the Dawson River (on the east) in the vicinity of the Dawson Highway. The ILUA Area is outside the boundaries of the following current registered native title claims: Karingbal #2 (QUD23/06; QC06/05), Bidjara People (QUD216/08; QC08/005), Gangulu People (QUD6144/98; QC97/36), Iman People #2 (QUD6162/98; QC97/55) and Ghungulu (QUD6226/98; QC99/16).

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## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO.	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
25/336	Integra Mining Ltd	314404	519.49ha	45km NEly of Kambalda	Lat 30°58' Long 122°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
47/641	Hemmersley Exploration Pty Ltd	310561	23.13ha	57km SEly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°39' Long 118°39'	Achburton
47/796	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Misul Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name)	311778	77.39ha	96km Ely of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°15' Long 118°36'	East Pilbara
47/1050	Cape Lambert Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd Misul Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Pannawonica Iron Associates (Registered Business Name) North Mining Ltd	311781	48.55ha	96km Ely of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°16' Long 118°37'	East Pilbara
52/1750	Winwick Resources Ltd	317597	25.6ha	42km SWly of Newman	Lat 23°22' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
52/1772	Winwick Resources Ltd	317510	23.32ha	42km SWly of Newman	Lat 23°22' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
53/1084	Aragon Resources Limited	305732 305734 305735	128.62ha 127.38ha 120.53ha	45km Ely of Wiluna 48km Ely of Wiluna 53km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°32' Long 120°40' Lat 26°34' Long 120°42' Lat 26°37' Long 120°44'	Wiluna
53/1148	Aragon Resources Limited	305729 305730	32.54ha 8.20ha	59km Ely of Wiluna 59km Ely of Wiluna	Lat 26°40' Long 120°47' Lat 26°41' Long 120°47'	Wiluna
63/949	Central Norseman Gold Corporation Ltd	317393	45.91ha	24km NEly of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 121°58'	Dundas

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 20 May 2009

Native title parties: 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 the applications. The 3 month period closes on 20 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. 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. 20 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.

# Warragul to honour boxer Lionel Rose



INDIGENOUS boxing legend Lionel Rose (pictured) is to be honoured with a statue in the town in which he was born – Warragul. The local Baw Baw Council is behind the move for the 3.6m statue.

To finance the project, 15 miniature statues of Rose are for sale for \$12,000 each.

Rose last week travelled from his Warragul home with his wife Jenny to view the bust at the Frankston home of Johnny Famechon – another world boxing champion of the same era.

Rose, 60, grew up in Jacksons Track, between Warragul and Drouin, and Warragul gets his vote for the statue. "That's where I was born so that's where it should be," Rose told *The Herald Sun*.

# McLeod honoured

By PETER ARGENT



IN a week where Andrew McLeod will make his club-record 313th AFL appearance for the Adelaide football club – fittingly during the

Indigenous round – the Crows have decided to focus on his 15 years of amazing achievements with a tribute game.

The Adelaide Football Club had named the 2009 season as a 'Tribute Year' honouring McLeod, one its much-loved sons, in recognition of his contribution to the Crows.

The supple figure of McLeod, with a 'Sherrin' firmly gripped in his hands, dashing down the wings out of defence at AAMI Stadium is a sight which invigorates even the most hardened football critic.

## One of the greats

Along with his one-touch gathers and ability to bring down a gravity-defying mark, McLeod's accuracy when disposing of the ball has him regarded among the greats of the code across the generations.

When you add his ability to find a way to perform at the peak of his

## What other players say

**Graham Johncock (Adelaide)**

"Andrew has done everything from a football perspective, being a legend on and off the field.

"He is also a great bloke away from the game.

"I grew up barracking for the Crows and to have played alongside my hero has been a proud achievement for me."

**Richard Tambling (Richmond)**

"Andrew was too dangerous for an offensive footballer like me to play on.

"He was another one of the players along with James Hird and Michael Long who I looked up to as a kid.

"I was lucky enough to be captained by Andrew in an All Stars game.

"He always gets the best out of himself and has been a great role model for his peers."

**Courtenay Dempsey (Essendon)**

"As I play a similar role for Essendon, I try and model my game on the way Andrew McLeod plays."

## Andrew McLeod timeline

- Debut – 1994 v Melbourne, round six, 1995.
- Premiership player – 1997, 1998.
- Norm Smith Medallist – 1997, 1998.
- Pre-season premiership – 2003.
- Michael Tuck Medallist – 2003.
- Runner-up Brownlow Medal – 2001.
- Third Brownlow Medal – 2000.
- Adelaide FC best and fairest – 1997, 2001, 2007.

- Runner-up Adelaide Football Club – best and fairest 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2006.
- All-Australian – 1998, 2000, 2001, 2006 and 2007 (when he was captain).
- International Rules – 2001, 2002, 2005 (co-captain).
- Jim Stynes Medallist (International Rules) – 2005.
- Rising star nominee – round 20, 1995.

powers in the season-deciding fixtures, it just further enhances his credibility as a player.

The match against Carlton in front of the Crows' faithful at AAMI Stadium on Saturday will acknowledge McLeod's outstanding contribution to the club, the greater football community and to his people.

He will also break the club's games record of premiership team-mate, 2003 Brownlow Medallist and long-serving Adelaide captain Mark Rucic.

Originally from the Darwin Buffaloes in the Northern Territory, McLeod started his SANFL career at Port Adelaide, where he played in the club's 1994 SANFL premiership.

## Traded

McLeod was tied to Fremantle when it was forming its inaugural AFL squad, but in what is regarded as the AFL recruiting coup of the 1990s, the young talent was traded to Adelaide in exchange for Chris Groom.

He was a key player in the Adelaide Football Club's back-to-back flags in 1997 and 1998, becoming only the second person to win dual Norm Smith medals for best on ground honours in the season deciders.

Just the second Aboriginal man and the third Crow to play 300 AFL games, he reached this landmark game in

round 19 last year against Richmond, also at AAMI stadium.

And the accolades just keep piling up. McLeod was selected as a ruck rover in the Aboriginal team of the 20th Century and was also a member of the Crows team of the decade (1991-2000).

He has captained his country and led the Aboriginal All Stars team, winning the Polly Farmer Medal for the best player in this now bi-annual match.



Andrew McLeod finds room to move.

STEPHEN HILL  
Image: Statuary Media



## Freo's Hill a Rising Star nomination



FREMANTLE teenager Stephen Hill has been rewarded for his outstanding performance in the Australian Football League (AFL) derby triumph over West Coast with the round-six Rising Star nomination.

A day after celebrating his 19th birthday, Hill gathered 21 disposals, including six marks, five tackles, a game-high seven inside-50s and booted two goals in the 13.9 (87) to 9.20 (74) win at Subiaco Oval on 2 May.

The speedy midfielder debuted in round one and has played all six matches this season.

Fremantle coach Mark Harvey said Hill's ability to fit straight into the AFL system was significant.

"To play in a derby and play the way he did plus handle the pressure and the build-up to the game is a real feather in Stephen's cap," he said.

"As each game goes by, he is working out more and more how he can take the game on.

"Players who can bring their team-mates into the game have a special quality and he's got that."

Fremantle selected Hill with pick three at the 2008 NAB AFL Draft. – AAP

## Jawai takes a break

NATHAN JAWAI – Australia's first Indigenous player to sign with the United States National Basketball Association (NBA) – is back home for a rest before he returns to the US.

The gentle giant from Bamaga, near the tip of Cape York, has spent time in Cairns catching up with mates and taking in some local rugby league and basketball matches.

Jawai had a troubled year with the Toronto Raptors, with injury delaying his debut.

He finished the season in the NBA development league with the Idaho Stampede, but again injury forced him off the court.

Jawai was selected in the NBA second round (there are two rounds of 30 picks) with the 41st pick. He is 210cm tall, has a 228cm 'wingspan' and weighs nearly 130kg.

Before trying his luck in the US, he played with the Cairns Taipans in the National Basketball League.

# Aiming for Opals

## Jaylene in Australian U17 squad



ANOTHER Indigenous basketballer has her sights set on becoming an Australian Opal.

Darwin-based Jaylene Bonson is well down the path towards her goal – she has been selected in the Australian under 17 squad.

Jaylene made the squad after playing for the Northern Territory at the national under 18 championships last month in Gawler, South Australia.

She is a 16-year-old point guard and wants to follow in the footsteps of another Indigenous star – Rohanee Cox – who is a member of the Australian Opals women's team and played for Australia at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, where she won a silver medal.

Jaylene's next assignment is to attend the Australian Institute of Sport development camp in Canberra from 15-18 June.

The performance of the NT team at the Gawler tournament surprised many, finishing with two wins, including an unexpected victory over WA Metro.

Last week Jaylene was playing for a Northern Territory



team at the Ararua Games in Darwin.

She also is a talented touch footballer, having represented the Australian Indigenous women's open touch team that toured New Zealand last year.

Jaylene comes from three big sporting Indigenous families in Darwin – the Cubillo, Ahmat and Bonson mobs.

A grandmother, from the Eastern Arrernte people at Airlunga, 110km east of Alice Springs, is part of the Stolen Generations. She was taken and

brought up on the Tiwi Islands by the Catholic mission.

Her grandfather on her mother's side is part of the Larrakia people from around Darwin.

On her father's side, Jaylene's great great grandmother was a Jawoyn girl, known as Bet Bet the Little Black Princess, in the Australian classic *We of the Never Never*.

Her grandmother on her father's side was from the Torres Strait and was born on Thursday Island.

● PICTURES: Jaylene Bonson in full flight on the basketball court (above) and on the touch football field (right).



# 1868 cricket pioneers honoured



AUSTRALIAN cricket last Wednesday paid tribute to its first ever touring team – the 1868

Indigenous team that toured England.

The Aboriginal flag was displayed at all State and Territory cricket offices and at Cricket Australia headquarters in Melbourne.

The team arrived in England 141 years ago to start the marathon tour, taking in 47 matches and blazing a trail for those who came afterwards. The team is now widely acknowledged as the first sporting team to compete under the national Australian banner.

The 141st anniversary took on extra significance, as next month the National Indigenous Development squad will leave for a four-week tour of England, a tour that will in part honour the 1868 legacy.

While the primary focus of the tour is to develop talented young Indigenous cricketers, captain of the squad, South Australian

Redbacks all-rounder Dan Christian, also sees it as a fitting acknowledgement of the heroic deeds of 1868.

"It's hard to imagine what it was like to tour 141 years ago, three months on a boat for a start would have been hard enough for those guys," Christian said.

"The upcoming tour is a great opportunity for all players in the touring squad to raise the awareness of cricket in the Indigenous community.

"As we've seen through other sports, Indigenous people are some of the most talented in the country and it's only a matter of time until some of this squad make their mark in first-class cricket. This will give kids in the Indigenous community more role models to look up to.

"For a lot of the younger guys, it will be their first trip overseas and from a cricket perspective, the opportunity to play in different conditions will really further their careers."

The National Indigenous Development Squad to tour England was named at the completion of the national

Indigenous cricket carnival, the Imparja Cup, and contains three players who held senior or rookie State contracts in 2008-09 – (Dan Christian, SA, Josh Lalor, NSW, and Worin Williams, Qld). The team will gather at the Cricket Australia Centre of Excellence in Brisbane for a pre-tour camp before leaving on 20 June.

The National Development Squad is: Daniel Christian (c) SA, Peter O'Callaghan (vc) ACT, Trent Clemments Qld, Josh Lalor NSW, Brad Lovell Tas, Ben Mainhardt Qld, Darcy Short NT, Chris Swain Qld, Cameron Trask Qld, Dane Ugle WA, Lewis Upton WA, Josh Walmsley Tas, Preston White Qld, Worin Williams Qld. Coach: Michael Mainhardt (Qld)

The 1868 team set sail from Sydney on 8 February 1868, arriving in England on 13 May. It played 47 matches between May and October, winning 14 games, losing 14 and drawing 19.

All-rounder Johnny Mullagh (traditional name Unaarimin) was the acknowledged champion of the team, scoring 1698 runs and taking 245 wickets on the tour.



Touring Indigenous cricketers Chris Swain (left) and Preston White (right) at the Imparja Cup dinner in Alice Springs last February with, from left, former Queensland Sheffield Shield player Lou Cooper, former Test batsman Matt Hayden and Queensland Cricket Specialist Development Program Co-ordinator Nev Paulsen.

In 2002 the team was inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame. In 2004, individual player numbers were allocated to the touring party as formal recognition of their place in Australian cricket history in a ceremony during the 3 mobile Boxing Day Test.

The team, including their awarded player numbers, traditional name and European name, was:

AUS 1 Arrahmunyarrimin (Peter), AUS 2 Ballinjarimin (Sundown), AUS 3 Bonnarangeit

(Tiger), AUS 4 Brimbunyah (Red Cap), AUS 5 Bripumyarrimin (King Cole), AUS 6 Bulchanach (Bullocky), AUS 7 Charles Lawrence (Captain/Coach), AUS 8 Grongarrong (Mosquito), AUS 9 Jarrawuk (Murrumbidgee) (Two Penny), AUS 10 Jungumjenanuke (Dick-a-Dick), AUS 11 Lyterjerbillijun (Jim Crow), AUS 12 Pripumyarraman (Charles Dumas), AUS 13 Unaarimin (Johnny Mullagh), AUS 14 Yellanach (Johnny Cuzens).

# Soccer's big push

## Ten-year plan to attract Indigenous participation



AN Indigenous soccer tournament in Townsville this July is the centrepiece of a ten-year plan by Football Federation Australia (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.

Indigenous sportsmen have much higher profiles in rugby league and

Australian football, and soccer wants to rival those sports in relation to Indigenous involvement.

As a first step, FFA has announced the Indigenous Football Festival, the first of which will be held in Townsville, home of the new Hyundai A-League team, North Queensland Fury.

It will involve 16 teams from Indigenous communities throughout Australia.

FFA chief Ben Buckley said the heart of the Indigenous Football Development Program would be the annual Indigenous Football Festival.

"The festival is an important component of our plan from a long-term structural and development perspective," he said.

"The most effective development method is for people to play the game, and any coach will tell you that development is more enduring if there is a sense of purpose.

"The Indigenous Football Festival

provides that purpose, and gives young people from communities something to aspire to participate in each year."

The teams competing in Townsville will be identified by FFA and member federations, and supported by a number of initial coach mentors led by Indigenous Soccerroo Travis Dodd.

### Coaching clinics

The coach mentors will provide the initial coaching clinics for the 16 communities competing in Townsville, as well as ongoing mentoring for teachers or individuals managing the teams.

Mr Buckley said change would also be effected by ensuring that:

- Young Indigenous people continued to play the sport after each annual festival
- FFA's ongoing talent identification programs incorporated Indigenous communities
- Accredited coach and referee education programs were made available in communities.

Mr Buckley said the FFA would work closely with member federations in each State and Territory and appoint Indigenous Football Development Officers in key locations.

He said that by 2010, FFA aimed to offer two young people a football scholarship to a senior secondary school or into higher education.

"We identified the need for a special Indigenous football program in our National Football Development Plan 15 months ago and we have been working on constructing the right program for us," he said.

"We're very excited to launch the program and the Indigenous Football Festival.

"All of us at FFA have a strong commitment to contributing to better outcomes for young Indigenous people and we're confident that football can help make a difference in this important area for Australia."

# Clinic road show begins

SOCCER'S move to attract greater Indigenous participation is about to click into gear, with mentors this month visiting Aboriginal communities around Australia.

It is part of Football Federation Australia's (FFA) new Indigenous Football Development Program.

Throughout this month, coach mentors are visiting Aboriginal communities to give children an opportunity to learn football skills and to promote participation in FFA's inaugural Indigenous Football Development Program.

The mentors include Hyundai A-League players Travis Dodd (Adelaide United) and Fred Agius (North Queensland Fury), Qantas Futsalroo captain Lachlan Wright, Westfield and W-League players Kyah Simon (Central Coast Mariners) and Tanya Oxtoby (Perth Glory).

Former Qantas Soccerroo Alistair Edwards and media commentator and football analyst Andy Harper also are part of the program.

"A dedicated team of coach mentors has been established and will showcase the positive benefits football can bring to young people," said FFA chief Ben Buckley.

### Starting point

The coach mentors will provide the initial coaching clinics for the 12 communities participating in the Indigenous Football Festival, as well as ongoing mentoring for teachers or individuals managing the teams.

The visits take in football training days at Moree, Launceston, Shepparton, Alice Springs, Borroloola, Port Augusta, Dubbo and Townsville.

"The aim of the Indigenous Football Development Program is to have at least five per cent of players in all national teams and major competitions of



Indigenous Soccerroo and Adelaide United captain Jade North challenges for possession while playing for Australia against Qatar in a 2010 World Cup qualifying game in Doha, Qatar, in 2008, is one of the big names behind Football Federation Australia's project to attract more Indigenous players to the code.

Indigenous background and these visits are the first step in making this a reality," Buckley said.

"We encourage all young people in Indigenous communities to attend their local football training day."

Indigenous Football Festival training days have already been held at Moree, NSW, and Launceston, Tasmania.

They will also be held at:  
**Shepparton, Victoria:** Rumbalara Football Club, Mercury Drive, Shepparton, Sunday 24 May, 11am-1pm.  
**Alice Springs:** Yirara College, Alice Springs, Thursday 28 May, 3pm-5pm.  
**Borroloola, Qld:** Yanyula Oval, Borroloola, Saturday 30 May, 10am-noon.

**Port Augusta:** Braddock Park Oval, Flinders Terrace, Port Augusta, Saturday 30 May, 1pm-4pm.

**Dubbo:** Lady Cutler Oval, Sandy Beach Road, Dubbo, Saturday 30 May, 10am-noon.

**Townsville:** Brolga Park, Mervyn Crossman Drive, Townsville, Sunday 31 May, 1pm-3pm.

# Proud – boots and all

## RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist  
NATHAN MERRITT

**A** LOT of people have asked me why I asked my sponsor Blades to produce a boot for me in Aboriginal colours.

The first part of my answer is simple. I am proud of my Aboriginal heritage and happy to show that pride to the world.

Like Preston Campbell with the Aboriginal flag on his head gear, Sam Thaiday and his boots in the Torres Strait Islander colours, and Johnathan Thurston with his red, yellow and black mouthguard, I am proud to declare my heritage for all to see.

The reason for the timing of this also reflects my overall purpose for this year.

For a few years I have been thinking about having the boots designed, and then I suddenly realised that I have been playing seven or eight years in grade

football and that I may soon start to run out of time to achieve all that I want to in the game.

In many ways, the boots are also a symbol of my desire to have a successful season this year.

After all, if I can play well and play consistently, then I may help Souths to make the finals which is an experience that has evaded me personally in the NRL.

If that is the case, then when I auction the boots for the Indigenous programs run through Souths Cares, I will probably raise a few more dollars.

Honestly, it's not about the money, but the boots will hopefully become my lucky charm.

But then again, I have played enough football in the NRL to understand that luck is not the major ingredient to success.

### Keys to success

Hard work and attention to small detail are the keys to success.

At the Rabbitohs we spend a lot of time on staying fit and well and this does not only involve training.

A lot of time is spent on looking after injuries and diet and also making sure you are mentally fresh.

That's why I am happy to raise funds for Souths Cares programs.

Some of the boys are involved in programs that train them up as teachers' aides and the players get as much out of their time at the schools as the kids themselves.

It's good to get away from footy and mix with kids and the people in 'normal' life.

I know players in all the clubs are involved in programs like this and it is a pity the media spends little time looking at the good work achieved through this.

When I get the chance to speak to kids, I hope that I make a difference.

I was fortunate that I had my mum and

dad to guide me through the tough times and the good times.

I'll admit that at times they had to push me, but I am grateful for all they have done for me.

So the first thing I tell kids is to listen to their mums and dads – especially when they have made a mistake.

I also try to get them to understand the importance of going to school and getting a good education.

Even if you are good at sport, the need to have discipline and to follow rules are two of the important lessons you learn at school – along with English and maths.

Knowing the importance of diet, exercise and good sleep as a footballer, I also try to get kids to understand the importance of looking after themselves.

Your body needs the right nutrition and enough rest to ensure you can operate at your potential.

The message of saying no to drugs is central to this.

With all this in place, I then encourage kids to do everything they attempt to the best of their ability.

The biggest opponent in your life is yourself.

If you can look yourself in the mirror and know you have done everything possible, then you are a winner.

This will allow you to respect yourself and then you can show respect to others.

Although I made mistakes like any other kid growing up, I tried to follow these rules in pursuit of my dream.

I've supported the Rabbitohs since I was a kid and always wanted to play for them.

My grand-dad Eric Robinson played on the wing for Souths in the 1960s and as a Souths junior playing for Alexandria Rovers and Moore Park, I always wanted to play for the Rabbitohs.

Growing up, I always watched great Aboriginal players like Steve Renouf and Anthony Mundine play and dreamed to

be like them one day.

I have been fortunate enough to have Anthony Mundine as an adviser at different times in my career.

He has been a good influence on my career because he is so professional in everything he does.

He is always encouraging me to be better at what I do and because he has been there and done it, his words are inspirational.

Nigel Vagana – who now works at the NRL – has also been a player I have tried to model my behaviours on.

I played with him in my time at the Sharks and was really happy when he signed with Souths.

He is a player who leads by example and you cannot help but learn from a person who prides himself on doing everything the right way with no shortcuts.

### Time to step up

With Nigel leaving, I suddenly realised that some of the younger players were looking to me to provide an example.

That is why I want to make every post a winner and not put things off.

You have to live your dream now, otherwise the opportunity will pass you by.

One opportunity I hope that comes my way is to have the opportunity to play alongside my Indigenous brothers in the Dreamtime Team in the proposed match against an NRL All Stars side next year.

I still have hopes of playing representative football for NSW and Australia, but to play for my people and my culture would be a distinctly different honour.

Since the concept was announced, I have not stopped thinking about it.

It would be the best thing to happen in my football life – especially if it happens after I help the Rabbitohs make the finals this year.

See you at the footy!

# Steen is ten, and he packs a punch

BY ALF WILSON



**K**NEE high to a grasshopper Steen Walsh may be, but he was far less nervous than his mum Candy Walsh when she watched

him fight for the first time last month.

Ten-year-old Steen fought Brandon Davies in the 30kg division in the first bout on an amateur boxing night put on by Hawks Boxing Club at the Kirwan Tavern in Townsville.

Candy had travelled across from Palm Island by ferry to see Steen battle it out in the ring and admitted to being very nervous.

"I was on edge and had never seen him fight before,"

Candy told *The Koori Mail*.

A sense of excitement also overcame Candy as she screamed out to Steen from ringside.

It was a hard bout, with both boxers showing qualities beyond their years and Steen was given the decision on points by referee Gonzo Hooper and the judges.

The Grade Six Palm Island Primary School student said he heard his mum but he hadn't been the slightest bit nervous.

"It was a good fight and I landed some good punches," Steen said.

*The Koori Mail* was there when Steen walked out of the ring with his trophy to an area where the Palm Island boxers were standing.

Soon after Candy came over and gave her little hero a big hug.

"I am so proud and Steen did really well," Candy said.

Also there was Steen's trainer Ray Dennis who had been isolated for ten days after contracting chicken pox at age 72.

"Steen has had six fights now and won four and looks to have a good future," Dennis said.

Candy said Steen had trained well in the lead-up to the bout and loved the sport, as did so many Palm Island youngsters.

"I have seen my other son Gerald Wotton fight before and he got beaten that time and I will be coming to see Steen as often as I can," Candy said.

● **RIGHT:** All smiles for proud mum Candy Walsh after her son Steen, 10, won his amateur bout and held his trophy.



# Goldfields star in line for rare 200-game tally

DAVID STUBBS



**WA** IT'S shaping as another big year for West Australian Goldfields Aussie rules footballer David Stubbs.

The 30-year-old is set to play his 200th top-grade game in the next couple of months for Kalgoorlie's Railways Club in the hard-fought Goldfields competition.

And the proud Aboriginal man and Railways stalwart is also in line to continue his long representative career with Goldfields.

Stubbs has played many years with Railways, a Kalgoorlie-based club with a history stretching back more than a century.

The midfielder has been pivotal to the club's success, captaining Railways to their latest Goldfields league premiership in 2006.

And he was a standout in the team's huge

upset victory in the 2002 grand final.

Stubbs, a fitter and turner by trade, has now played 193 games, and he told *The Koori Mail* he was looking forward to running on for his 200th.

Local football officials confirm the 'double century' is a very rare feat in a competition which has just 16 games in a standard season.

Stubbs has had some injury worries in the past, but told *The Koori Mail* he was feeling good.

"I love my footy, and it's a real honour to captain a club like Railways," he said.

A Carlton supporter in the AFL, Stubbs said he had never had an ambition to play in the national leagues.

"I'm a local man, I've got a wife and two daughters and we're very happy here on our country," he said.



Alby Clarke, at far left, during his last run from Melbourne to Warrnambool. His son Ky is on the bicycle at right.

## One for the road, says Alby Clarke

By GRAHAM HUNT



ALBY Clarke has been never been one to sit back and take things easy.

And at the age of 74, he wants to take on another challenge – run the 320km from Melbourne to his home town of Warrnambool.

Alby reckons he might think about retiring after that, but we'll believe it when we see it!

He has run from Melbourne to Warrnambool before – the last time as a 73-year-old to raise money for the 'Close The Gap' campaign.

Next time he will be running for diabetes and is seeking sponsorship.

"There's so much diabetes about and it's right across our community – black and white," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Alby reckons it will take him 'six or seven days' to complete the run, and he plans to finish in Warrnambool next 26 January.

Endurance running is a relatively new challenge for Alby.

### 344km run

One of his more memorable achievements was winning the Cliff Young Classic at Colac on his 70th birthday.

To avoid disqualification, competitors had to maintain 50km around a track every 24 hours. Alby clocked up a total of 344 km to win the race.

He has always found it hard to keep idle for too long.

In his younger days he was a boxer.

He first fought as an amateur around Warrnambool.

He had a short professional

career in the 1950s, winning six fights and drawing one. He fought in the lightweight division and most of his fights were in Melbourne's Festival Hall.

Before that, Alby had a short stint in Harry Johns' touring boxing troupe in the 1950s, appearing at shows throughout Victoria and New South Wales.

But he didn't like that lifestyle and soon quit. He and a relative had had enough of the boxing tent and they walked out in Wagga Wagga and hitch-hiked back to Melbourne.

### Keen cyclist

Alby also has always been a keen cyclist and has completed some long trips – none longer than 3300km across the Nullarbor from Perth to Warrnambool in 2002 at the age of 67.

But his most recent challenge was on foot – the run from Melbourne to Warrnambool (320km), which took him eight days last year.

His son Ky accompanied him on a bicycle, keeping the water up to his dad and measuring the distance.

Alby doesn't ride his bike much these days, but still keeps fit by running 20km a day.

He has long harboured the desire to ride a bicycle from Darwin to Warrnambool, but admits the likelihood of that is diminishing.

But he reckons he has at least one more big effort in him and he wants to prove it.

He's looking for someone or an organisation to get behind him and raise money for diabetes 'because that's a disease that is killing our black people'.

Anyone interested in helping Alby achieve his dream can contact the Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Co-op at Warrnambool on (03) 5564 3333.

## Johnson, Ross off to world titles

INDIGENOUS sprinters Josh Ross and Patrick Johnson are in the 39-strong Australian team bound for Berlin for the 2009 IAAF World Championships in August.

The team could swell further before the final selectors' meeting on 20 July 20.

Queenslander Johnson, at 36, is the oldest member of the team.

Ross, 28, is from Victoria. They will join Anthony Alozie

(22, Vic), Matt Davies (23, Qld), and Aaron Rouge-Serret (21, Vic) in the 4x100m relay squad.

Sixteen members of the 39-strong team will be making their world championships debut.

The venue, Berlin Olympic Stadium, was built for the 1936 Summer Olympics and was renovated and reopened in 2004 with a seating capacity of 74,218 spectators.

# 'Wirra's' big night

By CHRIS PIKE



STAR West Coast Eagles veteran David Wirrpanda — or Wirra as he is widely known — will have a massive night at Subiaco against Collingwood for the AFL's Indigenous round with it doubling as his testimonial game and to gain support for his Wirrpanda Foundation.

Wirrpanda, 29, will play his 216th AFL match when he leads out the Eagles against Collingwood on Saturday night, but it is far from his last game and he is more focused on helping raise the awareness and support of the foundation in his name.

Wirrpanda has the help of fellow Indigenous sporting stars former Fremantle captain and current Perth WAFL skipper Troy Cook, West Coast Fever ANZ Championship netballers Bianca Franklin and Josie Janz, fellow netballer Kirby Bentley, Australian Olympic boxer Anthony Little, West Coast AFL rookie Liam Bedford and model Shannon McGuire, among others.

## Wave for Wirra

"It's my testimonial night, but we've also got scarves, badges and things available for the foundation so we are encouraging the support for the foundation that night. The theme is 'Wave for Wirra' and it's not to wave me away or anything because I'm not looking at retirement, but it's the theme the foundation has come up with to support it and create more awareness of it," Wirrpanda said.

"It was just an idea that the girls in the office came up with and it clashes well with my testimonial night against my old coach Mick Malthouse. Hopefully, I'll be able to put a scarf around his throat while he's coaching against us."

The David Wirrpanda Foundation was established in 2005 and exists to improve the life outcomes of Indigenous children by promoting the strong models and healthy life choices.

## Success story

The foundation has established successful programs in schools in Perth and remote Western Australia and Wirrpanda is proud of the work he and his team does.

"It's all about education, health and working with kids first hand. With the mentors we have, it's very important that the kids have contact with them non-stop. We have a group in at the Wirra Club which takes in primary school, so with that we are moving in the right direction that the programs we have," he said.

"The most important thing is that the kids develop a relationship with us that goes a lot further than usual. They might be a little intimidated at the start with us, but by three or four months in they can see us as a normal person and it helps us to develop them when they feel comfortable to open up."

As an AFL premiership player

and champion of the game, Wirrpanda has a lot of wonderful football memories, but the reward he gets from helping young Indigenous kids at least equals that.

"It's one of the biggest rewards outside of sport. Everyone here involved in the foundation is very community minded and they are the people I want involved," he said.

"The rewards are hard to put down on paper, but what we've done in the last couple of years is very rewarding. It also gives me something to focus on other than footy 24 hours a day, so if I didn't have it, my head might blow up and it balances my life out."

## Mum at MCG

Having come into the AFL system in 1996, Wirrpanda is well aware at the great job the league does with Indigenous players and how important the game is to the people. The AFL's Indigenous round is something he is proud to see exist and his mum will be at the MCG — not Subiaco Oval — for it.

"If you look back to 1993 and the history of AFL footy after the stance Michael Long took, it changed the face of footy and made a massive difference. I have never witnessed any racial abuse at all and that cultural awareness is very important," he said.

"The whole round is dedicated to Indigenous people and it's important for the recognition of a lot of Indigenous players before me. It builds that awareness for sport and it's very important to us. For the AFL to show its appreciation for Indigenous players means a lot to us, and

goes to show that the AFL is heading in the right direction.

"My mum is doing a speech at the MCG as well with the Michael Long walk and has been waiting all year for it. She's actually sacrificing my game to go and do that, so that goes to show how important it is."

## Proud of achievements

After playing 150 games with West Coast's fierce rivals Fremantle after 43 with the Sydney Swans, Cook can't quite bring himself to support the Eagles despite Wirrpanda playing, but as a full-time employee, he is proud of the work the foundation has done.

He's also proud to see how well the Indigenous players are going in the AFL and to see the Indigenous round continue to grow.

"It's all for a good cause to support his foundation, but it is very hard waving around an Eagles scarf being the passionate Dockers man that I am. I will help to sell them on the night, but I don't think there's room in my house for one," Cook said.

"When I first started in 1997, it was only starting to grow, and to now see over 80 in the AFL is unbelievable and they are great to watch. It's great for Indigenous culture to be celebrated a bit and it will be great to see all the boys showing their stuff."

Perth's netball team the West Coast Fever has been on fire in the



● LEFT: From left, East Fremantle colts footballer Jesse Alone, netballers Josie Janz, Kirby Bentley and Bianca Franklin; David Wirrpanda, AFL player Liam Bedford, model Shannon McGuire, boxer Anthony Little and Perth WAFL player Troy Cook show their support by modelling the Wirrpanda Foundation scarves.

trans-Tasman competition of late and Bianca Franklin is delighted with not only that success, but with how it will help young Indigenous girls look up to her and team-mate Josie Janz.

She will also keep a close eye on the AFL's Indigenous round with brother and Hawthorn premiership forward Lance 'Buddy' Franklin playing.

"It has taken us a few years to

get where we are and to finally get those wins in a row to be sitting in the top-four. It's not very common for us to be there, but it's fantastic for the team and WA netball," Franklin said.

"I like putting back to the community and being involved with young kids. Hopefully one day they can go on to play netball at the high level like I am."

"My involvement with the

foundation is as a role model and mentor to young Indigenous girls.

"I remember when I was growing up I didn't really have much access to Indigenous people like myself. I remember aspiring to Cathy Freeman, but she was never accessible."

"For me to be around for these young girls is fantastic and I'm happy to help them go further."

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# Beale, Brown for World Cup



TWO Indigenous players – Kurtley Beale and Corey Brown – have been named in the Australian rugby union squad for next month's IRB Under 20 World Cup in

Japan. The squad includes nine players with experience from this year's Investec Super 14 competition.

Beale, a five-eighth, is a Super 14 player with the NSW Waratahs. He made his Waratahs debut against the Lions in Johannesburg in the first round of the 2007 Super 14 season.

A schoolboy prodigy, he appeared ten times for the Waratahs in his debut professional season.

Representative honours soon followed when he was selected in the Australia A squad for their inaugural Pacific Nations Cup campaign, coming off the bench in the first three matches against Tonga, Japan and Samoa.

Brown, also from New South Wales, plays on the wing.

## First time

This will be Brown's first appearance in the Australian Under 20 side. He has previously represented Australia as a schoolboy.

The 186cm, 85kg Brown comes from Wollongong, but plays Shute Shield rugby for Northern Suburbs. He says the biggest influence on his career has been his mother because she has always supported him. He works as a personal trainer.

The Under 20 tournament, which resulted from the merging of the previous annual Under 19 and Under 21 tournaments run by the IRB, debuted last year in Wales, where New Zealand won the title.

New Zealand beat England 38-3 in the final. Australia finished fifth after beating France 42-21, having earlier lost 13-18 to England in the decisive game of Pool C.

While last year's event has no direct influence on what may unfold in Japan, coach David Nucifora acknowledges the need to boost Australia's standing in the Under 20 grade.

"Certainly last year's finishing position was a little disappointing," Australia's High Performance Manager said.

"While that team didn't have a lot of luck during its loss to England, we'll be aiming to push our way further up the tournament rankings."

## No short-cuts

The Australian squad has been selected after an extensive preparation which included a number of camps where Nucifora and his high-performance staff worked with a wide group of eligible players.

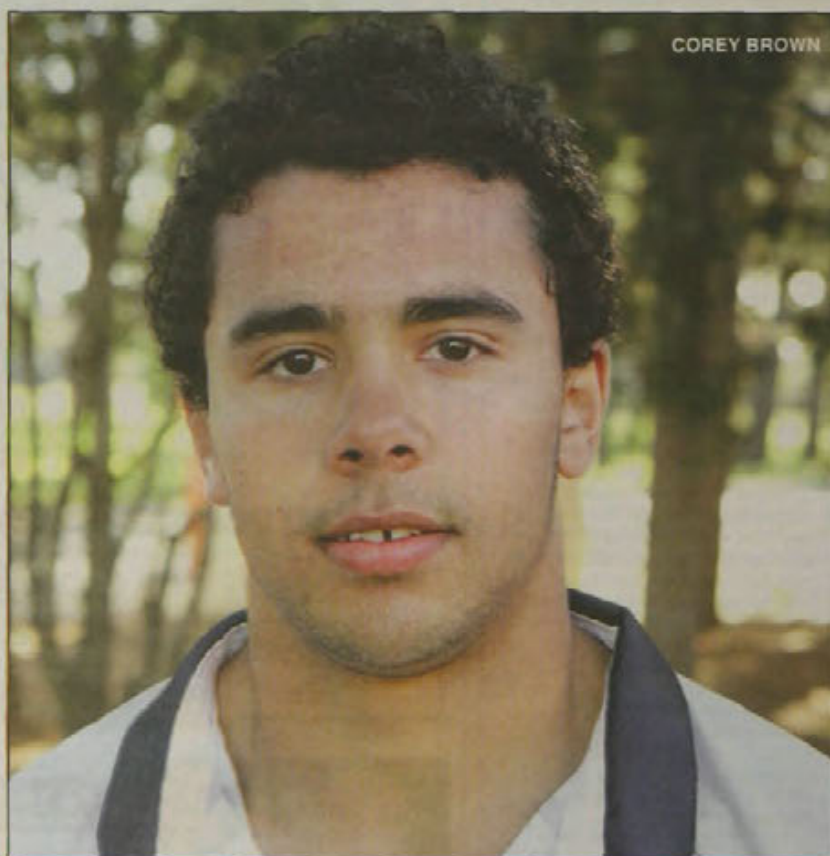
Australia has been pooled alongside Canada, Tonga and Wales at the 16-team event, and will open the tournament against Canada at Fukuoka on 5 June.

The 26-man squad will assemble at the AIS in Canberra tomorrow (21 May) and will later relocate to Sydney where it will play a warm-up match against fellow competition entrant Uruguay at Sydney University on 29 May before departing for Japan on 1 June.

The tournament final will be played in Tokyo on Sunday 21 June.



KURTLEY BEALE  
(AAP image)



COREY BROWN

## Sports program to grow



ANOTHER 1400 Indigenous students around Australia will benefit from a Government

plan to invest a further \$10 million over four years, with sport being the central plank.

The aim is to support the expansion of the Sporting Chance Program to improve the education, life skills and employment prospects of Indigenous students.

The Sporting Chance Program already involves 3000 students, and the additional \$10 million will lift that figure to 4400.

As part of its commitment to Closing the Gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, the Government says it will contribute:

- \$5 million to establish ten new school-based sports academies across Australia, with a particular focus on improving the participation and engagement of girls in schooling

- \$5 million to the Former Origin Greats (FOGS) to establish school-based academies with a focus on rugby league in Queensland and New South Wales.

These are in addition to the \$22 million in continuing funding to support existing providers under the Sporting Chance Program over the next four years. In a post-Budget statement, the Government said that in December 2008, it had committed a further \$10 million over 2009-12 to support 1200 students in Western Australia and the Northern Territory through football academies operated by the Clontarf Foundation and managed through the Sporting Chance Program.

## Partnerships

The Sporting Chance Program uses sport and recreation as the vehicle to improve student participation and engagement in schooling and is implemented in collaboration with funding partners including State and Territory governments and corporate Australia through which it receives ongoing support.

The Government said this expansion built on the success of the school-based academies implemented under the Sporting Chance Program since 2007.

"In 2009, a total of 37 academies involving 3000 students will be delivered across Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory," the Government said.

"The \$10 million expansion will extend the academies reach to around 4400 students – a 47 per cent increase in participants."



SOFTBALL is reaching out to remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, with nearly \$70,000 set aside by the NT

Government to establish a competition in remote communities.

The Government says it is responding to a call from women seeking more opportunities to participate in structured and regular sporting activities – and softball is their preferred sport.

Already, the Central Desert Shire softball competition has started, with games at Ti Tree on 25 April and Yuendumu on 2 May.

The Central Desert Shire's first sporting event has attracted a record number of players, with some remote communities fielding more than two teams.

## 16 teams

More than 16 women's teams representing every shire community are competing in the Central Desert competition for the chance to represent Central Desert Shire in the NT softball championships.

"I'm really pleased with the community interest in our first shire-wide sporting event," said Shire President James Glenn.

"It's great to see a focus on women in sport and I'm not surprised that they have jumped at this opportunity. The tournaments are held on Saturdays only so our residents won't miss work or school."

Lajamanu will also run a tournament and send their winning team to play against the winners from the Yuendumu and Ti Tree regions.

The overall winner will be declared the shire champions and will compete in the Northern Territory softball championships in Darwin this August.

Thanks to a \$13,000 grant from the Department of Natural Resources, Environment the Arts and Sport (NRETAS), 30 shire

residents had the chance to be trained in coaching, umpiring and score keeping. The grant also helped pay for softball equipment and players' uniforms.

NT Sports Minister Karl Hampton said he hoped the competition would encourage Indigenous women to participate

in sport and recreation.

"It has been well documented the health benefits of an active lifestyle, particularly in our Indigenous communities, and this program is about getting women to participate in sport and stay healthy," he said.

A number of shires have already indicated they will

participate in the competition, including the Tiwi Islands, the Victoria-Daly River, MacDonnell, Roper Gulf, Central Desert and East Arnhem.

"More than 700 participants from the six shires have indicated their interest in participating in the competition," Mr Hampton said.

"The aim is to run the competitions over a three-month period, with games played fortnightly."

At the end of the season, either the winning team or a shire representative team will participate in the Northern Territory championships in August.

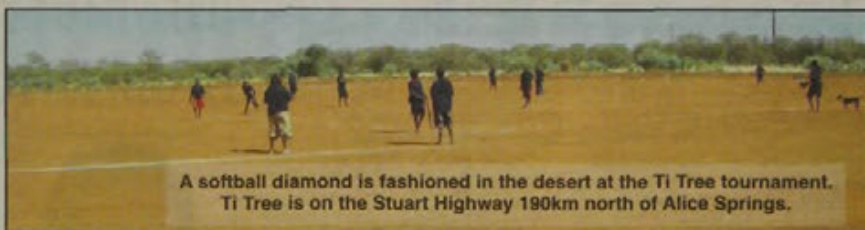
# Diamonds in the desert



A Yuendumu player takes a swing in the tournament at Yuendumu, which is on the Tanami Track 290km north-west of Alice Springs.



Women and children at the Ti Tree tournament.



A softball diamond is fashioned in the desert at the Ti Tree tournament. Ti Tree is on the Stuart Highway 190km north of Alice Springs.



Yuendumu players and children and scorers at the Yuendumu tournament.



A Nyirripi batter on the plate in the tournament at Yuendumu. Nyirripi is about 160km south-west of Yuendumu.



● ABOVE: People taking part in last year's Long Walk stream towards the Melbourne Cricket Ground for the Dreamtime at the G game between Richmond and Essendon.  
● RIGHT: Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin joins Michael Long on the Long Walk to the MCG last year.

# Time to celebrate

**T**HIS week marks the Indigenous Round in the AFL and I know I speak for most of the boys that there will be an extra sense of expectation as we prepare for our games.

I don't know that I can say I will have an extra motivation to win, but there will be an extra resolve to perform at my best as a sign of my personal pride.

But it goes beyond the motivation of the players.

It is almost stating the obvious when I say that the AFL Indigenous Round is not only a significant event for the Indigenous players; it is also an opportunity for all AFL fans to celebrate the relationship between the game and Indigenous communities.

I agree with Adam Goodes when he says it is also an opportunity to celebrate those who have gone before us and created the pathways to the many opportunities that exist today.

Some of the traditions we celebrate go right back to the creation of the modern game that is similar to traditional games played for centuries in Indigenous communities.

It also celebrates recent traditions such as the Long Walk, which will be part of the pre-match entertainment for the Richmond v Essendon clash at the MCG this week.

The Long Walk was established by former Essendon champion Michael Long.

Long is now a champion off the field and is considered a

major spokesperson on black and white issues affecting all Australians.

He says the Long Walk is one way for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to come together and bring about community awareness and a better future for all of us.

That is another important aspect of the Indigenous AFL Round.

It gives us a chance to reflect on how many advances we have made in recent years.

It should also give us extra resolve to continue in a spirit of reconciliation to continue to right the many wrongs of the past.

## Blueprint

In many respects, the AFL can provide a blueprint for other sports and organisations to follow and I was pleased to learn that they were going to announce a whole new raft of recommendations for Indigenous development during the week.

The AFL has done much work to help the Aboriginal communities throughout Australia, and I think it is wonderful that they continue to honour the Indigenous players' contribution to football.

The fact that the AFL wants to encourage Indigenous children to play and follow the game is reflected by the high representation across the game.

While other sports and businesses set targets, the AFL continues to set new benchmarks by promoting

## Magic's Moments



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involvement and recognition. It is true reconciliation in action.

The Indigenous Round is a celebration of this and a way of recognising the growing relationship between cultures.

For the Aboriginal players, it has proven a great concept that gives everyone the opportunity to celebrate their heritage through football, while being a broader event that is very positive for all Indigenous Australians.

Reflecting more deeply on

the importance of the round, I can say how proud I am that racial vilification is a thing of the past at the AFL level.

I can honestly say that I have never been racially vilified on the AFL football field and I believe this shows how far the game has progressed and led society in this area.

The recognition Indigenous players now rightfully receives is a tribute to the paths first uncovered by Michael McLean, Gavin Wanganeen, Michael Long and others.

Recognition is the key. The Prime Minister's Apology to the Stolen Generations did much to unlock the door of understanding.

A lot of non-Indigenous Australians could not understand the most critical issue for many Indigenous people is a simple recognition of the past.

Aside from rights and compensation, it comes down to the central issues of recognition and identity.

This is why sports such as the AFL have such a high representation of Indigenous athletes – they feel accepted and recognised.

As we move into an era beyond the National Apology, we need events like the Indigenous Round to help us not only celebrate but also to help us focus on the future.

If we are to bridge the gap of disadvantage in some many areas of society, we need to keep the agenda in the

public eye. Events such as these put the spotlight on politicians and industry as they seek to benefit from the celebratory nature of the round.

Let us not forget the reasons why we need a round to celebrate Indigenous involvement.

Celebration suggests there has been some success or achievement.

Yes – there are successes and much has been achieved. But there is so much that still has to be done and it will take more than a single sport to affect this change.

But let's try to remain positive as we head towards the weekend.

Footy does a lot for Indigenous people all over the country, so much that every one of the brothers who plays AFL is seen as a leader.

I like to feel that I am a leader to the young guys who are coming through the ranks.

It is a sense of responsibility that is shared by most of the brothers playing the game and fortunately they see it not so much as a burden, but more as a source of pride.

So let this round be a source of pride to all our people.

The AFL has a blueprint for the future.

The Indigenous Round allows us all to share that vision and, as always, allows me to finish off on a note of hope.

Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

## Davina's divine lift

# Black gold at Games



NINETEEN developing athletes from the Jump Start to London 2012 national talent and identification program have taken away a massive 24 athletics medals from the 2009 Arafura Games that ended last weekend in Darwin.

The Indigenous squad claimed 11 gold, eight silver and five bronze medals from a variety of track-and-field events.

The Games attracted other Indigenous athletes in a range of sports, including soccer, Thai kickboxing (muaythai), boxing and weightlifting.

Khaele Bowen, from Ipswich Grammar School, in Queensland, took out the under 18 high jump title with a personal best of 1.89m. Khaele is proving to be a versatile athlete, having also won the triple jump and finishing second with his team-mates in the 4x100m relay.

Little 'Pocket Rocket' Emma-Rose Daby was also a dual gold medalist, winning the 100m and 200m in front of her home crowd and on the track she trains on.

Team-mate Amber Mutch also stood on the victory dais twice with wins in the 800m and 1500m.

The under 18 boys took a full sweep of medals in the 200m, with Zack Raymond (Qld), Chauncey Andolfatto (Qld) and Michael Brusnahan finishing first, second and third.

Track-and-field athletes also included in the gold rush were Amber Mutch (Qld), Kimberley Pickett (WA), Chauncey Andolfatto (Qld), and Kertisha Thompson (Qld).

### What it takes

The track-and-field athletes came from around Australia and spent a couple of days in Darwin before the competition, acclimatising and learning what it takes to be an elite athlete.

Sessions like nutrition, competition preparation, recovery, injury prevention and specialist coaching paid dividends.

The group travelled to Darwin along with Jump Start mentor and Olympian Kyle Vander-Kuyp, who has been involved with the program since the early days.

Organisers said Vander-Kuyp had a

wealth of knowledge that he gave to the athletes, along with his friendship and guidance.

Also joining the group was Patrick Johnson, who was recently named in the 4x100m men's relay squad going to the World Championships in Berlin.

Johnson had a run at the Games and easily won the 200m on the final day of athletics in a Games record time of 21.78 seconds. During his heat, he pulled a number of the Jump Squad athletes through to good times and they said they would never forget racing against the fastest man in Australia over the 100m.

Athletics Australia Development Manager Sally McGrady believes that the Arafura Games is a good platform for developing athletes to launch from, with athletes who competed at the 2007 Games making big improvements in their performance and competition levels.

"We hope to see a similar trend with the 2009 squad," she said.

● **Keep an eye on the next Koori Mail for a wrap-up of the Arafura Games**

INDIGENOUS weightlifter Davina Hughes, with an ice pack on her shoulder, celebrated with a back somersault at the Arafura Games in Darwin last week after qualifying for next month's Junior World Championships. The 19-year-old from Toowoomba, on the Qld Darling Downs, lifted the required 86kg in the third and final clean and jerk to book her place at the championships to be held in Bucharest (Romania). Davina took up weightlifting six years ago.

## 5-2 record for proud Murris



WHEN it comes to rugby league, nothing beats State of Origin – even at junior levels.

There's something about State of Origin rugby league that fans can't resist.

And so it was at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, on 8 May when a Queensland Indigenous under 16 team took on fierce rivals NSW as a curtain-raiser to the Anzac Test between Australia and New Zealand.

For the record, the Murri Maroons beat the Koori Blues 22-10 and now hold a five wins to two losses record.

Earlier that day, the Queenslanders were presented with their team jerseys by Qld Sport Minister Phil Reeves.

The Qld team included school students from across Queensland, including Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, the Gold Coast, the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane.

Mr Reeves said previous members of the Queensland Murri under 16 team who had gone on to play with the National Rugby League included Chris Sandow (South Sydney), Ben Jones (Roosters) and Ben Barba (Bulldogs).

The Maroons also met the Australian rugby league team when they attended a Kangaroos training session.

The Qld team members were:

Jordan Tighe (Ipswich), Daniel Barlett (Gold Coast), Jerome Leedie (Brisbane), Nick Ovi (Gold Coast), Mitcham Ardler (Gold Coast), Jermaine Hill (Brisbane),

Corey McGrady (Gold Coast), Chris Grevsmuhl (Townsville), Jayden Hodges (Cairns), Jacob Orr (Gold Coast), Anthony Gadd (Brisbane), Shaquille Blair

(Brisbane), Michael Coghill (Cairns), Brayden Gibb (Sunshine Coast), Ryan Currie (Brisbane), Andrew Pryor (Townsville), Eli Thalday (Townsville).



The Qld Murri under 16 rugby league team at Suncorp Stadium with Qld Sport Minister Phil Reeves (far right, second row) and former rugby league star Steve Renouf (far left, second row).



**Davina Hughes  
hitches a  
lift to  
Bucharest**  
— See Page 87

# AFL dream time

By PETER ARGENT



THE Indigenous contribution to Australian football again will take centre stage at the Melbourne Cricket

Ground on Saturday night, with the 'Dreamtime at the G' match between the Richmond Tigers and the Essendon Bombers.

The event was created and underpinned by a legend of the two clubs — AFL hall of famer Kevin Sheedy.

Among the participants on Saturday night will be Richmond's Richard Tambling, who is looking forward to playing in his fifth feature match celebrating his Indigenous heritage.

Having played in each of these games since the 'Dreamtime at the G' concept started in 2005, Tambling said this event had been 'pretty much our biggest game of the year'.

"We compare this to the Essendon versus Collingwood Anzac Day clash and it gives us an opportunity to strut our skills," Tambling told *The Koori Mail*.

"At Richmond, for the Aboriginal boys like Jarrad Oakley-Nicholls, Shane Edwards, rookie Alroy Gilligan and myself, this is a pretty important week.

"This year we are getting an Aboriginal Elder to speak to the entire Tigers squad.

"It is just to give some education to the non-Indigenous players about our culture and heritage."

Among the players Tambling looked up to when he was younger were Michael Long and James Hird — with Tambling having been lucky enough to play against Hird in the first of these feature games.

For Essendon 21-year-old young gun Courtenay Dempsey, this will be his first 'Dreamtime at the G' fixture.

He said it would be exciting to be involved in another blockbuster match.

"For the Indigenous boys, this week is as important as the Anzac round, as it recognises the contribution our people have made to the game," Dempsey said.

"As we are in real contention for a final-eight berth, it will be an important match for us."

The Indigenous round was launched yesterday at the Koorie Heritage Trust and Cultural Centre in



King Street, Melbourne, with ABC Darwin media personality Charlie King acting as the master of ceremonies.

AFL Indigenous programs manager Jason Mifsud summarised the AFL's Indigenous programs and AFL players were on hand to enlighten the crowd about where their respective country is and what home is like.

At the Melbourne Town Hall tonight, a free 'Long Walk' event, titled 'A Melbourne Conversation', will discuss the topic — 'Footy, Social

Justice and Indigenous Well-being'. The panel for this discussion is AFL legend and Aboriginal activist Michael Long, David Wirrpanda's mother Margaret Wirrpanda, who is a Yorta Yorta Elder from Shepparton, coach of Fitzroy Stars Alan Brown and Dr Sean Gorman, a writer and lecturer in Australian Indigenous Studies at the University of Melbourne, along with media personality and football writer John Harms as the



moderator.

On Saturday in Melbourne there will be a host of Long Walk activities in Federation Square, with the Long Walk to the MCG starting at 6pm.

At the home of AFL, the MCG, football activities start with the Brambuk Eels from Western Victoria taking on a Tiwi Islands team, the Imalu Tigers.

Entertainment starts from 7pm with multi-Aria Award winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performing.

The big game will start at 7.45pm and during the half-time break the Flying Boomerangs will do lap of honour.

Other feature games during the weekend will include APY Thunder versus Maralinga Eagles at AAMI Stadium, Adelaide, and prior to the AFL clash at Subiaco Oval, Perth, the Yamatji Sharks from Geraldton in the mid-west of WA take on the Nyoongar country, a team from the south of WA.



## Jumping Jamal

The Bulldogs' Jamal Idris leaps above the pack Aussie rules-style to defuse a bomb during the National Rugby League (NRL) match against the St George-Illawarra Dragons at WIN Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah, last Friday night. St George won 20-18 after Idris had a try disallowed which would have given the match to the Bulldogs. — AAP image



● Crows' Indigenous Round tribute to Andrew McLeod — P78