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## Four kids with an eye for S-T-Y-L-E

**QLD** THESE youngsters set the bar high for thousands who attended the Stylin' Up 2009 Festival held in the Brisbane suburb of Inala on Saturday. Jessica Mauboy headlined the celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and contemporary culture across Queensland. Check out the next edition of *The Koori Mail* for a full wrap of the day.  
Photo by NAOMI MORAN



# Town camps in deadlock

By DARREN COYNE



THE issue of ownership of Alice Springs' troubled town camps appears headed for the courts. The Federal Government has announced its intention to compulsorily acquire the 18 camps, after its negotiations with the camps' governing body Tangentyere Council failed over plans to hand management of the camps to the NT Government for at least three years. Last month, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin upped the ante by offering Tangentyere \$125 million to build and upgrade housing and infrastructure in the camps in exchange for 40-year leases over the land. The council had agreed on those leases but is insisting that a housing company that it has set up with the Government's help - rather than

the NT Government - be able to decide who allocates housing, determines waiting lists and manages tenancy obligations. It says the parties were close to agreement when Minister Jenny Macklin pulled the pin. Ms Macklin, though, says Tangentyere's refusal to agree to 'a fair and consistent tenancy management system' left the Government with no other option but to acquire the camps. "Anybody who's been to the Alice Springs town camps knows that action is urgently needed," the Minister said. "Living conditions in the camps are appalling. Acute overcrowding, sub-standard housing, combined with alcohol abuse, despair and hopelessness have led to desperate and dangerous consequences. These camps have been the sites of horrific crimes. "For vulnerable women and children in the camps, the basic human right to a safe and healthy life is simply absent."

Tangentyere now has until 29 June to agree to the Government offer or the takeover will go ahead. Tangentyere Council President Walter Shaw told *The Koori Mail* the Minister's announcement had come as a shock. And protesters, many of whom built staunch alliances with town campers over controversial NT emergency response or intervention measures, have begun to mobilise. But the Government's planned takeover has been welcomed by some, including the Territory Government, the traditional owner group Lhere Artepe and some town campers who say they've had enough of conditions where an average of ten people share each house or tin shed. Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert has urged the Government to drop its plans of compulsory acquisition in favour of independent mediation. ● More reports pages 5 and 6 ● Editorial page 20

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# My FAMILY RICHARD YOUNG – Melbourne



Front, daughter Janise, 4. Middle, daughter Lyn-al, 14, and Richard's wife Judith. Back, from left, nephew Greg Withers, 18, son Isaac, 16, Richard Young and son Robert, 20.

**M**Y mob are Gunaai from Gippsland and my wife Judith's mob are Waradjuri. We have five children and they are all here in the picture except our eldest Carmel, who is 23.

I met my wife at the 1987 Koori NAIDOC Ball and as I saw her walk across the room I said to myself 'I'm going to marry her'. I knew that once I had her on the dance floor that was it. We have been together ever since.

This photo was taken at the Yulkuum-Jerrang Indigenous Economic Development Conference held in Melbourne last week.

As a family we have many business ventures and it is what we always wanted to do. We had a dream to set up our own business either using Gunaai or Waradjuri markings. Our youngest daughter is wearing a t-shirt we designed ourselves as part of a range of children's clothing.

We believe it is important to take our children back to country. My grandmother

was born on Lake Tyers Mission and she is 90. She was an only child and from her, came about 200 family members.

My mother is Yorta Yorta and my grandfather is Gunditjmara. I call where I am from the black triangle because it encompasses east, west and south.

I'm proud of all my children. My son Robert has his own personal training business called Get RYPT (Robert Young Personal Training) and my other son Isaac is putting together an online business. My daughter Lyn-Al designs her own handbags. My son Robert is about to head off to the United States to play gridiron.

I know that I am blessed to be married to Judith and to have my family.

We've raised our children to know they are sovereign to this country and welcome wherever they choose to go. We also teach them they are ambassadors of our people and they can do anything they want.

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## OUR CHILDREN



From left, Tasmanian youngsters Leiwyn Matson, Ryan Mansell, Ashton Peet, Jhdara Matson and Tananger Peet were hyped up for the Northern Tasmania Football Association's Launceston Indigenous Round footy clinic with visiting AFL Aboriginal stars Buddy Franklin and Chance Bateman as part of the NTFA's Indigenous Round last month. See pages 84 and 85 for coverage of the match.

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# Indigenous winners at the G



FOR some players, it is even bigger than the Anzac Day clash. And the strong feelings run deep off-field too, with

tens of thousands of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people packing out Melbourne's most hallowed sporting ground for Dreamtime at the G each year.

This year's 2009 Indigenous Round centrepiece clash between the Bombers and the Tigers was preceded by The Long Walk from Federation Square to the MCG undertaken by about 600 people, and a curtain-raiser between the Tiwi Islands' Imalu Tigers and the Brumbuk Eels, from western Victoria.

Multi-ARIA award-winning Indigenous singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Dan Sultan and Scott Wilson, and the Movement Australia Dancers provided pre-match entertainment before a welcome to country by local Elder Joy Murphy-Wandin.

In the days before the match, the AFL announced a strategy aimed at increasing Indigenous jobs across the AFL industry.

The target is an Indigenous off-field workforce of four per cent – or 40 full-time jobs – within three years compared to the current 0.7 per cent.

Speaking at launch of the strategy, AFL Chief Executive Officer Andrew Demetriou said 82 current Indigenous players represented 11 per cent of the 2009 AFL playing group and provided excitement and skill to the on-field side of the business.

"We know Indigenous people can bring this different perspective, creativity and skill set to the off-field workplace, this will be beneficial to all areas of our business," he said.

At the launch, Federal Employment



The inspiration behind The Long Walk, former Essendon great Michael Long, far right, former Essendon senior coach Kevin Sheedy, and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin embark on The Long Walk from Federation Square to the MCG.

Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor pledged more than \$500,000 in funding to support seven new Indigenous Program Co-ordinators, one in each Australian Football State Affiliate office.

In 2004, anti-racism crusader Michael

Long walked from Melbourne to Canberra to raise the plight of Indigenous people with then-Prime Minister John Howard. The Long Walk charity is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of Indigenous Australians.



See pages 91-93 for a full wrap of the on-field action during the 2009 AFL Indigenous Round.

# More help pledged to Qld mayors



THE Queensland Government has promised the state's Indigenous mayors improved co-ordination, fast-tracked town surveys and town plans, more say in housing initiatives and help in maximising economic opportunities.

Local Government and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle and Community Services and Housing Minister Karen Struthers met with the mayors in Cairns on Friday to discuss ways to create jobs, houses and economic development opportunities.

And they say they'll act quickly to bring about change on a community-by-community basis rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

"There will not be a one-size-

## Ministers say they will act quickly

fits-all approach on the ground because we recognise that each community has its own priorities, good ideas and challenges," Minister Boyle said afterwards.

"What we must have is action now – not later. We have State money and Federal money to apply, but first we must remove the blockages to moving forward."

Ms Boyle said land tenure issues – a lack of land use plans, surveys and valuations and different leasing arrangements – had held back Indigenous communities.

She said the mayors had sought the removal of red tape and greater momentum for change, and taking a place-based approach was 'a first big step'. "To complement this new direction, I will look at how different government agencies can be better co-ordinated to provide advice and support to each council to deliver planning, housing, community facilities and economic development," the Minister said.

"This will be firmly focused on addressing surveys and planning – without these, there can be no housing developments or the realisation of opportunities that will create jobs and fuel local economies."



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# Film strikes gold



Warwick Thornton poses with the Camera d'Or prize at the 62nd Cannes Film Festival in the south of France. AFP PHOTO

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**A**BORIGINAL film director Warwick Thornton has the world at his feet after collecting one of the world's most coveted film prizes at the glittering Cannes International Film Festival in France.

A tuxedo-clad Thornton was surprised by the announcement that his debut low-budget feature film *Samson and Delilah* had won him the Camera d'Or Award (golden camera) at the film festival last week.

But back in Australia the news surprised few people, with Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett, ABC Television, Australia's leading alcohol harm minimisation body and others offering congratulations and praise.

*Samson and Delilah*, the love story of two Aboriginal teenagers in a remote community in the central Australian desert, also received the Audience Award at this year's Adelaide Film Festival.

The film's latest accolade was awarded by an independent jury to the best first feature film presented in any of the three Cannes selections: official selection, directors' fortnight or international critics week.

French actress Isabelle Adjani awarded the prize to the film the jury panel referred to as the 'best love film we've seen for many a year'.

*Samson and Delilah* screened in Official Selection in 'Un Certain Regard', a category reserved for films that express a personal vision, with an emphasis on special cultural expression and cinematic innovation.

Thornton expressed gratitude to audiences for

## Top Cannes honour to *Samson and Delilah*

'believing in our first-born baby'.

Newcomer actors Rowan McNamara and Marissa Gibson have also gained much praise for their performances in the film, most of it shot with limited dialogue. McNamara and Gibson were in Cannes with Thornton, along with the film's producer, Kath Shelper.

### Powerful

Minister Garrett said the Cannes honour was 'fantastic recognition of this extremely moving and powerful film'.

Alcohol Education and Rehabilitation Foundation (AER) Chairman Scott Wilson said it was great to see a film which tackled such challenging social and cultural topics recognised internationally.

In April, AER supported the film's Australian premiere at the Telegraph Station in Alice Springs, which is home to Thornton, McNamara and Gibson. All of the film's

scenes were shot in Alice Springs and surrounding communities and 300 people attended the premiere.

*'Samson and Delilah* is a powerfully confronting film which presents the complexities and realities of everyday life for many young Indigenous people,' Mr Wilson said.

'Amongst its culturally loaded content, the film provides a voice for youth on the issue of substance abuse, which is a significant challenge for too many young Australians.'

'We expect this movie will start a national conversation around the issues facing many young Indigenous people.'

'Topics such as cultural dispossession, substance abuse, boredom, alienation and the struggle and isolation of everyday life for youth living in remote communities.'

ABC TV says it will screen *Samson and Delilah* later this year.



# \$125m town camps offer rejected

A view of houses in the Mt Nancy town camp on the outskirts of Alice Springs.



A bright moment at an otherwise difficult time for town campers was when anti-intervention campaigner Barbara Shaw and family celebrated Kitana Shaw's birthday last Monday. Waiting for a slice of cake were Randon Doolan, Tara Campbell, Merilyn Doolan and Cody Shaw.

By DARREN COYNE

WALTER SHAW is not a happy camper. The President of Tangentyere Council could well go down in history as the man who signed the letter

rejecting a \$125 million offer from the Federal Government to improve conditions in the Alice Springs town camps.

But Mr Shaw maintained the principle behind the decision, which was unanimously supported by town camp housing bodies – the need for self-determination – was more important than the money.

He said the Government had rightly recognised, as did Tangentyere, that there was a need for housing reform in the town camps.

"We concede that. But we want to be partners, if not major players in that reform," he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced on 24 May that the Government intended to compulsorily acquire leases over town camps in order to improve housing and infrastructure. There are 188 houses and 72 tin sheds in the camps, with average house occupancy of 10 people, which can rise at times to 17 people.

Ms Macklin's announcement followed a further refusal by the Tangentyere Council, which oversees 15 of the camps, to agree to a requirement that housing provision would come under the control of the NT Government.

Mr Shaw told *The Koori Mail* at his home in the Mt Nancy town camp on the outskirts of Alice Springs that he was shocked by

## Decision a 'matter of principle'

the Minister's decision to suspend negotiations, saying the outstanding points of dispute were not insurmountable.

He said Tangentyere wanted Government agreement under a 40-year sub-lease that the community would retain some key decision-making powers.

As well, the council had argued that in the interim three-year period leading to an open tender, the new Central Australian Affordable Housing Company (CAAHC) be contracted as an independent not-for-profit community housing provider to manage town camp housing.

On the day of her



WALTER SHAW

announcement, Ms Macklin said she wanted to 'give children in the camps a better chance at a safe, healthy and happy life'.

"This action is being considered as a last resort following the failure of Tangentyere Council to meet its commitments under the previously agreed Work Plan for the town camps by the deadline of 21 May 2009," she said.

The Minister said urgent action was needed because the camps had been the sites of horrific crimes.

In 2007 Alice Springs was said to have the highest number of stabbings per capita in the world. Between 1998 and 2005 1500 people were admitted to Alice Springs hospital with stab wounds. Most were Indigenous women. And last year feral camp dogs

ate the bodies of two Aboriginal men.

"For vulnerable women and children in the camps, the basic human right to a safe and healthy life is simply absent," Ms Macklin said.

"The Australian and NT governments are determined to implement a comprehensive plan to transform the town camps and provide intensive support services to the individuals and families that live in the camps."

Mr Shaw said, however, that the Government was not supporting what Aboriginal people living in the town camps wanted.

He said the Agreed Work Plan signed by Tangentyere was seen as 'the window' to further negotiations, not an end result. There had been concessions on both sides, but in the end the town camp housing associations remained wary of signing control over to NT Housing, which had 'failed Aboriginal people too often'.

"I would like to make it very clear that the decision made by town campers was a collective decision, an informed decision, and was not made solely by Tangentyere Council," he said.

Mr Shaw also rejected a suggestion from Minister Macklin that housing in the camps was allocated according to family ties.

"People aren't given houses because they're part of a family group or they're a friend of a friend. It's met on a needs basis at the end of the day," he said.

"All town camps are autonomous and there are waiting lists for houses and there are tenancy agreements signed by

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# Council stand 'is a mistake'

## Rejection a 'matter of principle'

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By DARREN COYNE



MARK Lockyer believes Tangentyere Council has made a mistake by rejecting the Federal Government's offer of \$125 million to fix up town camps and provide accommodation for visitors.

"The \$50 million (offered previously by the Federal Government) was not enough, but the last offer would have made a real difference today," the Hidden Valley town camp resident told *The Koori Mail*.

Mr Lockyer was pragmatic about Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's intention to compulsorily acquire the leases over the camps.

"Maybe it has to happen," he said. "They've been negotiating for a year but there's no result. There is still no housing and no accommodation for visitors."

"People are living in tin sheds with no sewerage or electricity. It's a health hazard and I see children living there as well. People shouldn't be living like that in this day and age."

To make his point, Mr Lockyer showed *The Koori Mail* an area out the back of his house where about six people were living in squalid conditions.

That number rises to up to 20 people at times, mostly visitors from surrounding bush communities.

Mr Lockyer was critical of Tangentyere Council's efforts to provide services and housing in the camps.

"The last five or ten years the town camps have really gone downhill. There are no homes being built and the camps are over-run with starving, mangy dogs," he said.

The former child-care worker said shocking conditions resulted in fighting, drinking and, in some cases, suicides. He points a few hundred metres down the road from the house he shares with his invalid mother and others, to a spot where a person died last year and the body was attacked by dogs.

"You could see the body from here. Kids going to school on the bus could see," he said.

He points to the house across the road, empty for weeks because of sorry business.

"A young fella passed away there. He was with a group of people drinking and he didn't wake up," Mr Lockyer said.

One town camper, Bertha (who declined



Artist Helen Nampijinpa Robinson at work in the Hidden Valley town camp.



Hidden Valley town camp resident Mark Lockyer has spoken out about squalid conditions in the camps.

to give her full name), said people living in tin sheds had been waiting years for better services; for things like a shower or a toilet.

Another resident, artist Helen Nampijinpa Robinson, said the town camps often overflowed.

"A lot of family come sleeping and then go," she said. "Six people sleep just here, behind the tin."

Mr Lockyer said life in the town camps, which he escaped as a 17-year-old to get away from the drinking culture, was rough.

"I was employed by the Tangentyere Council for five years as a child-care worker and worked in five different town camps doing play groups," he said.

"I saw many children with behavioural problems. If it continues, the young kids will miss out on education and a happy life. The kids will suffer and they don't have to."

"Tangentyere should support what the Federal Government is trying to do because the council can't cope with the situation in the town camps."

But Mr Lockyer was wary of plans to put the NT Government in charge of housing in the town camps.

"People don't want Territory Housing coming in and kicking people out," he said.

people who are allocated houses."

Mr Shaw said it was easy to criticise the council's performance, but it had never received the full support of governments, or proper funding.

"We are providing services to a lot of Aboriginal people because Alice Springs is a service centre for a lot of remote outlying communities and it is used by communities as a hub to access services," he said.

Despite the impasse, Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said a positive resolution could still be achieved.

"I am calling for the appointment of an independent mediator, someone with the standing and experience in Aboriginal affairs who commands the respect of both parties, to finalise the details of an agreement that delivers certainty to the camp families and tenancy reform," she said.

"I do not believe that compulsory acquisition of the town camps is either desirable or necessary, it would be a dreadful outcome for everyone concerned."

"Such drastic action at this point would undermine the Government's efforts to 'reset the relationship' with Aboriginal communities before they get off the ground."

Tangentyere and the various town camp housing associations have until 29 June to respond to the Federal Government's proposal.

Mr Shaw told *The Koori Mail* that if the Minister followed through with her plan there were likely to be legal challenges.

But NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said town camp residents did not own the land and the governments had an obligation to improve services. He said a task force would be established to co-ordinate the take-over.

"There will be a cross-government task force put together between the Australian Government, the Territory Government, probably involving Alice Springs Town Council as well," he said.

"Lhere Artepe (the Alice Springs traditional owners group) would also be at the table to actually move forward with a plan to improve these town camps."

Lhere Artepe Chief Executive Darryl Pearce told ABC Radio that it was time to break the deadlock. "Lhere Artepe is very supportive of the Commonwealth taking this action, we've watched for a long time now as both sides have dilly-dallied ... back and forward over the negotiation table," he said.

"In the meantime, conditions for people on the ground have declined dramatically as well as the fact that people have probably been injured physically and emotionally on the camps while this has been going on."



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# Words not enough, warns Amnesty

By KIRSTIE PARKER



INTERNATIONAL rights organisation Amnesty International has given Australia 'props' for its national apology to the Stolen Generations, formal support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and moves to reduce violence against women and children.

But it says good words alone are not enough.

Australia, like all other countries, needed to confront its tarnished record and stop 'picking and choosing' which human rights it supported, Amnesty says.

Last Wednesday, the organisation released its latest annual report 'The State of the World's Human Rights 2009', which documents human rights violations and steps taken to address them in 157 nations around the world, from January to December 2008.

Amnesty says the report demonstrates there is a global human rights crisis and, now more than ever, world leaders must address human rights abuses.

"It is not just a financial crisis, it's a human rights crisis," said National Director of Amnesty International Australia Claire Mallinson.

"Human rights are not a

luxury for the good times."

Australia also earned praise for its national consultations on human rights, for signing up to the UN Optional Protocol against Torture, and for ending temporary protection visas for refugees. But this was sullied by ongoing concerns about the 'prison-like' Christmas Island detention centre, where unaccompanied children and others continued to be held.

"We found evidence of progress but also areas to improve," Ms Mallinson said in Sydney on Wednesday.

"The Australian Government apologised in 2008 to the Stolen Generations, but no reparations or compensation has been forthcoming.

## Suspended

"The Federal Racial Discrimination Act remains suspended in the Northern Territory – a breach of international human rights law – though there is now a commitment to reinstate it in October this year."

Speaking to *The Koori Mail* on Friday, Ms Mallinson praised Australia's formal support for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

"But we now need to see the Government turn their positive words into practical and meaningful actions," she said.

Ms Mallinson said the Government's establishment of a National Council to Reduce Violence Against Women and their Children last year and its new Time for Action plan indicated progress in terms of prevention, prosecution and provision of services. But she feared the plan would fail because no additional funding appeared to have been allocated under it.

"Amnesty also recommended the Government establish a national body to address violence against Indigenous women because the figures are devastating. The Government hasn't done that," she said.

"Indigenous women are 35 times more likely to be hospitalised than non-Indigenous women and ten times more likely to die as a result of assaults."

Ms Mallinson also said Amnesty believed governments had not met their responsibilities to consult in a meaningful or genuine way on the NT intervention or, more recently, outstations or the Alice Springs town camps.

"Meaningful consultation is absolutely paramount and the people we have spoken to in the NT have said 'don't impose a solution'," she said.

"When you look around the world and here in Australia, imposed solutions rarely work," she said.



Amnesty International Australia's National Director Claire Mallinson at the launch of the organisation's latest annual report in Sydney on 28 May.

# Gap closer – if you believe the figures

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE goal posts in the game to improve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life expectancy have moved closer – by more than six years – following the release of new figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Not because there's been any actual improvement in Indigenous life expectancy over time, but because more robust methodology means it can now be estimated much more accurately and reliably.

Previously, the gap for both Indigenous men and women was pegged at 17.2 years, and it is this statistic that has driven the highly successful national campaign to Close the Gap. But the ABS said last week that average life expectancy at birth for 2005-2007 was 67.2 years for Indigenous men and 72.9 years for Indigenous women – 11.5 years and 9.7 years lower respectively than for non-Indigenous men and women.

"The ABS has made significant improvements to statistics about a matter of national concern," said Australian Statistician Brian Pink.

"(But) due to the considerable methodological changes, the current estimates can't be compared with the previously published 1996-2001 life-expectancy estimates and the differences in the estimates should not be interpreted as changes in Indigenous life expectancy over time."

Between the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) and Federal, state and territory budgets over the past two years, unprecedented funds – billions of extra dollars – have been committed to programs aimed at closing that gap by 2030.

And the focus on life expectancy and health has spawned parallel campaigns aimed at closing other gaps in the areas of Indigenous housing, education, employment and early childhood development.

ABS Assistant Director of Demography Mathew Montgomery

told *The Koori Mail* that the new methodology better compensated for a significant undercount of Indigenous death records.

"When a death occurs in Australia, it is registered and then comes to us and we use it for our estimates," he said.

"But with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander deaths, we know that, for a variety of reasons, they're not always identified as such."

## Discrepancy

Mr Montgomery said ABS had been able for the first time to statistically link death records with the (2006) Census result to obtain an independent measure of the discrepancy. But the Bureau left politicking over the revision to others.

Indigenous health advocates welcomed the news of better estimates but warned governments not to slacken off in their efforts to close the revised gap.

Indigenous people still suffered chronic conditions such as

diabetes, kidney failure and heart disease at chronic levels compared with other Australians, they said. And community-controlled health services needed to be better supported for a turn-around.

"A gap of either 10 or 17 years is utterly unacceptable in a country like Australia that prides itself on a fair go for all, and 'the level playing field'," said Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma. "The fundamentals have not changed."

The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) said its 145 member services had not experienced any corresponding improvements in Indigenous health.

"The burden of disease or level of sickness, in the Aboriginal population, which is more easily measured, is three times higher than in the general population," said NACCHO Chairman Dr Mick Adams.

The Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) said

the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians was still 'large and intolerable'.

"The (new) figures don't in any way change the day-to-day reality of people living with chronic illnesses... this new ABS methodology isn't a magic wand that will fix up Aboriginal health, but it does provide better data to enable health agencies to plan and fund more effective health care."

The Federal Government promised that closing the gap was still a national priority and a national responsibility.

"There's no question that the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians is too wide," said Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"It is not acceptable that an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child born today will have a significantly shorter life than other Australian children."

More information on the new estimates can be found on the ABS website at [www.abs.gov.au](http://www.abs.gov.au)



# In Papunya, they're wary

## 'Back to the old days of pushing us into towns'

By DARREN COYNE



NEWS travels slowly to a place like Papunya. The tiny Aboriginal community of just over 300 people lies almost smack-bang in the middle of Australia – a world away from the halls of power

wanting to reshape its destiny.

To get there you drive about three hours from Alice Springs with about a third of the journey along a dusty, corrugated road, with the MacDonnell Ranges ringing the landscape.

The local store gets provisions every fortnight but locals say that visitors from outside are few and far between. There's no mobile telephone reception, and no Internet.

That's why when the NT Government announced on 20 May its long-awaited policy on the future of outstations or homelands, called 'A Working Future', Papunya residents remained oblivious to the news that their small community had been earmarked for great change.

Under the plan, NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and Indigenous Policy Minister Alison Anderson said Papunya would be developed as one of 20 'Territory growth towns' – hubs to surrounding communities. Such development would be dependent on medium- to long-term lease negotiations with communities.

The towns are: Maningrida, Wadeye, Borroloola, Galiwin'ku, Nguiu, Gunbalanya, Mililingimbi, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, Angurugu/Umbakumba, Gapuwiyak, Yuendumu, Yirrkala, Lajamanu, Daguragu/Kalkarindji, Ramingining, Hermannsburg, Papunya, Elliott and Ali Curung.

The Government will spend \$160 million on those 20 communities over five years. While it will maintain the \$32 million it currently spends on existing outstations each year, it won't support any new ones.

They said the plan would 'set a new path for outstations and homelands, and focus and co-ordinate the delivery of infrastructure, services and development'.

When *The Koori Mail* visited last Tuesday, a week after the announcement, the news had barely found its way down the dusty Tanami track.

That's despite Papunya being the home of Ms Anderson, an architect of the proposal, which critics say could mark the end of the homeland movement, which sprouted in Papunya back in the 1970s.

Ms Anderson's brother Sid, who is the Central Land Council's representative at Papunya, said part of his job was to keep residents abreast of news.

But he admitted that he'd only just heard the plan himself, and most of the community was off near the Western

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Sid Anderson with his grandson Jalyn Sidney Anderson.



Camp dogs search for scraps near the Papunya community store.



Willie Nalambala carving a shield which will be displayed in the new Central Land Council offices in Alice Springs. The shield is covered by wood chips to prevent it drying out in the sun.



# of 'growth towns' policy



Some grass for the Papunya footy oval would be nice.

## Deep concern for land, outstations

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Australia border attending a sports carnival until this week.

Sitting on the ground under a tree on the community's ceremonial grounds, Elder Michael Nelson Jagamara was briefed on the sketchy details, and was eager to hear more. Dr Jagamara, an artist of international renown whose work is represented in a mosaic on the forecourt of Parliament House in Canberra, was suspicious. It was a suspicion borne from long experience of interventionist Government policy.

"We've got to find out why they want to do this. Does it leave these places (homelands) open to mining?" he asked.

"It seems they are going to take us back to the old days of pushing us into towns. Back to the mission days where we had no say.

"The Government must listen to us, to what we need and what we want. It's no good.

"We have had enough. We are waking up."

It was the same when the NT intervention was announced 18 months ago.

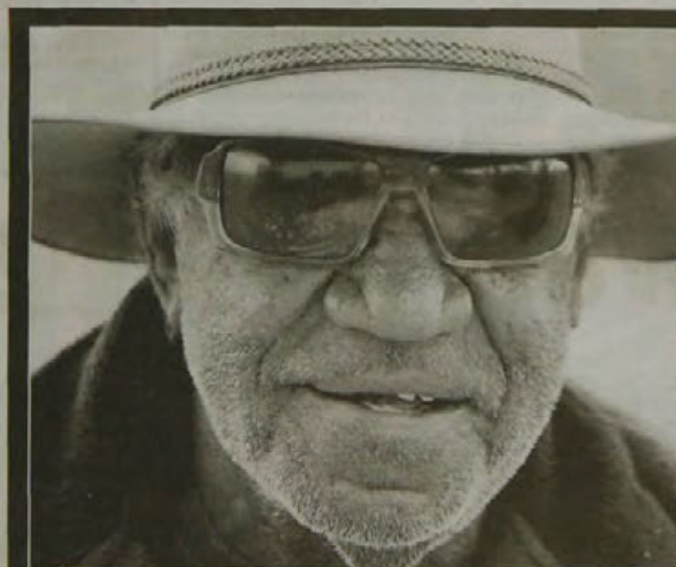
Dr Jagamara and Mr Anderson both said that when the Government arrived talking about a lease over the community, the community rejected the proposed boundaries.

"We gave them that bit in town beyond the police station," Mr Anderson said.

"But we told them they couldn't have this," he said with a sweeping gesture across the ceremonial grounds where this week up to 1000 people from across the district will gather for sorry business.

"This is Aboriginal land," he said.

And therein appears to lie the



Dr Michael Nelson Jagamara AM.



Papunya is at the crossroads of change.

dilemma for Government.

Dr Jagamara said that of course people wanted improved services, houses, and maybe some grass for the footy oval.

Of course people wanted a satellite dish so that mobile phones would work (although they worry about children being exposed to pornographic texts and the like). They wanted a high school so their kids wouldn't have to travel away from the community, and they wanted a place for the old people, because they were not treated well at the aged-care homes in places like Alice Springs.

They wanted those things like any Australian would want those things - but they didn't like the idea of signing over their land.

And they didn't want to lose

their outstations.

"When you start speaking about us turning into a town I start to think forward, but I also think backwards," Dr Jagamara said.

He was referring to the days when Papunya was first developed.

Aboriginal people from various areas were brought together because it was easier for government to dole out the rations.

The experiment resulted in many moving to outstations, or further afield.

Dr Jagamara said nearby Kintore (about three hours away), set up for Pintubi people, was developed because those people missed their homelands.

"It's bulls... what they say about us fighting, that we didn't get

along," he said. "People got homesick for their own land, that's all... but they would always come together for ceremony."

After a pause, he admits with a grin: "Of course, there were some fights... usually over women."

Meanwhile, in places where people do get newspapers, the Internet and mobile reception, the NT Government's plan has been roundly criticised.

Central Land Council Director David Ross has serious concerns.

He said Aboriginal people were being asked to accept and support yet another major upheaval in their lives without any detail on how that would come about.

"There's some nice sentiments about school transport and roads mixed up with regressive strategies

that herd people together into a couple of large towns," he said.

Mr Ross said the motivation of the policy seemed to be to make life easier for the Government rather than improve conditions in remote areas.

"Alekerange is the only central Australian community on the eastern side of the Stuart Highway seen as worthy of spending more money on by this Government. A vast area of the NT will apparently have no better existence than its current state," he said.

"What about Lake Nash, what about Utopia, what about Finke, what of their futures?"

"All the evidence does not support herding people into larger

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# Compo focus of Sorry Day

By KIRSTIE PARKER



**CALLS** for an audit of all recommendations from the Stolen Generations national inquiry, renewed focus on compensation, and developments around

the establishment of a national healing foundation marked Sorry Day 2009 last week.

While the first Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998 – a year after the tabling of the national inquiry's 'Bringing Them Home' (BTH) report – the anniversary has drawn greater attention since last year's national apology to the Stolen Generations.

Related events this year included a National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) concert in Canberra, construction of a healing garden in Albany, WA, a commemorative gathering at the Mt Annan Stolen Generations Memorial in western Sydney, and a public meeting held in London by the European Network for Indigenous Australian Rights (ENIAR).

The Stolen Generations Alliance (SGA) called on the Rudd Government to conduct an audit of the 54 recommendations of the 'Bringing Them Home' report to measure how far we have come and which recommendations still need to be addressed.

"Very few of the recommendations have been fully implemented and although great progress has been made such as supporting family reunions through Link Up services and of course

the apology, Stolen Generations survivors and the broader Australian public need a thorough audit of the BTH Report recommendations," said SGA Aboriginal Co-Chair Debra Hocking.

The organisation's Non-Indigenous Co-Chair, David Hollinsworth, said many people were under the false impression that 'we have done all that we need to do for Stolen Generations survivors and their families'.

"But this is simply not true," he said. Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV) called on the Victorian Government to act on all recommendations made in the BTH report and SGV's own 'Unfinished

Tom Calma said it was 'only one half of the solution' and called for consideration of a compensation tribunal or common fund to help avoid protracted legal battles.

"Stolen Generations members are getting older and more frail. We need to act soon so that they do not miss out on compensation that could assist them in their later years," Mr Calma said.

The Central Australian Stolen Generations and Families Aboriginal Corporation told ABC Radio the problems faced by members of the Stolen Generations had not eased since the national apology.

But there was some movement from Government quarters last week, with the start of consultations across Australia on a preferred model for the new healing foundation to support all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but especially Stolen Generations members and their families.

"Today is a time for all Australians to reflect on the injustices of the past," Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said on Sorry Day.

Community workshops were held in Broome and Perth last week and will head to Alice Springs, Brisbane and Thursday Island this week.

The development team members are May O'Brien (Co-Chairperson), Gregory Phillips (Co-Chairperson), Debra Hocking (Tas), Dr Helen Milroy (WA), Brian Butler (SA), Barbara Asplet (NSW), Bradley Brown (Vic), David Cole (NT), and Noritta Morseu-Diop (Qld).



Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and then-Opposition Leader Dr Brendan Nelson shake hands after delivery of the national apology to the Stolen Generations on 13 February 2008.

Business' report.

Recommendations in the latter included a brokerage fund, healing centres, memorials in places of significance, better access to health, housing, education and legal services, and restoration of culture.

While welcoming the \$26 million national healing foundation announced last month, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner

# Papunya wary of NT policy

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centres if you're hoping for improved health and well-being."

Further north, the Layhnapuy Homelands Association said the new policy had shown the NT Government had either refused, or was unable, to fully understand the cultural significance of homelands.

Spokesperson Ms Yananyul Mununggurr said the policy would relegate Yolngu people living on country to third world conditions, if not extinction.

"We see this as a major betrayal of the trust of our people," Ms Mununggurr said.

"We've been engaged in 'consultation' that has yet again proved meaningless.

"Where is the economic modelling, the data collection or cost-benefit analyses recommended by the NT Government's own consultant, Patrick Dodson, in establishing these new town centres?"

"Nowhere."

Ms Mununggurr said members of the Association were surprised at the inclusion of Papunya.

"We heard the Chief Minister Paul Henderson say these 20 towns they've selected are the biggest in

the NT. But that's not true. Their own information says so."

She said the Government's Bush Telegraph website said Beswick (Wugularr) community had an estimated population of 450 compared to Papunya with an estimated 342 people.

"If you add Barunga to Wugularr, which is what government departments do considering the 30km distance between them, there's a combined population of around 800, so why did they miss out while Papunya is included?" she asked.

"There doesn't seem to be a lot of thought behind this policy.

## 'Overcrowding'

"The decision not to fund new housing for our homelands condemns Yolngu to further overcrowding, declining living conditions and ultimately the extinguishment of our traditional culture.

"How does that fit with the recent Rudd Labor Government's signing of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples?" she asked.

The NT's peak Aboriginal health group also condemned the Government's proposed changes, saying the move was counter-

productive and at complete odds with evidence-based health data.

AMSANT Executive Officer John Paterson said studies by the Menzies School of Health in Arnhem Land and at Utopia showed that Aboriginal people living in outstations on their traditional homelands were much less likely to develop diabetes, chronic kidney disease and heart problems.

Mr Paterson said people living on outstations were also less likely to be involved in substance abuse, poor eating habits and violent behaviours, as they maintained their traditional lifestyle away from the negative influences of big towns.

"It looks like the NT Government is going to slowly strangle the life out of the outstations through attrition," he said.

"It's a form of assimilation that disrespects Aboriginal cultural life and the desire of many people to stay away from the many bad influences of the whitefella world."

On that point, Dr Jagamara would agree.

"We are Aboriginal people. We don't want to live like whitefellas. We want to live on our land, Aboriginal land," he said.



Papunya kids Benita Munbijerry, Latisha Andy and Rhianna Ward.

## New Paim pub rules blasted

By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



THE Queensland Government has finally granted a liquor licence for the Coolgaree Bay Hotel on Palm Island. The hotel could re-open soon but the island's Mayor Alf Lacey has slammed 60 conditions attached to the licence as 'draconian'.

The hotel had been operated by the Palm Island Shire Council, but closed at the end of November under a law preventing local government authorities from owning or running licensed premises.

After that, former Deputy Mayor Zac Sam submitted an application for a general liquor licence to operate the Coolgaree Bay Sports and Recreation Sports Bar and Bistro in partnership with Shane Stratton. Mr Sam and Mr Stratton committed to upgrade the building, and to provide an unlicensed bistro for families to enjoy meals without alcohol.

However, despite repeated requests to the Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing (OLGR), the licence was not granted until Friday.

The OLGR issued a provisional licence with 60 stringent trading conditions, including a policy requiring responsible service of alcohol, extensive crowd control and banning procedures.

It will also face shorter operating hours than before, opening from 5pm to 9pm Monday to Friday except on CDEP paydays when it must remain closed. The sale of mid-strength beer will be limited to six cans per day per person, and only light beer can be sold for the last hour of trading. Takeaway sales will be allowed for only two hours on open days with a limit of six cans of mid-strength or light beer per person per day.

Speaking to *The Koori Mail* on Saturday night while attending a planning meeting in Townsville, Cr Lacey said the new rules were too strict.

"Whilst we welcome a licence, they imposed conditions with it that wouldn't be tolerated on the mainland," he said of the OLGR. "A six pack a person is a return to the draconian laws from the old Bjelke-Petersen days in Queensland. These racist laws are starting to resurrect themselves and Palm Islanders shouldn't be subjected to them."

"The Government is celebrating 150 years (but) what do we as an Indigenous community have to celebrate?"

Cr Lacey said he would ask the Government to relax the rule limiting islanders from bringing in more than one carton of mid-strength or light beer from the mainland. The council owns the hotel building, which it has leased to Mr Sam and Mr Stratton, and will now undertake minor repairs to it.



# PM's wife out to improve literacy rates



A VERY hungry caterpillar and the Prime Minister's wife aim to help reduce poor literacy rates among children in remote Aboriginal communities.

Indigenous Literacy Project patron Therese Rein, the wife of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, has launched the Book Buzz program, which will provide picture books to babies, toddlers and pre-school aged children.

Three communities – Wugularr in the Northern Territory, Warburton in Western Australia and Wilcannia in NSW – will trial the reading program.

Research has found some Indigenous children do not see their first book until primary school and many have trouble learning to read because English is often their second or third language.

Under the program, schools will also receive class sets of books so pupils can help tutor their younger siblings.

Included is Eric Carle's book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.

Ms Rein read the book to the audience at the launch in Sydney, saying it was a favourite with their three children when they were young. She said Book Buzz hoped to build on the strong tradition of story-telling in Aboriginal culture.

"The books are to be read to them by their parents and older siblings, cousins and extended family," she said.

Ms Rein also read out a story by Kirsty Thomas, 5, an Indigenous youngster from Wilcannia. Kirsty, her brother George, and cousin Victor Ward travelled this week to Sydney to attend a writing workshop with children's author Andy Griffiths, who is an Indigenous Literacy Project ambassador.

Kirsty's story was about a camping and fishing trip, while George and Victor wrote about their experiences pig hunting and emu egg collecting.

## Great writers

Mr Griffiths said Indigenous children could be great writers with a bit of encouragement.

"I gave them blank books with 12 pages and they had to write about an event in their life," he said.

"Kirsty was grabbing the crayons and colouring away right up to the point that it was time to go home. Like most writers she was working all the way to her deadline."

Mr Griffiths said he also found the workshop a learning experience.

"It was fascinating for me," he said. "I didn't know how to scare an emu off its nest, so I asked 'Do I wave my hands' and they said 'No, you'll get pecked'." – AAP



Therese Rein embraces Kirsty Thomas at the launch of Book Buzz in Sydney last Tuesday. Ms Rein, who is the Indigenous Literacy Project patron, launched the new project to address literacy problems for babies, toddlers and pre-school children in remote communities. AAP Image

# Wallaga fears ease

## No current risk from asbestos: NSW Health

By LAURELLE PACEY



PRELIMINARY tests released by NSW Health have indicated no current health risk from asbestos fibres at Wallaga Lake Koori Village on the NSW far south coast and that calls for the urgent evacuation of local residents were unwarranted.

THE Asbestos Diseases Foundation of Australia (ADFA) called last month for the urgent evacuation of all residents from the village until the area was made safe.

ADFA President Barry Robson referred to Wallaga as "a ticking time bomb", but the chief of the Merrimans Aboriginal Land Council, which owns the land, appealed for calm and said the evacuation call was "unhelpful".

"We all acknowledge the community is contaminated, but alarmist claims for the immediate relocation of the whole



From left, Wallaga residents Maria Harrison, Merrimans CEO Ron Nye, Kerry Parsons, Ron Tighe and Lorraine Naylor are relieved with the preliminary health risk assessment report released last week.

community is not necessary," said council CEO Ron Nye.

The preliminary test results released by NSW Health showed 'no current health risk from asbestos fibres has been detected' in the village.

Asbestos was found at two dump sites at Wallaga over 18 months ago, and more recently tests have confirmed asbestos in broken fragments of fibro scattered in yards and under several houses within the community. Most appear to date from fibro houses demolished by local crews employed by CDEP in the 1980s and also

from some demolition work in 1996-97.

NSW Health engaged occupational hygienists Pickford & Rhyder to assess the current health risk to Wallaga residents from these fibro pieces scattered through the village. Tests showed asbestos fibres remained bonded within the fibro fragments and there were no detectable levels of the 'risky' or breathable asbestos fibres in soil or air samples around the community.

Asbestos is a health risk only if it is inhaled.

Mr Nye said the report had been distributed to every household at Wallaga

and everyone was relieved they did not have to move.

"The report has removed a lot of the fear, there was even talk of the Army moving in," he said. But he conceded that still to come was the main report which would be in scientific terms 'and they've still got to ... say the extent of the contamination and what's going to happen to it'.

Mr Nye said the report by industrial hygienists engaged by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) was due by mid June.

Merrimans as landowner is trying to retain control of the asbestos issues at Wallaga and is working closely with Eurobodalla Shire Council, DECC and NSW Health.

Mr Nye said the NSW Government was also organising health checks for residents 'in the very near future'.

Merrimans has just received a \$50,000 grant from DECC to assist with the clean-up, including possibly training locals in asbestos removal where they would be supervised by an industrial hygienist.

Meanwhile, relations between Merrimans and the Katungal Aboriginal Medical Service are understood to be becoming increasingly strained because Katungal has taken several initiatives independently of Merrimans.

Katungal CEO Damien Matcham authorised independent soil tests, brought in media, politicians and ADFA, and is now also trying to instigate training schemes for the community in asbestos removal – all with no reference to Merrimans.

Elders recently called a special meeting at Wallaga to discuss these concerns.



# 2nd Indigenous Economic



Fiona Alperstein, of Alperstein Designs, at the Murrinbidja Indigenous Trade Fair which was a feature of the business conference in Melbourne.



Victorian Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne speaking at the trade fair.



Janet Higgins, from Indigenous Business Australia, (IBA) was among the delegates.



Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce Canada delegates, from left, Deanna Pashe, Destiny Seymour and Alyssa Reid.



Mark Olive (aka The Black Olive) talks to the audience about Indigenous herbs during a cooking demonstration. His free kangaroo burgers were popular.



Setting up the Koori Heritage Trust booth were Training Manager Jill Antonie, left, and Retail Manager Dee Stanton.



Reconciliation Australia (RA) co-chair Mark Leibler was a keynote speaker and gave an update on some of RA's latest research.



# Development Conference

## 300 hear of successes

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



INDIGENOUS businesses are proving to be a strong force in the mainstream marketplace, but the best maintain strong ties to culture and history.

That was the overarching message to emerge from Australian and overseas delegates at the second Indigenous Economic Development Conference in Melbourne last week.

And it was a theme apparent in the success stories from international speakers including those from New Zealand and Canada.

More than 300 delegates attended the 27-29 May conference, Yuikum-Jerrang, which was organised by the Koori Business Network (KBN) of Victoria.

The conference, with a theme of 'Growing our Future', brought together a wide range of Indigenous businesses with the aim of not only sharing success stories and creating networking opportunities, but to showcase the growing number of Indigenous entrepreneurs and leaders.

Keynote speaker, National Chief Phil Fontaine from Canada's Assembly of First Nations, shared his perspectives of the economic challenges faced by first nations people as well as insights into the way Canadian Aboriginal people had overcome such obstacles to become world leaders in Indigenous affairs.

A \$5 billion legal settlement – the largest negotiated in Canadian history – was recently announced for Canadian Indigenous people taken from their families, with a minimum of \$80,000 for affected individuals.

But Chief Fontaine said that, more importantly, each recipient would get the chance to tell their story and have it recorded and kept as an historical account.

"Indigenous people throughout the world share many challenges but we are despite this, incredibly strong resilient people," he told delegates. "And our culture has informed our economic pursuits."

"Traditionally we competed in the economic market through hunting and fishing. Today, you will see our people in every sector including Indigenous doctors, lawyers, teachers ... you name the field and we are involved in it."

Chief Fontaine said that despite the burden of poverty, the high suicide rates and over-representation of children in state care, the strength and resilience of Aboriginal people was one of the most important factors in their success as a

nation. "We don't talk often enough of hope. We don't remind ourselves that we are a good and beautiful people and we have to give our children hope. We can't allow our children to despair and lose all sense of hope," he said.

Chief Fontaine said that despite being 'short changed over and over by governments', Indigenous people would gain a stronger foothold in the economy by learning to market themselves more effectively and to learn from each other.

"We need to reach out to Indigenous people across the world and never hesitate to talk about our successes and accomplishments," he said.

"We also need to think about making a real paradigm shift in how we present ourselves to the world."

The Chief also spoke of the important link between culture, identity and economic power.

"We have reached the realisation that it is not enough to achieve political power in

She said there was ongoing focus on reducing welfare dependency, with far less emphasis on policy aimed at increasing Indigenous economic participation.

"Pre-election commitments promised more of the latter, and without them, efforts to reduce welfare dependency will result in frustration and resistance amongst Australia's poorest people," Prof Langton said.

She spoke on how various Government policies such as the assimilation policy, and other significant events like the 1967 referendum, had shaped the lives of Aboriginal people and their participation in the economy.

Prof Langton said the development of institutions and opportunities for Aboriginal citizens would require more policy innovation.

"Land titles, permit systems, Aboriginal non-government organisations will require re-thinking and re-building in order to allow Aboriginal and social and economic development," she said.

"Just as the Howard Government refused to apologise to the Stolen Generations it also refused to come to terms with the special dilemma of Aboriginal difference arising from our ancient links to this continent and need to find a place in modern Australia."

Prof Langton said the Government's fiscal powers would be more important than ever in the times ahead, and policy innovation would be necessary to make substantial ground in overcoming Indigenous disadvantage.

With a large contingent of Maori delegates in attendance, Business Facilitation Service Manager Jim Wilson offered some New Zealand perspectives on Indigenous economic growth in his keynote address.

Mr Wilson said a 'what's good for Maori is good for New Zealand' approach to a shared economy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous New Zealanders had helped Maori not only

participate, but thrive in the economy. He spoke about a growing idea called the 'Maori edge' that focused on trading culture, highly contextualised relations, dual work skills, flexibility and resilience.

While Maori people had a natural tendency to undervalue and modestly appraise their work, they had to promote their businesses, he said.

"Realising Indigenous potential gives us a positive platform to build on," Mr Wilson said.

"We also want to build on the development of women and families into business and taking on more leadership roles."



Melbourne-based Professor Marcia Langton was a keynote speaker.



New Zealand's Jim Wilson drew some parallels between Maori and Australian Indigenous experience.



Koorie Heritage Trust Chief Executive Officer Jason Eades spoke about the ongoing work of the Victorian Aboriginal Development Group.



Chief Phil Fontaine gave some insights into Aboriginal Canada.

the absence of economic power; that system is flawed," he said. "Economic power will only be reached if it is coupled with political power, that is real power for our people."

The University of Melbourne's Head of Indigenous Studies, Professor Marcia Langton, gave an historical overview of the history of Indigenous people in the economy, and spoke of how race and economy were bound together through Australian history.

She praised the ingenuity of the First Australians, from the hop growers of Corranderrk to the pearl shell divers of the Torres Strait.

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# Kids go high-tech



**STUDENTS** on Elcho Island in the Northern Territory have become the first in Australia to benefit from the generosity of a new charity, which aims to help primary school children in remote areas to bridge 'the digital divide'.

Year Four, Five and Six children at Shepherdson College have received purpose-built laptop computers from One Laptop Per Child (OLPC) Australia, launched on Elcho Island last Wednesday at the beginning of National Reconciliation Week.

And the gift is reportedly already 'hooking kids into learning', improving attendance, building students' sense of responsibility and confidence, and giving teachers another weapon in the fight against the low literacy rates that plague the Territory education system.

The school's Yolngu chairperson, Marcus Lacey, said different students were now turning up to school each day to receive their laptops and the school would work with the OLPC team to develop its Yolngu Matha language into a program.

Principal Bryan Hughes said the laptops had provided a sense of magic for students, with ownership building responsibility. "The likelihood of these kids



Students of Elcho Island's Shepherdson College with their new laptops.

owning a computer outside of this program is very little," Mr Hughes said.

"This technology supports the school's other strategies to improve attendance and provides students with a strong incentive to learn about technology."

OLPC was established in the United States to give disadvantaged primary school children access to similar resources and information

available to children in metropolitan areas in first-world countries.

Its rugged, low-cost and low-power XO laptops come pre-loaded with educational and entertaining programs and can be connected to the Internet. They have also been provided to Rawa Community School at Punmu in Western Australia and Newcastle Waters in the Territory's Barkly Tablelands.

OLPC Australia hopes the laptops will help the children preserve and sustain their local culture, language and way of life in the face of globalisation.

"Children in remote areas don't lack the capacity to learn, only the opportunity," said OLPC Executive Director Rangan Srikhanta.

Since March, executives and volunteers from OLPC Australia and project partner Commonwealth Bank (CBA) have

been deploying the laptops to the students, training teachers and installing servers to support the computers. The NT Government has provided fibre optic services and installed a broadband wireless network for the use of students and teachers.

Attending last week's launch were school and local community members, and representatives of the NT Department of Education and Training, CBA, and OLPC Australia.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd sent a goodwill message, saying the laptops would make 'a real difference' and help to fulfil a target of halving the gap in educational attainment between Indigenous and other Australians within a decade.

OLPC Australia plans to roll out another 5000 laptops during the next six months, and ultimately up to 400,000 to all the primary school-aged children living in remote Australia.

Mr Srikhanta said the program's success would depend on teachers who knew how to use the laptops and integrate them in to the curriculum, communities that wanted to help their children, and supportive governments.

He urged the Australian business community to contribute to the reconciliation process by offering the project strategic and financial support.



## 5th National Indigenous Education Conference

*Strength in Community: Closing the Gap*

23 - 25 November 2009 Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

### Invitation to participate

Australia continues to be faced with the profound challenge of overcoming unacceptable inequality in education, training and employment outcomes for Indigenous people. This has now been brought into sharp focus by the Council of Australian Government's (COAG) Productivity and Indigenous Reform Agendas; establishing expectations on all jurisdictions to demonstrate sustainable improvements from early childhood through to workforce participation.

The 2009 National Indigenous Education Conference will build on the success of the previous Conference held in Newcastle in 2006, as well as the World Indigenous People's Conference on Education, held in Melbourne in 2008.

The Conference theme, *Strength in Community: Closing the Gap*, emphasises 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. Indigenous communities, students, carers and parents, as well as teachers, researchers and administrators all have a responsibility in responding to the challenge.

We look forward to meeting with you in Hobart to explore how we will succeed in 'closing the gap' and building 'strength in community'.



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Access the website [www.niec09.org](http://www.niec09.org) for more information and to submit an abstract



# Red Ochre to Mr Gumana



IT probably doesn't get much better... fronting up to one of Australia's architectural icons to receive a prestigious art prize from one of the nation's most lauded creative types.

But, then, Gawirrin Gumana is pretty special himself.

The Yolngu Elder was last week named as the recipient of this year's Australia Council for the Arts \$50,000 Red Ochre Award. And he received the award from acclaimed film director Baz Luhrmann in a ceremony held at the Sydney Opera House, to boot.

The Red Ochre Award is peer-nominated and honours an eminent Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artist who has made an outstanding life-long contribution to Indigenous arts in Australia and around the world.

Chairman of the Australia Council Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board Mark Bin Bakar said there was probably no more worthy recipient of this year's award than Mr Gumana.

Estimated to be 79-years-old, Mr Gumana has been painting in a non-ceremonial context for more than 60 years – longer than any other living Australian artist. He is the oldest surviving artist who contributed to the Yirrkala Church panels that inspired the famous bark petition of 1963, which put



Winner of the Australia Council's 2009 Red Ochre Award Gawirrin Gumana (centre) with film director Baz Luhrmann and ATSIAB Chairman Mark Bin Bakar.

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Australians on notice of land claims predating European arrival in 1788. He won the Telstra National Aboriginal Art Award in 2002.

"The Red Ochre Award celebrates the achievements of those who have fought to keep Indigenous culture strong," said Mr Bin Bakar.

"As well as through his art, Gawirrin's contribution to his culture has been substantial and enduring – helping to secure land and sea rights for his people as

well as working as a theologian and scholar."

The week before last, Mr Gumana spoke out powerfully against a new NT Government policy which will see 20 'growth towns' supported at the expense of any new outstations/homelands.

"We want to stay on our own land," he declared. "We have our culture, we have our law, we have our land rights, we have our painting and carving. We have our stories from our old people, not only my people, but everyone, all Dhuwa and Yirritja, we are not making this up."

His latest award places Mr Gumana in esteemed company. Previous winners include writer Doris Pilkington Garimara, visual artist Banduk Marika, and the late Bob Maza and Justine Saunders.

Four other 2009 National Indigenous Art Awards were presented on Wednesday:

- The inaugural Qantas Emerging and Young Artist Award shared between painter and printmaker Jessica Birk (NSW) and printmaker Fiona Elisala (Torres Strait).

- A three-month residency at the Cite Internationale des Artes in Paris to street artist Reko Rennie (Victoria).

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# More men than ever in jails

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE number of Aboriginal men in West Australian jails has risen to unprecedented levels but the State Police Minister is refusing to say what, if any, steps are in the pipeline to curb the increasing over-representation.

WA Police Minister Rob Johnson refused to be drawn last week on the reason for the rise, saying it was a procedural issue and the responsibility of the WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan.

Mr O'Callaghan emphatically denied suggestions that WA Police, as a reaction to the State Liberal Government's new 'zero tolerance' stance on crime, were systematically 'loading up' Aboriginal men with minor charges so they would be given custodial sentences instead of community-based orders.

"There is no policy directed at officers to charge more offenders with minor charges, although in some towns or districts local police may at any given time target a particular type, or trend, of offending and take a zero tolerance approach," Mr



O'Callaghan told *The Koori Mail*.

"WA police investigate and prosecute offenders who break the law, be it criminal or traffic, regardless of their race."

But researcher Brian Steels, of the Restorative Justice (RJ) Research Unit at Murdoch University, said last week the figures on the WA Corrective Services website clearly showed more Aboriginal men were in jail last month than ever before and he added that, at the point of arrest, they were charged with

many minor offences which skewed the court's perception of them.

The result was that Aboriginal men, already notoriously over-represented in WA custody figures at a fluctuating average of about 41 per cent, were considerably less likely than others to get community-based orders.

Mr Steels said this affected figures of Indigenous men in the WA prison population and the capacity for healing among

Aboriginal families, and the courts should be utilising alternatives to custodial sentences.

"There has never been so many Indigenous men (1559) held in custody in WA as there was during May," he said. "However, the figure for Indigenous women is around the 150 mark after being at around 180 during 2007."

Mr Steels insisted that Aboriginal people were 'charged with more offences... to look more serious' and to be considered 'too

much of a risk for community orders - do not turn up, fail to give current address, can't make it into office etc. It's racist'.

"Principles and practices of restorative justice sit well among Aboriginal communities to reduce anti-social behaviours and to provide another tool in the toolbox of community sanctioning by the group, but it is not effectively used by the corrective services or courts," Mr Steels said.

The researcher said nothing effective was done about over-representation each year by Corrective Services and little money was left in prison budgets to do anything 'but house those arrested and convicted', adding that 'the major difference in WA is the style of policing and the lack of support and assistance after release from custody'.

"WA zero tolerance is a major issue where every little anti-social act is stamped upon - mostly if you happen to be Indigenous," he claimed.

"When we fail to see someone struggling to break the cycle of offending we should assist, not punish further. When families are fighting they need support to resolve the major issues - not charges."

# Fears for rock art sparks action call

By KEN BOASE



TRADITIONAL owners on the Burrup Peninsula in the north west of Western Australia have called for any company or individual found to be destroying or removing ancient rock art from the region to face the full force of the law.

Ngarluma traditional owner Robyne Churnside said the community around Karratha and Roebourne was angry about claims of destruction of ancient rock art by cement company Cemex.

The WA and Federal governments are considering prosecuting the company for allegedly destroying a 10,000-year-old quarry and two other sites on its lease, which overlaps the National Heritage Area declared by the Federal Government in 2007.

The company has admitted that it breached the National Heritage Area but has denied destroying any rock art.

"The Government over time has not done anything and it's got to the stage that it must make it a number-one priority to prosecute anyone who destroys heritage in Australia," Ms Churnside said.

"We want the Government to prosecute any company that goes into Aboriginal peoples' country where there's been a native title determination or where native title is being considered."

Ms Churnside said local people had not seen any real benefits from the resource industry based in their country, and opinions on how industry and heritage could co-exist

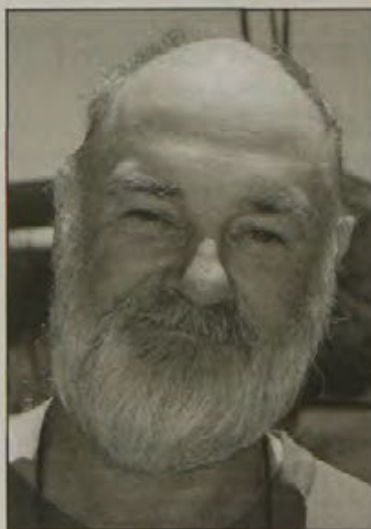


ROBYNE CHURNSIDE

were given by everyone except the traditional owners.

"We get a lot of archaeologists, anthropologists and scientists' point of view," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"We get environmentalists and politicians of all parties giving their point of view, but they never consult with the people of Roebourne who speak all the languages of the Pilbara. It's about time the tables were turned for Indigenous people."



ROBIN CHAPPLE

WA Greens MP Robin Chapple has laid the blame for the ongoing destruction of heritage on the Burrup squarely at the feet of Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett.

"Peter Garrett and his department have clearly failed in their duty to protect the newly listed heritage area of the Dampier Archipelago," he said.

Mr Chapple said it appeared from questions raised with officials from the WA Department of Environment, Water,

Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) that three sites had been destroyed and damaged by Cemex.

"This is an appalling state of affairs when this is considered one of the world's most important heritage sites, and that the Minister was forewarned of the destruction," Mr Chapple said.

"There are no two ways that, in terms of Indigenous heritage under the Aboriginal Heritage Act at a state level, and in terms of material destroyed within the National Heritage listed area, both jurisdictions should use the full force of the law."

The WA Department of Indigenous Affairs has confirmed it is conducting an investigation into the allegation against Cemex, but in a brief statement said it would not comment on the issue 'at this stage'.

"The DIA and the Federal Government are working with the alleged offender to address the alleged damage to Aboriginal Rock art in protected areas of the Burrup Peninsula, and this may result in the offender being prosecuted," the statement said.

"DIA takes these matters very seriously and investigates all alleged breaches of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972."

"Once all the evidence has been considered, DIA advises the Minister for Indigenous Affairs on matters favourable for prosecution in the public interest."

Offenders under national heritage legislation face maximum penalties of a \$5.5 million fine for a company and up to seven years' jail for an individual, while the WA legislation carries a maximum penalty of a \$100,000 fine.



# What happened to Veronnica?



VERONNICA BAXTER

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE last 24 hours of Sydney Aboriginal transgender woman Veronnica Baxter's life are unclear, but her family have been told that she spent the days immediately after her arrest without protection in the mainstream population of a male remand centre and was to be moved to a protection unit the next day.

NSW Police said Ms Baxter was arrested on 10 March after Redfern police raided her Elizabeth Street home and charged her with six counts of supplying a prohibited drug. She was held on remand at the Silverwater Metropolitan Reception and Remand Centre.

Her brother Geoffrey Drury said he understood that on 16 March – the day she died – she reportedly picked up a razor so she could shave and was also seen walking around the prison yard. Locked in her cell at 3.45pm, she was found hanging in her one-out cell at 6am by guards at Silverwater centre.

The psychiatric health team at

## Questions raised by death in custody of transgender woman

Silverwater determined Ms Baxter showed no apparent signs of being at increased risk of self-harm, although she was 'coming down' from a drug habit and was a transgender person identifying as female, for whom strict guidelines exist requiring protective segregation from mainstream prisoners.

The *Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999* states 'any person received into the custody of the NSW Department of Corrective Services (DCS) who self-identifies as transgender has the

right to be housed in a correctional facility appropriate to their gender of identification', and that 'transgender inmates are to be managed according to their chosen gender of identification'.

Mr Drury said his sister had identified as female for 15 years.

The management guidelines also outline adherence to gender-specific selected names, and availability of clothing appropriate to the identified gender.

Mr Drury voiced concerns over an apparent absence of cell checks in NSW

prison procedure which left Ms Baxter unchecked for over 14 hours, and he thought there was a lot more the officers could have done.

"I am very upset about it, they heard someone gasping for air during the night, but the guards didn't bother to come down," he said. "I just couldn't believe they (NSW Department of Correctional Services) don't check on their inmates during the night."

"She had done two years in Queensland and it was easy, time was not an issue for her. The judge was talking about her getting a year to two for the (new) charges so for them to say she couldn't handle it is ludicrous to me," said Mr Drury, adding that he had never known his sister to be suicidal.

Indigenous Social Justice Association's Ray Jackson said the group had sought clarification on the events leading up to Ms Baxter's death in custody, but had been largely obstructed by a 'culture of secrecy' within DCS.

Mr Jackson said the lack of cell checks throughout the evening was 'fairly typical' of procedural policy in NSW and an indictment of a systemic malaise on the part of the department.



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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 Tamwoy on Thursday Island. The Trustee proposes to grant a lease pursuant to s.81T (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 (non-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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## National Parks Advisory Council Members

### Expressions of interest - 4 positions

The Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Gavin Jennings MLC, is seeking expressions of interest for four positions on the National Parks Advisory Council. Members are appointed for up to three years from 1 October 2009.

The Council is established under the *National Parks Act 1975* and provides advice to the Minister on the administration of the Act and on particular matters as specified in the Act.

This is an excellent opportunity to contribute to Victoria's national parks system. Applicants must satisfy one of the following criteria:

- have skills or experience relating to the preservation and protection of parks
- be a professor or teacher of ecology, biology or earth science at a university in Victoria
- be a rural resident with experience in matters affecting the interests of the community
- be a metropolitan resident with experience in matters affecting the interests of the community

Some Council members are also appointed as members of the Reference Areas Advisory Committee under the *Reference Areas Act 1978*. This committee advises the Minister on the protection, control and management of reference areas on public land. Applicants for membership of the Council are invited to indicate their interest in membership of the Committee.

The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring that the diversity of our boards represents the diversity of our communities. Women, Indigenous people, people with a disability, young people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application forms and further information about the Council and the Reference Areas Advisory Committee can be obtained from the Department of Sustainability and Environment website: [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au) under 'What's New', or by contacting Ms Kathleen Marcoux on (03) 9637 8027 or by e-mail: [kathleen.marcoux@dse.vic.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.marcoux@dse.vic.gov.au)

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Expressions of interest close 5pm Monday 22 June 2009.

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# Rudd Govt unmoved on welfare



THE Rudd Government appears unwilling to relax strict rules governing how Aboriginal families in the Northern

Territory can spend welfare payments.

There has been considerable pressure on the Government to make income management voluntary. However, in a discussion paper released on 21 May, which canvassed ideas for the future of the NT emergency response program, the Government showed no intention of removing the compulsory status of income management.

Controversially, income management quarantines welfare payments so half is set aside for food, clothing and rent.

The decision could be at odds with the Government's promise to reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (RDA), which had to be suspended in the Territory to allow the roll-out of intervention elements, including income management.

The Government wants the paper to lay the groundwork for community consultation, which is due to continue until September.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has said that legislation to return racial rights to Territorians would be introduced to the Parliament in October.

"Consultations will ... inform the Government's design of a compulsory income management policy which does not require the suspension of the RDA," Ms Macklin said in a statement.

The paper acknowledged criticisms of income management, but said it 'should continue because it is doing a good job'.

"It is helping children, making families more financially secure and improving community safety by diverting money away from alcohol and gambling," it said.

Instead of a voluntary scheme, the Government is seeking views on two options: a system where individuals can apply for an exemption or leaving the scheme as is.

In a foreword to the discussion paper, Ms Macklin said income management, as well as the licensing of community stores, had seen increased spending on food and clothes and children.

"Evidence to date tells us that the ... (intervention) measures have delivered some improvements and benefited many Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory," she said.

The Minister said the policy was essential for protecting vulnerable women and children, but Social Justice

people's views," Mr Calma said.

"This means nothing less than bringing an open mind to direct engagement with Aboriginal people and a willingness to move towards more community-driven and community-owned responses."

In the discussion paper, the Government flagged its intention to continue with alcohol restrictions in the Territory, but was prepared to consider modifying restrictions to better reflect the circumstances of individual communities.

The Government appears willing to relax restrictions on the availability of pornography. Under a proposed new model, people living in prescribed communities would be able to ask for pornography to be restricted in their area.

The decision would be made by the Indigenous Affairs Minister at the time and would take into account various considerations, including whether people in the area had suffered sexual abuse.

The intervention was introduced by the Howard Government in 2007 to combat reports of endemic child sex abuse in Indigenous communities.

Last week, Opposition Families and Indigenous Affairs Spokesman Tony Abbott said the Government should quarantine the payments of all welfare-dependent families - both black and white - to eliminate any suggestion that Aboriginal people are 'being singled out for special treatment'.

Meanwhile, anti-intervention campaigners have criticised the Rudd

Government for 're-badging' the intervention as 'Close the Gap NT' and its announcement that the intervention requirements would be justified as 'Special Measures' under the RDA.

"Special measures should be positive discrimination policies designed to benefit a disadvantaged group with their fully informed consent," they said.

There are plans to mark the two-year anniversary of the Territory intervention with protests across Australia on 20 June. - With AAP



JENNY MACKLIN



TOM CALMA

Commissioner Tom Calma said 'true consultation' with Aboriginal people was the only way to do that.

Mr Calma welcomed the discussion paper and the pending consultations, saying that as long as racially discriminatory actions were allowed, the intervention would lack legitimacy among Aboriginal people and communities as well as the broader Australian society.

"Minister Macklin says she wants to get it right and is prepared to really listen to



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## Commissioner set to deliver Mabo Oration



**OUTGOING** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma will deliver the third biennial Mabo Oration on 5 June.

Mr 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 5.30pm for a 6pm start, at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre, South Bank, Brisbane. Tickets cost \$16.50 and may be bought from [www.qtax.com.au](http://www.qtax.com.au), on 136 246 or at the door.

# Huggins speaks on 'post-apology blues'

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



**RECONCILIATION** campaigner Jackie Huggins has spoken on the landscape of post-apology Australia in the 2009 Rob Riley Memorial Lecture. In her speech 'Celebration or Commiseration: Post Apology Blues' at Curtin University in May, Dr Huggins said the late Rob Riley had been a pioneer of Aboriginal rights and had left a lasting legacy for coming generations.

Ms Huggins delivered the lecture in front of family and friends of the late community leader and reflected on the day of the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations.

"It was one of the very few times in my life when I was proud to be Australian, with others black and white hugging and holding each other," Dr Huggins said of the 13 February 2008 apology.

The Deputy Director of the University of Qld Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Unit said that just like other significant



Dr Jackie Huggins, right, with Rob Riley's daughter Megan Mallard after giving the 2009 Rob Riley Memorial Lecture.

moments, such as the 1967 Referendum and Mabo decision, the PM's gesture had generated mixed emotions and many had since expressed frustration at the few real changes that had come about since.

She said that while the negotiations appeared never-ending, reconciliation was a necessary process and one

about which she remained optimistic.

Dr Huggins said that more important than any amount of funding or programs put in place by governments, Aboriginal people needed to feel connected to their identity and culture, and achieve some level of healing from the traumas of past injustice.

"Governments in particular often overlook and apply the band-aids to the consequences rather than the causes and early intervention," she said.

"So we can give a blackfella a house, a job, a car, but at the end of the day, and providing they have reasonable health, if they are not comfortable on the inside with who they are and who their mob are then it is a recipe for disaster," she said.

"We find it in so many of our communities; the trauma is never resolved and so we need to work on individual nourishment."

Dr Huggins said her mother had imparted similar sentiments to her many years ago and she had never forgotten them.

"My mother used to say to me that you must give your child their identity and build them up to be proud to be Aboriginal and all else will follow," she said.

Dr Huggins said Indigenous culture remained a critical part of Australia's identity and strengthening it was a core element of sustaining a strong and healthy Indigenous community.

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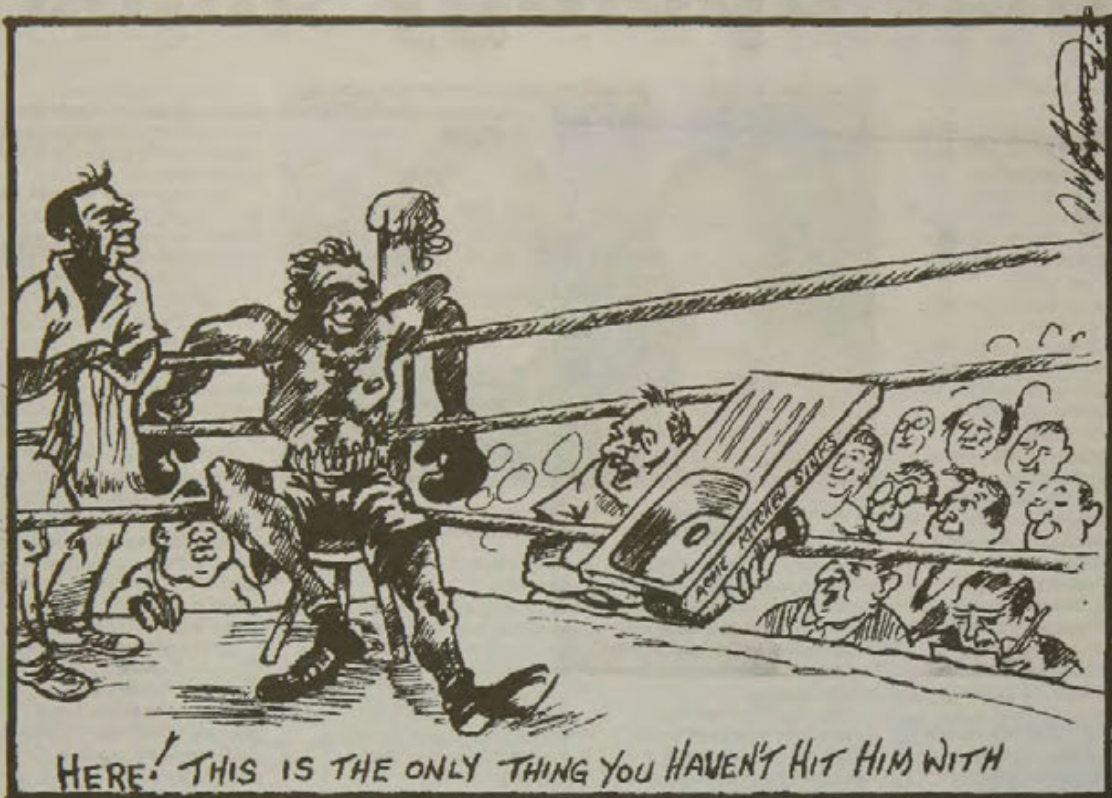


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# There must be another way

**F**OR many of us, the past fortnight has been all about bottom lines, deficits and getting more bang for the proverbial buck.

And not just in the traditional sense, despite the largely understandable current obsession with the global financial crisis. Developments around outstations, town camps, life expectancy statistics, international report cards and the like have also led to us pondering bottom lines and deficits in human rights, health and wellbeing. And that's a good thing.

The disadvantage experienced by many Indigenous Australians is unequivocal evidence that – between governments, policy makers, service providers and ourselves – we have never quite got things right. Something has always been missing from the equation.

On the rare occasions when there's been frank discussion and genuine goodwill between us, money and other resources have been thin on the ground.

Or, as seems to be the case now, when there has been a decent chunk of money on offer, the dynamics of our relationships have been lacking.

Take management of the Alice Springs town camps as a case in point.

While there are clearly frustrations with Tangentyere Council's management of the camps over time, it honestly cannot be said that the Council has ever been properly resourced to do what has been expected of it.

Having said this, if (and it is an if) Tangentyere has reneged on something it had previously agreed to, that has to be conceded and explained.



## OUR SAY

The line that the threatened compulsory acquisition of the camps is a land grab doesn't quite ring true given that the camps are generally not occupied by traditional owners (who have never received their due) and the fact that non-extinguishment will apply to any native title over the land in question.

But probably more salient is the fact that, as pointed out by Amnesty International Australia last week, imposed solutions rarely work.

We need look no further than the NT intervention for proof of that. While it has delivered some important gains, the relationship between prescribed communities in general and governments will take a very long time to recover. Without trust, we're bugged.

If it eventuates, the compulsory (and permanent) acquisition of the town camps will be an unfortunate step.

The safety and wellbeing of town camp residents is, of course, paramount. But we would like to think there's another, better way to achieve that and maintain some self-determination.

No-one will feel the benefits or the brunt of this high-stakes game more keenly than Indigenous people.

## A Yarn With...



## TODD PHILLIPS

**Research Officer**  
**Brisbane, Qld**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Kangaroo.

**Favourite other food?**  
Aunty Koto's sweet potato curry.

**Favourite drink?**  
Red cordial.

**Favourite music?**  
Reggae and Gospel.

**Favourite sport/leisure?**  
Rugby League and Golf.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
New Orleans, USA.

**What are you reading?**  
The Koori Mail's sport section.

**What are you watching?**  
I've been watching *Underbelly*.

**What is your greatest highlight in life?**  
Attending the Bill Clinton Global Initiatives University and meeting the former US president.

**What do you like in life?**  
Working in Aboriginal communities throughout Queensland and empowering people.

**What do you dislike?**  
People who don't even have a go and complain.

**Who would you most like to meet?**  
Cathy Freeman and hear her side of how she became a champion runner.

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

**If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?**  
Take over (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd's position and devote more time, attention and funding to bringing about real sustainable and effective changes.



# Mabo art on display where it all began

Annual concert set to go



THE annual Mabo Day Concert

is on today, starting from 1pm at Melbourne's Kaleide Theatre with performances by the Liz Cavanagh Band, the Maza Sisters, Drew Namok and youth dance group Elp Karem Belzem, from Murray Island – the birthplace and home of Eddie Mabo.

The free concert celebrates the 17th anniversary of the High Court's decision on 3 June 1992 which overturned the doctrine of terra nullius (empty land). There will also be information booths and short films about its significance.

The Mabo Day Concert is presented by RMIT's Ngarara Willim Indigenous Centre, in partnership with the City of Melbourne.

It is scheduled from 1-4pm at the Kaleide Theatre, 360 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Story and photo by ALF WILSON



TODAY is Mabo Day and the daughter of the late native title campaigner from whom the day draws its name will honour her father with an art exhibition at Townsville's James Cook University (JCU).

JCU's library is named after Gail Mabo's dad Eddie Koiki Mabo, and her new exhibition is titled 'Mabo Kara Art'.

Featuring 12 works, the exhibition was launched on 20 May and will be on display until Friday. It has already attracted hundreds of people.

There are five landscape paintings, one of a Japanese carp fish, one named *Monsoon*, one is *New Beginnings* and another *Dry Land*.

"I have also had art students coming in watching me painting and it has been a good time," Gail told *The Koori Mail* last week.

Eddie Mabo had been a gardener at JCU from 1967 to 1975 and spent hundreds of hours in the library reading about the histories of Indigenous cultures.

It was in a conversation with Professor Henry Reynolds and



Gail Mabo with some of her art as she prepares for Mabo Day.

another JCU staff member, Associate Professor Noel Loos, that Mr Mabo first found out that his land back on the island of Mer in the Torres Strait was legally considered to be Crown land.

At a land rights conference at the university in 1981, Eddie Koiki Mabo spelt out what land ownership and land inheritance was all about on Mer and that led to the long battle through the courts

to have traditional ownership recognised.

It culminated in the 1992 High Court decision that bears his name and which overturned the doctrine of terra nullius (no man's land) that underpinned the Crown's claim to own all the land of Australia.

Sadly, Mr Mabo did not live to see the triumph of his personal commitment to his people and to the land, but his name is forever linked with a profound change in Australian history.

Gail said Mabo Day would be celebrated at Shalom Christian College in Townsville today and her mother Bonita Mabo would speak there.

"Next year I am looking at having a Mabo Festival here and at Riverway," said Gail.

The art exhibition has special significance for Gail who, as a little girl, would walk and plant yams together with her father in the JCU grounds.

"I still go down there and see the yams which are still growing," she said.

Helen Hopper, the Faculty Librarian at the Arts, Education and Social Sciences Department of JCU, praised the exhibition as colourful and vibrant.

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# Hunt for a hubby goes on ... and on

It has been so quiet on the love front that I think I've got more chance of being hit by lightning than hit by love!

In my never-ending quest to find a handsome black man and have a million babies with him, this week I stepped out of my comfort zone and into a Tabu and lavender-scented place to find love.

In the past I usually go out to places and events for sweet young things like me. But where has that got me? Nowhere! I'm still as single as ever.

I have had to broaden the number of places and events I go to ... to widen the streets to Destination Love ... clear through the cobwebs of singledom! Okay, I'll stop now, my head hurts.

So I scoured the noticeboard at the AMS, I checked out emails for events and came

across one that I'd never in a million years think of going to in my hunt for a hubby.

It was a dinner/dance celebration of survival for Stolen Generations and their families for Sorry Day. It ticked a few boxes for potential husband finding. Firstly there was a good feed and a band. The basics for attracting people were there.

With the scene set for a celebration, lubbin definitely had to be in the air too. What could go wrong? Well,....

It was a great evening. The food was great, the company even better. One problem though: the place was full of older married-up people! The only young ones there were the performers (primary school-aged) and the waiters (non-Aboriginal). Not suitable at all.

How could I not think that this would be a possibility? Of course people go to a

celebration with their mob! Unlike me, Ms Nigella No Friends, people usually take other people with them when they go out.

Where were all the hot young sons taking their mummies out for the night? It would have been great to meet my new hubby AND mother-in-law on the same night! Imagine that. We would have to have the engagement party and reception in the same venue, don't you think? At least I would know how the light would make my skin look.

With dreams of my engagement party and reception fading into the night, I left early and headed to Maccas for a make-everything-better chocolate shake.

● Have you had luck finding someone at an unusual event? Tell Ms Koori Love all about it at [mskoorilove.com.au](http://mskoorilove.com.au)



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# Progress has been made since 1992

THIS column is being published on the anniversary of one of the most significant events in Australia's native title history.

On 3 June 1992, the High Court of Australia decided that the common law of Australia would recognise a form of native title – one that 'reflects the entitlement of the indigenous inhabitants, in accordance with their laws or customs, to their traditional lands'.

Many Australians now remember this day as Mabo Day, in memory of the late Eddie Mabo and other Torres Strait Islanders who started the action that led to that historic decision.

It was their efforts that prompted the Australian Parliament to pass the Native Title Act, which began operating on New Year's Day 1994.

The National Native Title Tribunal was established to assist in the implementation of the Act. We work with parties to facilitate timely and effective native title and related outcomes, such as consent determinations of native title and Indigenous land use agreements.

The Native Title Act has been amended several times over the years, in an attempt to ensure it meets the needs of all stakeholders.

The Federal Parliament is currently considering more amendments which aim to improve the speed and effectiveness of the resolution of native title issues throughout Australia.

The importance of native title to a wide range of people and organisations will be reflected in discussions at this



**NATIVE TITLE AND YOU**

with National Native Title Tribunal President  
**GRAEME NEATE**

week's annual Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) native title conference, being held in Melbourne from 3-5 June.

Tribunal Members Dan O'Dea and Gaye Sculthorpe and senior research officer David Edelman will be taking part in the conference.

I will present a paper which examines how a range of geographic, historic, cultural, legal, economic and political factors influence native title aspirations and outcomes in different parts of Australia.

In some jurisdictions, particularly Western Australia, there are large areas of land where native title has been or may be recognised under the Act. In others places, where there has been more widespread urbanisation or agricultural development, native title has been extinguished by grants of titles over much of the land.

Native title may not be an

option in some places where Indigenous people are unable to prove their traditional connection to the land to the high standard required by Australian law.

Other kinds of agreements and settlements can be negotiated in some of these cases, such as co-management agreements over conservation areas.

During the past 10 years as President of the Tribunal, I have had the privilege to witness some very uplifting and moving native title events around Australia. These include consent determination hearings on islands in the Torres Strait, and places in far north Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory.

I have attended ceremonies to mark the finalising of Indigenous land use agreements in New South Wales and Victoria.

It has been very encouraging to see the satisfaction that parties share when they reach agreement and have their new relationships formally acknowledged.

While there is still much more to be achieved in the recognition of native title and the resolution of native title issues, the anniversary of the landmark Mabo case gives us an opportunity to remember that progress has been made since that historic day in 1992.

● Recent native title outcomes and activities are explored further in the Tribunal's June issue of *Talking Native Title*, available at [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)





Letter-writer Les Ridgeway says action is needed now – not later – to clean up asbestos on Aboriginal communities around NSW. See page 25

# Ms Macklin, we deserve better

AS D-Day steadily approaches for the Indigenous community of Yarrabah, a large number of our people are facing uncertain times.

The hope for the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme to be extended past 1 July has been lost, with Federal Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin rejecting the local leaders' plea, and putting what she thinks will work in place.

She has rejected another proposal by the local leaders to extend CDEP, once again acting bull-headed towards our people and Indigenous Affairs.

These brash and foolish decisions which have been made by government ministers over the last decade who have handled Indigenous Affairs did not help us move forward one bit.

Minister Macklin's latest decision is also going to backfire and fail miserably unless she becomes more proactive towards the community in Yarrabah, instead of bureaucrats dictating from their flashy offices in Brisbane.

They're still sending their feedback drones or mules into the community meetings to do their dirty work.

Shame on the ministers and the Government. Five hundred people will lose their jobs and their families will be left to live off the dole.

So much for our 'highly skilled' labourers and qualified tradesmen who have also proved themselves working in the mainstream.

It is a shame we have been given this to live and abide by in our beautiful home in a year



A view of the north Queensland community of Yarrabah, near Cairns.

where Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said he would start closing the 18-year life-expectancy gap between non-Indigenous and Indigenous Australians.

This neglect has been with us Yarrabah folks since the old missionary days of 1892. Our people are totally sick of it. We wonder why we still die younger than expected.

These new changes have no respect for our cultural identity, making us into dole-bludgers and draining our confidence instead of giving our residents hope of being employed in their home town.

Ms Macklin, if you really care about Indigenous Affairs and your fellow Australians in far north Queensland, I urge you to visit us

in Yarrabah to meet the residents to find a better outcome, because the one you settled on is not good enough.

We are not all useless. We are Australians too, the real Australians.

We deserve much better.

**BRAD HIGGINS**  
Yarrabah, North Queensland

## Poetry

### Untitled

We came from the throne of fire  
and light together,  
Thrust forth by a fiery burst of  
love and joy  
Straight from the Father's heart.  
We entered through a shower of  
life and laughter  
Like stars, not fallen, but gifted to  
those willing hearts.

Perhaps we even held hands,  
touched,  
In that tumble of glee, soaring in  
a free fall flight  
That time and gravity  
Would make seem dim.  
Twin souls or triplets maybe  
more,  
Birthed into that very hour for  
some sweet plan  
Or purpose up ahead.

And at the very moment of our  
birth, our cries of entry,  
Were tears of joy and sorrow at  
our Separation  
A promise of reunion some sweet  
day.

Through all the years of myriads  
of life we searched;  
Clutching at every memory of  
home.  
Sometimes they came in dreams,  
and sometimes waking;  
Watching a cloud, a song, a fairy  
tale  
Of someone else's life,  
Played on the silver screen.

Every other soul we met, was  
close,  
Or never even closed the gap;  
And so we lived; companions  
passing by each one an echo  
But never the whole score.

Until by chance, or  
happencence,  
Or maybe discontent,  
When we could no longer hold  
the promise in our hearts,  
On still more moment.

A voice called my name.  
And the universe stopped,  
And angels sang a chorus  
overhead,  
And the world's battles ceased,  
And each one stepped aside,  
And warriors bowed their heads  
to make way.

**SHARON LIVERMORE**  
Kempsey, NSW

### Seeking solace

Today I'm seeking solace  
for my mind is tired  
and my heart is torn.

Grey skies compound  
my weariness,  
my imagination has been torn.

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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# Really caring for NT kids

THE Really Caring for Kids Coalition acknowledges that the Northern Territory Government is committed to reviewing and amending the *Care and Protection of Children Act* for the benefit of young people.

We stress that the review must take place within days and weeks – not months – due to the continuing serious impacts of the Act on the health of young Territorians.

As the legislation stands, thousands of young people have no access whatsoever to confidential advice about sexually transmitted infections (STIs),

contraception or ante-natal care.

The Really Caring for Kids coalition has a meeting with the Chief Minister and the Minister for Families scheduled for 4 June (tomorrow). We're confident that together we can resolve the existing problems in the legislation, for the health and safety of young Territorians.

**Signed**

**The Really Caring for Kids Coalition**

- Australian Medical Association (NT)
- Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the

Northern Territory

- Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
- Australian General Practice Network
- Australian Nursing Federation
- Council of Remote Area Nurses of Australia
- Family Planning Welfare Association of the Northern Territory
- General Practice Network Northern Territory
- National Centre in HIV Epidemiology and Clinical Research

- North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency
- Public Health Association of the Northern Territory
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
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## New law is doing far more harm than good

NORTHERN Territory mothers and concerned citizens have banded together to fight the NT Government's new underage sex reporting laws.

We have mothers and others from all walks of life who are horrified by these new laws and the impact they are already having on young Territorians.

These laws are already doing more harm than good.

We know that there are young people now who are too frightened to seek medical help because they will be reported to FaCS or interviewed by the police.

On top of that is the fear that their parents could face a \$22,000 fine for not reporting their children earlier.

Just as worrying is that many young people don't know about the new laws, and could find themselves and their families under investigation without any warning.

These laws mean our young people are cut off from the very people who can help those at risk – their families and their health professionals.

Our laws should protect our young people, not put them in more danger.

The news that the NT Government is looking at reviewing these laws is welcome.

The review needs to happen immediately.

**ANNABEL PENGILLEY**

Spokesperson

Mothers & Others Against Mandatory

Reporting, NT

## Bush Fires

Why did you drop that cigarette?

Do you have no sense?

Look at the animals scurry

For they have no defence

For that cigarette you dropped

Has started a bush fire

Look, heed and listen

Next time don't deny

Trees alight from bottom to top

And undergrowth too

See the flames soar high

In the sky the poor birds too

But these poor defenceless animals

and birds have nowhere to go

Once the trees, birds and animals are gone

No more will they grow

Try one day and think of what you have done

For when all the trees, birds and animals are gone

You are to blame – 'The Guilty One'.

**MARGARET ARMSTRONG**

Ipswich, QLD



# Asbestos action is needed now

I READ with interest the stories on the discovery of asbestos in the Wallaga Lake Aboriginal community (Koori Mail, 6 May) and am surprised that it has taken the Government so long to discover this.

I am reminded of the Aboriginal folk of Baryulgil Reserve in northern NSW as many Aboriginal men from that little village once worked in the James Hardie and Sons asbestos mine there.

I and many other Aborigines knew that the road leading into the reserve was built out of materials from the asbestos mine. The local children played in the dust of this roadway, so goodness knows how many of them could have asbestos dust on their lungs today.

As a former resident of Purfleet Reserve and years later as a Manager with the Aborigines Welfare Board (AWB), I was aware that all reserve housing was built of asbestos and timber weatherboard, similar to what is now found at Wallaga Lake.

Also, the AWB which controlled these reserves knew the homes were made of asbestos sheeting as both lining and outside walls were made of such dangerous material.

Once new brick houses were built, asbestos sheets were smashed up and put in the reserve dumps with no protective fence around it.

If the Rudd Government is hoping to narrow the gap between our folk and other

## Asbestos alarm

### NSW finding 'tip of the iceberg'

By DARREN COYNE



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

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

Wallaga Lake - was riddled with the deadly material.

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

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

The material was only removed from three communities where it was deemed high risk and other remote communities were not.

champion Bev Marston said it was time to face up to the problem once and for all. She said if the Federal Government was serious about closing the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, then it must act to control the issue.

Wallaga Lake Village, the site of the latest contamination scare, is home to about 300 Aboriginal Koori people.

Wallaga Lake is just the tip of the iceberg. We need a thorough investigation of all Aboriginal communities, especially ones with older style housing.

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

Mr Robinson said asbestos was a cheap building material, which was used extensively in Australia after World War II.

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



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



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

"It's a big issue, not just for Aboriginal communities, but for all communities." Mr Robinson backed calls for an inquiry, and also research into the effects the deadly product could have on Aboriginal people.

**Documented history**

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

"A lot of our people are unaware of the dangers of asbestos. It's a matter of not knowing the difference between

dangerous material. Shame on the James Hardie company for their part in perhaps contributing towards the death of many of our people in past years.

**LES RIDGEWAY**  
Aboriginal Family Historian  
Bonny Hills, NSW

The Koori Mail's report on the threat posed by asbestos from our 6 May edition.

Australians in the health area as they talk about, I think that both the NSW and Federal governments need to get their act together and clean up our asbestos-ridden reserves now, not later. A combined health check should be started now, not next week or next month.

This is a very serious matter and past state governments knew about our asbestos-built houses but did nothing.

I hope other Aboriginal readers of The Koori Mail will come forward and support a move to clean up all our reserves now and rid them of this

## YOUR POETRY

### Rain Clouds

Rain clouds looming in the sky above  
Gathering fast they don't need a  
shove  
For the winds are making them  
gather fast  
I hope this rain will forever last.

For the land is dry and needs much  
rain  
So the crops can replenish and the  
grass green again  
We need this rain and not this  
drought  
I can't understand what it's all about.

Be happy that God has given a  
wonderful gift  
Let the rain fall to give us all a lift  
See how it will brighten up this world  
Smile, be happy, rain clouds  
Give us the rain that we deserve.

**MARGARET ARMSTRONG**  
Ipswich, QLD

### Bronte baths at night

I swam beneath  
a sea of stars  
the land  
it whispered  
peace.

The piercing chill  
of winter air  
vanished  
beyond belief.

At first 'twas  
cold  
sharp stabbing  
pains  
arctic ice  
in all my veins.

But the  
temperature  
soon  
stopped  
worrying me  
as I was  
ensconced  
in nature's

mystery.

I glided through  
the pool with  
grace  
a smile of joy  
creasing my  
face.

A crescent moon  
hung low and  
proud  
a tiny part  
of the celestial  
shroud.

The nearby cliffs  
stared down at  
me  
and in my heart  
I felt fully free.

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# Custodians earn Kookaburra Award for commitment



THE Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation has won an

award for its work in Victoria's parks. The corporation was among volunteers recognised at the recent Parks Victoria Kookaburra Awards.

The awards were presented on 16 May at SkyHigh Mount Dandenong Observatory, with more than 150 volunteers and their families attending.

Parks Victoria General Manager Corporate Strategy and Services Jennifer Wolcott presented certificates to the 28 award nominees and trophies to the most outstanding entries.

"Parks Victoria thanks all award nominees and recipients as well as the thousands of volunteers who contribute so much to protecting our parks each year," Ms Wolcott said.

"It is truly inspiring to know that Victoria's parks have such passionate and committed custodians."

The Kookaburra Indigenous Award went to the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation for excellence in the promotion and protection of Indigenous



Neville Atkinson and Jade Miller, of the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation, with the award.

cultural values associated with parks.

Indigenous Partnerships Manager Patrick Fricker said the award recognised the Corporation's work to ensure the health and well-being of its country and people.

He said that was achieved

by working in partnership with Parks Victoria through a co-management agreement with Government and the community to care for country.

"We thank the Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation for its enthusiastic, ongoing commitment," he said.

# Service for Myall Creek



THE annual memorial service for those who died in the 1838 Myall Creek

massacre will be held this Saturday, 6 June, at Myall Creek, 150km north of Tamworth.

The service will be held at the Memorial on the Bingara-Delunga Road, with people gathering from 10am at the nearby Myall Creek Hall.

Guest speaker will be singer-songwriter Kev Carmody.

From his wealth of life experience, Kev Carmody has been able to address contemporary issues facing Aboriginal people through his music, giving encouragement to his people and expression to his oral tradition.

The Myall Creek Memorial was erected in June 2000 by a group of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people working together in an act of reconciliation.

It commemorates the unprovoked massacre of about 28 Wirrayaraay women, children and old men by a group of

stockmen in 1838.

Last year the massacre site and Memorial received Australia-wide recognition when it was included on the National Heritage Register.

In announcing its inclusion at the last annual gathering, Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett said the Memorial was 'a sign ... that we come to terms with our past, acknowledge it, identify it and then move forward together, sharing the future'.

#### Growing Interest

Organisers have been encouraged by growing interest in the memorial and support from the local community.

Winners of locally-organised schools' creative writing and art competitions regarding Myall Creek will be announced at the gathering.

Lunch will be available after the ceremony for a small charge.

In the afternoon a public meeting will be held to discuss plans to build an Education and Cultural Centre close to the memorial, and architectural

drawings for the proposed centre will be displayed.

Planners of the event are asking for government support to create the centre to raise awareness of the massacre and Indigenous culture.

The Myall Creek Memorial Committee wants NSW Minister for Community Services Linda Burney, who is a patron of the memorial, to take its proposals to Canberra.

"The concept plan presented to Gwydir Council states that the aim of the centre is to raise the awareness of every Australian to the truth of the shared history of Indigenous and other Australians," the committee said.

The centre would comprise of cultural facilities including displays of local Indigenous artifacts and a space where groups of students and other visitors could watch videos, hear presentations and participate in discussions.

The committee said energy resource companies with operations in the region could also be sources of funding.

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Aboriginal Elders and community members at the Terramungamine Aboriginal Place celebrations last month.

# Terramungamine celebrates



RECENT celebrations at Terramungamine, near Dubbo, central NSW, brought more than 100 Aboriginal people together with Elders to mark part of a local reserve being declared an Aboriginal Place.

Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) Cultural and Heritage Division Director Christian Hampson said Aboriginal Place

declarations gave areas of Indigenous significance better protection.

"Terramungamine has a long history with Wiradjuri people and the place declaration was nominated by the Wirimbah Direct Descendants Aboriginal Corporation," he said.

"It is a special place associated with burials, nearby grinding grooves and scarred trees."

DECC Aboriginal Heritage Regional

Program Co-ordinator Peter Peckham said the declaration, which came through last year, acknowledged a continuing and historic connection between local Aboriginal people and Terramungamine.

"The (mid-May) event provided the opportunity for the local Aboriginal community and Elders to come together to celebrate the importance of this connection with members

from the wider Dubbo community," he said.

"The day included didgeridoo playing, Elders telling traditional yarns and a barbecue on the banks of the Macquarie River. A highlight of the day for many was the playing of the didgeridoo."

Aboriginal Places are declared under the National Parks and Wildlife Act, with penalties in place to ensure their protection.

# Focus on Coroner's findings



A QUEENSLAND judge did not have the authority to set aside a coroner's findings into the death in custody of a Palm Island man, a court has been told.

Townsville District Court Judge Bob Pack's decision in December to overturn the findings of Deputy State Coroner Christine Clements was scrutinised in the Court of Appeal in Brisbane last Monday.

In 2006, Ms Clements found Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was responsible for the death in custody of Mulrunji Doomadgee after he was arrested for public nuisance. His death sparked riots on the island after an autopsy showed he had suffered four broken ribs and a ruptured liver.

In 2007, Snr Sgt Hurley was acquitted by a jury of manslaughter and assault charges over the death.

At the conclusion of a review of the matter in Townsville late last year, Judge Pack overturned Ms Clement's ruling and ordered the inquest to be reopened.

Mr Doomadgee's family and the Palm Island Aboriginal Council announced in January they would fight to have Judge Pack's decision ruled invalid in the Court of Appeal.

During last week's hearing, barrister Timothy Game, SC, argued Judge Pack had 'misconceived the nature of the review' when he set aside Ms Clements' findings.

## Reasoning

"In our submission there was a perfectly orderly reasoning and process towards a finding that the injuries suffered did not occur in the course of the fall but were inflicted by Hurley in an assault against Mr Doomadgee," Mr Game said.

However, Philip Morrison, QC, acting for Snr Sgt Hurley, said the evidence could not exclude an accidental death.

"How could you make the finding of death by three punches when the unchallenged medical evidence before you was that three punches couldn't do it?" he said.

The appeal hearing was continuing. - AAP



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### Written submissions

We invite written submissions by 31 July 2009. Submissions can be emailed to [healingfoundation@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:healingfoundation@fahcsia.gov.au) or faxed to 02 6233 8322 or posted to:

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FaHCSIA  
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Brisbane (Qld) - 11/12 June 2009

Thursday Island (TSI) - 22/23 June 2009

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# Elders, youth councils for NSWALC



THE New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council has taken the first steps to establish its own

Elders and Youth Advisory Councils. NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton announced the move on 28 May following a meeting of the Council in Sydney.

"The decision flowed from the success of the Elders and youth forums which were held at NSWALC's recent state conference at Cessnock in the

Hunter Valley," Ms Manton said. "Both were included on the state conference agenda for the first time ever and both proved an outstanding success with delegates.

"Both raised a range of issues pertinent to the groups and to all Aboriginal people committed to the future growth of the land rights network.

"Issues raised by the Elders forum included the need for a full history of Aboriginal people in NSW to be recorded, the need for

Aboriginal languages to be preserved, and the need to lobby to have the use of the word Indigenous dropped when referring to Aboriginal people.

## Voice

"The youth forum proposed the formation of a youth advisory forum or committees at local, regional and state levels to provide a voice for youth.

"It was suggested young people had to be provided the ability to speak up at meetings of

Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) but faced a number of barriers."

She said these included isolation, lack of a support network, the inability to attain full LALC membership before the age of 18 and poor understanding of land rights and the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (ALRA).

Ms Manton said some NSWALC councillors had already started discussions at their community level on who would be involved.



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# Inmates' opinions 'being ignored'



THE feedback of Aboriginal inmates is being ignored at the expense of failed in-house anger management plans, according to a Charles Darwin University researcher.

Dr Caroline Atkinson, who has a PhD from CDU for research into intergenerational Aboriginal violence, said programs needed to help inmates make sense of their own lives, not just simply how to manage their anger.

"People suffering from profound trauma need to strip back the layers of their lives in order to make sense of their stories," Dr Atkinson said last week.

"They found therapy using music and art was a gentle and effective way of doing this."

Dr Atkinson used feedback from the men to create an Australian Aboriginal version of the Harvard Trauma Questionnaire, which is used to measure traumatic stressors and trauma-related symptoms relevant to Australian Aboriginal people.

Applying this to her subjects, she then found that most of the men in her study had suffered from widespread traumatic stressors of family violence, alcohol and drug use, and grief and loss which were being transmitted across generations and that more than half were suffering from symptoms associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Dr Atkinson said she heard harrowing stories and invaluable feedback from incarcerated Aboriginal men.



**'People suffering from profound trauma need to strip back the layers of their lives in order to make sense of their stories'**

— Researcher Dr Caroline Atkinson

"It was a confronting experience being inside a cell with someone who has committed murder, but I quickly realised they are the ones with the answers and they had such amazing insight," she said. Dr Atkinson said she hoped her research and tool would help health professionals target and assess the treatment for Aboriginal men who had been convicted of violent offences.



# Mutton bird decline prompts call



A DECLINE in the numbers and health of mutton birds on Tasmanian islands has provoked a call for further research and policing.

The call followed a two-day community meeting in Launceston attended by the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) and mutton-birders from Big Dog and Babel Islands.

They want the Commonwealth and State governments to provide the necessary resources to research the problems of illegal harvesting and declining health.

ALCT Chairman Clyde Mansell said the meeting was called as a result of a huge decline in the numbers of mutton birds on the islands this season, and the birders had come together to discuss future needs of

**'Unless we get support from government, the result of this disaster could very well see the diminishing of an ancient culture' – ALCT's Clyde Mansell**



commercial and cultural mutton birding. He said the Aboriginal community needed the assistance of governments to counter the declining number of breeding birds and noticeably smaller

size of the chicks. He said the community's theories for the decline centred on global warming and the over-fishing of krill. Both were seen as affecting the availability of the bird's food source.

"The community needs the expertise of appropriate government agencies to either prove or disprove these theories," Mr Mansell said.

They called on Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett to open lines of communication with the ALCT to enable a quick and appropriate research project to be undertaken.

"We are looking to develop a plan for a sustainable future for our culture and our industry, and call on the Commonwealth Government to remember its obligations under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

"Unless we get support from government, the result of this disaster could very well see the diminishing of an ancient culture."

# Rec Vic likely to close

By KIRSTIE PARKER



RECONCILIATION Victoria (Rec Vic) is set to close after declining a State Government offer of \$150,000 in interim funding, conditional upon it merging with Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV) within two years.

Rec Vic says the two organisations do very different work and to have accepted the offer would have damaged the relationship between them.

"This offer is unacceptable," said Rec Vic Co-Chair Vicki Clark on Thursday, of the offer from Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne.

"To use money allocated for Aboriginal services to do the work of reconciliation will undermine the relationships Reconciliation Victoria has with the Victorian Aboriginal community.

"This is an offer made with the full understanding that we can do nothing but refuse it."

Rec Vic received confirmation last month that its \$200,000 a year funding through the Community Support program would cease on 30 June. Mr Wynne suggested the merger with SGV last week on the basis that both organisations did 'very similar work', but Ms Clark said nothing could be further from the truth.

"Stolen Generations Victoria aims to support Aboriginal people, while Reconciliation Victoria aims to inform, educate and activate non-Aboriginal people about our history over the last 200 years, the impact of this history on Aboriginal people and how we can move towards a better future for all Australians," she said.

Mr Wynne's office said that while

it recognises Rec Vic's 'very, very valuable work', the Government's focus in the post-Apology era is on practical 'on-the-ground' measures likely to help close the gap.

"It's about closing the unacceptable life-expectancy gap and also about improving life experiences," a spokesperson told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday.

"We wanted to build on the work of Rec Vic and put that into the framework of the kind of work done by SGV, which received \$6.4 million over four years in the recent State Budget."

But he said Rec Vic had known for years that it would need to become self-sufficient over time, securing alternative funding from philanthropics or corporates.

"They've not done that," the spokesman said. "And they've turned down this latest funding so, while I don't want to close any doors, as it stands they're going to close on 30 June. I don't know where we go from here."

Rec Vic insists, however, that reconciliation is the responsibility of Government and ample research demonstrates that the social determinants of Aboriginal health are largely based on the attitudes, systems, lack of understanding and exclusion of Aboriginal people by the non-Aboriginal community.

Australian for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) Victoria supported Rec Vic's unanimous vote to reject the latest interim funding offer. Its Victorian Chairperson, Dr Peter Lewis, said National Reconciliation Week, which ends today, had become 'a wake instead of a celebration' for Rec Vic.

"It is clear that the Brumby Government cannot – as this year's reconciliation theme suggests we all should do – 'turn words into action'," he said.

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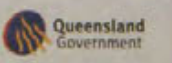
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# New Vic Tourism manager on job



TOURISM Victoria has a new Aboriginal business development

manager. She is Nicole Jenkins, a 36-year-old Kamilaroi woman who has national as well as international experience in tourism.

Ms Jenkins told *The Koori Mail* she would be working to promote and develop Aboriginal tourism

ventures across Victoria.

"Tourism offers our communities not just the chance to establish successful businesses but also the opportunity to promote their culture," she said.

"We will be working with Aboriginal Tourism Victoria to capitalise on the many Indigenous experiences that are available throughout the State."

# New business booms despite the hard times



TIMES might be tough, but business is booming for Renal Dean. The Yorta Yorta woman fulfilled a long-held ambition when she established her own business consultancy at the start of the year.

Now demand for her services has been so strong that she's moving her business from her home town of Shepparton in rural Victoria to Melbourne.

And she's also looking to take on staff to service her growing clientele.

"The response has been amazing," the mother-of-two told *The Koori Mail* last week.

"What started as a Shepparton-based operation has grown to the stage where I'm helping clients around the country."

## Management

Ms Dean's services include business and strategic planning, appraisals, surveys, project management, marketing and public relations.

"The downturn has hit business hard, and people are needing sound advice just to keep going. That's really helped my own business," she said.

Getting into business was always a goal for the former school teacher.

"I'd been a primary school teacher for 15 years, but I'd always held the dream of taking the step into business," she said.

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Business adviser Renal Dean ... "Planning has always been a big part of my life, and it's vital for any business to succeed."

Department of Environment & Climate Change NSW



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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)



# Sydney men's program wins plenty of praise

By MARGARET SMITH



A SYDNEY-based Aboriginal men's healing and life skills development program has won kudos from a number of different quarters in recent times.

The 10-week Gamarada program provides a supportive environment to help Indigenous men address the issues that are troubling them – physically, emotionally and spiritually – with more than 200 men benefitting from the program so far.

Program co-ordinator Ken Zulumovski, a Cubby Cubby descendant, said Gamarada had recently received funding from the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) – a major step forward for the group, which had been self-funding for the past two years.

Meanwhile Mr Zulumovski himself was recently presented with an outstanding citizenship award in recognition of his work to the community by Federal Minister Tanya Plibersek.

He told *The Koori Mail* that Gamarada used a



Gamarada co-ordinator Ken Zulumovski with Federal Minister Tanya Plibersek.

fusion of Aboriginal, eastern and western methods of healing – stillness and awareness of self for the purpose of informed action, listening as a form of self-discipline, and western counselling and therapy techniques.

Mr Zulumovski said the team members had themselves experienced child neglect, poverty, anxiety, depression and addiction.

"You also need to heal yourself to a degree, to carry out this kind of work," he said. "Otherwise you're

talking the talk, but not walking the walk.

"At Gamarada we make a conscious decision to be part of the solution."

He said the need for this type of program was highlighted in Commissioner Tom Calma's Social Justice Report and the Gamarada team was hoping to establish an Aboriginal Men's Healing Centre.

Gamarada recently screened the award-winning and internationally-recognised Australian film *Men's Group* at Redfern Community Centre. The

event was facilitated by the program's team, which in addition to Mr Zulumovski, includes David Leah, David Beaumont, Shane Phillips and Mark Carroll.

The film's producers have held a number of local screenings as part of a regional community screening tour, most recently in northern NSW.

After a welcome from Pastor Ray Minniecon, Sydney Deputy Lord Mayor Marcelle Hoff commended the film and the work of Gamarada.

"Families – which are the building blocks of our communities – need good fathers as much as they need good mothers," Cr Hoff said.

"Together they are solid foundations on which to build caring communities.

"Too often Indigenous men have been dispossessed and have suffered overwhelming losses of respect and human dignity resulting in a toxic legacy being handed from father to son."

Following the screening there was a question and answer session on the issues of men's health, social and emotional well-being.

# Cultural centre still no closer



INDIGENOUS leaders were promised a national cultural centre on Aboriginal land at Musgrave Park, South Brisbane, in 1984.

Twenty five years later they're still waiting.

The leaders of 10 tribal groups met in protest this week, pointing out that this broken promise was in the electorates of the Prime Minister (Griffith) and the Premier of Queensland (South Brisbane).

The Elders are representatives of tribal groups from the Northern Territory to northern NSW.

"We wanted a centre, a keeping place then in 1984 – and here we are in 2009 and we're still sitting here waiting," Kooma woman Cheryl Buchanan said.

The traditional owners said former premier Peter Beattie promised funding in response to a written submission from Indigenous interests in 1985, and, finally, on 7 September 1999 he announced \$5 million towards what was described as a 'Musgrave Park Indigenous cultural centre to promote the growing awareness of and market for Indigenous culture in both the arts and cultural tourism industries'.

More project partners committed to the cultural centre and by 2004 nearly \$9 million was in the coffers, a management

board was ready and staff had been employed.

"We actually looked at digging the first hole, moving soil in July 2005," said Yiman woman Natalie Alberts.

Then the project fell apart for the want of another \$200,000 in operational funding, causing some of the partners to withdraw.

Construction costs have since risen dramatically. Some of the original \$5 million was spent on legal fees, architects and other professional fees, but \$3.9 million remains committed to the project.

## Heard nothing

Representatives of the existing Jagara Arts Centre hoped for a meeting with local MP, Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, in February, but saw only his staff. They have heard nothing more.

"They're from snake dreaming – they speak with forked tongue," Ms Buchanan said.

A meeting with Queensland Premier Anna Bligh last July failed to gain anything other than a statement of her continued commitment to the project, the Elders said.

"Talk's cheaper than action," said Kamilaroi man Carl Simpson.

"We haven't been given any real valid reason why the thing hasn't been started,

"Where is their commitment? I don't see it there."

Ms Buchanan questioned why the State Government had spent millions on new prisons in recent years, but couldn't fund a cultural centre for Indigenous people.

Wangan Jagalingu man Adrian Burragubba said the delay typified Indigenous existence.

"We've been facing racial profiling, stereotyping, we've been criminalised, persecuted, dehumanised, criticised," he said.

"We've been made out to be the worst people on the planet."

Ms Alberts said the project could bring in tourism revenue, provide employment, entertain and educate visitors as well as retain and enhance culture.

A spokeswoman for Mr Rudd confirmed the February meeting and said issues raised had been referred to Arts Minister Peter Garrett.

Arts Queensland said the \$3.9 million remains available 'when Musgrave Park Cultural Centre Inc presents a proposal to government within budget'.

Ms Buchanan said Musgrave Park had been a meeting place for thousands of years and should be recognised as such at a national level.



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.

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**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

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The land to be acquired is known as Lot 1 DP812363 located at Canada Bay (with an area of 2423 square metres). The easement to be acquired is for access purposes of variable width over the whole of Lot 2 DP812363 located at Canada Bay (with an area of 1025 square metres).

The compulsory acquisition of all rights and interests (including native title rights and interests, if any) in the subject land by Sydney Water Corporation is pursuant to Section 47 of the Sydney Water Act 1994 and the Land Acquisition (Just Terms Compensation) Act 1991.

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For further information please contact Des Costello on (02) 8849 6378 or [des.costello@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:des.costello@sydneywater.com.au)

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# Vic funding to close the gap

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



CLOSING the gap in Victoria has received a funding

boost, with the Brumby Government allocating \$56.1 million for Aboriginal health in its 2009 budget.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne said the Government was committed to improving health outcomes, economic prospects and equality for Indigenous people and would build on the national apology through practical reconciliation measures.

"We are allocating \$47.4 million over the next four years for initiatives to focus on smoking, obesity and physical fitness, which are key contributors to poor health and the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians," he said.

"The funding will be used to train an extra 35 Aboriginal health workers each year, to be based in Koori health agencies, which will improve their ability to work with hospitals and other health agencies."

A further \$1 million has also been allocated to the expansion of three Koori maternity services.

Stolen Generations Victoria will receive a \$6.2 million boost to continue its work in supporting the needs of and advocating for Victorian Aboriginal people



Victorian Premier John Brumby speaking in Melbourne last August at the signing of the State Government's Statement of Intent on closing the gap. The campaign is the main driver behind the 2009 Victorian Budget.

removed from their families as children.

One of Victoria's leading Indigenous economic development agencies, The Koori Business Network, will receive \$1 million to assist local Aboriginal businesses.

The Aboriginal Land and Economic Development

Program, which has so far supported the development of 17 Indigenous community enterprises, will receive another \$800,000.

A further \$700,000 has been committed to developing Indigenous leadership and capacity-building initiatives to continue closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage.

Mr Wynne said the initiatives would help foster, train and support the next generation of Indigenous leaders.

And \$1 million will go to preservation of Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage through assisting key organisations carry out statutory functions.



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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ABORIGINAL HERITAGE ACT 1988

#### Application under Section 12 - Consultation

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation has received an application under section 23 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the Act) from Transfield Services seeking an authorisation to 'damage, disturb or interfere with' Aboriginal sites for the purpose of a proposed wind farm development at Barn Hill, in the vicinity of Redhill (Port Pirie and Wakefield council areas), South Australia. A map of the development area is available on request.

Section 13 of the Act requires the Minister to take all reasonable steps to consult, prior to making any authorisation, with:

- the Aboriginal Heritage Committee;
- any traditional owners; and
- any Aboriginal person or organisation that in the opinion of the Minister have a particular interest in the matter.

A consultation meeting will be held for Aboriginal people and Aboriginal organisations and those invited by them at:

**The Wallaroo Town Hall**  
5 John Terrace, Wallaroo  
On Wednesday 10 June 2009  
Starting at 10.30 am  
Refreshments will be served.

For more information, or to make a written or telephone submission please contact:

Barry Williams  
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division  
GPO Box 2343  
Adelaide SA 5001  
Tel: Toll free 1800 127 001 or 08 8226 8844  
Fax: (08) 8226 8999  
Email: [williams.barry@dpc.sa.gov.au](mailto:williams.barry@dpc.sa.gov.au)

All comments and submissions to be received by Wednesday 17 June 2009.

**NERIDA SAUNDERS**  
Executive Director  
Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division

# Remote health initiatives get WA budget injection



WESTERN Australia's Indigenous Affairs Minister, Kim Hames, says the State Budget includes a significant funding injection into health initiatives targeting remote

Indigenous communities.

"Under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Indigenous Reform Agenda, we are working together to close the gap in the health status between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians," the Minister said after the release of last month's budget.

Dr Hames said the Liberal-National Government would work in conjunction with the Federal Government to target issues like smoking and increased access to antenatal care, sexual and reproductive health and maternal and child health services.

A 19.5 per cent increase was also announced in the Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) budget allocation that would bring total funding

for 2009/2010 to \$29.721 million.

A spokesperson for the Minister said the Government was acting on its commitment to change the way Indigenous issues and opportunities were addressed in the state.

And the spokesperson said the DIA increase would directly contribute to the way Aboriginal people were engaged and empowered in policy development and the decisions that most affected them.

He said the Government was hoping to reform and redesign Indigenous Affairs, including organisational structures, service delivery models and improved outcomes.

Other key initiatives covered in the budget include:

- Indigenous Implementation Board to work towards developing a proposal for regionally based reform agenda
- Re-establishment of the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee comprising the leaders of key State Government agencies

- Re-establishment of the Aboriginal Advisory Council

- Resolution of land tenure, native title, heritage and planning issues.

But Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Roger Cook accused the Barnett Government of withdrawing its commitment to Indigenous employment, saying it had 'gutted' a successful Indigenous division responsible for creating hundreds of Indigenous jobs across WA.

Mr Cook said the Aboriginal Economic Development Division (AEDD) had suffered an 80 per cent funding cut, and he called on the Barnett Government to immediately reverse its decision and reinstate the division.

"The AEDD had long been regarded as one of the success stories for Indigenous employment in our State," said Mr Cook.

"By supporting Indigenous employment, AEDD has helped people break the poverty cycle and help themselves and their communities."



# Savings scheme a real plus



THE launch of a savings initiative will provide the potential for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers to have their money doubled.

National Australia Bank (NAB) and Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service recently announced it would trial the 'Adds Up' program over 12 months across 30 community groups around the country.

Aimed primarily at Indigenous families, the scheme was launched in Victoria at the Echuca Neighbourhood House, which facilitates the Indigenous Community No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) and will act as a referral point for the NAB savings program for eligible Indigenous clients.

NAB Head of Community Finance and Development Richard Peters said the program was the next step for people on low incomes and keen to develop financial skills around saving.

Under 'Adds Up', people who have already accessed and repaid either a no-interest loan or low-interest loan (StepUP) available through NAB and Good Shepherd are eligible to contribute to a matched savings plan.

Once savers achieve the goal of \$300 they become eligible to have their savings matched dollar for dollar by NAB to the total value of \$500 every year.

"AddsUp has been developed



NAB's David Knights, Co-ordinator of Echuca Neighbourhood House Liz O'Byrne, Njernda Aboriginal Co-operative's Rick Ronnan, Michelle Sainsbery, from Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service, and NAB's Corinne Proske at the Adds Up launch.

to help Australians living on low incomes develop financial independence through savings," Mr Peters said.

"We know that 95 per cent of NILS and StepUP clients repay their loans in full and that means people have built budgeting and repayment skills that can be

applied to a savings product.

"The program builds on these skills and provides a supportive and rewarding savings opportunity."

Mr Peters said NAB anticipated it would provide up to \$1 million in matched savings to Indigenous and other low-income

earning families across Australia over the next two years.

Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service Executive Director Michael Yore said the program was an opportunity for people to save for the things that mattered to them and be supported in the process.

"Whether people choose to save for school costs, gifts, transport, a rainy day or simply the peace of mind that comes with having emergency money for times you can't plan for, the savings plan will make a difference to people's lives," he said.

# New service aims to link families



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney has announced \$2.3 million in funding for a new service called Family Link, which will identify family and kin placements for Aboriginal children in foster care.

The funding is being provided to Link-Up (NSW) over three years to operate the new statewide service, which will help nearly 160 Aboriginal children.

Where Aboriginal children cannot live safely with their parents, Family Link will work with the Department of Community Services to place them with other family members, where possible.

Ms Burney said Aboriginal children and young people were the most over-represented group in out-of-home care and as at 30 September 2007 made up 30.9 per cent of all placements, while only four per cent of the State's children are Aboriginal.

"Services like this are important so that children coming into care receive help to maintain their identity and are not lost to their family, their kinship group and the Aboriginal community," she said.

"Maintaining family contact is particularly challenging for these children. In many cases their parents do not know where family members are or sometimes even who they are. Family Link will help caseworkers and the court system by conducting searches for extended family kin to identify possible kinship carers."

"We kept coming across a pattern of Stolen Generation members whose children, then grandchildren and even their great-grandchildren had ended up in care.

"Unless every effort is made to find Aboriginal family members for children in care today, there will be more generations who do not know their families and

Blue Mountains Aboriginal Support Group. AbSec Executive Officer Bill Pritchard welcomed the Government's provision of funding for this 'very important service'.

AbSec is the peak body advising government on Aboriginal Child Protection and Out of Home Care (OOHC) issues in NSW and he said Link-Up (NSW)'s vast experience in this area made it the perfect agency to provide this specialised service.

"The announcement of this funding is especially relevant with its proximity to Sorry Day — where the negative impact of previous child protection policies of past governments on Aboriginal people is acknowledged," Mr Pritchard said.

The new service would have the capacity to reduce the workloads of DoCS Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal staff, when faced with the often-difficult task of locating extended family care, for children and young people, he said. Additionally, the service would assist existing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal out-of-home care providers to ensure that the best OOHC options are planned and the most appropriate long-term outcomes are achieved.

**'Services like this are important so that children coming into care receive help to maintain their identity and are not lost to their family, their kinship group and the Aboriginal community — Minister Linda Burney**



Link-Up CEO Glendra Stubbs said the new service built on Link-Up's 28 years of experience in tracing family for members of the Stolen Generations.

"We continue to work with adults trying to find family, but some time ago we realised that we had to start working with Aboriginal children in today's welfare system as well," she said.

communities. We have to keep our children safe, but we have to help them keep their identity too."

Family Link will operate from Hazelbrook in the Blue Mountains in a cottage bequeathed to Link-Up by the late Helen Lomax, who was a strong supporter of Aboriginal reconciliation and a member of the organisation now known as the









Participants at the YWCA-sponsored Bundjalung Elders' Luncheon in Goonellabah, northern NSW. Photo: THERESA DALTON

## Programs on menu at lunch



A RANGE of YWCA programs designed to help Aboriginal people was highlighted at a special lunch gathering in Lismore, northern NSW, last week.

Organiser Chrissie Franks said more than 50 people turned out for the Bundjalung Elders' Luncheon, at the YWCA complex in suburban Goonellabah. Participants heard about women's health, mentoring, playgroup, early childhood and well-being programs, among others, all aimed at assisting local Aboriginal people.

"There was a good turn-out and we were able to highlight the services we offer to people from across the community," said Ms Franks, who is co-ordinator of the YWCA-backed Wadjabul Early Childhood program.

For more information on the programs, call (02) 6625 5800.

# NAISDA on a journey



ABOUT 400 people turned out in Canberra last month to watch students from

NAISDA Dance College in a performance depicting the expeditions of German explorer and naturalist Ludwig Leichhardt.

The NAISDA performance, told from the perspective of the First Australians, was hosted by AIATSIS in Canberra on 14 May and marked the opening of a four-day festival, The Voss Journey, as part of the Canberra International Music Festival.

Ludwig Leichhardt arrived in Australia in 1842 and his ill-fated journey, as he attempted to cross

the continent, became the basis for Patrick White's 1956 novel *Voss*, with its central character Johann Ulrich Voss.

Last month's dance presentation, *Dr Ludwig Leichhardt - Renaming the Land*, was choreographed by NAISDA dance master Graeme Watson, and represented some of Leichhardt's observations and encounters with First Australians and his renaming of the rivers, creeks, flora and fauna and prominent landscape features he found.

The piece concluded with Leichhardt's Dreaming sequence - a performance of traditional dances from north east Arnhem

Land's Elcho Island.

The Voss Journey saw more than 12 institutions work together in a series of events, seminars, concerts, films and exhibitions over four days exploring the fictional journeys of Johann Ulrich Voss and his historical counterpart Ludwig Leichhardt.

● Auditions for NAISDA's 2010 intake will be held 7-9 October. While all audition costs, including travel and accommodation, are covered by Abstudy, those wanting to audition are advised to allow at least eight weeks for processing and administration. Call 1800 117 116 for more details.



Above and below: Scenes from *Dr Ludwig Leichhardt: Renaming the Land*, performed by developing artists from NAISDA Dance College.



Travis De Vries played the role of Leichhardt in the NAISDA performance *Renaming the Land*. Photo by ALEX JAMES, AIATSIS



Back row, from left, Curator of The Voss Journey Vincent Plush, AIATSIS Principal Russell Taylor, NAISDA Choreographer Graeme Watson, developing artist Travis De Vries who played the role of Leichhardt, NAISDA Dance College CEO Kim Walker and developing artists Litia Anu (obscured), Luke Currie-Richardson and Eric Avery. Front, from left, developing artists Jacqueline Cornforth, Jayden Goolagong, Anne-Janette Phillips, Carmel Vale, Ngambri Elder Matilda House, Juanita Duncan, Anthony Mayor, Kenny Johnson and Eloise Yunkaporta.



# Yulkuum-Jerrang: 2nd Indigenous



Maori dancers perform traditional song and dance at the conference dinner.



John Collyer, from the Worn Gundidj Commercial Group.



Representatives from the Melbourne branch of the Australian Tax Office Maria Cruz-Martinez and Mark Italia at the trade fair.



Michele Jia, Dennis Appo and Meegan Jia-Good at the conference gala dinner.



Uncle Herb Patten played a few old favourites on the gum leaf.



At the gala dinner, from left, Hilma Komba, Jaydene Poto, Leah Poto, Trevor Pearce and Julie Tipene-O'Toole.



Soulbeats greeted guests with some funky tunes at the dinner.



Business owners of An Eye for Art New Zealand, Jaydene and Leah Poto, attended the conference.



From left, Monica Morgan, Yirrige Morgan-Kanak and Toni Ah-Sam at the gala dinner.



Artist Gina Bundle from the East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Corporation.



# Economic Development Conference



Deborah Cheetham welcomes Indigenous Elders and youth and international guests to the stage. Back, from left, Boonwurrung Elder Aunty Caroline Briggs, Aboriginal youth representative Lionel Austen, New Zealand youth representative Patrick Porter, New Zealand keynote speaker Jim Wilson, Canadian youth representative Deanna Pashe and Canadian Aboriginal Elder Chief Bill Cranmer.



A member of the Spirit Dancers, from Victoria, performs during the business conference.

## Praise for winners

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THERE were more than a few winning smiles during the second Indigenous Economic Development Conference in Melbourne last week, but none bigger than those by winners of the Dardi Victorian Indigenous Business Excellence Awards.

The awards were presented to four outstanding Indigenous businesses at the conference official dinner on Thursday night.

State Small Business Minister Joe Helper said the Victorian Government understood that helping to grow successful Indigenous business was a vital part of overcoming disadvantage.

"Dardi Awards recognise the achievement of Victoria's leading Indigenous firms, celebrate our entrepreneurs and showcase the next generation of Indigenous economic role models," he said.

Mr Helper congratulated all of the nominees on their achievements, especially the winners for being leaders in their field.

The awards are sponsored by the Government's Koori Business Network and various other Indigenous businesses, including *The Koori Mail*. They offer winners not only a substantial prize but generate valuable publicity.

"Growing our Future" was the theme for the conference, which brought together a wide range of Indigenous businesses with the main aims of sharing success stories and creating networking opportunities.

The three-day conference kicked off with about 50 Indigenous businesses promoting their works at the Murrinbidja Trade Fair featuring a range of products and services. Among them were Indigenous Business Australia, Koori Night Markets, Black Olive Productions, Koori Heritage Trust and Tourism Victoria.

A concurrent youth business forum attracted around 50 young Indigenous people from Australia, New Zealand and Canada and featured a panel of emerging young Indigenous business entrepreneurs and leaders.



Mark Edwards from Wathaurong Glass, winner of the Outstanding Victorian Indigenous Small Business Award.



Winners of the Outstanding Victorian Business Leadership Award, Ballarat-based Ingenuity SED Consulting, accepted by Director and Business Manager Jodie Ryan (second from left).



Winner of the Victorian Indigenous Community Enterprise Award was East Gippsland Aboriginal Arts Corporation (EGAAC), accepted by Executive Officer Danny Waters.



Darah Morris representing Soulveg, winner of the Young Victorian Indigenous Entrepreneur Award sponsored by *The Koori Mail*.

Delegates attended a variety of keynote presentations by Indigenous leaders including Professor Marcia Langton and Canadian Assembly of First Nations' Chief Phil Fontaine.

A standout performance by conference MC and opera singer Deborah Cheetham was one of the highlights of Thursday night's gala dinner, where four outstanding Indigenous businesses were recognised

for their efforts in the inaugural Dardi Victorian Indigenous Business Excellence Awards.

*The Koori Mail* was also a conference partner.



# Opportunities in mining industry

A West Australian iron ore mine.



THE Australian Government and the Minerals Council of Australia (MCA) have agreed on a partnership that they say represents another major step towards closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

The partnership aims to tackle Indigenous poverty in Australia's mining regions by expanding access to the employment and business development opportunities available to Indigenous

people and communities, including opportunities associated with the minerals industry and government contractors.

The new agreement builds on a partnership commenced in 2005, and is set out in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

MCA Chairman Ian Smith said in working with the Federal Government to redevelop the MoU, it was 'agreed there was value in further aligning the minerals industry's efforts with the

Government's priorities on Indigenous affairs'.

Mr Smith said members of the MCA had long recognised that engagement with Indigenous people needed to be founded on mutual respect and recognition of Indigenous Australians' rights, interests and special connection to land and waters.

"The minerals industry recognises that the effective engagement of Indigenous people in our industry is not only the right thing to do, but there is a

compelling business case," he said.

Implementation of the new MoU will be overseen by a joint industry and government National Steering Committee and will be supported by the Australian Government's Job Services Australia providers, the reformed Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) scheme and the Indigenous Employment Program, as well as the wide range of current employment, training and business development initiatives led by minerals companies.

## Learning about cattle, camels

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MORE than 15 young Anangu men from the community of Mimili, in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) lands of South Australia, honed their stockmen and pastoral skills at a course held at Hamilton Downs, 100km west of Alice Springs, earlier this month.

The program has been running for more than three years in partnership with SA Anangu Gateways program and local community Elders.

It aims to prepare participants for emerging opportunities in cattle and camel industries.

They've joined senior Anangu men who have just completed training at CDU's Katherine Rural campus and women who have just been invited to join the activities.

The APY mob at Hamilton Downs.

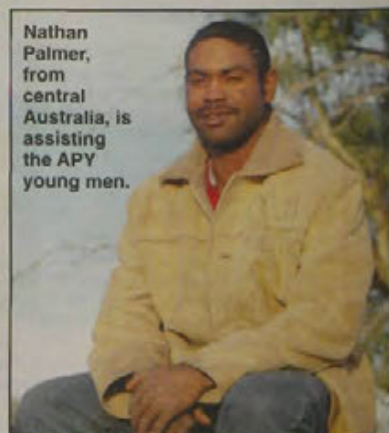


Tenula (Dean) Campbell in the saddle.

Photos courtesy CDU



Mark Campbell is a participant.



Nathan Palmer, from central Australia, is assisting the APY young men.



# Bold plans for old hostel site

By ALF WILSON



HOPES that Aboriginal people will benefit from land on Townsville's busy Ross River Road, vacant since the demolition of an Aboriginal hostel last year, are set to be realised.

Bwagman Aboriginal Land Trust (ALT), which was granted the land in the 1980s, has approved local company Dreamtime Operations Pty Ltd to help bring their vision for a new cultural space to life.

The fate of the 22 hectares, also known as the Aboriginal Reserve, has been a hot topic amongst organisations, residents and council.

Questions remained about what would become of the land, especially since the Aitkenvale Aboriginal Hostel was demolished last year.

## Meeting place

Granted to Bwagman ALT in the 1980s, the land – now in the middle of suburban Cranbrook and surrounded by residential housing – has been important to the Aboriginal people of the region for generations as a place to come and meet, trade and discuss their futures.

Bwagman ALT had made it clear

over the years that it had no intention of selling the land as, in the words of chairperson Josephine Geia, it should be used 'to benefit the people of Palm Island and the greater community'.

Dreamtime Operations, formed by Kevin Kingston, Obadiah Geia and Brad Tippett, took that as a challenge to try to bring a vision for the property to life that supported the thoughts of not only the Trust, but also the entire community.

The company pitched a bold winning concept incorporating a 50m swimming pool and 10m diving platform through to a cultural centre built into a man-made hillside that doubled as lawn seating for the outdoor performing arts area.

It also sought out Gaven Ferguson, who had been involved in a range of local Indigenous projects and has a background in education and public relations, for his creative input.

"When you look at how everything fits in together, how much green space there is surrounding the facilities, you realise that we put a lot of thought into this," Mr Geia said.

"It was not a quick sell-off-the-land idea, but rather a real conscious effort to get the mix right without losing a single piece of land."

The proposal concept which won Dreamtime Operations the contract

can be viewed on line at [www.dtops.com.au](http://www.dtops.com.au)

"We know that many people will criticise the concept and we welcome any discussion," said Mr Ferguson.

"The more information and constructive ideas we have, the better. That helps us to make a reality out of a concept that everyone has had an opportunity to contribute to."

"Enough of the complaining, we thought, let's get serious about the future."

## Jobs in mind

With a thought to the tough economic climate, Dreamtime Operations has also incorporated an employment program into the plan.

"The aim is to create as many jobs as possible for Indigenous people and already we have one company – Cronin Constructions – that has committed to at least 40 apprenticeships over the life of the project," said Mr Geia.

"These are the sort of companies we aim to bring together for this project."

With plans to present the concept in an open discussion in a few months, Dreamtime Operations is now plotting the task of working with the community, government and industry to make the plan a reality.



From left, Gaven Ferguson, Obadiah Geia and Brad Tippett on site with plans.



## Applications for Contract 2009-10

Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) is expecting to be able to offer funding in 2009-10 to implement a number of natural management resource projects in the northern rivers region.

The NRCMA is currently seeking applications from suitably qualified and experienced providers in the areas of biodiversity, coastal and marine, soils and land resource management, land use planning, and community capacity building to deliver projects under contract.

Applications will be assessed on merit and must address the specific criteria outlined in each associated project brief.

For further information regarding projects and applications for contract, visit [www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au) after 28th May 2009, or contact Ian Simpson, Program Manager, mob. 0428824378

Closing date: 5pm Thursday, 18 June 2009

Applications for contract should be addressed to the General Manager, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, PO Box 618, Grafton NSW 2460.

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## Central West Catchment Management Authority

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- enrolled in full time undergraduate university studies in NSW or ACT in a field relating to natural resource management, environmental science or equivalent with a goal to be employed in an environmental profession.

Applications are due on 19 June, 2009. An application form and further details are available at [www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cw.cma.nsw.gov.au)

Applications can be posted to:

Rick Farley Memorial University Cadetship  
Central West CMA  
PO Box 227  
WELLINGTON NSW 2820

Or emailed to: [cw@cma.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cw@cma.nsw.gov.au) by close of business on the due date.

For enquiries, please contact Jen Shearing on 02 6881 3400.

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## Sydney WATER

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The two parcels of Land to be acquired are known as Lot 2 in DP 1086621 located in Lawson (with an area of 70.8 square metres) and Lot 1 in DP 868062 located in North Katoomba (with an area of 100 square metres).

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For the purposes of section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 the notification day is 3 June 2009. Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until three months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

For further information please contact Marcus McClintock on (02) 8849 5013 or [marcus.mcclintock@sydneywater.com.au](mailto:marcus.mcclintock@sydneywater.com.au)

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# Entries sought for NAIDOC award

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DO you know someone in South Australia whose work makes a real difference to the welfare of Aboriginal people?

Well, here's a chance to see them recognised for their efforts... but you'd better be quick.

South Australian Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Minister Jay Weatherill is calling for nominations for the Premier's NAIDOC 2009 Award, to be presented during NAIDOC Week, but nominations close next week.

"The Premier's NAIDOC 2009 Award recognises the invaluable contribution of an individual to the welfare of Aboriginal people," Mr Weatherill said.

"There are thousands of people throughout the State who work to improve the lives of Aboriginal people that live in metropolitan, regional or remote areas," Mr Weatherill said.

"For some that work may be their profession, for others it may be volunteer work or helping their family or friends."

"While we still have a lot of work to do to improve the quality of life of Aboriginal

people all over the State, we also have to acknowledge that a lot of work is being done and real progress is being made."

"This award is an opportunity to recognise those achievements."

Nomination forms for The Premier's NAIDOC 2009 award are available at [www.premcab.sa.gov.au/dpc/departments\\_aard.html](http://www.premcab.sa.gov.au/dpc/departments_aard.html) or call 8226 8900.

Nominations must be received by close of business next Friday, 12 June.

NAIDOC Week 2009 runs from 5-12 July and has a theme of Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth.



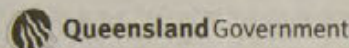
## Backing Indigenous Arts Building Skills & Opportunities

Arts Queensland invites proposals of up to \$20,000 for projects benefitting the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander arts industry in Far North Queensland. Proposals are for non-capital projects in visual arts and craft, music, dance, theatre, writing, arts training and education, new media, mentoring and artist-in-residence programs, youth arts activities and festivals.

**Closing date:** Friday 3 July 2009

Application form and guidelines available at [www.arts.qld.gov.au](http://www.arts.qld.gov.au)

Or contact Cairns Regional Office,  
Arts Queensland (07) 4048 1411 or  
[receptioncairns@arts.qld.gov.au](mailto:receptioncairns@arts.qld.gov.au) or  
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The Koorie Heritage Trust Inc. was established in 1985 with a commitment to protect, preserve and promote the living culture of Koorie people in South-Eastern Australia.

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## 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



# Oh rats, they failed to find a thing!

## ... But not all was lost



A TRAPPING expedition, hunting for the elusive golden-backed tree-rat in western Arnhem Land has seen biologists return empty-handed.

But the latest survey did allow the Northern Territory Department of Natural Resources, Environment, The Arts and Sport (NRETAS) to consolidate working relationships with Indigenous rangers and other traditional owners on country.

The golden-backed tree-rat, a large rodent weighing approximately 200gm, is listed as 'vulnerable' nationally and 'endangered' in the NT.

The collaborative project between NRETAS and Indigenous conservation organisation Warddeken Land Management aimed to learn more about the general decline occurring in many mammal species in northern Australia.

NRETAS Biodiversity Scientist Carol Palmer said while the overall aim had been to find evidence of the tree-rat, trapping expeditions such as these were important opportunities to train up young Indigenous land owners in various mammal trapping techniques and tools to gather data.

Warddeken Land Management Chief Executive Officer Peter Cooke said both scientists and Indigenous people were 'very concerned' about animals disappearing from the



The rarely-seen golden-backed tree-rat. Image courtesy Ian Morris

landscape so they were joining forces to see if they could 'solve a problem that's baffling everybody'.

He said Australia already had the worst record in the world for mammal extinction rates.

"The fear is that we're about to reach a tipping point where the (extinction rates) of animals is going to escalate and we can't clearly see what the reasons are," Mr Cooke said.

"Various things are being touted (as the cause), but maybe it's a combination of things, not only one."

He said this most recent survey followed on from a NRETAS endangered mammal roadshow which took a collection of stuffed mammals on tour in Arnhem Land in 2007.

"The stuffed mammal tour travelled around many parts of the Top End showing Traditional Owners a range of mammals and recording ecological information in relation to those mammals," Mr Cooke said.

"It was during this roadshow that an Aboriginal woman reported seeing an animal that looked like the golden-backed tree-rat crossing a rough bush track along the Liverpool River, and following discussions with landowners a collaborative agreement was reached to continue the survey efforts involving landowners.

Warddeken rangers and NRETAS biologists."

Ms Palmer said the golden-backed tree-rat has only been recorded three times in the Territory by Europeans – once in the upper McArthur region in 1901, again at Nellie Creek, in the upper Mary in 1903, and in 1969 it was spotted for the third time at Deaf Adder Gorge, near Jabiru, and the Alligator River areas.

"The decline of the golden-backed tree-rat from the Territory and drier areas of Western Australia is symptomatic of a more general decline in mammals in northern Australia due to unknown causes," she said.

"This most recent survey has confirmed what we already know, that the diversity and abundance of mammals in the Top End are declining rapidly and any opportunity we have of finding the remaining mammal populations so that we can manage those populations is essential."



Traditional owner Bardayal Nadjamerrek with Warddeken Land Management Chief Executive Officer Peter Cooke.

Image courtesy Carol Palmer



NRETAS scientists with Warddeken Land Management crew.

Image courtesy Carol Palmer



The Gumbalunya students celebrate after completing their course.



EIGHT students from the north-eastern edge of Kakadu National Park, who recently completed an innovative

maritime safety course through Charles Darwin University, have now secured work as tour guides and vessel drivers on the East Alligator River.

The Gumbalunya students received their small craft safety course certificates at a ceremony last month on the banks of the East Alligator River and conducted an unassisted boat cruise as part of the proceedings.

The students have since gained work as tour guides with the Djabulukgu Association and as vessel drivers with

# Eight cruise to success

Guluyambi boat tours.

CDU lecturer in Maritime Studies Chris Francis said the course delivered a range of training including driver education, survival on the water

and occupational health and safety.

"The course equips participants with the skills to command with safety and efficiency a small craft and

provides employment opportunities in the small vessel sector including in tourism and on commercial workboats," he said.

Mr Francis said the course

also aimed to fulfill a need for maritime safety training for students with limited literacy and numeracy.

"These are the people who best know the area and have an unparalleled knowledge of the river," he said.

"The guides will provide guests with an insight into their culture and local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, traditional uses of many plants and animals as well as bush survival skills."

The Djabulukgu Association represents the traditional Aboriginal owners of northern Kakadu and parts of western Arnhem Land, and owns and operates Guluyambi Cultural Cruises, Arnhemlander, and Magela Cultural and Heritage Tours.

## Heritage in spotlight at festival

By ALF WILSON in Townsville



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people played a big role at last month's Townsville Heritage Festival.

The festival, at West End Park, attracted thousands, and the Wulgurukaba Walkabout dancers entertained many of them.

Indigenous culture was also showcased to a large crowd, with many travelling from places like the Burdekin, Ingham and Charters Towers to attend.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags held pride of place at strategic locations around the venue.

"We did a number of performances and the people enjoyed it," said spokesman for the dancers Ashley Saltner Snr.

Damley Islanders Alma Pilot and Clara Stephen and Murray Islander Anemah Ghee had the Torres Strait Islander flag proudly in front of their craft stall.

The trio are members of the islander entertainers group Deadly Aunties and operated a stall for their hand-made creations.

The Mungalla Farm, from the Herbert River region, also had a display.



ABOVE: The Wulgurukaba Walkabout dancers performing.



LEFT: TSI Deadly Aunties Anemah Ghee, Clara Stephen and Alma Pilot.



RIGHT: Mungalla Aboriginal Tours had a stall.



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Charcoal Lane, a new restaurant and training centre in Fitzroy run by Mission Australia in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, is offering FREE training in the hospitality industry.

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# Hats off to greats



Indigenous workers and managers from the NSW Department of Fair Trading in Sydney were chuffed to receive a visit recently from former rugby league greats Cliff 'Napper' Lyons and Max Krilich. The pair have taken up ambassadorial roles for the department. Lyons (far right, third from the front) is an Australian former international rugby league footballer of the 1980s and 90s, while Krilich (centre) is a former Australian rugby league footballer of the 1970s and 1980s and was captain of the 1982 'Invincibles' Australian touring side.

# Prestigious award win for AIATSIS



THE Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) has

won a prestigious award for its highly-acclaimed online languages resource AUSTLANG.

The Institute collected the award 'Government Agency of the Year – Using Information, Communication and Technology to Connect to the Community' at the Australian Community Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) Awards, presented by Connecting Up Australia in Sydney on 11 May.

Today just 18 of the estimated 250 languages unique to Indigenous Australians at the time of European colonisation are spoken across all generations. More than half are no longer

spoken and the remaining languages could cease being spoken in the next 10 to 30 years as older generations pass away.

AUSTLANG's web-based features make it possible to search for Indigenous languages by language name, place name or by navigating Australia through Google Maps

**'Keeping languages alive or reviving languages is vital for Australia's Indigenous people's identity and spiritual grounds'**

and is the result of a collaboration between AIATSIS and the Australian National University.

AIATSIS Principal Russell Taylor said the award highlighted the positive impact of using technology to bridge the distance between communities and to provide comprehensive resources and

information in an accessible online format.

"Language is an important embodiment of cultural heritage, knowledge, tradition and identity unique to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples," Mr Taylor said.

"Keeping languages alive or reviving languages is vital for Australia's Indigenous people's identity and spiritual grounds."

"Awareness by all Australians of the richness and diversity of the cultural heritage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,

is also important in promoting greater understanding, respect and reconciliation."

Connecting Up Australia provides resources and tools to assist non-profit groups connect to their communities and each other. Visit [www.connectingup.org](http://www.connectingup.org) for further details.





The barbecue was a popular place during the commemoration in Perth.



Perth dance troupe Common Ground get ready to perform.

# Compensation push planned

By Perth Correspondent  
KEN BOASE



THE West Australian Bringing Them Home committee is planning to vigorously pursue compensation as the next step in the healing process for the Stolen Generations, citing a recent multi-million-dollar payout to a non-Aboriginal Perth man for a wrongful murder conviction.

Committee Co-Convener Jim Morrison said the \$3.25 million paid by the WA Government to Andrew Mallard for his wrongful murder conviction in 1986 and subsequent jailing for 12 years was a good benchmark for many Aboriginal people also treated unjustly by the state.

"We know that Redress WA has just closed and there's been more than 6000 applications for that so I think compensation is something that clearly should be on the agenda," Mr Morrison said last week. "We've got West Australians who have been



Nyoongar Elder Irene Stainton who, with Sealin Garlett, gave a joint welcome to country address.

awarded more than \$3 million for being wrongfully incarcerated, so where's the justice for our mob who've been wrongfully jailed or detained over the years.

"Given that Andrew Mallard and the Mickelberg brothers (wrongfully convicted over the

1982 Perth Mint swindle) got millions of dollars in compensation for their wrongful convictions, we've got to be saying, 'Well hang on. It shouldn't end there when we've got examples of cases which were at least as unjust as theirs'."

Mr Morrison also took a swipe at those arguing for the national commemoration of the Prime Minister's apology on 13 February last year, arguing that May 26 was the proper date for the Stolen Generations to pay their respects to victims of government removal policies.

"The Prime Minister's apology day is turning out to be a propaganda day with no substance, because we thought there'd be implementation of some of the recommendations from the Bringing Them Home report, but there's been nothing," he said.

"We're also concerned about the continued lack of education in schools and reparation, so May 26 will remain as the community day, but we've got to get all of the community involved so the wider population understands the issues more clearly."

Community support for Sorry Day appears to be growing in WA with this year's crowd of about 800 at the official event in Wellington Square in Perth nearly double that of last year.



WA Bringing Them Home Committee Co-Convener Jim Morrison ... "The Prime Minister's apology day is turning out to be a propaganda day with no substance, because we thought there'd be implementation of some of the recommendations from the Bringing Them Home report, but there's been nothing."



Nyoongar Elder Sealin Garlett during the welcome to country address at the Perth Sorry Day event in Wellington Square.



The Sea of Hands at the Perth commemoration.



## Australian Catholic Uni holds ceremony



ACU National staff, students, community members and Elders at the ceremony during reflection.



A CEREMONY to mark National Sorry Day was held at the Australian Catholic

University's Brisbane campus last week.

Attended by staff, students, community members and Elders, the ceremony recognised the Stolen Generations with personal stories, history, music and prayer.

Residential Officer at the University's Weemala Indigenous Unit Waiata Telfer said the event was an opportunity for people to come together and acknowledge the events of the past.

"It is not often that we have a chance to reflect and learn about the ongoing effects on the Stolen Generations," she said.

"For me, hearing personal stories was very emotional. The stories were powerful and connected the issues better than statistics ever could."

Guests also had the opportunity to donate towards the planting of a symbolic foot, representing all Australians walking together in the journey of healing.

All money raised was donated to the National Sorry Day Committee.

# Townsville joins in

By Townsville Correspondent  
ALF WILSON



MORE than 500 people attended National Sorry Day celebrations organised by the Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS) on 26 May.

The event was held beside the TAIHS headquarters in the suburb of Garbutt, which has many Indigenous residents.

Sorry Day has major significance for Indigenous people around Australia and began in 1998 on the first anniversary of the tabling of the Bringing Them Home report of the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from Their Families in Federal Parliament.

Recommendation 7a of the report was that a National Sorry Day be held annually to commemorate the history of the forcible removals and its effects.

On the first Sorry Day, people of many cultures gathered at events across Australia to express their sorrow and offer an apology for the harm done to these Indigenous people.

### Significance

TAIHS CEO Maria Mene spoke of the significance of the day to Indigenous people.

It was an event when old mates caught up with each other, including former football stars Morris Bowman and David Smallwood.

The Ngulumburu Boonyah Dancers, comprising Stephanie Miller, Janine Wyles and Barbara Leftwich, performed a series of dances including a clearing dance, creation dance, Junji Junjula, Majugula and Gidjima, all with the permission of Kuku Yalanji Elders.

Also performing were the Pacifica singers Ali Holoafolau, Potepa Captain and Albert Abdul Rahman.

"We have presented songs for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and South Sea Islander people. There are lots of people here to enjoy them," Mr Potepa said.

MC Gavin Kum Sing delighted the large turnout, and while many sought tent shade, children played on an inflatable slide at the back of the TAIHS grounds.



Old football mates Morris Bowman, right, and David Smallwood were there.



Family intervention officer Desley Barba offered a prayer.



TAIHS Chief Executive Maria Mene.



ABOVE: Ngulumburu Boonyah Dancers Stephanie Miller, Janine Wyles and Barbara Leftwich performing in Townsville.



MIDDLE: One of the stalls at Sorry Day in Townsville.



BOTTOM: Pacifica singers, from left, Ali Holoafolau and Murray Islander Potepa Captain and Papua New Guinea-born Albert Abdul Rahman before their performance.



## War veterans praised at ceremony



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander veterans have a proud history of serving Australia in all wars and conflicts since the Boer War, and continue to do so today, according to Federal Minister for Veterans' Affairs Alan Griffin.

Mr Griffin was speaking at the Indigenous Veterans' Commemoration Ceremony in Sydney on Friday. The ceremony was held as part of National Reconciliation Week.

"Indigenous men and women have served with great distinction in every conflict Australia has been involved in since

Federation," Mr Griffin said.

"In 2009 many Indigenous men and women serve in the Australian Defence Force, continuing the traditions of previous generations of Indigenous veterans."

"The Australian Government is committed to honouring the important contribution Indigenous men and women have made in

the defence of our nation and this ceremony is an opportunity to recognise their dedication and courage."

Ceremonies were being held in all capital cities during National Reconciliation Week, from 27 May to 3 June. Mr Griffin said the Department of Veterans' Affairs and the Australian War Memorial

were working to establish a complete database of Indigenous Australian war veterans.

He thanked those who had already provided their details and encouraged anyone wanting to be included on the database to contact the Department's Indigenous Liaison Officer on the phone number 1 300 551 918.

## Eco-tourism is helping the process



Sam Murray on the job with a young visitor at the Kakadu Culture Camp.



JENNY Hunter grabs the branch of a green plum tree, yanking a tiny green ant from the foliage. Licking its backside, she turns to travellers on her bush tucker tour. "Tastes just like lemon," she says. "Good for tea, colds and blocked noses. Crush it up with these leaves and wrap it together: I call it Vicks on a stick."

The more adventurous of her followers bite off the sac altogether. It pops like a citrus caviar bomb in the mouth.

This kind of Indigenous eco-tourism is being hailed as instrumental to the process of reconciliation.

According to Galaxy research released by Tourism NT last week, more than 80 per cent of Australians feel that they know little or nothing about Aboriginal culture.

But about the same proportion think it's essential for reconciliation, while 94 per cent of parents of school-aged children want them to have an understanding of Indigenous people and their history.

Jenny and her husband Andy Ralph run one of the 103 Indigenous tourism products available in the NT.

Kakadu Culture Camp is found on the edge of Djarradjin Billabong in the centre of the World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park.

Nailed to eucalyptus trees, the bleached white skulls of buffaloes – eradicated from the park in the late 1980s – mark out the communal areas of the camp site.

Private tents are scattered on the outer rim with comfortable beds and electric lights. It's the real bush experience – minus the hassle.

What started as the only night cruise in the region three years ago, has grown into a comprehensive tent-tucker-culture package, which includes spear throwing, basket weaving, wildlife spotting and playing the didgeridoo.

"It's good talking to people, talking about our land," says Victor, a local Indigenous guide and entrepreneur working a few hours' drive from the camp.



Douglas Hunter teaching didgeridoo to visitors at the Kakadu Culture Camp.

"To get a lot of people to understand about Indigenous culture, it's sharing our knowledge and history and that's important."

Having started as a ranger in Kakadu soon after the national park opened in 1979, he later worked in Canberra on fire management strategies, but returned to his country a few years ago and now runs his own business.

Victor normally leads tours two to three days a week, mostly catering to Japanese and Dutch visitors, but he hopes to see more Australian families.

One of the routes he takes is a trek up Ubirr Rock, which Paul Hogan made

famous in the film *Crocodile Dundee*. The terrain is stunning, but the real magic is in the rock art along the route.

"They paint good tucker, fish, goanna, turtle," Victor says of the art which dates back 40,000 years.

"The men in the camp told a lot of stories, and they draw a lot of it onto the rock here."

NT Tourism Minister Chris Burns says 'local Indigenous tourism experiences' are the ideal avenue for learning more about the culture.

"Here in the Northern Territory we have a rich cultural history, and our tourism industry now includes over 100 Indigenous

tourism products, which makes learning about and experiencing our Indigenous culture more easily accessible," he said.

Back at Kakadu Culture Camp, Jenny has horrified the group by explaining how Aboriginal women would bite the head off a file snake before cooking it on coals.

"They're not poisonous, so the way we have got to kill them is to put their neck in your mouth and bite down," she says.

"It breaks their neck quickly, so that's the way we do it."

"I won't bite its head off – too scary – but when I go hunting with my aunts they tell me to and I'll close my eyes." – AAP



# A welcome move

From left, Megan Harrison and Elsie Lymburner, from Townsville Catholic Education, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, Gracelyn Smallwood, from James Cook University, Bishop Michael Putney, Wulgurukaba traditional custodian Virginia Wyles, Caroline Wacando, from Townsville Catholic Education, Bindal traditional custodian Gavin Kum Sing, Leah Salter from NQ Tropics, and Thelma Gertz and Cathy Day, from Townsville Catholic Education.



LAST month's Reconciliation Week launch of the Indigenous Heritage Project for Catholic schools in Townsville saw the unveiling of the first welcome boards at the Catholic Education Office.

The project involves the installation of external welcome boards and internal message boards in all Catholic schools across the Townsville Diocese, with the permission of the traditional custodians of these areas and in line with their recommendations.

The information contained on the board is site-specific to each school and contains an acknowledgement of country, a local word for 'welcome' or a traditional greeting, the name and illustrations of traditional plants of the area and the traditional totem approved and designed by a local Indigenous person.

Catholic Education Assistant Director Ernie Christie said it was an innovative way to further embed Indigenous perspectives into the culture of Catholic schools.

"The presence of the Aboriginal people is valued and appreciated and their contribution to the culture of the area

needs to be openly acknowledged and celebrated in order that future generations are made aware of the historic connection of Aboriginal people to the communities of north and west Queensland," Mr Christie said. "We hope this project, launched during National Reconciliation Week, will work toward continuing the reconciliation conversation and strengthen the awareness and understanding of (everybody) in our school communities about traditional Indigenous cultures, language, history, spirituality, protocols and world views."

The project has been funded by the Federal Government Envirofund, and ceremonies will be held at each school over the following two months until the project is complete.

**'We hope this project, launched during National Reconciliation Week, will work toward continuing the reconciliation conversation...'**

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Traditional custodians Virginia Wyles (Wulgurukaba) and Gavin Kum Sing (Bindal) cut the cake to celebrate the launch of the Indigenous Heritage Project with Bishop Michael Putney and Townsville Catholic Education Director Cathy Day.





Young Ramsey performs at the University of Western Sydney Sorry Day ceremony with the Freeman Dancers.

## Ceremony, film festival at UWS



THE University of Western Sydney marked National Reconciliation Week with a

special Sorry Day ceremony and the launch of the Dreaming Film Festival at the Bankstown campus last week.

And the UWS Yarramundi Lecture will be held this Friday, 5 June, at the Campbelltown campus.

In the lecture, which is a public event, NSW Department of Education and Training Aboriginal Education Director Michele Hall will share her insights into pathways to higher education. Those attending are asked to arrive at 12.30pm for a 1pm start at the Medical School

building at the Campbelltown campus.

At the Sorry Day event last week, where there was a welcome to country and entertainment by Indigenous dancers and musicians, the university introduced the new UWS Indigenous Graduate Attribute program – a learning and teaching framework that aims to give all graduates the knowledge and skills to appreciate the culture of Indigenous Australia and work with Indigenous communities.

The Dreaming Film Festival featured films from the National Film and Sound Archives Black Screen Program and Flickerfest's 'Bit of Black Business' short film compilation.



Professor Michael Atherton, from UWS, speaks at the ceremony.

# Web page tribute to achievers



THE NSW Department of Education and Training is paying tribute to

Indigenous high achievers in public schools and TAFEs throughout the State through a special web page that went online last week.

Education and Training Director-General Michael Coutts-Trotter said the web page told just some of the stories of Aboriginal achievers as well as listing TAFE NSW Gill and schools Nanga Mai award winners.

"This tribute is part of our celebration of National Reconciliation Week and Education Week," Mr Coutts-Trotter said.

"It reveals some remarkable achievements."

"The stories range from young people who are excelling in their chosen fields of endeavour to educators who are changing lives for the better."

Among the high achievers whose stories are featured on the web page are David Newton, who won this year's Nanga Mai Outstanding Contribution by a Community Member Award for his work with Cowra High School students. Known as 'Gargan' or Big Brother in his Wiradjuri language, for David the bush becomes the classroom as the boys he works with learn about themselves and their culture.

The story of Shelly Potts, from Tamworth, is also one of those featured.

Shelly had always wanted to be a beautician and opted to gain a TAFE qualification as a nail technician instead of doing Year 10 sport at Oxley High. Now the 21-year-old's determination to gain employment in this competitive field has paid off as she won the 2008 Gill Award for Apprentice of the Year.

Other high achievers featured on the website are promising athlete Nayah Freeman, from Young, Western NSW TAFE student of the Year Karen James, didge musician and rapper Bruce Carr, from Wellington, EORA Centre College Director Darryl Griffen, from Chippendale, and Cardiff artist Nicole Chaffey.

To see their stories go to [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au)



'Big Brother' David Newton, from Cowra, (below) and star apprentice beautician Shelly Potts, from Tamworth, (above) are just two of the Indigenous high achievers featured on a NSW Department of Education and Training web page launched online last week as part of National Reconciliation Week and Education Week celebrations.



Meanwhile this year's Nanga Mai award-winners are:

**Academic Excellence Award - Higher School Certificate:** Lauren Oldfield (Lurnea High School) and Tiffany Gould (Manilla Central School).

**Outstanding Achievement in Visual Arts:** Brydi Fatnawna (Nambucca Heads High).

**Outstanding Achievement in Performing/Creative Arts:** Kiah Muddle (Irrawang High School).

**Outstanding Achievement in Sport:** William Tufui (Narrabri High School) and Caitlin Eirth (Terrigal High School).

**Student Leadership Award:**

Callan Nickerson (Newcastle High School) and Walter Towney (Moree Secondary College).

**Academic Excellence Award - School Certificate:** Keziah Bennett-Brook (Keira High School).

**Encouragement Award:** Shannon Horlyck (Tingha Public School), Matthew Christensen (Biraban Public School), Jacob Brierley (Keira High School).

**Outstanding Contribution by Aboriginal Staff:** Melinda Brown (Great Lakes College Tuncurry Junior Campus).

**Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by a non-Aboriginal Staff Member:** Gary Worthy (Vincentia High School).

**Outstanding School Award:** Hillvue Primary School.

**Outstanding Contribution by a Community Member:** Shirley Davison.

**Award for Outstanding Contribution to Educational Achievement by Community Member:** David Newton.

**School Community Partnership Award:** Buninyong Public School.

**Nanga Mai - Love of Learning Award:** Aunty Norma Shelley, Aunty Nancy Rooke, Uncle Victor Chapman and Aunty Yvonne Gilchrist.





Yabu Band members Jade Masters and brothers Delson, centre, and Boyd Stokes.

# Yabu Band is one to watch



THE Yabu Band from Western Australia is fast gaining a reputation as the 'one to watch' after picking up five of the state's music industry awards for their latest album.

The two Stokes brothers, Delson and Boyd, along with drummer Jade Masters formed the band after they met in music college about eight years ago, releasing their first album in 2001.

The brothers have been performing since they were five. Originally a family band, the Stokes brothers brought Masters into the mix and the trio started on their self-described blend of desert rock and reggae.

Masters, who is also the band's manager, said one aspect of Yabu's popularity came from the strong influence of traditional language in their songs and the blend of Aboriginal Dreamtime stories with contemporary melodies. Masters says the

band draws their influences from music greats including Archie Roach, the Warumpi Band and award-winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu.

Although individually their tastes vary – from Masters' punk rock background to the brothers' gospel and country roots – each

was launched recently and won five WA Music Industry Awards including 2009 Best Indigenous Act and 2009 Best Indigenous Contemporary Album. It was recorded at Melbourne's Woodstock and features the Wongatha version of the Seekers song *I am Australian*.

**'Incorporating language adds another element and it's a very significant part of Aboriginal people'**

contributes to a mix that melds to bring about a sound considered uniquely theirs.

"Incorporating language adds another element and it's a very significant part of Aboriginal people," said Masters.

The latest album, *Gundulla – We Dance*,

The Yabu Band have been especially busy of late, and in the past six months alone have performed at the home-coming of the Beijing Olympic Athletes, the WA Australian of the Year Awards and the 2009 AFL Indigenous Round.

Masters said that although it still felt strange to achieve more success, the next step for the band was simply to continue to make the music they loved, as well as follow in the footsteps of other great Indigenous musicians – and hopefully win an ARIA award or two.

The Yabu Band's second album, *Gundulla – We Dance*, is in stores now.

## 93 make Telstra award shortlist



NINETY-THREE finalists have made the shortlist for this year's Telstra National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

The artworks were chosen out of more than 300 entries submitted from across Australia, and range from general paintings, bark paintings and works on paper to three-dimensional works comprising sculptures, fibre works and ceramics.

Franchesca Cubillo, from the Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory (MAGNT), which hosts the award, said she was 'amazed and excited by the exceptional quality and diversity of the works'.

"The Telstra Art Award is a significant national exhibition that showcases the ever-changing dynamism of contemporary Indigenous art," she said.

The winner of the Telstra Art Award will be announced on Friday 14 August at the Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory.

## Kids set to sing in the red centre



ABORIGINAL and African children will come together in harmony as the Ugandan Watoto

Children's Choir joins with the Ernabella Anangu School Choir in a concert in the red centre next week. The choirs will be joined by Australian gospel artist Steve Grace as well as didgeridoo player Adrian Ross for the concert at Voyagers Hotel at Yulara, near Uluru.

Ernabella Anangu School Principal Lisa Salomon said it would be a unique opportunity to see African and Aboriginal students singing together on Anangu land.

"It is a way of sharing even the hardest of circumstances," she said. "The poverty that both groups of children see, that there is a combined love and joy of singing that fills their spirits with optimism and a sense of the future."

"It is a way of reminding us all that the simple joy of singing can sustain us even when everything else may not be going the way we want."

Watoto Australasia Director Mark Bradshaw agreed it would be a special experience for all.

The concert will be held on 11 June from 7.30pm at the Outback Pioneer Domes, at Voyagers Hotel, Yulara.



# WA projects share in arts funding



TWO West Australian Aboriginal art projects will share in \$70,000 of small-scale project funding from Country Arts WA's Regional Arts Development Panel.

Kimberley Indigenous band The Pigram Brothers will receive \$5000 under the Community Arts Project Scheme (CAPS) to visit One Arm Point, north of

Broome, to conduct workshops with young people in the areas of music and song writing in consultation with Bardi Elders.

The workshops will conclude in a community concert at which the young people will perform with the artists.

In the mid-west of WA, Wila Gutharra Community Aboriginal Corporation will receive \$3000 to hold half-day workshops over ten weeks for local Indigenous women

to learn ceramic techniques and explore ways of helping feuding and unemployed families.

The women will then teach their new skills to Indigenous young people during a school holiday program.

Twenty-three applications were received and six were successful. CAPS is an entry-level funding program aimed at supporting community organisations and groups in

regional WA to take an active role in creating arts activity in their own community.

The second and final round of CAPS funding for 2009 closes on 4 September. For more information, call the Regional Arts Development Officer on freecall 1800 811 883. Guidelines and an application form are available for download at [www.countryartswa.asn.au](http://www.countryartswa.asn.au)

# Award entries open



Accepting one of several IMA awards he won last year, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, centre, with Michael Hohnen at right and Nigel Yunupingu.



PREPARATIONS are under way for the 2009 Northern Territory Indigenous Music Awards (IMA), to be presented in August.

Music NT is calling for nominations for the awards, which acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of the Territory's Indigenous music performers, in contemporary and traditional genres.

The awards are a key event of the Darwin Festival and will be announced at a 'shebang' in the Botanical Gardens Amphitheatre, Darwin, on 21 August.

For the first time, nominations for the selection of Territory talent is being opened to the national music industry sector.

"Now that the NT is on the national music map, we believe including this aspect will continue to provide a national opportunity for exposure for our talented musicians," said Mark Smith, Manager of Music NT, which hosts the awards.

Now in its sixth year, the annual ceremony and concert is a showcase of local talent, attracting an increasing number of national media and industry professionals.

The awards platform has previously led to new recording and touring opportunities for a number of NT artists and plays an influential role in the national career of Indigenous artists.

"With the highest population percentage of practitioners and music production in the country, local musicians are continuing the national and international success attained by NT Indigenous acts such as Warumpi Band and Yothu Yindi," Mr Smith said.

At last year's IMAs, Arnhem Land singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu won the trifecta of Best Act, Best Song and Best Album.

Mr Smith said that an increased understanding and awareness of Indigenous contemporary and traditional music and culture, especially on the world stage, led to benefits for all Territorians.

"That is, economic independence for Indigenous musicians as well as flow-on tourism," he said.

The 2009 award categories are:

- Act of the Year
- Album of the Year
- Emerging Act of the Year
- Song of the Year
- DVD/Film Clip of the Year
- Artwork and Design of the Year
- School Band of the Year
- Traditional Music Award
- Hall of Fame (Central)
- Hall of Fame (Top End)

Nominations close on 10 July and nomination forms are available from the Music NT website [www.musicnt.com.au](http://www.musicnt.com.au), from the Music NT office at 12 Smith St, Darwin or via email [ntima@agentur.com.au](mailto:ntima@agentur.com.au)



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# A dream line-up



A LINE-UP of international acts and performers will add extra excitement to an already stunning cast of Australian Indigenous entertainers at this year's festival of The Dreaming, according to organisers.

They said the performers would come from Mexico, Africa, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and New Zealand.

Jamaica and the US states of Oklahoma and New Mexico would also be represented at the four-day celebration of Indigenous culture, to be held at Woodford, Qld, over this coming Queen's birthday long weekend.

Among the attractions will be Cayenne-born Chris Combette, who explores a wide range of genres that include the beguine, mazurka, zouk, calypso, reggae and bossa nova.

At Dancestry, the festival's open-air dance venue, Sweet Sweet Jamaica – a hot Caribbean combination of band RuCL, dancer and storyteller Jigzie Campbell and percussionist Salvador Castro – will play.

Grammy-award winning artist John-Carlos Perea, from Jicarilla Apache reservation in New Mexico, will bring jazz and a specially-improvised genre of music to the festival.

There will also be a major input of Maori talent.

This year, from New Zealand, organisers say festival-goers will get a powerful theatrical/musical experience from Moana



Scenes from previous Dreaming festivals, with a performer on the Dancestry stage and children enjoying activities.



and the Tribe; a challenging love story played on stage by the talented cast of Taki Rua Production's and titled 'Te Karakia'; a wonderful one-woman musical masterpiece by Mihirangi; and the dynamic Pacific Curls, who play a mix of world music driven by Maori, Pacific and Celtic influences.

Frank Maninga, an accomplished artist from the Solomon Islands, will talk about

the complexities of island life; and craftsman and Cochise Anderson, representing the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations of Oklahoma, will give a special insight with a one-man theatre show.

Organisers said The Dreaming would also be a great place for kids. Children's activities are integrated throughout The Dreaming Festival and the cooler winter temperatures are conducive to lots of active

participation.

Traditional games are especially fun and action-packed, and held at the Trad Games Pad daily from 10am-12pm and 3pm-5pm. They include Gorri (hunting skills for boys) which involves bowling ball or disc games played by boys and men in all parts of Australia; Wana, played mainly by girls in WA, a French-cricket-like game; and Taktymrain (mock combat), with

toy rubber spears being thrown at opposing teams.

There are also a mix of workshops combining entertainment with education.

To view and buy the program and tickets, visit the festival website at [www.thedreamingfestival.com](http://www.thedreamingfestival.com) or phone (07) 5496 1066.

● See the next edition of *The Koori Mail* for a wrap-up on The Dreaming 2009.



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## 'Arts Opportunities' Indigenous arts closing date 15 July!

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KEEPING CULTURE STRONG

## 'Home-based' artworks to get public exposure



IT'S not your typical business model, operating a home-based Indigenous fine art gallery

which doesn't publicise a street address or hang signage inviting walk-in traffic.

But that's how Artitja Fine Art owners Anna Kanaris and Arthur Clarke have been operating in South Fremantle for the past five years, after beginning their own collection of Central Desert art in the mid-1980s and gradually receiving more and more requests from friends and colleagues to research and source certain artists' works for purchase.

Realising that many works in their collection had still not received widespread exposure, the idea was born for their exhibition 'Back Room Pass', which opens at Earlywork Gallery, South Fremantle, at 2pm on 13 June.

Ms Kanaris said she had selected works from leading senior Central and Western Desert artists who recognised the importance of passing on ancestral stories through their art to the younger artists in their communities, whose work will also be on display.

She said the exhibition would also feature weaves by Nyoongah bush sculptor and entrant in this year's Telstra Indigenous Art Award Janine McAullay Bott.

"The idea for a Back Room show came from our realisation that as a home-based gallery we have many beautiful works that have not had huge exposure and still have that freshness and vitality about them – they cry out to be shown," she said.

Back Room Pass is open 13-21 June from 10am to 5pm daily, at Earlywork Gallery, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle.

For further information, contact Anna Kanaris on (08) 9336 7787 or 0418 900 954 or visit [www.artitja.com.au](http://www.artitja.com.au)



*Binjli Binjli Country*, by June Peters, will be on display.



*Spinifex Story* by Selina Teece Pwerf.



## Bamblett's mission accomplished



WHEN Wiradjuri man Dr Lawrence Bamblett recalls his first day at Charles Sturt University (CSU) many years ago, he says he can still have a good laugh at himself waiting anxiously for the bell to ring for class.

Having dropped out of high school early to pursue sporting endeavours, he says his idea of tertiary education included ringing bells to signal the start and end of class and break time, not unlike his old school days.

But he soon learnt that university placed an onus on personal responsibility to get to class on time, hand in assignments and deal with all those day-to-day details.

It was not dissimilar, says Dr Bamblett, to the life of his childhood years on Erambie Mission near the NSW town of Cowra. It was this background of life on the mission that informed his thesis, 'Mission Style: Sport and Cultural Continuity on Erambie Mission'.

Dr Bamblett is understood to be the first Wiradjuri person from the Erambie community to be awarded a PhD. His

doctorate was conferred at the CSU graduation ceremony last month.

Dr Bamblett said the qualities he was raised with on the mission – good listening skills, following instructions, independent learning and arguing – were the very things that helped him through the sometimes arduous task of finishing first a degree, and then a PhD, while

been lecturing in Charles Sturt University's School of Human Movement Studies for the past five years.

Last year he re-wrote and delivered the program that has helped many people from Indigenous communities get a foot in the door to CSU.

Dr Bamblett came to the university in 1999 through the Koori Admissions

not that hard and they should not be intimidated by it.

When Dr Bamblett first succumbed to a pre-season injury and was forced to spend 12 months away from his much-loved basketball, football and running, he had to ponder the possibilities of what a life beyond sport would look like.

This reflection ultimately led him to starting and graduating with a Bachelor of Exercise Science and most recently, a PhD.

"My graduation is not just a personal achievement but an achievement for my family and the broader Erambie community because so many people have supported and assisted me," Dr Bamblett said.

"It is important to me that the community receives the recognition and credit they

deserve that one of their own has graduated."

Dr Bamblett said he felt privileged to be able to give back to the community that had given so much to him.

"I was very lucky. I grew up around strong people, my mother and father, aunts and uncles, and I'm glad to be able to give this back to them," he said.

**'It is important to me that the community receives the recognition and credit they deserve that one of their own has graduated'**  
– Proud Erambie man Dr Lawrence Bamblett



also working full-time and raising a family.

The 38-year-old father of five was also employed as a health worker for Greater Western Area Health for much of the duration of his studies, a role he still has today.

Not quite content with this busy work/study/home schedule, he has also

Program. He said that as a mentor of sorts to other young Koori people considering tertiary studies but unsure of whether they could manage it, the first thing he recommends is to find an interest and then nurture and pursue it.

The second thing he tells young Indigenous people is that university is

## Students tuck in

### Aboriginal bush food garden at Hamilton



COMPOSTING, recycling and maintaining a worm farm aren't included in every school curriculum, but for students at one Hunter primary school in New South Wales those three activities are par for the course.

They're just one aspect of a principal's dream to educate children while reducing the impact of his school on the environment.

Hamilton Public School in Newcastle is working to that end with a series of projects and strategies which culminated earlier this month in the establishment of the school's Aboriginal bush food garden and outdoor learning area.

Students rolled up their sleeves and literally got their hands dirty, planting a variety of indigenous bush plants and grasses as part of the establishment of the bush tucker garden in conjunction with local Lake Macquarie Landcare group, Warada.

In his three years as principal of Hamilton Public School, David Jack has worked closely with staff, students and parents alike to



Year Four students Maddie Bailey, Emma Vanderkallen and Lucy Johnson at work in the Hamilton Public School vegetable garden.

ensure a productive and interactive learning environment.

In 2006, a three-year plan – recently extended to six years – was introduced, including such activities as composting, mulching, natural rain water tanks, a greenhouse for seed production and many others aimed at reducing the environmental impact of the school.

Future plans include the establishment of a scale windmill to demonstrate wind power, an underground gravity-fed water system, shade sails and covered walkways.

A current highlight of the school is the fully functioning organic vegetable and herb garden, which is maintained by the students and provides local cafes with garden

produce – giving an opportunity to learn about growing, harvesting, delivering and invoicing.

It is hoped that the new bush food garden will take on the same significance as its vegetable and herb counterpart.

"Our bush tucker garden is a welcome addition to our playground environment. We plan to incorporate it into our school

curriculum so that it becomes more than just a garden," said Mr Jack.

"We are proud of our achievements, particularly as it has been a team effort from start to finish."

Despite heavy rain and dark clouds on the day of the tree planting, the students' enthusiasm could not be curbed as they dug in and planted more than 250 plants and grasses.

It is all part of a long-term plan to develop an Indigenous-themed amphitheatre and outdoor learning area, also acknowledging the Awabakal traditional owners of the surrounding area.

Year Four student Emma Van Derkallen was happy to be involved in the school's activities and looks forward to being a part of the school's future environmental policies.

"I love working in the garden, providing a safe and happy environment for the kids in our school," Emma said.

"I think it's very important to remember Aboriginal people walked on this land and our school does its best to do that."

The school has also been involved in reducing paper output, mulching and also encouraging students to bring in 'garbage-free lunches' with no plastic wrappings and packaging that could otherwise end up in the region's many inland and coastal waterways.

It is just one of many activities the school hopes will instill in students the idea that a little bit done by everyone can go a long way in helping the environment.



# NSWTF Aboriginal members



NSW AECG Resource Co-ordinator/President's Secretary Vicki Barton and Office Manager Angela Webb at the conference. All photos by THERESA DALTON



Regina Reid, of Culburra Public School, Moss Vale High School Principal Suzi Williams and Shanene Phillips, of Cabbage Tree Island Public School.



Neil Thorne, of Darlington Public School, and June Hawkes, of Warren Central School.

## The gap targeted



Damian Wanstall and Sally Watts, of the Centre for Learning Innovation at the NSW Department of Education.



ABORIGINAL members of the NSW Teachers Federation (NSWTF) are urging governments to

employ more Indigenous people at all levels of education.

And they want authorities to step up national campaigns to close the education gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

Their calls follow the NSWTF's annual Aboriginal Members Conference last week in Sydney.

NSWTF Aboriginal Education Co-ordinator Charline Emzin-Boyd said the 85 conference delegates were united in calls for more Indigenous educators and workers across the education field.

"It's the key to closing the gap and helping our people," the long-serving education worker told *The Koori Mail*. "We want to see not just more

Indigenous teachers, but Indigenous people at every level of the education system.

"This will benefit not just our own Indigenous students – it will benefit everyone.

"There was real solidarity among our members on this, and we will be working with the rest of the federation to pressure for positive changes."

Ms Emzin-Boyd said there were about 600 Aboriginal teachers, including student educators, across NSW.

"We would like to see more, and we would also like to see more Indigenous people at all levels – from managers to cleaners – as well as teachers," she said.

"The theme of this year's gathering was 'Positioning our future – Values, Visions and Voices', and that's exactly what our members spelled out at this conference."



Aunty Sylvia Scott, who gave the Welcome to Country at the conference.



Leonie Shipp, from Dubbo College South Campus, and Belinda Ndegwa, from Menindee Central School.



Damian Amamoo with a display of educational comics that he produces.



Angus Hartley with educational puzzles he makes. Displays were a feature of the conference.



Christine Blakeney, of NSW State Records 'In Living Memory' Tour.



## conference '09



Kerry Toomey and Natalie Pierson, of Aboriginal Education Consultants – South Western Sydney, with Erin Finlayson, of Sydney City Gardeners Road Public School.



ABOVE: Anthony Galluzzo, of Marrar Public School, Kathy Green, of Dubbo College South Campus, and Russell Honnery, from Moree East Public School.

RIGHT: Queanbeyan South Public School Assistant Principal Karen Soltan, with her colleague Rosemarie Whitehead, and Sharon Anderson, of Callala Public School.



## Firsts for Batchelor



MORE than 140 students from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE) will graduate this week.

BIITE's 2009 graduation ceremony will be held tomorrow at the main campus in Batchelor, 100km south of Darwin.

The students will receive their qualifications in a wide range of study programs from VET certificates in Spoken and Written English, Carpentry and Media Studies to degrees in Teaching, Nursing and Land Management.

Batchelor Institute Acting Vice-Chancellor Dr Tony Mordini says graduation is one of the most important days on the Institute academic calendar and an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of students.

"We are particularly thrilled that the 2009 ceremony will include the first three graduates from our new nursing degree that commenced in 2006 – Sandra Selems, from Adelaide River, Tessa Cubillo, from Dundee Downs, and Georgina Phillips, from Sydney," Dr Mordini said.

"A further 12 nursing degree students from a Tennant Creek pilot program are due to complete their studies at the end of this year and will graduate in 2010.

"In another first, we will also have two students graduating from our new Environmental Health degree program – Brendon Sherratt, from Katherine, and Frank O'Donahoo, from Tennant Creek."

Guest speaker for the 2009 Graduation will be NT Indigenous Policy Minister and former Batchelor graduate Alison Anderson.

## New WA school open – officially



THE new \$34 million Fitzroy Valley District High School in Fitzroy Crossing was officially opened earlier this month, although it opened its doors to

more than 300 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 in February.

The school was built with \$19 million of State Government funding and \$15 million from the Federal Government. Classroom blocks have been specifically designed to cater for the harsh climate, with extensive outdoor activity areas between blocks to take advantage of more temperate dry season conditions.

Fitzroy Valley District High School Principal Paul Jefferies said the new

surroundings had given students and staff an enormous lift.

"Students have commented on how amazing the new school is and there is no doubt it has had a noticeable impact on their morale," he said.

"The purpose-built facilities for design and technology have enabled a stronger vocational education and training program to run in the school, which in turn has led to a greater engagement in learning."

At the official opening on 8 May, WA Education Minister Liz Constable said the school was special because its unique facilities had been designed to provide the best possible learning environment for Aboriginal children.

## I never did very well at school and I lacked confidence – now, that's all in the past

I was concerned about how I would ever complete the studies and worried that it would all be too hard. Instead I was inspired by my teachers to step up and succeed. I was offered flexibility in my studies that recognised my work and family commitments. I felt valued by my teachers and began to learn not to doubt myself.

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# Chatswood's 'Sense of Place'



A MURAL depicting a 'uniquely Aboriginal perspective'

of the Chatswood city centre and Lane Cove National Park has been unveiled at Chatswood Public School, Sydney.

The mural, Sense of Place, is the result of a collaboration early this year between local education and training consultancy Gangari and Chatswood Public School.

It was designed by Aunty Kathryn Dodd Farrawell and Shirley Weldon, and painted by the school's students earlier this year over three days.

The mural project also incorporated Indigenous games co-ordinated by Wilma Weldon, a barbecue and food tasting overseen by Glen Weldon and a performance by dancer and didgeridoo player Les Saxby, who sadly passed away in February.

"Every student from Year 1 to Year 6 worked on the mural," said Chatswood Public School Deputy Principal Andrew Williamson.

"It was a rewarding experience and deepened the students' understanding and knowledge of Aboriginal culture."

Mr Williamson said the collaboration had created 'a magnificent mural about global citizenship and our relationship with the local environment'.

"It's about the relationship that the students, teachers and parents have with the built and natural environment," he said.

To mark the mural's launch, Chatswood Public School has renamed its assembly hall as Gamarada Place. The name, drawn from the local Aboriginal word for 'friend', was chosen by the school's Student Representative Council.

Guests at last week's launch included Mayor Pat Reilly of Willoughby Council, local Elder Uncle Bob, local artist Jessica Birk, Paul Morris from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council and Athena Mumbulla from the Aboriginal Heritage Office and Education Centre.



Chatswood Public School students in front of the school's new mural.

# CDU graduates show the way

## Indigenous experts to be teachers



THE first two students mentored under the Vice-Chancellor's Indigenous Cadetship Program at Charles Darwin University have graduated.

Lorraine Martin received a Bachelor of Governance and Public Sector Management, and Delean Holtze a double degree in Teaching and Arts at last week's CDU mid-year graduation ceremonies.

It was the end of a long and demanding journey for both women, having to triumph over adversities to reach their goals.

Lorraine began studying at CDU in 2004 and Delean in 2006. As busy single mums, the women regularly hit the books well into the night to keep up with the workload.

"I would study seven days a week and quite often still be up writing assignments at 3am," Delean said. "It was really hard work to get through the course, but to be honest it just makes it feel all the more special now I've graduated."

Lorraine was equally elated about graduating.

"I'm just so pleased that I've finally finished and have achieved my goal," she said.

As soon as they finished studying, they immediately started full-time jobs.

Lorraine is now pursuing her passion as



CDU cadetship program graduates Delean Holtze, left, and Lorraine Martin.

an Indigenous Employment Officer with the NT Department of Justice. Part of her job is to facilitate the cadetship program as well as encourage education, training and employment to attract and retain prospective Indigenous employees for the agency.

"I am hoping that through my work, I can become a role model to motivate other Indigenous people into the NT public sector," she said.

After a successful work placement at



Kormilda College, Delean has taken up a teaching post there in the English and Humanities department.

"I'm just really grateful that my journey has come to this," she said.

"I've always felt really supported by the Vice-Chancellor. I mean, where else would a student get a one-on-one meeting with the VC?"

"I think it's great that this cadetship program can enable Indigenous students through a degree at CDU."



STUDENTS at Charles Darwin University will visit Arnhem Land to learn about land and sea management from Indigenous experts.

The School of Australian Indigenous Knowledge Systems at CDU is offering an intensive program, Indigenous Engagement: Land and Water, during the June/July semester break.

Program Co-ordinator Greg Williams said a focus on Indigenous aspects of land and sea management was particularly crucial for scientists and natural resource managers working in northern Australia.

"Aboriginal people are in the best position to secure sustainable management of resources on their country," he said.

"The program provides an opportunity for students enrolled at CDU to explore aspects of the way in which knowledge about land and sea is embedded within Indigenous cultures."

Indigenous Engagement: Land and Water is a unit which can be undertaken as an individual unit or as part of a degree. Students examine the way Indigenous experts address traditional issues in land and sea management, as well as more contemporary issues such as weeds and feral animal invasions.

During the 2009 program, students will travel across Arnhem Land to learn from Indigenous experts, and to develop an understanding of the challenges facing people working as natural and cultural resource managers on their own country.

The intensive program will run from 29 June - 10 July.

For more information contact Greg Williams on (08) 8946 6467. Places are limited.



# 'Uncle Graham' is in residence



USQ Indigenous graduates wearing stoles of red, black and yellow at their graduation ceremony in Maryborough on 16 May. From left to right, Hayley McGillivray, Felicity Pollard and Karen Carius.

## Three graduate

**QLD** THREE Indigenous women who studied at the University of Southern Queensland Fraser Coast campus in Hervey Bay, south-east Queensland, graduated at a recent ceremony in Maryborough.

After attaining her Bachelor of Nursing degree, Hayley McGillivray was awarded a cadetship, and now works at the Hervey Bay Hospital.

Felicity Pollard was one of two graduates at the ceremony to receive a Diploma of Community Welfare and Development. During the course of her studies, Felicity gained employment with the Fraser Coast Community Health Service where her work is in nutrition services in a community preventative role.

And Karen Carius received a Bachelor of Education (Primary and Middle Schooling) degree.

She received a Pearl Duncan Scholarship and now works at the Tieri State School, west of Emerald in Central Queensland.



GRAHAM Dillon says he will share his Indigenous knowledge and promote a 'level playing field' for students, after becoming an Elder-in-residence at Queensland's Griffith University.

"I think it's timely and it's also a privilege on behalf of the Kombumerri people," said Mr Dillon.

"Equally important is the fact that Griffith has made a move with our people to join in a partnership which is proving most fruitful. I see it as a way forward."

Gold Coast campus Provost Professor Max Standage said appointing Mr Dillon as an Elder-in-residence reflected a deepening of the relationship between Griffith University and the Kombumerri people.

"The university has a deep debt of gratitude to pay the Kombumerri people, who agreed not to oppose the transfer of land allowing Griffith to expand its Gold Coast campus," Professor Standage said.



GRAHAM DILLON

"Kombumerri people have always displayed remarkable support for education and for the region."

Mr Dillon said his role as an Elder-in-residence would help Indigenous students get onto a 'level playing field'.

"This partnership though the

Memorandum of Understanding (between Griffith and the Kombumerri Clan) has opened doors for Indigenous people," he said.

GUMURRII Student Support Unit Head Maureen Ah Sam said the Elder-in-residence program was a means of breaking down barriers and moving on.

"Uncle Graham is a wonderful role model for our students. This will bring Indigenous culture and community in, giving us our place within the university."

Mr Dillon said he had already begun some of the projects he would take on during his time as an Elder-in-residence.

"I've done a 'walk on land' with students from environmental science programs to share my Indigenous knowledge of the Gold Coast area - where my people are from," he said.

"It gives students a better idea of how we managed the land for millennia and means they look at the environment from an Indigenous point of view."



## INTERNATIONAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

### INDIGENOUS EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP K-12

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The scholarship will be awarded to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child who, in the opinion of the selection committee, is likely to benefit most from the IGS educational experience. In making this decision the selection committee will consider the following factors:

- Supportive family/community and commitment to an education at IGS
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- Developmental attributes of the child including social skills
- Relative disadvantage
- Reasons for choosing IGS

The selection will be based on the application. A short-list of candidates may be selected for a meeting and discussion with the applicant and their parent/guardian. The judgment of the scholarship committee will be final. The selection committee will consist of an IGS Board Member, the Principal and a local indigenous representative.

#### The terms of the scholarship will be:

- Full Tuition fees K-12
- Supplementary fees for other programs undertaken by the scholarship holder whilst at IGS
- Supply of text books and other specified materials K-12
- Supply of uniform and other requirements

The scholarship will be open to Indigenous students already enrolled at IGS as well as external applicants.

Application should be made first by phone to PA to Principal on (02) 9219 6706 and an application form will be made available.

**Due Date:** Friday 26 June 2009.



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Narrogin people talking to service providers during the day.



Members of the Warrdong Aboriginal Cultural Experience.

# Big day at Narrogin

Photos courtesy of the Australian Medical Association (WA)



ABORIGINAL people in and around the West Australian Wheatbelt town of Narrogin have not had the easiest time during the past 12 months. Growing concerns over increasing rates of suicide and suicide attempts in the town last year prompted a series of meetings and forums focused on ways to combat Indigenous disadvantage, including unemployment and poor health outcomes which was feeding into low morale.

The State Government has been challenged to provide more support, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has taken an ongoing interest.

So it was perhaps not surprising that there was an air of anticipation on 19 May when Indigenous residents, service providers, school children and Elders gathered for the inaugural Narrogin Community Day, developed by locals through the Australian Medical Association (WA).

A key aim of the event was to highlight opportunities for training and employment under the Structured Training and Employment Program – Employment Related Services (STEP-ERS) and to provide other job and training advice.

The AMA (WA) sought the input and assistance of many people for the day, which organisers said was also a celebration of Aboriginal community, culture and heritage.

Local Elders Kathleen Jackson and Basil Kickett gave a welcome to country, and the event was MC'ed by Noongar woman Erica Maguire.

Performances by Perth dance group the Warrdong Aboriginal Cultural Experience were well received.

AMA staff oversaw face painting for kids, and 3-on-3 basketball organised by Gavin Mallard from Noongar Sports



Children lined up for the face painting held as part of the big day in Narrogin.

Association was also popular.

A community art banner was developed with the assistance of three local Aboriginal artists, Ross Storey, Rita Ugle and Errol Riley. It will be displayed prominently as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations and as an acknowledgement of Narrogin's Noongar heritage.

Kangaroo stew and damper organised and cooked by Gillian Riley, Brenda Kickett and community helpers fed the 200-odd participants. The feed would not have been possible without Basil Kickett and Murray Riley who caught and prepared the meat. Rebel Kickett set the traditional fire.

Lunch was followed by speeches from Aboriginal role models and Elders emphasising the importance to the local Noongar community of gaining vocational skills and working.

Local football identity Andrew Taylor spoke about his youth leadership-focused '180° Program'; the Kulbardi Aboriginal Short Films organisation showed three films of how the loss of respect can destroy a person's future; and Stephen Loo, from DIA's Aboriginal History Research Unit, provided information on accessing family history and records.

● The Australian Medical Association (WA) delivers pre-employment, training, employment placement and mentoring services under the STEP-ERS program which is funded through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. Those interested in participating in the program should contact Belinda, Tamar, Sam or Richard from AMA Indigenous Initiatives on (08) 9273 3033.



Ebony Riley enjoyed the face painting.



Eli Kickett sported some great artwork.



The WA Department of Indigenous Affairs' (DIA) cultural heritage stand was popular.





Graduates Carey Heap, of Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative, David McLachlan, of Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative and Ronny Briggs of VAHS.



VACCHO Chairperson Justin Mohamed, Carmel Hood, of Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-operative, and VACCHO CEO Jill Gallagher.

## Graduates celebrate



FIFTY Victorian Aboriginal health workers (AHWs) celebrated their graduation from nationally accredited training courses last month.

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (VACCHO) hosted a graduation ceremony for the students at Rydges Hotel in the Melbourne suburb of Preston.

The graduates received their certificates from VACCHO CEO Jill Gallagher and Chairperson Justin Mohamed. Special guests

were Manager of the Aboriginal Health Unit of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners Alan Brown, Geelong Hospital Aboriginal Liaison Officer Lyn McInnes, Bunurong Aboriginal Health Service CEO Andrew Gardener and Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS) CEO Rod Jackson.

A special presentation was made posthumously for the late Leonie Hughes who had completed her qualification from 2003 to 2006 in Melbourne. Swan Hill and District Aboriginal Health Service CEO Ken Knight and Practice Manager Lauris McCormack

received the certificate on behalf of Ms Hughes' family.

Also graduating were 13 practice managers who had completed a Diploma of Practice Management in 2008.

Three graduating students – Jenny Ockwell from Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative, Charlie Knight from Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative and David MacLauchlan from Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative – made speeches on behalf of all students.

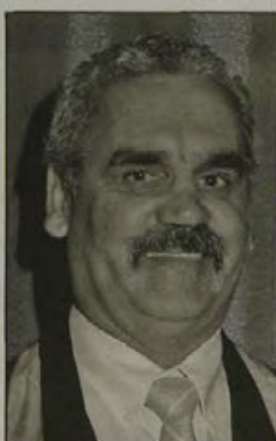
The graduates all work in Aboriginal

community controlled health services across the State. As a result of their graduation, more than half of the 24 Aboriginal community controlled health services in Victoria will now have trained and qualified AHWs on their staff.

AHWs provide primary health care to Aboriginal people, including conducting health assessments, care planning, health screening, advocacy, providing linkages to mainstream health services, and planning, implementing and evaluating health promotion programs.



You beauty ... VAHS graduate Colin Mitchell shows his delight with VACCHO Chairperson Justin Mohamed and VACCHO Chief Executive Jill Gallagher.



Charlie Knight from Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative.



Graduates Jade Young, of the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service (VAHS), Tarni Cooper, of Bunurong Health Service, and Kyla O'Leary, of VAHS.

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Members of the CRCAH health research advocacy group, and CRCAH staff and board members met with the Governor-General, Quentin Bryce. From left, Alastair Harris, Professor Ian Anderson, Associate Professor Janelle Stirling, Professor Michael Good, Pat Anderson, Garrie Gibson, Dr Mick Adams, Russell Taylor, Quentin Bryce, Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, Professor Hugh Taylor, Mick Gooda and Tania Major.

## Health group formed

### Advocacy body says it will press for Indigenous health research institute



SOME of Australia's most prominent scientists have joined

forces with the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRCAH), forming a new group called the Eminent Australians Advocacy Group.

The group, which is advocating for improved health research, met in Canberra last week to discuss the establishment of a permanent National Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.

CRCAH Chief Executive Mick Gooda, who hosted the meeting, said the proposed new National Institute would ensure that the ground-

### 'The CRCAH has a limited life under its current funding...'

breaking research work conducted by the CRCAH would continue beyond its funding cycle.

"The CRCAH has a limited life under its current funding and we are determined that the role of research in closing the gap not be reduced at the end of the CRC funding," he said.

"I am pleased to say that we are being joined in our efforts by an exceptional group of Australians who want to see our work continued and are prepared to advocate for the proposed National Institute.

"The group includes four

former Australians of Young Australians of the Year and a recipient of the Prime Minister's Science Prize so we are in eminent company indeed."

Mr Gooda said the CRCAH had developed innovative processes to ensure research into ways of closing the Indigenous health gap, had a high impact on policy and clinical practices and was based on priorities set by the Indigenous health sector and government health agencies.

The Eminent Australians Advocacy Group met at the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies before attending a reception hosted by Governor-General Quentin Bryce at Government House.



DEPARTMENT of HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES

### Ida West Aboriginal Health Scholarship

Applications for 2009 Academic year

The Department of Health and Human Services administers a scholarship scheme for Tasmanian Aboriginal students studying full time in an accredited health or human services related undergraduate course at University, or a full-time accredited health or human services related course VET course.

The scholarship scheme aims to address the under-representation of Aboriginal people in health professions, and other health and human services related occupations.

The scholarship is open to students who are currently studying or who have enrolled and intend studying in 2009.

Three (3) new Scholarships are awarded each year with a maximum value of \$5,000 per year of required study, up to a total maximum value of \$15,000 for each scholarship.

The Scholarships will be awarded by an Aboriginal selection panel to be formed by the Department in consultation with the Office of Aboriginal Affairs.

**Application closing date for the 2009 academic year is 26 June.**

Prospective applicants should note that the written application forms a substantial part of the selection process. Written applications must address the selection criteria.

#### Contact Information

Application forms, scheme guidelines and selection criteria can be obtained by telephoning the Contact Officer, **Jenni Mandersloot** on **1300 135 513** during normal business hours (8.30 am - 5pm Monday to Friday).

Students can also request information by emailing [jws@dohhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:jws@dohhs.tas.gov.au)

Copies of the application forms, scheme guidelines, and eligibility criteria can be downloaded from the Department's web site: [www.dohhs.tas.gov.au](http://www.dohhs.tas.gov.au)

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## More Indigenous students becoming doctors, lawyers



MORE Indigenous students are graduating from university than ever before, and more are completing professional degrees including medicine and law, a new study reveals.

Census data shows in 2006 there were nearly 20,000 Aboriginal university graduates in Australia, up from 3600 in 1991.

"(But) census data fail to reflect the increasing professionalism of Indigenous graduates," Joe Lane writes in a *Centre for Independent Studies* report released last Wednesday.

Mr Lane says until the late 1990s most Indigenous tertiary students were enrolled in so-called helper courses like teaching, nursing and welfare, many at a 'sub-degree' level.

"But over the past 10 years in particular,

enrolments have moved from sub-degree to degree courses, and students tend to be standard-entry and have diversified into a range of higher-level professional fields," he writes in *Indigenous Participation in University Education*.

"For example, in addition to nursing they are now studying to be doctors, and instead of teaching many more are now choosing law."

Mr Lane says the growth in graduate areas has facilitated 'the increasing integration of Indigenous people into mainstream society through access to far more employment opportunities'.

He points out that in 1997, 1411 Indigenous students were enrolled in sub-degree courses while 3863 were enrolled at degree level and 723 as post-graduates.

In 2007, the figures were 588, 6,408 and 1390 respectively. -AAP



# One journey, many people



Deborah Prior spoke at the recent Reach to Breast Cancer Recovery conference.

**MARILYN PITTMAN** is an Aboriginal woman from the Yuin nation on the NSW south coast, now living in Lismore, northern NSW, with her family. She is also a registered nurse and six-year survivor of breast cancer. Last month, Marilyn attended Reach to Breast Cancer Recovery: An International Breast Cancer Support Conference in Brisbane. Here she shares some of her thoughts on the conference...

I ATTENDED this conference to link up with other women from around the world experiencing breast cancer, seeking to share ways we can more effectively support each other as well as get support from the health care system.

It was the 15th such conference organised by the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) with supporting partners Cancer Council Queensland and Reach to Recovery International (RRI) Volunteer Breast Cancer Support.

There was also a range of local Australian supporting organisations such as Breast Cancer Network Australia, Beyond Blue and the National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre.

The conference was opened with a welcome to country and a performance from the Nunukul Yuggera Yugimbir Nugi Aboriginal Dance Troupe.

The conference was organised around the themes of survivorship, capacity building and peer support. As well as dozens of lectures and presentations, it also included activity workshops acknowledging the importance of movement and healthy eating in recovery and even sessions on tai chi, abseiling and canoeing.

I also attended a workshop about living with lymphoedema, an uncomfortable result of blockage of lymph glands that can result from surgery and treatment.

As an Aboriginal woman, I was most interested in the sessions about Indigenous issues.

I sat in on two interesting presentations by Deborah Prior, a palliative care and Indigenous affairs consultant who was raised in England and now lives in Australia.

When completing her PhD several years ago on Aboriginal women with cancer, Dr Prior expressed a view that Aboriginal women from rural Queensland were sometimes uncertain about seeking medical help for cancer because they believed the disease was 'another form of colonisation' because the disease would control them and the white man's hospital system compromised their cultural needs.

She said it wasn't that Aboriginal women didn't want to have treatment, just that they were reluctant because it separated them from their communities.

Dr Prior's sessions at the conference



were 'Indigenous Issues in Cancer Control - An Australian Perspective' and 'Cultural Issues and Palliative Care'.

It is ironic, given that these sessions addressed access to services by Aboriginal women, that there appeared to be hardly any Aboriginal women there. I think more time was needed to discuss with local organisers

represented in both diagnosis and recovery programs. This is significant given that, as Dr Prior pointed out, Aboriginal people have a 45 per cent higher cancer mortality rate than other Australians and Aboriginal women are at even higher risk because of 'early onset of child bearing, high number of pregnancies, poor nutrition and lifestyle'.

We need greater access to early screening and diagnosis, healthy eating and lifestyle programs that encourage self-determination over our own health.

● The Lismore Breast Cancer Support Group meets at 6pm on the first Wednesday of every month at the Neighbourhood Centre in Carrington St, Lismore.

● Here are some useful websites:

Dealing with Breast Cancer as an Aboriginal Woman, [www.breasthealth.com.au/livingwithcancer/aboriginalwomen.html](http://www.breasthealth.com.au/livingwithcancer/aboriginalwomen.html)  
Breast Cancer Network Australia, [www.bcna.org.au](http://www.bcna.org.au)  
Centre for Excellence in Indigenous Tobacco Control, [www.ceitc.org.au](http://www.ceitc.org.au)  
Intercultural Cancer Control, [www.iccnetwork.org](http://www.iccnetwork.org)  
National Breast and Ovarian Cancer Centre, [www.nbcc.org.au/](http://www.nbcc.org.au/)

## Other barriers to palliative care for Aboriginal peoples

- Colonial mentality-paternalism-racism
- Reductionism
- Fear of hospitals
- Communication differences
- Methodology e.g. assessment procedures
- Marginalisation of 'traditional' health care, healing practices and beliefs (Prior, 1995;2005; Sullivan et.al. 2003)

A slide from Dr Prior's presentation on barriers to palliative care for Aboriginal people.

why this was the case.

Information about the issues discussed at the conference is important for all women in recovery, but particularly Aboriginal women who are under-

ABOVE: Marilyn Pittman (in beanie) with husband Anthony Probets and twins Anthony Adam and Meyah May (front), and other conference delegates.



**BreastScreen Queensland**

## 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, Augathella 23 June to 24 June, Oaksey 29 June.  
**Townsville:** Cloncurry 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 26 June to 29 June.  
**Gold Coast:** Helensvale to 18 June.  
**Nambour:** Kilkoy 25 May to 5 June, Bribie 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.

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**Last day today:** Reconciliation Activities at Tandanya. Reconciliation activities include a Film Screening of *Kanyini* at 10.30am, Cultural presentation and performance (Yidaki-Didgeridoo) at noon, *Liyam Ngam* documentary screening at 1pm and the 2nd screening of *Sacred Grounds*, an Indigenous film from 6.30-9pm, followed by a forum on the Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988. Free and all welcome. Spaces are limited so please book early. Held at Tandanya - 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: Kate Greenshields on (08) 8224 3202 or (08) 8224 3222 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.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 19 June:** Indigenous Leadership Program - calling for registrations. This program leads Indigenous people to bigger actions and opportunities. It helps emerging and potential leaders on their journey to stronger leadership, which will build stronger families and stronger communities. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, men and young people over 18 years old are encouraged to apply. Leadership program starts 1 July 2009-30 June 2010. FAHCSIA will arrange and pay travel and accommodation costs. Details: 1800 249 873 or email [indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:indigenousleadership@fahcsia.gov.au) or visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

**Until 19 July:** BITE - Recent additions to the Flinders University Art Museum Collection. This exhibition is focusing on printmaking, photography and digital imaging. Including works by artists Brenda L Croft, Michael Riley, Denis Nona, Jonathan Jones, Darren Siwes, Leah King Smith, Fiona Foley, Terry Ngamandara Wilson and more. All welcome. Held at Flinders University Art Museum, Sturt Rd, Bedford Park. Details: (08) 8201 2695 or email [Museum@flinders.edu.au](mailto:Museum@flinders.edu.au) or visit [www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum](http://www.flinders.edu.au/artmuseum)

**Until 21 June:** Children of the Empire Photographic Exhibition. This exhibition will present images of childhood and community life at Point Pearce in the 1950s, including football and basketball teams, picnics, schoolwork and play. It will bring back memories and provide the opportunity to 'meet' well-known Nungas when they were children. Held at Tandanya, National Aboriginal Cultural Institute Inc, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email [tandanya@tandanya.com.au](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**Until 26 June:** Human Rights in Australia - Online Forum. The Australian Government is running an online community consultation on human rights and responsibilities. By leaving a comment on this forum, you are communicating directly with the Committee and your views will be considered in their final report to the Australian Government. Open until 5pm. Details: Sally Rose on (02) 8303 2420 or (0433) 324 699 or email [srose@openforum.com.au](mailto:srose@openforum.com.au) or visit [www.openforum.com.au](http://www.openforum.com.au)

**Until 26 June:** HOPE Indigenous Children Exhibition. This is an exhibition of artworks by Indigenous children from



Children at the Thullii Dreaming camps near Cessnock learn about their culture and are taught skills, including throwing boomerangs.

## Camp for children to connect with culture

**N**EW South Wales Aboriginal-owned and-operated business Thullii Dreaming will kick off regular cultural camps next month.

The camps will take place at Wollombi, in the Hunter Valley, where Thullii Dreaming regularly conducts cultural day tours/camps and training.

Thullii Dreaming owner Sharon Williams said the two-night camps would cater to children aged 5-16 years and would involve participation in Aboriginal cultural activities, bush tucker, visits to caves and engraving sites, story-telling around the campfire, special guest speakers and more.

"As a result of many inquiries and requests from government departments,

including the Department of Community Services for cultural activities such as camps for children, we have decided to offer these camps on a regular basis", Ms Williams said.

"The children will learn a lot about themselves and their culture attending a camp, and will take a lot away to share with their families."

She said the camps were fully supervised by staff with 12 years' experience conducting cultural camps and there would be a limit of 30 participants per camp to ensure children get the most from the activities provided.

For more information visit [www.thullii.com.au](http://www.thullii.com.au)

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 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)

**Until 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)

**Until 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. Abstudly 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)

**3-5 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)

**4-6 and 12-13 June:** 'The Riot Act' Art Exhibition. This is a poetic investigation into the forces and opinions that shape communities experiencing social unrest. Originally inspired by media headlines that followed three highly publicised riots in NSW, The Riot Act is a study of Sydney's urban warfare and its stark, oppressive landscapes where boredom and inert restlessness waits to be ignited into hysteria. All welcome. Held at Campbelltown Arts Centre, Cnr Camden and Appin Rds, Campbelltown, from 8pm

onwards. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or email [artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.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 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. 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, 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)

**5 June:** University of Western Sydney 2009 Yarramundi Lecture. This is a public event that has been considered as an important and unique opportunity for the university's community to embrace Indigenous education and support reconciliation. Michele Hall, Director of Aboriginal Education with the NSW Department of Education and Training, will feature as the guest speaker sharing her insights into pathways to higher education for Indigenous students. A light lunch will be provided. All welcome. Held at the University of Western Sydney, Narellan Road, Campbelltown from 12.30-2pm. Details: Danielle Roddick on (02) 9678 7086 or (0414) 308 701 or call (02) 9678 7883 or visit [www.uws.edu.au/about/news](http://www.uws.edu.au/about/news)

**7 June:** Cultural Celebration at Warriparinga. There will be live music, traditional food, dance, art and craft, children and family activities, recreation activities and traditional canoe making. All welcome. Held at Kaurna Cultural Centre, Warriparinga Way, Bedford Park from 11am-5pm. Details: (08) 8357 5900.

**12-14 June:** 'Coming Together' Aboriginal Art Exhibition. This is an opportunity to showcase the talents of emerging Indigenous artists, including some work by our own talented students. The funds raised by the college from the exhibition will go into our Indigenous Fund to support current and future students. Opening by ABC Radio journalist Deborah Cameron and include an Indigenous performance. Held at Saint Scholastica's College, Glebe. Details: Sandra Payn on (02) 9660 2622 or email [spayn@scholastica.nsw.edu.au](mailto:spayn@scholastica.nsw.edu.au)

**19 June:** Brungle Safe and Healthy Family Expo. The day will celebrate Brungle's fourth birthday and will enable different agencies and community organisations to provide information and promote the services available in our community to support our families. Activities include face painting, registrations and

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engraving of bikes, hearing checks, stalls, survey, free healthy lunch and more. Held at Brungle Health and Community Centre, Bray St, Brungle, from 11am-3pm. Free entry and all welcome. Details: (02) 6944 9036 or Judy Reid on (0427) 185 075 or email [brungle.admin@rivmed.org](mailto:brungle.admin@rivmed.org)

**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)

**26-29 June:** 2009 Alice Springs Beanie Festival Exhibition 'Testing the Fibre: Ancient techniques and new ideas'. The Beanie Festival is where the mayhem and the thrill of the beanie chase takes place with thousands of beanies on display and for sale. Beanies, baskets, Indigenous spinning, free workshops, beanie olympics and more. There are 13 different beanie categories to go under. Prizes up for grabs. All welcome. Held in Alice Springs. Details: (08) 8952 4417 or email [terracraftsp@octa4.net.au](mailto:terracraftsp@octa4.net.au) or visit [www.beaniefest.org](http://www.beaniefest.org)

**1 July:** Coming of the Light Festival. The Coming of the Light Festival commemorates the arrival of the London Missionary Society in the Torres Strait in 1871 introducing Christianity to the region. The event is celebrated through religious and cultural ceremonies. Details: (07) 4069 0700 or toll free 1800 079 093 or email [info@tsra.gov.au](mailto:info@tsra.gov.au)

**2-4 July:** 'The Riot Act' Art Exhibition. This is a poetic investigation into the forces and opinions that shape communities experiencing social unrest. Originally inspired by media headlines that followed three highly publicised riots in NSW, The Riot Act is a study of Sydney's urban warfare and it stark, oppressive landscapes where boredom and inert restlessness waits to be ignited into hysteria. All welcome. Held at Blacktown Arts Centre, 78 Flushcombe Rd, Blacktown from 7.30pm onwards. Details: (02) 9839 6558 or email [artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artscentre@blacktown.nsw.gov.au)

**4 July:** Bankstown NAIDOC Day. Come and enjoy a day out with family and friends. There will be face painting, barbecue, midnight riders, croc star, jumping castle, giveaways, kids performances, dancers and more. All welcome. Held at Paul Keating Park, Bankstown, from 11am-3pm. Details: Anna or Shareen on (02) 9796 2931 or email [cdo@bcrg.org.au](mailto:cdo@bcrg.org.au) or visit [www.bankstown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bankstown.nsw.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)

**6 July:** Lismore NAIDOC Family Day. This year the event has a strong focus on honouring our Elders, nurturing our youth. There's a number of activities available for

children such as train rides, Old McDonald's Farm, face painting, jumping castle, roving clown/balloon artists and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Heritage Park and across to Riverside Park, Molesworth Street, Lismore from 10am-2pm. Details: Lee-Ann Emzin on (02) 6625 0432 or (0427) 929 893.

**8 July:** Kids in Community Awards Night. Held at Lismore Workers Club. Details: (02) 6624 4053 or email

accommodation, meals and activities. Numbers are limited so book early. Held at Wollombi, in the Hunter Valley 35 km from Cessnock. Details: Sharon Williams on (02) 9675 5678 or (0438) 364 829 or email [thullii@thullii.com.au](mailto:thullii@thullii.com.au) visit [www.thullii.com.au](http://www.thullii.com.au)

**4 August:** National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. This year's theme, Good Child Protection - We Do It Better Together, acknowledges that families,



Children play a key part in Garma Festival activities.

## Garma Festival is coming in August

**THE** Garma Festival of traditional culture 09 is on 7-11 August. The festival is a nationally significant, intimate, spectacular celebration of cultural traditions and practices that include dance, song, music, and art (including presentations, collaborations, sales).

It is the annual venue for a major

key forum on Indigenous issues.

The Key Forum theme this year is 'Creative Industries'.

The festival is held at Gulkula, in north-east Arnhem Land.

Details are available on (08) 8941 2900 or from 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)

[info@kic.com.au](mailto:info@kic.com.au) or visit [www.kic.com.au](http://www.kic.com.au)

**10 July:** Brisbane NAIDOC Family Fun Day. The festival has grown with over 16,000 people attending and includes over 100 stalls celebrating Australia's culture and heritage, traditional and contemporary dancers and performances across three stages, elders and delegates lounge, free kids rides and activities, fashion parades, Bonyeburra Art Exhibition and more. Founded by Auntie Joan Collins. All welcome. Held at Musgrave Park, Brisbane, from 9am-5pm. Details: Trevarne on (07) 3846 5700 or (0422) 990 568 or Natalie on (0434) 545 475 or visit [www.musgravepark.org.au](http://www.musgravepark.org.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 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)

**19-26 July:** School Holiday cultural camps. The three two-day camps for children aged 5-16 years include cultural workshops and activities, site visits into National Parks, Aboriginal dances and performances, tours, guest speakers and presenters and more. Cost \$225 a person includes transport from Sydney,

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)

**25-26 August:** Linking Indigenous Policy with Service Delivery 2009 Driving outcomes to Close the Gap. This is your chance to hear Desley Boyle MP, Minister for Local Government and Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, discuss her thoughts

on using a whole-of-government approach to build new partnerships with Indigenous Australians. Guest speakers include Tom Calma, Robert Fitzgerald, Kenneth Wyatt, Vicki Wade, Andrew Clarkson and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at Novotel Cairns Oasis Resort, Cairns. Details: 1300 316 882 or visit [www.indigenous-policy.com](http://www.indigenous-policy.com)

**31 August-6 September:** Retta Dixon reunion. This is a reunion for former residents of the Ritta Dixon Home in Darwin that was established 1946 and closed 1980. If residents from this home have any old photos, we would appreciate the use of them temporarily. If you would like to attend, please call with your name, address, travel and accommodation needs. Held in Darwin. Details: Valerie Day on (08) 8927 0527 or Debbie on (08) 8927 0203.

**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 2-3 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

**6-7 October:** 'Kore Pitalkoba' fifth National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Male Health Convention. 'Kore Pitalkoba' 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) 245 597 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)





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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: Kerriot 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 Gluinkong & 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 &  
Wookalnorn/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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Application Forms and Policy & Guidelines are available from:

Civic Centre (Glen Waverley), Oakleigh Service Centre, Council's Libraries, or visit [www.monash.vic.gov.au](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au) and [www.monash.vic.gov.au/macd](http://www.monash.vic.gov.au/macd)

Application Enquires:

Community Grants: 03 9518 3531 or 03 9518 3649 Arts Grants: 03 9518 3569

Please attend one Information Session and one Application Writing Workshop

DATE	TIME	SESSION	VENUE
15 June 2009	1.00pm - 2.00pm	Arts Grants	City of Monash, Civic Centre. Function Room, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley
	2.00pm - 3.00pm	Community Grants	
17 June 2009	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Arts Grants	Monash Seminar & Training Centre, 1a Atherton Road, Oakleigh
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Community Grants	
23 June 2009	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Application writing workshop	Monash Seminar & Training Centre, 1a Atherton Road, Oakleigh
23 July 2009	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Application writing workshop	City of Monash, Civic Centre. Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, 293 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

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# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

# Percy finds course a rush



Graduating from the Indigenous Power Line and Distribution course on 22 May were, front from left, Percy Gordon, Gregory McGrath, Stan Towell and Daniel Stewart and, back from left, Alywn Kelly, Craig Jeffery, Matthew Saunders, Raygan Hermes and Sean Freeman.



FOR 30-year-old Percy Gordon, of Woodcroft in western Sydney, the best thing about training to be a linesman was the constant adrenaline rush.

Percy was one of nine Indigenous participants who recently graduated from an eight-week Indigenous pre-employment course in power line distribution at Chullora TAFE.

"Time flies when you're having fun," he said. "It's the whole adrenalin of it all. Up and down poles, drilling holes in poles, re-wiring at a height, the climbing aspect."

"But in saying that, not forgetting your safety measures either."

Before starting the course, the father of three young daughters, with a son on the way, said he wasn't doing much outside of the home.

"I was basically looking after my kids," he said.

Then he attended a seminar in Parramatta which was where he

met Pru Keegan, a senior consultant with recruitment organisation Alliance People Solutions.

The rest just fell into place, Percy said.

Now he's got his sights firmly set on a job in the industry.

Percy said he'd like to get a job with electricity distributor and retailer Integral Energy because they cover the western suburbs of Sydney.

Pru said the course was the first full Indigenous program Alliance had run in partnership with South Western Sydney TAFE, the Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) and with local support from other Job Network members.

It included training in electrotechnology, health and safety, distribution powerline safety practices, basic rigging techniques and first aid.

Pru said the call for the course came from an industry that needed to find dedicated line-workers who wanted to stay in line distribution and who could

confidently work on power poles and understand the importance of health and safety.

The course was to cover a 'day in the life of' a power line worker and could lead into a range of areas in different electrical sectors, she said.

Training was completed at the new pole farm on-site at Chullora.

"Participants underwent real life simulation of what the role entails and what the physical requirements are for the position," she said.

"The nine participants that graduated are keen to pursue a career as a linesman, and were able to ask industry representatives about the opportunities within their companies."

Percy said teacher Graham Dead had been 'fantastic', with a relaxed approach and a calm nature.

"His teachings, you could grasp them better," he said.

"If he hadn't been laid-back I don't think we would have learned so much."



Percy Gordon during the course ... "It's the whole adrenalin of it all. Up and down poles, drilling holes in poles, re-wiring at a height, the climbing aspect."

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If you are keen to join a professional team providing high quality customer service in a fast paced environment and have a genuine interest in meeting the needs of customers, then you may be the right person for this position.

Future career development pathways and opportunities are possible across the Centrelink organisation.

We require people who meet the following criteria:

- A customer focussed attitude that is conducive to delivering optimum customer service;
- An excellent telephone manner and rapport;
- Ability to problem solve and deal with complex customer enquiries;
- Computer literacy (Windows) and intermediate keyboard skills;
- Willingness to work in a busy and challenging environment;
- Strong team skills

Call Centre experience is not essential however customer service experience will be viewed favourably. Comprehensive training will be provided.

Applicants must hold Australian citizenship, successfully complete a police records clearance prior to commencement and successfully complete a medical clearance if engaged as an ongoing employee.

If engaged as a non-ongoing employee there will be a 12 month contract, with the possibility of permanency.

These positions are in a broadband incorporating APS 3 and APS 4 classifications. Successful applicants will be paid initially at the APS 3 classification level and will undertake training. Advancement to the APS 4 classification level is subject to certain criteria. The salary range for the APS 3 classification is \$46,377 - \$57,000. The salary range for the APS 4 classification is \$51,686 - \$66,000. Commencing salary will be in accordance with the applicant's skills, knowledge and experience. Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

To Apply:

Please proceed to our website [www.ipa.com.au](http://www.ipa.com.au) Under the Job Search heading, please enter the job reference number 6011C2002837698LUN and complete the application as requested. Applicants are encouraged to apply online; however alternatively you can call (08) 9463 1999 between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday - Friday WST, should you not have access to internet.

Applications close 5pm Friday 5th June 2009.

Centrelink is committed to workplace diversity and encourages applications from Indigenous Australians, people of non-English speaking background and people with disability.

For selection documentation and more information about working at Centrelink, visit [www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au) and click on Careers

## Community Support Workers Personal Helpers and Mentors Program

- Support clients living in the community!
- Attractive remuneration + salary packaging!
- Family friendly hours + monthly RDO's!

Progressive community organisation New Horizons has an exciting opportunity for Community Support Workers to join their team in Murrumbidgee, as part of the Personal Helpers and Mentors program (PHaMS). If you have qualifications and experience in working with people with mental health issues, this could be the job for you! Enjoy above award wages and salary packaging options, plus training, an RDO each month and family-friendly Monday to Friday working week, as you make a difference in the community!

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

Apply Now: [www.nh.org.au/Job12908](http://www.nh.org.au/Job12908)  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES CORPORATE RECRUITMENT

### ABORIGINAL ASSESSMENT AND SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit, Dillwynia  
Correctional Centre, Berkshire Park  
Permanent Full-Time.

**Vacancy Number:** 09187. Total remuneration package valued at \$77,406 pa including salary range \$63,573 pa to \$70,146 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. An Environmental allowance (currently \$2,316 pa) also applies during occupancy of this position. Working with the Co-ordinator Aboriginal Assessment & Support, Correctional Centre and Community Offender Services staff, and the broader community to assess and support Aboriginal offenders in a culturally sensitive environment.

**Selection Criteria:** Aboriginality. Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment. Experience in case planning management, assessment and support of challenging clients. Demonstrated effective interpersonal and oral communication skills to encourage, influence and negotiate with Aboriginal clients/offenders. Excellent written communication skills and experience in the use of information technology to support client service delivery, including report writing, creation and maintenance of client records and extraction of database information. Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal families, communities and agencies. Knowledge of the criminal justice system and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

**Note:** Aboriginality is a genuine qualification and authorised in terms of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must obtain an information package and address each point of the selection criteria as part of their application.

**Inquiries:** Lena Wotherspoon, ph: (02) 4528 2560.

**Email:** [Lena.Wotherspoon@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Lena.Wotherspoon@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Krista Christensen, (02) 9289 2676.

**Email:** [Krista.Christensen@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Krista.Christensen@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Human Resources Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Department of Corrective Services, GPO Box 31, SYDNEY NSW 2001.

**Closing date:** 19 June, 2009.

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## NSW POLICE FORCE

No smoking in the workplace is Departmental

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.

## ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICER (ACLO)

**Job Classification:** Clerk Grade 3/4 - Permanent Full-Time  
Suburb: Tweed/Byron Local Area Command, TWEED HEADS

**Vacancy Ref:** 09/054

**Salary Package:** \$65,072 **Salary:** \$53,855 - \$58,960

Package includes annual salary, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer (ACLO) is a member of the Local Area Command, Crime Management Team. 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. Applications must address all Selection Criteria as outlined in the advertisement.

**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.
- Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies. Experience in program development / management.
- Effective written and oral communications skills. Experience in word processing or other computer applications.
- Ability to participate in the development of local community strategies.
- Ability to work with minimal supervision.
- Prepared to work shifts on a 24hr rotational basis.
- Prepared to undergo further training and to attend courses appropriate to the position.
- Holder of a current Drivers Licence, with a clear driving record for the past 12 months.

**Inquiries and Information Package:**

Keith Pope on (07) 5536 0945.

**Inquiry Email:** [pope1kei@police.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pope1kei@police.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications marked 'Confidential' to:** Local Area Manager, Tweed/Byron Local Area Command, NSW Police Force, 52 Recreation Street, Tweed Heads NSW 2485.

**Closing Date:** 12/06/2009.

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## CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY

The Indigenous Academic Support Unit, under the direction of the Pro Vice Chancellor, Indigenous Research and Education provides a strategic link between Indigenous education, pathways from secondary education to VET and higher education programs, and regional and remote delivery. Indigenous Academic Support staff implement a range of programs that assist Indigenous students to achieve their academic potential in postgraduate, undergraduate and VET studies.

### Senior Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer

**Vacancy Reference Number:** 190155

Up to 3 year fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin

**Remuneration Package - Academic Level B**

**Base salary of \$66,988 - \$79,550 per annum plus superannuation employer contribution up to 17%.**

**District Allowance may apply. Conditions include 6 weeks annual leave.**

A highly professional and motivated individual with excellent leadership, project management and communications skills is sought to fill the role of the Senior Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer within the IASU. The successful incumbent will be expected to contribute to the provision of executive and leadership support to the Coordinator, IASU on a range of tasks, projects and events. A relevant tertiary qualification is essential and willingness to undertake light travel to remote communities will be considered an advantage.

**Applications Close: 5 June 2009**

### Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer

**Vacancy Reference Number:** 190154

Up to 3 year full time appointment - Located in Darwin

**Remuneration Package - Academic Level A**

**Base salary of \$46,893 - \$63,639 per annum plus superannuation employer contribution up to 17%.**

**District Allowance may apply. Conditions include 6 weeks annual leave.**

The successful incumbent will be expected to provide a high level of support to Indigenous students who are studying in both the higher education and VET sectors. Your understanding of the issues surrounding Indigenous Australians in an academic context, coupled with your excellent communication skills will ensure your success in this role. A relevant tertiary qualification is essential and relevant work experience within an educational institution will be highly regarded.

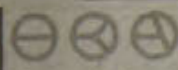
**Applications Close: 5 June 2009**

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE TO APPLY

For further information and to apply for this position please visit [www.cdu.edu.au/vacancies.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/vacancies.html) or phone (08) 8946 6904. Applicants should address the Selection Competencies.

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The Authority is seeking to fill a position of Manager Projects in the Competition, Markets and Electricity Division.

### Manager Projects, Competition, Markets and Electricity Division

Position No: ERA 27014 Level / Salary: Level 7, \$90,727 to \$97,241

This position manages complex projects that have a significant impact on regulated industries. This requires liaison with senior industry representatives, Government and other stakeholders. The position also involves representing the Authority on committees and working parties. This position manages recommendation, determination, decision and public consultation processes.

We are seeking people who have excellent research and evaluation skills, experience in project management, strong conceptual and analytical skills and who are excellent communicators.

The Authority is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applicants from a diverse field. Flexible working arrangements are also offered.

**Application Kits:** Intending applicants should obtain application kits by visiting [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) alternatively, please phone (08) 9213 1900 (during business hours) or email a request quoting the Position Number to [human.resources@era.wa.gov.au](mailto:human.resources@era.wa.gov.au) to obtain an application kit. Candidates are required to address all the selection criteria in their application.

For additional information on the Authority please visit our web site at [www.era.wa.gov.au](http://www.era.wa.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 4:00pm (WST) Monday, 8 June 2009.

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Department of Finance and Deregulation

## Play a vital role at the centre of government

The Department of Finance and Deregulation is a central agency responsible for advising on and implementing many key Government priorities.

We play a vital role in driving forward initiatives which, when in place, will help transform how the Australian Government conducts its business.

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- be a first year full time university student who is completing their undergraduate degree;
- have successfully completed your first semester of 2009;
- be an Australian citizen; and
- be able to obtain a security clearance to the minimum level of 'Protected' depending on the requirements of the Business Group.

Successful candidates will be eligible to receive:

- an annual allowance of \$18,700, paid in fortnightly installments;
- 12 weeks paid work each year (\$37,400 per annum pro rata) in your university vacation breaks, in addition to the above allowance with the opportunity to be paid \$43,000 per annum (pro rata in your third year of study);
- an annual \$1,000 text book allowance; and
- possible payment of a lump sum retention bonus following your first year after completing the Finance Graduate Program.

Applications for the 2009 Scholarship Program will Sunday, 28 June 2009.

To apply for the 2009 Scholarship Program or for further information please go to our website [www.finance.gov.au](http://www.finance.gov.au).

**ELIGIBILITY** Applicants for Australian Public Service positions must be Australian citizens and be prepared to undertake a security clearance.

**DETAILS ABOUT THE VACANCIES AND HOW TO APPLY** Please follow the link to [www.finance.gov.au](http://www.finance.gov.au) and click on the Recruitment tab

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GOULBURN FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE INC  
provides a range of services to disadvantaged families.

## Indigenous Intensive Family Support Position

**12 month project:** Full-time / Part-Time negotiable, Salary SACS (state) Award, Grade 4, Salary Packaging available - car for the position; Goulburn based, outreach to Yass. The position involves working with local community and service system and indigenous families where fathers are incarcerated at Goulburn Correctional Centre. Training and supervision provided. The successful applicant (s) will have a relevant tertiary qualifications and/or extensive experience working with families in crisis.

Applications must address the essential criteria, the position subject to a Working With Children Check and Police check.

Being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a requirement of the position.

Applications close 19th June 2009

Phone 48 222200 or email [admin@gfss.ngo.org.au](mailto:admin@gfss.ngo.org.au) for information package.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE  
**PSYCHOLOGIST**

Nowra Specialist Support Team  
Community Access  
Southern Region  
Nowra or Illawarra

Permanent/Temporary Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-19619

Total remuneration package valued up to \$83,053 per annum (Salary: \$50,631 pa - \$75,263 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team in Disability Services, providing assessment/diagnosis, behaviour intervention and support services for children/adolescents and adults and their families/carers.

### Selection Criteria:

- Minimum four-year degree in Psychology and eligible for registration with the NSW Psychologists Registration Board.
- Demonstrated capacity to provide psychological services to children and adults with intellectual disabilities, including relevant psychometric and functional assessments, behavioural analysis and interventions.
- Ability to compile comprehensive reports and timely program recommendations.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work as a member of a multi-disciplinary specialised team.
- Demonstrated range of clinical intervention skills to assist families of children or adults who have an intellectual disability.
- Knowledge of and ability to implement current methods of evaluating clinical interventions, quality assurance and service review processes.
- Demonstrated computer skills, in Microsoft applications and the use of databases and a current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are two positions, one Permanent Full-Time position which can be located at either Nowra or in the Illawarra by negotiation and one Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 6 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 to be located in Wollongong. A relief register will also be created for future temporary vacancies, including short-term contracts. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Taryn Bracken (02) 4429 4900

### Information Package:

[www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6200 5820

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Recruitment Officer, NSW Businesslink, PO Box 1629, Queanbeyan NSW 2620

**Closing Date:** Friday 12 June 2009

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## Teacher Koori Health Programs

Expressions of interest are invited for staff to deliver training in Koori health programs at BRIT's Bendigo campus. Preferably trainers would be Koori, and have qualifications in Nursing or another health area, and/or culturally specific community services training at Certificate IV level or above. Trainers also need to hold a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment or equivalent or be prepared to commence this within 6 months of starting work with BRIT.

If you require further information contact

Deb Bartels on 03 5434 1494

To apply or for further information

visit [www.britafe.vic.edu.au](http://www.britafe.vic.edu.au) or call 1300 554 248.

BRIT supports and applies Victoria Public Sector Employment Principles



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## CASE MANAGER LEVEL 2 (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Community Access

Metro South Region

Campbelltown & Rosebery

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-19683

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** Provide best practice and specialist case management support services to Aboriginal people with a disability, their families and carers and assist staff to develop and enhance quality and culturally appropriate case management standards.

### SELECTION CRITERIA

- Aboriginality and a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal social, cultural and economic issues.
- Demonstrated evidence in consulting and engaging with Aboriginal communities; and a thorough understanding of the contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal communities and individuals and a capacity to develop local responses to community needs.
- Proven experience in case management for Aboriginal people including complex needs assessments, specialised case planning and intervention strategies.
- Well developed analytical and problem solving skills including the ability to apply legal, ethical, policy and procedural guidelines within the context of service provision.
- Well developed oral and written communication skills including high quality written reports.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively as a member of multidisciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- Degree in a relevant field (eg Social Work) or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
- A current NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** These are permanent full-time positions available in Campbelltown and Rosebery. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must demonstrate they have Aboriginal descent, and identify as Aboriginal, and be accepted as Aboriginal by the Aboriginal community. Eligibility list may be created for future reference. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Narelle Bulmer (02) 4645 6001 or email: [Narelle.Bulmer@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Narelle.Bulmer@dadhc.nsw.gov.au)

### Information Package:

[www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or 1800 185 466

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 12 June 2009

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[www.maarima.com.au](http://www.maarima.com.au)

## MAARI MA HEALTH ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

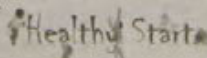
### Improving Aboriginal Health and Closing the Gap

We offer five weeks annual leave, training in chronic disease prevention and management, professional development opportunities and generous salary packaging provisions. Talk to us about our flexible employment packages and family friendly workplaces.

**Healthy Start Program Leader**  
Nurse Manager or Clinical Nurse Consultant  
Child & Family Health Nurse

\$83,590 to \$88,714

Lead the further development and implementation of the Healthy Start Program throughout the Maari Ma Region, building on the current award-winning, innovative, best-practice-based program. Provide advanced-practice clinical guidance to local staff, develop and implement ways of working collaboratively across disciplines and agencies to improve child development and well-being, and program leadership. Includes hands on role working with families.



**Primary Health  
Care Nurse**

\$47,580 to \$66,825

Our service is expanding and new positions have been created for Registered Nurses to work both at the Primary Health Care Service in Broken Hill and providing outreach services within the region. It is an exciting opportunity to join the team and play a key role in the implementation of the Keeping Well program focusing on the case management of clients with chronic disease care plans.



To apply, you will need to obtain an application package.

Please contact Danika Tonna 08 8062 9815 or [DTonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DTonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Applications close

25 June 2009

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy and working with children checks are required prior to appointment.

Please direct any queries for further information as follows:

Healthy Start Program Leader: Contact Cathy Dyer telephone 08 8062 9832 or

email [CDyer@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:CDyer@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)

Primary Health Care Nurse: Contact Margaret-Ann Cook, telephone 8062 9777 or email

[MCook@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:MCook@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au)



## Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator

**Ref 9143** Flinders University recognises the importance of developing and implementing measures to provide equal opportunities for Indigenous Australians. The Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator will ensure the effective operation and promotion of the University's Employment Strategy for Indigenous Australians (ESIA).

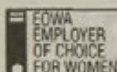
Pursuant to Section 65 of the EO Act 1984 (SA) as amended, applications are invited from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples only.

- Location: Human Resources Division
- Initially available on a fixed-term basis until December 2010, full-time or part-time (minimum fraction 60%)
- Salary (HEO6): \$56 059 to \$59 872 pa (full-time)
- Plus 9% employer superannuation
- Applications close: Monday, 15 June 2009

Full details including how to apply on-line can be found at our Jobs@Flinders website: <http://www.flinders.edu.au/employment>

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## INDIGENOUS FAMILY VIOLENCE LEGAL OUTREACH UNIT (IFVLOU)

### Solicitor

- 38HRS/WEEK
- Salary \$60,340 (inclusive leave loading, Superannuation)
- Salary Sacrifice is available

IFVLOU is a community legal centre, based in Townsville that delivers an outreach legal and counselling service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women, children, men and family members who have been affected by family violence and sexual assault. The service operates in the communities of Palm Island, Charters Towers, Hughenden and Richmond.

You will be required to:

- 2yrs Post admission experience
- Provide legal advice and court representation to victims of family violence & other related areas of law.
- Conduct legal education workshops
- Prepare Legal Briefs and oral/written submissions relating to Family Law matters
- Travel remote court circuits
- Work as part of a multi-disciplinary team

Applicants must address the selection criteria to obtain a copy of the Selection Criteria, please contact Cheryl 07 47243 666. APPLICATIONS CLOSE on 12th June 2009

## Beryl Women Inc. Canberra

Beryl Women Inc. is a service dedicated to supporting women & children who are escaping domestic/family violence.

If you have a genuine desire to work with people from a wide range of backgrounds, then Beryl has some exciting and rewarding opportunities for you. We have a number of permanent (32 hours) and relief positions for enthusiastic women with life experiences who are committed to eliminating domestic/family violence in our community.

### Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Support Worker Position

(Permanent 32 hours per week)  
Community Sector Multi Business Agreement  
(Australian Capital Territory)  
Grade 4.1 - 5.4

### Administration Worker

(Permanent 24 hours per week)  
Community Sector Multi Business Agreement  
(Australian Capital Territory)  
Grade 3.1 to 3.4

Beryl offers excellent professional development opportunities & remuneration packages to the right applicants.

An information package including details on how to apply is available by phoning (02) 62475689 or email to: [beryl\\_women@bigpond.com](mailto:beryl_women@bigpond.com)

Applications close: 5.00pm Friday, 19/6/09  
Beryl Women Inc. is funded through the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP).

Aboriginality and being female is a genuine occupational requirement and is authorised under Section 14 under the Anti discrimination Act 1977.

Appropriate Police checks will be conducted. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a "working with children" check and Police criminal record check.

## CASUAL DISABILITY SUPPORT & PERSONAL CARE WORKERS

Several positions | Respite & Attendant Care

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Several opportunities exist in Bargo, Bowral, Campbelltown, Narellan, Penrith and Silverdale areas. This is an excellent opportunity to work for an expanding organisation with access to ongoing training to foster your professional development.

If you have a desire to facilitate the independence of people with disabilities within their homes and/or respite houses this could be the role for you. If you have a Drivers Licence, Senior First Aid Certificate, a commitment to OH&S policies & procedures, and have experience within the disability field, aged care or working with people with high support needs, you are encouraged to apply.

Download info pack | [www.disabilitytrust.org.au](http://www.disabilitytrust.org.au)

Enquiries | 02 4255 8055

Applications close | 12 June 2009



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC

## Recruiting Aboriginal Carers for Aboriginal kids from Grafton to Tweed Heads

Ngunya Jarjum is looking for Aboriginal people from Grafton to Tweed Heads, who are interested in caring for Aboriginal children 0 - 17 years old.

If you feel you can offer kids:

- Warm, nurturing environment
- Support and encouragement
- A positive outlook
- Help them feel good about themselves

Then you're the person we are looking for

It doesn't matter if you are married or single.

It doesn't matter if you don't have kids of your own.

Ngunya Jarjum offers Carers' ongoing training and support. Our aim is to provide adequate and culturally appropriate long-term, short-term and respite/voluntary care for Aboriginal children within the Bundjalung Nation.

We are available to talk to you at any time that is suitable to you!!

"The children of today are our future.

If we can't instill hope in them now,

then what hope do we have for the future?"

Please call us on (02) 6662 8044

for a package and further information.



THE AUSTRALIAN FIRST NATIONS ACADEMY FOR CULTURAL FAMILY THERAPY & COUNSELLING LTD

## Are you a Community Services Worker? Do you have a passion for helping our people? Do you want a qualifications that are recognised against national standards?

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The Australian First Nations Academy (AFNA) is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that has based its Curriculum on Aboriginal ideology and the cultural context of Rural, Remote and Urban First Nation's peoples, inclusive of western ideology, mainstream practices, and processes in service delivery. To ensure that all graduating students are suitable for employment from remote communities to the government.

Students are given support through individual and group tutoring sessions. Qualified professional counselling is available to those who wish to access the counselling program by appointment.

AFNA provides students with a relaxed and supportive learning environment which offers you access to resources, a library and internet facilities as tools that assist you in your learning. All courses on offer are full-time Abstudy approved, delivered in block mode format.

## On offer in August 2009 Certificate IV - Community Services Vocational Graduate Diploma in Community Services

If interested contact the Programs Department Staff to obtain your student prospective and enrolment applications kit.

Danielle Prior - Community Services Training Programs

Administration Officer - (07) 4032 5555

Your completed Applications can be sent to:

Dallas Hure - Programs Department Community Services

Training Manager

PO Box 905M, MANUNDA QLD CAIRNS 4870

P. 07 4032 5555 E. [Dallas.hure@afna.com.au](mailto:Dallas.hure@afna.com.au)

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## Assistant Project Officer, Support

Clerk Grade 3/4, Parramatta, Sydney, Permanent position,  
Job Reference No AHO09/134  
Salary Package \$65,072, Salary Start \$53,855, Salary End \$58,960

**Job Description:** The Assistant Project Officer, Support works in the Policy Branch to provide executive support and administration services.

**Job Notes:** Applicants should obtain an information package for full details of the role and must address the selection criteria outlined in the advertisement.

### Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes and the socio-economic position of Aboriginal people and of their impact in relation to housing.
- Proven capacity in providing secretarial, administrative and support services, preferably gained in a community service provider environment with a demonstrated commitment to quality customer service.
- Demonstrated ability to be pro-active, diplomatic and to analyse sensitive issues and maintain confidentiality.
- Well developed communication, interpersonal, public relations and customer service skills including writing skills.
- Excellent organising and self-management skills; ability to successfully complete several tasks concurrently; set work priorities and maintain attention to detail.
- Demonstrated ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of an organisation-wide, multi-disciplinary team.
- Experience using computer applications and database systems, and support activities with the ability to develop PC based databases, spreadsheets and related applications.

**Inquiries:** Claire Croumbie-Brown or email: [Claire.croumbie-brown@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Claire.croumbie-brown@aho.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Margaret Pires on (02) 8836 9413 or email: [Margaret.Pires@aho.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Margaret.Pires@aho.nsw.gov.au)

Applicants should obtain an information package for full details of the role and must address the selection criteria outlined in the advertisement.

**Applications:** Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Housing Office PO Box W5, Parramatta 2150 Fax: (02) 9635 7695 or email: [recruitment@ahoservicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahoservicefirst.nsw.gov.au)

Closing Date: 12 June 2009

## Research Assistant

NTSCORP Ltd is a professional body funded by the Commonwealth Government to perform the functions of a Native Title Representative Body pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993. The primary work of NTSCORP is to assist Aboriginal people of New South Wales in the appropriate protection and enforcement of their native title rights and interests in their lands and waters.

NTSCORP is seeking to fill the position of Research Assistant which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales.

### The Research Assistant will have:

1. Excellent research skills, particularly in the social sciences, although any discipline will be considered;
2. Knowledge of land tenure in NSW and a knowledge of the workings of the NSW Land Titles Office and methods of tenure research;
3. Ability to meet strict statutory and other deadlines;
4. Knowledge of the native title processes under the Native Title Act 1993;
5. Communication skills including skills in a cross cultural context, particularly in New South Wales;
6. A strong commitment to a co-operative work place and in a team-oriented environment; and
7. a valid driver's licence

The salary range is \$35,000 to \$51,000 (plus superannuation) depending on skills and experience. An attractive Fringe Benefits plan is also included in the package.

All applications MUST address the selection criteria specifically which can be obtained by contacting Heidi Aben on 02 9310 3188. Any initial enquiries about the position can be directed to Ken Lum on 02 9310 3188.

Applications should be directed to:-

The Chief Executive Officer

NTSCORP Limited,

PO Box 2105

Strawberry Hills, NSW, 2012

Applications must be received by 5 June, 2009.



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## Project Officer, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Network

### Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research)

Salary range: \$62,988 - \$68,241 (pro rata) per annum

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This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander role under sections 45 and 125 of the Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991.

Closes: 19 June 2009

Reference: OVC0231/09

#### To Apply:

- 1 | Go to <http://www.griffith.edu.au/griffith-jobs> for further information on the position and selection criteria or phone 07 3735 4010 if you do not have internet access.
- 2 | Follow the specific application process for that position.
- 3 | Applications must be lodged electronically. All applications will be acknowledged.



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## District CEO Torres Strait

Queensland Health is committed to the delivery of best practice health services to all sectors of the Queensland community. An opportunity exists to play a leadership role in improving indigenous health outcomes in one of the State's more remote locations. Reporting directly to the Director-General, Queensland Health, the District CEO Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Health Service District (TSNPHSD) is accountable through an annual performance agreement for the effective operations of the District to ensure optimal levels of health service and patient care are delivered. Specific responsibilities include:

- Managing the delivery of public sector health services in the District.
- Ensuring the available resources are used effectively and efficiently, including managing expenditure within agreed budget parameters, and managing and maintaining the physical assets of the District (buildings, equipment etc).
- Ensuring effective community engagement strategies, including clinician involvement, are in place so the District can effectively respond to local health service needs and expectations.
- Ensuring sound governance and patient safety systems and procedures are in place.
- Developing and implementing a workforce strategy that recognises the cultural and geographic diversity of the District and supports staff in meeting the unique challenges of the District and encourages flexible and innovative workforce solutions.

As the District CEO you will have sound knowledge of complex service delivery environments, outstanding strategic capability and a strong business focus. You will be an exceptional leader and manager of people with the capacity to draw together all the service elements necessary to deliver quality indigenous health outcomes. You will also have a sound understanding of indigenous culture and have the interpersonal skills and cultural sensitivity necessary to engage effectively with all sectors of the District community.

Please refer to the Role Description for further details.

Remuneration will be negotiated.

Please quote **Job Ad Reference: H09EA04416** when applying for this role.

If you are not a current Queensland Health employee, a criminal history check will be conducted if you are recommended for the role.

**For more details please contact:** Russ Wilde on 0411 510 921 or email: [russ\\_wilde@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:russ_wilde@health.qld.gov.au)

**Application kit including Role Description:** (07) 3136 5604 or On-line: [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 15 June 2009.

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## CHARLES DARWIN UNIVERSITY



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The NAILSMA Carbon Abatement Project is pursuing opportunities for Indigenous people to participate in the Emissions Trading Scheme using strategic fire management on Indigenous lands to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It is anticipated that the Carbon Abatement Project will also have significant biodiversity conservation outcomes as well as social, cultural and economic outcomes for Indigenous people in remote communities.

### Administration Officer

Vacancy Reference Number: 190/146

Up to 1 year fixed term full time appointment - Located in Darwin

**Remuneration Package - HEW Level 4**

Base Salary of \$42,542 to \$45,315 per annum plus superannuation employer contribution up to 9%. District Allowance may apply. Conditions include 6 weeks annual leave.

The Administration Officer is responsible for providing high-level administrative assistance to the Carbon Abatement Project team as well as general administration support to the alliance staff in its Darwin office. The position will provide relevant support to the Carbon Manager, Operations Manager, Finance Officer and the NAILSMA team as required.

**Applications Close: 10 June 2009**

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**For further information and to apply for this position please visit  
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### Improving Aboriginal Health and Closing the Gap

This is an opportunity to take the lead in an innovative and progressive regional health organisation making a significant contribution to the health and life outcomes of Aboriginal peoples within the region of far west NSW.

## Chief Executive Officer

In this position, Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Maari Ma is a multi-award winning organisation proud of our recent achievements in the National Indigenous Governance Awards (2005), the Minister's and Director General Awards in the NSW Aboriginal Health Awards (2007) and the National Excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Award (2007). We have strong partnerships and strategic alliances in developing and delivering primary health services focusing on chronic disease prevention and management, child development and well being, expanding social and community programs, supported by a workforce development plan and actively partnering in relevant research programs.

The attractive and substantial remuneration package reflects the importance of the Chief Executive Officer in leading and directing the organisation to stay at the forefront of Indigenous health.

**For more information about Maari Ma and our strategic vision, please view our website and see the Annual Report 2008, Strategic Plan 2008 - 2013, the Chronic Disease Strategy and other publications at [www.maarima.com.au](http://www.maarima.com.au)**

To obtain a position description and application package, please contact Danika Tonna 08 8082 9815 or [DTonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:DTonna@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au). For further enquiries please contact William Johnstone, telephone 08 8082 9815. Applications close 26 June 2009.

Maari Ma has a smoke free health care workplace policy and a working with children check is required prior to appointment.

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#### Eligibility

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#### How to Apply

Applications are available online from [www.jobs.act.gov.au](http://www.jobs.act.gov.au) and will close 5pm Monday, 29 June 2009.

#### For More Information

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# REBUILDING FUTURES

## Indigenous Youth Strategy Facilitator - Moruya

This position offers a unique opportunity for a highly motivated and committed person to work with young Indigenous people in the Eurobodalla and Bega Valley Shires. The Facilitator, with guidance and assistance of the Indigenous Youth Strategy Support Group, will work with Indigenous Youth in the region in order to improve short, medium and long-term education and employment outcomes. Throughout the one year term of the project, you will source and co-ordinate access to cultural, recreational and educational activities in the region.

You will be a member of the Campbell Page Indigenous Services Division located in Moruya. The Community Services Area Manager will provide day-to-day assistance and support.

You will be required to work some weekends (with time off in lieu) and will travel extensively throughout both Shires.

**Details:** A salary of \$59,819 per annum will be offered plus superannuation. You will have access to a leased vehicle, mobile phone and lap top computer to enable you to work effectively in the field. We strongly urge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

**Applications:** To apply for this position you will need a copy of the information package including selection criteria which can be obtained from: [www.campbellpage.com.au](http://www.campbellpage.com.au)

**Closing Date:** 30 June 2009

*It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Criminal Record and Working with Children Checks will be conducted.*

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## ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

### Chief Executive Officer

The Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a not-for-profit organisation managed by Aboriginal people that specialises in placing and mentoring Aboriginal people into employment to help build change in their families and communities, we help people live their dreams.

The AES is the vehicle for Corporate Australia to engage Aboriginal people; we are the link between business and the Aboriginal community. Our corporate partners include some of Australia's largest companies as well as local businesses in your community.

The successful candidate will be full time based at the Corporate Office, Glebe.

**Job Description:** The Chief Executive Officer will lead and coordinate the executive team in managing the AES to deliver its vision and help provide strategic direction and leadership skills required to provide a quality employment outcome, GTO and RTO training related services to Aboriginal people. The Chief Executive Officer reports directly to the Chairman and Board.

As the Chief Executive Officer you will be able to demonstrate a high level of leadership, managerial, people and financial skills, combined with the ability to position the organisation to achieve its corporate objectives in a challenging and changing environment. An understanding of Government processes and a demonstrated experience in dealing with Government contracts are essential. Proven capabilities in delivering outcomes are essential (walking the talk).

More important is the passion and commitment and the determination to make a difference and to bring strong management and people skills and a listening and innovative approach to supporting the leadership team of the AES.

#### Key Duties and Responsibilities

- Responding to the market challenges and opportunities and explore, analyse and implement a range of new, whilst building on sustainable business innovation across the organisation;
- Coordinating with the executive team, corporate governance, strategic planning and risk management requirements and day to day business;
- Helping build passion and commitment, mentoring and developing the team of the AES
- Lead business development and executive training
- Developing and growing the business through strategic planning providing business & staff leadership
- You will provide a consultative approach & lead by example in facilitating the business direction & growth
- A confident, open and consultative leader with a reputation for building collaborative team environments
- Fully understand the concept of flat management structures, constant communications both internally & externally and the ability to listen and manage up, not down.

#### Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

##### Essential Criteria

- Aboriginality
- Experience in a senior executive position role
- Ability to manage Profit & Loss across a variety of business areas
- Ability to manage financial management reports
- Ability to manage budget forecasts
- Excellent leadership and people management skills
- Solid understanding of the employment industry
- Proven ability to achieve consistent growth and profitability
- Experience in managing an Aboriginal company
- Extensive experience in organisational management, strategic planning, policy development and financial management
- Demonstrated leadership skills as evidenced by achievement of business goals and strategies
- High level oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated achievement in negotiating, networking and consulting with a wide range of people and organisations
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in business management.

An attractive salary package commensurate with the responsibilities of the position will be negotiated with the successful applicant.

**Applications close Friday 19th June**

For further information or to apply, please call Shavaun Chapman on 02 8571 0999 or email: [shavaun.chapman@aes.org.au](mailto:shavaun.chapman@aes.org.au).

## Careers @ Justice

### KOORI CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER

\$38,235 - \$49,101 plus superannuation Position No DJ7424

As the Koori Customer Service Officer you will play a role in improving the Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages capacity to meet the needs of Indigenous Victorians, through participation in the Indigenous Access Project in 2009.

Working as part of a team, you will provide a point of contact in the Registry for enquiries and applications from Kooris and their representatives. You will also assist in the delivery of the community visiting component of the Indigenous Access Project.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)

Closing date for applications is 9th June 2009

[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

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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.

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Drug & Alcohol Clinical Services, Taree  
Temp Full Time to June, 2011 Position No: 63276  
Enquiries: William Robertson, (02) 6592 9916.  
Closing Date: 19 June 2009.

#### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Maitland  
Perm Part Time, 32 hpw Position No: 63446  
Enquiries: Heather Mann, (02) 4939 2377.  
Closing Date: 26 June 2009.

#### FOR BOTH POSITIONS:

The above positions are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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### Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation



#### 1 Mental Health Project Officer

#### 2 Improving Care for Aboriginal Patients (ICAP)

VACCHO represents 24 Aboriginal Community Controlled Health organisations around Victoria (VACCHO Members). VACCHO's primary principles of operation are community control and self determination of health service provision to Aboriginal people in Victoria.

In addition, VACCHO is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and is funded to deliver courses to Aboriginal Health Workers in Victoria. The Health and Wellbeing Programs Team has two vacancies.

#### 1. ICAP Project Officer

Aboriginal Liaison, Access and Policy staff are employed within acute areas of health services across the state under the ICAP program. The ICAP Project Officer will provide support and co-ordination for staff who work in this area. The position will also assist the agency and its affiliate members as well as mainstream health systems to improve its capacity to strategically respond to issues around acute hospital care for Aboriginal health treatment. Any current and emerging policy and planning developments will also be the focus of this position.

A salary of between \$50,000 and \$54,000 will be negotiated.

#### 2. Mental Health Project Officer

This position provides support and co-ordination for staff who work within the mental health program areas across the state. It will also assist the agency and its affiliate members as well as mainstream health systems to improve the capacity to strategically respond to issues for Aboriginal people around mental health treatment and care. Any current and emerging policy and planning developments will also be a key focus of this position.

A salary of between \$49,000 and \$54,000 will be negotiated.

VACCHO offers generous salary packaging options.

Position descriptions are available on the VACCHO website at [www.vaccho.org.au](http://www.vaccho.org.au)

For further enquiries please contact Nicole Cassar, Health and Wellbeing Team Leader at VACCHO on (03)9419 3350 or email [nicolec@vaccho.org.au](mailto:nicolec@vaccho.org.au).

Please address applications to Sue Harris, HR Officer VACCHO, PO Box 1328, Collingwood, 3066. Electronic applications can be submitted to [sueh@vaccho.org.au](mailto:sueh@vaccho.org.au)

**By Friday 27 June 2009**



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### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(\$55,000-\$65,000 plus car, laptop and other salary packaging negotiable)

The Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council (DLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the DLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

#### The successful applicant will have

- Knowledge and understanding of the ALRA;
- Capacity to interpret and implement legislative requirements;
- Sound communication skills including negotiation, consultation and mediation skills and capacity to prepare reports & submissions;
- Organisational and management experience to effectively lead, direct and manage the DLALC;
- A sound understanding of accounting practices and principles;
- Knowledge and/or appreciation of the cultural, social and economic needs of Aboriginal people;
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues that affect Aboriginal communities, societies and cultures in NSW; and
- A sound understanding of EEO & OH&S requirements.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package and inquiries please contact the DLALC Chairperson Debbie Flower, by email: [debbie.flower@live.com.au](mailto:debbie.flower@live.com.au) or on 0408462948.

Applications can be forwarded to [debbie.flower@live.com.au](mailto:debbie.flower@live.com.au) or marked "Confidential" and posted to:

**The Chairperson**  
Deniliquin Local Aboriginal Land Council  
PO Box 846  
DENILIKUIN NSW 2710

**Applications close Friday 26 June 2009**

*Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.*



**Department of  
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### DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

#### CASE MANAGER LEVEL 3

#### (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 7/8  
Community Access  
Metro South Region  
Campbelltown & Rosebery  
Permanent Full-Time (Various positions)  
Position No: DADHC-09-19662

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:** Provide best practice and specialist case management support services to Aboriginal people with a disability, their families and carers, and assist staff to develop and enhance quality and culturally appropriate case management standards.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality, and a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal social, cultural and economic issues.
- Demonstrated evidence in consulting & engaging with Aboriginal communities; and a thorough understanding of the contemporary issues affecting Aboriginal communities & individuals & a capacity to flexibly develop local responses to community needs.
- Extensive understanding of relevant legislation, policies, standards and delivery of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Extensive case management experience for Aboriginal people with complex needs and experience in initiating and completing specialised intervention strategies.
- Proven capacity to undertake complex investigations and special projects and provide high level advice with regard to the review of policy, procedures and issues identified in the field.
- Proven oral and written communication skills including demonstrated skills in cross-cultural communication and demonstrated experience in writing complex reports, correspondence and case plans.
- Degree in a relevant field (eg Social Work) or equivalent knowledge, skills and experience.
- A current NSW Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** There are various permanent full-time positions available in Campbelltown & Rosebery. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants must demonstrate they have Aboriginal descent, and identify as Aboriginal, and be accepted as Aboriginal by the Aboriginal community. Eligibility list may be created for future reference. Further information about these positions is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Narelle Buimer (02) 4645 6001 or email: [Narelle.Buimer@dadhc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Narelle.Buimer@dadhc.nsw.gov.au)

#### Information package:

[www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers](http://www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers) or 1800 185 466

**Apply on-line:** As per link given in the Information Package

**Closing date:** Friday 12 June 2009



## NSW HEALTH GREATER WESTERN AREA HEALTH SERVICE

### ALLIED HEALTH

#### Lightning Ridge

#### Aboriginal Family Health Worker/ Safe Families Program

TFT (jobshare considered) up to 01/07/14. Salary: Aboriginal Health Education Officer \$40,396-\$68,901 p.a. Recruitment No: GW59814. Enquiries & Application Kit: Sue Burke, (02) 6363 8020 or sue.burke@gwahs.health.nsw.gov.au. Close: 19/06/09.

Being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW). Being female is a genuine occupational qualification for this position as described under Section 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977 (NSW).

Application Kits are also available on our website [www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.gwahs.nsw.gov.au)

We are committed to Equal Employment Opportunity. Ethical Practices, the principles of Cultural Diversity and promote a smoke-free environment. Appropriate criminal record and child protection checks conducted for all positions. All employees (except casuals) are eligible to Salary Package.

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The Central Australian Health Development Service (CAHDS) has an exciting opportunity for a Health Services Educator to join their team in Alice Springs. Within this challenging role, you will explore the region, educating Health Workers in the communities. For location visits, you will have access to a fleet of Toyota 4WD vehicles & receive comprehensive 4WD training to increase your skill level. A generous remuneration is on offer circa \$58,970 - \$61,505 plus salary sacrifice options, remote area allowance & up to \$1k relocation assistance. You will also enjoy 6 weeks annual leave (including 17.5% leave loading) & study leave!

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## Training & Assessment Coordinator

- \* Generous salary circa \$64k - \$72k PLUS great benefits!
  - \* Enjoy 6 weeks annual leave including 17.5% leave loading!
  - \* Fantastic Alice Springs CBD location & social working hours!
- An opportunity exists for a Training & Assessment Coordinator to join the Central Australian Remote Health Development Service (CAHDS). Within this role, you will coordinate, lead & supervise a small team of Educators in the provision of quality training & assessment of Aboriginal Health Workers. You will be rewarded with an attractive remuneration package circa \$64,379.10 - \$72,056.60 + 9% super. You will also gain the option to salary sacrifice up to \$16,000 of your income. Thereby increasing your take-home pay. Further benefits include: district & travel allowances, relocation assistance up to \$3,000 & 6 weeks leave per annum.

**EMPLOYMENT OFFICE** ApplyNow.com.au/Job13022  
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

## 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 **Darlington Public School** for a **School Learning Support Officer - Pre School**.

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 19 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.



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## Health Worker Generalist

Chermside Community Health Centre, Indigenous Health Service Clinic, Primary and Community Health Services, Chermside, Metro North Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49,675 p.a., comprising salary between \$41,354 - \$41,538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09PCH05354.

**Duties/Abilities:** The Health Worker Generalist is a member of the Indigenous Health Service Clinical Team and is responsible for providing culturally appropriate generalist health care by way of screening, assessment, evaluation and referral of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their families that access the clinic. The Health Worker Generalist will maintain an advocacy role for indigenous people and their families in ensuring their health needs are being adequately and appropriately met; Participate in health promotion activities to the indigenous community to enhance community awareness; Develop indigenous client knowledge of community services and resources and identify and participate in bridging any gaps in these services; Attend relevant meetings as required by Nurse Manager; Undertake training and development activities to maintain adequate skill and competency levels in clinical, personal development and administrative areas; Using contemporary computer hardware and software maintain relevant recording and information systems and prepare monthly activity reports; Maintain sound knowledge of human resource management issues including workplace health and safety, equal employment opportunity and anti-discrimination. 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:** David James (07) 3139 4948.  
**Application Kit:** (07) 3139 4004 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum)  
**Closing Date:** Monday, 15 June 2009.

You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforum)

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## Research Fellow

**Institute:** Koorie Education  
**Reference number:** 90233  
**Applications close:** Sunday 21 June 2009  
**Salary range:** \$48,449 - \$65,748 p.a. (plus 9% superannuation)  
**Position status:** Full time and fixed term for 12 months  
**Location:** Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds  
**Contact:** Professor Wendy Brabham on 03 5227 2669 or email [wbrb@deakin.edu.au](mailto:wbrb@deakin.edu.au)  
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## Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

ATSI Health, Full Time

We seek an experienced Community Development Worker to fill this role. You will take a leading role in redeveloping the Ngara Jara program, with accountability to the Manager Cultural Diversity.

**Closing Date:** 22/6/2009 **Position No:** 9660

## Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

ATSI Health, Part Time

An opportunity currently exists for an enthusiastic Community Development Worker wishing to learn and develop as an Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer. This role will support a full-time experienced Officer and provide integral support to Aboriginal patients and their families, and connection to the community.

**Closing Date:** 22/6/2009 **Position No:** 9662  
**Enquiries and applications for the above 2 positions to:** Pauline Wright, Manager Cultural Diversity, 03 9496 3369, [pauline.wright@austin.org.au](mailto:pauline.wright@austin.org.au)

Only applications that address the key selection criteria will be considered.  
Exemption no. A319/2008

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Download job description and apply online at  
[www.austin.org.au](http://www.austin.org.au)

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE NSW

## Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer

Environment Officer Class 2/7, Sydney Southern Suburbs, Hurstville, Permanent Full Time  
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-109

Total remuneration package to \$84,617 p.a. including salary \$51,398 p.a. to \$76,681 p.a.

Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management at a local and regional level.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage.
- Thorough knowledge of and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management.
- Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works.
- Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues.
- Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems.
- Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft.

**Job Notes:** This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. As this position is considered Child-Related Employment under the provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening. Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Kathleen Schilling (02) 9585 6546 or Mobile 0447 224 460

**Inquiries Email:** [kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au)

### Information Packages contact:

[kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.schilling@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' To:** Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to [recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au)  
**Closing Date:** 26 June 2009

## AES ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT STRATEGY

## Assistant Accountant

Are you looking for a challenge that you can sink your teeth into?  
If the answer is yes, then we have a great career opportunity for you!

Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES) is a national not-for-profit organisation that specialises in placing and mentoring Aboriginal people into employment. We work with Aboriginal people who want to make a change in their lives. AES is the link between the indigenous community and corporate Australia.

We are seeking an Assistant Accountant that will be part of our Corporate Services team. The successful applicant will work in close collaboration with the respective Finance Manager and liaise with finance staff with respect to Accounts Payable / Receivable and Payroll on accounting issues in all AES sites.

The successful candidate will be full time and based in Glebe office, Sydney with flexibility to allow for study.

### Duties and Responsibilities

- Data entry of Accounts Payable invoices, maintenance of supplier database, payments collation, processing and reporting
- Data entry of sundry Accounts Receivable invoices, maintenance of customer database, collections and reporting
- Cash management - Petty cash, Bank Reconciliations, assist with cash flow forecasting
- Act as back up for Payroll processing (training in HR3 payroll to be provided)
- Assist with End of Month accruals, general procedures & production of Profit & Loss Balance Sheet reports
- Assist with implementing new systems

### Knowledge, Experience & Skills Required

#### Essential Criteria

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background
- Degree in Accounting/or final year of Degree
- Strong computer skills base
- Demonstrated ability to effectively manage multiple activities
- Demonstrated high level of interpersonal skills including the ability to build relationships internally & externally
- Pragmatic problem-solver with the ability to confront issues & achieve effective resolutions
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Effective under pressure, results oriented & proactive

If you are well organised, have a positive approach with knowledge and proven experience in financial management and ready for a new challenge, we would like to hear from you! We will offer competitive remuneration packaging arrangements to the right person.

**Applications close Friday 5 June 2009.**

If you would like an information pack or to apply, please contact Shavaun Chapman on 02 8571 9999 or email [shavaun.chapman@aes.org.au](mailto:shavaun.chapman@aes.org.au).





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## Customer Service Advisers

Non-ongoing – Part-time

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Brisbane, QLD

- Excellent career opportunity
- Part-time non-ongoing positions are available
- 20hrs/week (3:15pm – 7:15pm Monday-Friday)
- 12 month contract, with the possibility of permanency
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**We require people who meet the following criteria:**

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- Ability to problem solve and deal with complex customer enquiries;
- Computer literacy (Windows) and intermediate keyboard skills;
- Willingness to work in a busy and challenging environment;
- Strong team skills

Call Centre experience is not essential however customer service experience will be viewed favourably. Comprehensive training will be provided.

Applicants must hold Australian citizenship and successfully complete a police records clearance prior to commencement.

Initial five weeks of employment will involve comprehensive training on a full-time basis ie 37.50 hours per week.

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Non-ongoing/Ongoing

Call Centre

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APS 3-4

\$46,377 - \$66,000

South Brisbane

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- Ongoing and Non-Ongoing positions available
- If engaged as non-ongoing there will be a 12 month contract, with the possibility of permanency

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Email: [humanresources.drdpifr@nt.gov.au](mailto:humanresources.drdpifr@nt.gov.au)

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### Client Service Manager

Housing and Homelessness Services

Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/COM0768/09

**Key Duties:** Efficient and effective delivery of quality services and outcomes to a diverse range of clients through leading and managing a client service team.

**Skills/Abilities:** Undertake planning, research, analysis, provision of advice and support in the application of the departmental policies/procedures and relevant legislation.

**Enquiries:** Bronwyn Parton (07) 4967 0858 or E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 9 June 2009

### Regional Services Officer

Housing and Homelessness Services, Client Services

Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Cairns

REF: QLD/COM0805/09

**Key Duties:** Coordinate projects and activities to enhance the capacity of the service delivery network to deliver quality service to people in housing need.

**Skills/Abilities:** Undertake research and analysis. Develop options to optimise the effectiveness of work practices, identify opportunities for improvement.

**Enquiries:** John Hopkins, Principal Regional Services Officer, (07) 4039 8795 or E-Mail: [jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au](mailto:jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au)

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 9 June 2009

### Resource Officer

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Morayfield

REF: QLD/COM0759/09

**Key Duties:** Assist the Service Leader in the provision of Youth Justice Conferencing services ensuring best practice standards are met within youth justice.

**Skills/Abilities:** Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills including the ability to work effectively and sensitively with a broad range of people.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7675

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 16 June 2009

### Child Safety Support Officer (Identified)

Child Safety Services Division

(Identified - It is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Section 25, 104 and 105 of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act (1991))

Child Safety

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Innisfail

REF: QLD/CHS0755/09

**Key Duties:** To provide high quality, culturally appropriate, child protection services to children and families serviced by the Child Safety Service Centre which are consistent with departmental policies, procedures and practices and provide appropriate advice to departmental staff to enhance service delivery.

**Enquiries:** (07) 3006 7689

**Closing Date:** Tuesday, 9 June 2009

### Administration Officer (Specified)

Applicants must nominate an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person who is recognised and accepted in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community as a referee to support their ability to meet the relevant criteria]

Service Delivery and Smart Service Queensland

Communities

Salary: \$46 121 - \$51 432 p.a.

Location: Ipswich

REF: QLD/COM0793/09

**Key Duties:** Effective cost centre management, maintain/review financial management systems, monitor cost centre expenditure, prepare budget, forecasts and reconciliations. Maintenance and leasing of office accommodation, plant and equipment, motor vehicles and assets. Administrative supervision, support and training in administrative procedures and systems.

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08/1923	Brookman Iron Pty Ltd	123.55km <sup>2</sup>	76km SWly of Panamonica	Lat 22°16' Long 116°01'	Ashburton
09/1519	West Coast Potash Pty Ltd	157.22km <sup>2</sup>	75km Ely of Denham	Lat 26°02' Long 114°16'	Carmanville/Shark Bay
09/1525	Australian Mineral Mines Pty Ltd	3.11km <sup>2</sup>	57km NWly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°36' Long 114°55'	Carmanville
09/1526	Australian Mineral Mines Pty Ltd	3.11km <sup>2</sup>	43km NWly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°45' Long 114°55'	Carmanville
09/1539-42	West Coast Potash Pty Ltd	2267.84km <sup>2</sup>	74km NEly of Denham	Lat 25°39' Long 114°12'	Carmanville
09/1545	West Coast Potash Pty Ltd	23.93km <sup>2</sup>	72km Ely of Denham	Lat 25°58' Long 114°15'	Carmanville
09/1555-6	Katherine Cheuk Wan Sin	523.66km <sup>2</sup>	87km NWly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°24' Long 114°43'	Carmanville
09/1557	Katherine Cheuk Wan Sin	625.95km <sup>2</sup>	124km NEly of Carmanville	Lat 24°06' Long 114°32'	Carmanville
09/1571	West Coast Potash Pty Ltd	446.05km <sup>2</sup>	94km SEly of Denham	Lat 26°18' Long 114°23'	Shark Bay
09/1584	Rodney Thomas Orage	18.81km <sup>2</sup>	154km Wly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°43' Long 115°38'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1598	Victor James Belotti	3.14km <sup>2</sup>	129km NEly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°36' Long 116°22'	Upper Gascoyne
15/1043	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	38.11km <sup>2</sup>	20km SEly of Kambalda	Lat 31°17' Long 121°51'	Coolgardie
15/1069	BHP Billiton Nickel West Pty Ltd	2.93km <sup>2</sup>	20km Wly of Kambalda	Lat 31°12' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie
15/1123	Mount Finlery Pty Ltd	14.76km <sup>2</sup>	56km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°44' Long 120°06'	Coolgardie
15/1125	Gold Atria Pty Ltd	2.93km <sup>2</sup>	31km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 121°59'	Coolgardie
15/1126	Avoca Resources Ltd	52.58km <sup>2</sup>	13km Sly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°36' Long 121°34'	Coolgardie
16/378	Mount Finlery Pty Ltd	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	54km NEly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°37' Long 120°02'	Coolgardie
16/380	Mount Finlery Pty Ltd	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	56km Ely of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°40' Long 120°04'	Coolgardie
16/388	Gregory Colin Jorgensen	29.51km <sup>2</sup>	48km NWly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 120°46'	Coolgardie
20/695	State Resources Pty Ltd	103.75km <sup>2</sup>	51km NWly of Cue	Lat 27°02' Long 117°35'	Cue
20/708	Symon Alexander Yates	3.07km <sup>2</sup>	69km NWly of Cue	Lat 26°57' Long 117°25'	Cue
24/151	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	41.34km <sup>2</sup>	19km NW of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1827	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	32.16km <sup>2</sup>	100km Ely of Kambalda	Lat 31°29' Long 122°39'	Dundas
28/1907	Zenaden Enterprises Pty Ltd	11.88km <sup>2</sup>	85km Ely of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°34' Long 122°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/1908	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	41.47km <sup>2</sup>	104km NEly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°12' Long 122°21'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
30/371	Outback Exploration Ltd	101.10km <sup>2</sup>	78km Wly of Menzies	Lat 29°54' Long 120°16'	Menzies
31/567	Orico Resources Ltd	56.58km <sup>2</sup>	119km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 122°17'	Menzies
31/768	Avoca Resources Ltd	5.94km <sup>2</sup>	139km Ely of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°39'	Menzies
31/768	Avoca Resources Ltd	17.83km <sup>2</sup>	140km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°52' Long 122°35'	Menzies
31/790	Hawthorn Resources Limited	11.89km <sup>2</sup>	137km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°50' Long 122°35'	Menzies
31/847	Rubicon Resources Ltd	17.95km <sup>2</sup>	54km SEly of Leonora	Lat 29°54' Long 121°44'	Menzies
31/849	Anthony Pilkington	2.97km <sup>2</sup>	123km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°43' Long 122°28'	Menzies
31/850	Ore West Ltd	17.88km <sup>2</sup>	101km Ely of Menzies	Lat 29°53' Long 122°05'	Menzies
36/700	Metalink Resources Ltd	27.48km <sup>2</sup>	85km Nly of Leinster	Lat 27°21' Long 120°52'	Leonora
36/705	Agnew Gold Mining Co. Pty Ltd	15.12km <sup>2</sup>	29km Sly of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 120°41'	Leonora
36/709	Yellin Minerals Pty Ltd	134.2km <sup>2</sup>	85km Sly of Wiluna	Lat 27°20' Long 120°00'	Leonora/Sandstone
37/982	St Barbara Ltd	9.06km <sup>2</sup>	48km SEly of Leinster	Lat 28°17' Long 120°56'	Leonora
38/2296	South Boulder Mines Ltd	36.32km <sup>2</sup>	59km Wly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°57' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/2227	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	291.11km <sup>2</sup>	85km Ely of Laverton	Lat 28°51' Long 123°13'	Laverton
38/2230	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	206.89km <sup>2</sup>	72km SEly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 123°00'	Laverton/Menzies
38/2248	South Boulder Mines Ltd	9.13km <sup>2</sup>	49km Wly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°01' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/2250	Beckles Mines Ltd	6.03km <sup>2</sup>	86km Ely of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°15' Long 123°43'	Laverton
38/2252	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	6.01km <sup>2</sup>	16km SEly of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°31'	Laverton
38/2254	South Boulder Mines Ltd	6.08km <sup>2</sup>	50km Wly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°05' Long 122°23'	Laverton
39/1443	George Jura Petersons	26.06km <sup>2</sup>	93km Sly of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°28'	Menzies
40/258	Rubicon Resources Ltd	53.9km <sup>2</sup>	31km Sly of Leonora	Lat 29°10' Long 121°21'	Leonora/Menzies
45/3347-9	Kamora Pty Ltd	657.99km <sup>2</sup>	63km NEly of Nullagine	Lat 21°23' Long 120°23'	East Pilbara
45/3368	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	64.39km <sup>2</sup>	33km NEly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°08' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
45/3373	JML Resources Pty Ltd	19.25km <sup>2</sup>	82km SEly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°59' Long 118°56'	East Pilbara
46/804	Regalpot Exploration Pty Ltd	315.52km <sup>2</sup>	41km Ely of Newman	Lat 22°57' Long 120°57'	East Pilbara
51/1181 & 52/1201	Avoca Resources Pty Ltd	304.85km <sup>2</sup>	89km NWly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°59' Long 117°55'	Meekatharra
51/1256	JML Resources Pty Ltd	3.05km <sup>2</sup>	40km Sly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°58' Long 118°36'	Meekatharra
52/2317 & 52/2337	Warwick Resources Ltd	416.94km <sup>2</sup>	69km Sly of Newman	Lat 23°58' Long 119°38'	Meekatharra
52/2348	Giralda Resources NL	72.17km <sup>2</sup>	178km Ely of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°47' Long 116°56'	Upper Gascoyne
52/2351	Warwick Resources Ltd	206.9km <sup>2</sup>	69km Sly of Newman	Lat 23°58' Long 119°49'	Meekatharra
52/2353	FMO Pilbara Pty Ltd	44km <sup>2</sup>	47km SEly of Newman	Lat 23°30' Long 120°03'	Meekatharra
52/2357	Sipa Exploration NL	216.76km <sup>2</sup>	123km NWly of Wiluna	Lat 25°38' Long 119°37'	Meekatharra
53/1317	Rio Tinto Exploration Pty Ltd	9.17km <sup>2</sup>	41km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 120°26'	Wiluna
53/1464	Richard Forbes Donald-Hill	24.52km <sup>2</sup>	67km SEly of Wiluna	Lat 26°55' Long 120°49'	Wiluna
53/1465	James Lawrence Phelan	79.41km <sup>2</sup>	122km NEly of Leinster	Lat 27°00' Long 121°23'	Wiluna
57/790	Zenaden Enterprises Pty Ltd	9.14km <sup>2</sup>	66km Nly of Sandstone	Lat 27°26' Long 119°32'	Sandstone
58/373	Maximus Resources Ltd	212.62km <sup>2</sup>	59km Ely of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 118°26'	Mount Magnet/Sandstone
58/375	Duneraig Holdings Pty Ltd	12.09km <sup>2</sup>	8km SEly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°07' Long 117°53'	Mount Magnet
59/1522	Royal Resources Ltd	5.88km <sup>2</sup>	78km Wly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°06' Long 116°54'	Perenjori
59/1528	Aurex Resources Limited	178.8km <sup>2</sup>	52km SEly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°38' Long 118°38'	Mount Marshall/Sandstone
59/1547	Base Iron Ltd	157.05km <sup>2</sup>	41km NEly of Mullewa	Lat 28°13' Long 115°44'	Mullewa
59/1557	Base Iron Ltd	9.03km <sup>2</sup>	12km Sly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°27' Long 116°39'	Yalgoo
63/1269	Minemakers (Nickel) Pty Ltd	157.36km <sup>2</sup>	76km SWly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°55' Long 120°57'	Coolgardie/Dundas
63/1270	Minemakers (Nickel) Pty Ltd	139.81km <sup>2</sup>	57km SWly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°55' Long 121°14'	Coolgardie/Dundas
63/1271-2	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	402.86km <sup>2</sup>	48km Ely of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°55' Long 122°09'	Esperance
70/2453	Iuka Resources Ltd	68.23km <sup>2</sup>	15km Sly of Eneabba	Lat 29°57' Long 115°15'	Camamah/Coorow
70/3101	Quadrio Resources Pty Ltd	208.52km <sup>2</sup>	53km Ely of Three Springs	Lat 29°39' Long 116°17'	Perenjori
70/3521	Prest Street Holdings Pty Ltd	46.6km <sup>2</sup>	25km Ely of York	Lat 31°50' Long 117°01'	York
77/1351	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	3km <sup>2</sup>	5km Nly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°56' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/1487	Western Areas NL	5.61km <sup>2</sup>	76km NEly of Hyden	Lat 32°10' Long 119°38'	Yilgarn
77/1545	Great Western Exploration Ltd	17.4km <sup>2</sup>	71km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°24' Long 119°40'	Kondinin
77/1546	Great Western Exploration Ltd	31.82km <sup>2</sup>	71km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°36' Long 119°39'	Kondinin/Kulin
77/1547	Great Western Exploration Ltd	11.56km <sup>2</sup>	70km Ely of Hyden	Lat 32°29' Long 119°39'	Kondinin
77/1611	Image Resources NL	5.87km <sup>2</sup>	33km Ely of Southern Cross	Lat 31°14' Long 119°40'	Yilgarn
77/1649	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	14.9km <sup>2</sup>	101km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°57' Long 119°11'	Yilgarn
77/1650	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	8.89km <sup>2</sup>	71km NWly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°16' Long 119°09'	Yilgarn
77/1651	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	5.95km <sup>2</sup>	114km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°51' Long 119°07'	Menzies/Yilgarn
77/1653	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	17.87km <sup>2</sup>	117km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°46' Long 119°24'	Menzies
77/1654	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	20.86km <sup>2</sup>	123km Nly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°43' Long 119°21'	Menzies
80/4204	Diamondex Pty Ltd	618.19km <sup>2</sup>	148km NWly of Wyndham	Lat 14°24' Long 127°20'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4205	Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd	37.37km <sup>2</sup>	98km SWly of Kununurra	Lat 16°29' Long 128°12'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4207	Kimberley Metals Group Pty Ltd	78.7km <sup>2</sup>	98km SWly of Kununurra	Lat 16°31' Long 128°18'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

**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:** 3 June 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 3 September 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 date (i.e. 3 October 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29



The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
46/42 Search for groundwater	Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd	160730.66ha	42km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°56' Long 120°06'	East Pilbara
53/153 Search for groundwater	Newmont Yandal Operations Pty Ltd	12219.43ha	55km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°18' Long 120°40'	Wiluna

**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:** 3 June 2009

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 3 September 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. 3 October 2009), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT 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
15/1788	Matador Mining Pty Ltd	424.19ha	2km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/1789	Focus Minerals Ltd	257.39ha	10km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
24/689	Paddington Gold Pty Ltd	554.74ha	50km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/198 & 28/278	Hawthorn Resources Limited	545.56ha	132km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 122°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/244	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	104.73ha	42km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 121°14'	Menzies
47/639	Platina Resources Ltd	966.86ha	49km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°18' Long 116°39'	Roebourne
47/640	Platina Resources Ltd	956.71ha	57km NE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°16' Long 116°42'	Roebourne
59/731	Royal Resources Ltd	842.52ha	60km SE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°50' Long 116°55'	Yalgoo

**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:** 3 June 2009

**Native Title Parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title party in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on 3 September 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The mining leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 3 October 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (CTH) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



Government of Western Australia  
Department for Planning and Infrastructure

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170 AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

### SCHEDULE

**PARCEL OF LAND:** LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 61312, being Unallocated Crown Land Volume 3153 Folio 987 Area: 3535 square metres. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 61312.

**LAND SITUATED IN:** Town of Narrogin **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Description of Land" other than the interests of the Crown. Also excluding any underlying mining or petroleum interests. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Light Industry. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Grant of a lease over Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 61312 under Section 79 of the LAA for the purpose of Light Industry. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** This land has been identified as being suitable for Light Industry purpose as it is located in the general industry zone. It is anticipated that the development will provide both employment and commercial opportunities. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 01/10/2009 **DPI FILE:** 50199-2007-01RO **DPI REF:** 070792

**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eileen Delalande, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5056. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 3 September 2009. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 3 June 2009. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 3 September 2009. Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 28 April 2009

HON BRENDON GRYLLES MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS



# Notice of an application for determination of native title in the state of WA

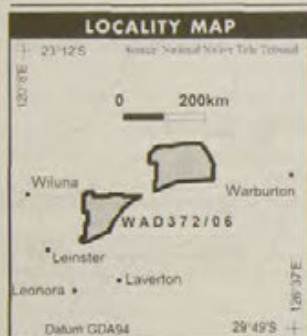
Notification day: 17 June 2009

## National Native Title Tribunal

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 16 September 2009. After 16 September 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cwth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Mantjintjarra Ngalia #2  
Federal Court File No: WAD372/2006  
Date filed in Federal Court: 21 December 2006  
Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.  
Description: The area subject to the application consists of two parts covering a combined area of about 22,930km<sup>2</sup> and is located approximately 130km east of Wiluna as shown on the locality map.  
The application falls within the local government authorities of the Shire of Leonora, Shire of Laverton and Shire of Wiluna.  
Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of Landgate, WA.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence under the Mining Act 1978:

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
24/4146	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	106ha	18km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4149	Jackson Minerals Ltd	8.49ha	22km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°25'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
24/4407	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	0.5ha	47km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°22' Long 121°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1982-3	Christopher O'Shea	392.9ha	16km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1175 & 28/1177-9	Michael Laurence John Doyle	684.46ha	136km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 122°49'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1176	Heron Resources Ltd	197.4ha	140km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 122°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2094-6	Regal Resources Ltd	575.77ha	6km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 120°58'	Menzies
29/2097	Regal Resources Ltd	14.64ha	9km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°46' Long 121°02'	Menzies
29/2105	Scotts Nickel Pty Ltd	49.27ha	24km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°51' Long 121°11'	Menzies
31/1897	Aveca Resources Ltd	70.45ha	139km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°51' Long 122°39'	Menzies
37/7709-10	Eagle Eye Metals Pty Ltd	268.24ha	20km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°31'	Leonora
37/7712	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	165.52ha	23km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°52' Long 121°39'	Leonora
37/7713-4	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	362.34ha	35km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°41'	Leonora
37/7715	Navigator Mining Pty Ltd	194.84ha	38km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°42'	Leonora
37/7741	Terrain Minerals Ltd	38.34ha	29km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/7742	Terrain Minerals Ltd	16.77ha	28km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°37' Long 121°18'	Leonora
37/7743-4	St Barbara Ltd	228.69ha	18km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°14'	Leonora
38/3497	Carbon Energy Ltd	140.1ha	11km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°33' Long 122°18'	Laverton
38/3826	Barrick (GSM) Limited	11.24ha	21km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°34'	Laverton
38/3827	A1 Minerals Ltd	92.72ha	43km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°36'	Laverton
38/3828	James Andrew Hanna	89.04ha	3km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°35' Long 122°23'	Laverton
38/3834	Christopher Robert Hester	120.27ha	32km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°43' Long 122°42'	Laverton
39/4981-3 & 39/4998	A1 Minerals Ltd	793.93ha	61km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°08'	Leonora
39/4999-5000	Manfred Kielhauser	340.21ha	43km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°51' Long 121°46'	Leonora
39/5001-3	Robert Mark Henning	565.99ha	90km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°25' Long 122°27'	Menzies
39/5004	George Juns Petersons	56.05ha	92km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 122°30'	Menzies
39/5005	George Juns Petersons	96.43ha	94km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/5006	George Juns Petersons	6.29ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/5007	George Juns Petersons	81.82ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°29'	Menzies
39/5013	Nix Metals Explorations Ltd	197.84ha	66km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°06' Long 122°00'	Leonora
39/5014	Nix Metals Explorations Ltd	32.01ha	67km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°08' Long 122°04'	Leonora
39/5015	Dyn Thomas Morgan	13.84ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°31'	Menzies
39/5028	Stuart Leslie Hooper	25.49ha	93km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 122°20'	Menzies
40/1241	Hawthorn Resources Limited	47.09ha	27km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°06' Long 121°26'	Leonora
63/1740-2	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	445.24ha	123km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°08' Long 120°28'	Dundas
70/1519	Urban Resources Pty Ltd	68.36ha	15km S'ly of Perth	Lat 32°05' Long 115°53'	Canning City
74/326-8 & 74/330	Galaxy Resources Ltd	63.79ha	3km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°34' Long 120°01'	Ravensthorpe
74/329	Galaxy Resources Ltd	4.25ha	3km NW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°01'	Ravensthorpe
74/331	Galaxy Resources Ltd	0.0027ha	2km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe
74/332	Galaxy Resources Ltd	2.57ha	3km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe
74/333	Galaxy Resources Ltd	0.08ha	3km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe

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 date: 3 June 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 3 September 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. 3 October 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.



## Peer Education Coordinator

(20 hrs per week)

South Eastern Sydney Division of General Practice (SESDGP) is a not for profit organisation working collaboratively with La Perouse Youth Haven and Sydney Sexual Health Centre to deliver an educational program to the Aboriginal community of La Perouse and surrounding SESDGP areas. SESDGP are seeking to employ a Peer Education Coordinator to lead a team of Peer Educators in the development, planning and delivery of Aboriginal youth sexual health education.

This is a Fixed-Term position until June 2010. The salary range is in accordance with SACS grade 4 (salary sacrifice is available).

Applications must address the selection criteria contained in the information package that is available on request from the Division.

Applications close 5.00pm Friday, 19th June 2009.

For further information or to request a copy of the information package contact Lisa Morrison, Aboriginal Health Program Officer. Phone: 0404 080 204 or email lmmorrison@sesdgp.com.au.

Being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act Section 14D.

This position is an identified position under the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) 1998 Act.



## TRANSPORT COORDINATOR HEALTH RELATED TRANSPORT

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)  
Ngangana Aboriginal Branch  
Brewarrina

Temporary Part-time (21 hours per week)

Position No: HCS-08-1TBA

Full time salary package quoted valued up to \$65,550 pa includes a salary range \$53,855 pa - \$59,402 pa leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation. Hourly rate: \$28.49 ph - \$32.53 ph

Job Description: The Coordinator will deliver transport service to people with the need to attend medical related appointments within the boundaries of the service.

### Selection Criteria:

- Knowledge of and experience in dealing with culturally appropriate services to the Aboriginal community.
- Knowledge of the community care needs and commitment to improve quality of life for frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- A focus on customer service.
- Good oral and written communication skills.
- Computer literacy and ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system.
- Sound organisational skills/ability to supervise staff and administrative/record keeping skills.
- Ability to roster staff and 'volunteer drivers'.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Part-time position (21 hours per week) for a period of up to 2011. Applicants must obtain the Information Package, which contains further details of the position and information about the Department. Applicants must address the full Selection Criteria. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

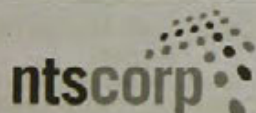
### Inquiries & Information Packages:

Dubbo Office on (02) 6841 1570.

Applications to: Branch Manager, Home Care Service, PO Box 1310, Dubbo NSW 2830

Closing date: Friday 12 June 2008

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## Project Team Leader Capacity Building and Agreements (Gomerai)

NTSCORP Ltd is a professional body funded by the Commonwealth Government to perform the functions of a Native Title Service Provider pursuant to the Native Title Act 1993. The primary work of NTSCORP is to assist Aboriginal people of New South Wales in the appropriate protection and enforcement of their native title rights and interests in their lands and waters.

NTSCORP is seeking to fill the position of Project Team Leader - Capacity Building and Agreements (Gomerai) which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of north west New South Wales.

### The Project Team Leader will be responsible for:

- Liaising with Aboriginal communities
- Organising and managing meetings and budgets
- Representing NTSCORP to the communities

The successful candidate will have an understanding of native title processes, experience in organising meetings, working in multi-disciplinary teams. The position involves extensive travel. A driver's licence is required.

An essential criteria for this position is Aboriginality.

The salary range is \$51,000 to \$60,000 (plus superannuation) depending on skills and experience. An attractive Fringe Benefits plan is also included in the package.

All applications MUST address the selection criteria specifically which can be obtained by contacting Heidi Aben on 02 9310 3188. Any initial enquiries about the position can be directed to Natalie Rotumah on 02 6651 4588 or Ken Lum on 02 9310 3188.

### Applications should be directed to:-

The Chief Executive Officer  
NTSCORP Limited,  
PO Box 2105,  
Strawberry Hills, NSW, 2012

Applications must be received by 5 June, 2009.



## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (Cth) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the Mining Act 1978.

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/1861	Crescent Gold Ltd	318037	499.51ha	12km Nly of Laverion	Lat 28°31' Long 122°24'	Laverion
74/415	JML Resources Pty Ltd	319069	49.2ha	22km SWly of Ravenshorpe	Lat 33°41' Long 119°51'	Ravenshorpe

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 3 June 2009

**Native title parties:** Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the applications. The 3 month period closes on 3 September 2009. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the Native Title Act 1993. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100.

**Expedited procedure:** The State of Western Australia considers that these acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure. Each amalgamation application may be granted unless, within the period of 4 months after the notification day (i.e. 3 October 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 Renewal of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM11675	Part 1: Approx. 17 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.140°41'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number 609 Sub-blocks 1	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd 008 694 782
	Part 2: Approx. 19 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°41'S Long.140°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 2: 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number 609 Sub-blocks 1	
EPM12409	Approx. 25 km ESE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°46'S Long.140°44'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 13 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Map: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long) Block Number 681 Sub-blocks d, e, j, k	Kingsgate Consolidated Limited 000 837 472

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and Address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be renewed under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate. PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

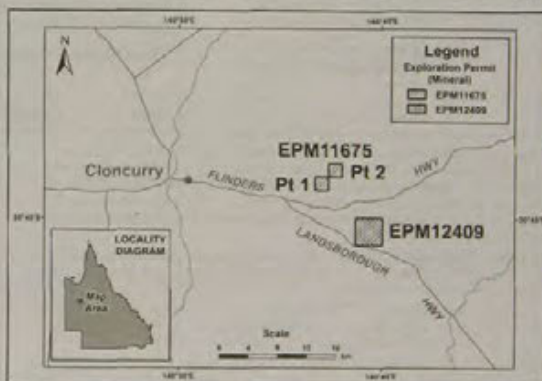
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be renewed with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 24 June 2009



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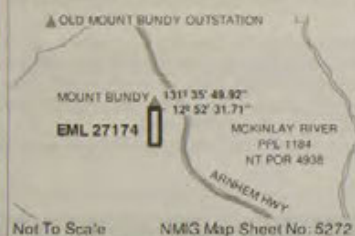
# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXTRACTIVE MINERAL LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

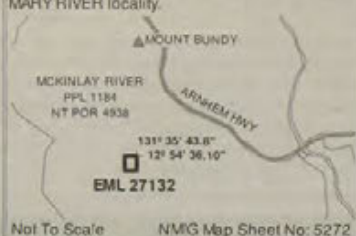
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act(s) namely to grant the following extractive mineral lease application(s).

The Applications to which this notice applies:

Extractive Mineral Lease 27174 sought by OSTOJIC GROUP PTY LTD, ACN 009 629 805 over an area of 30 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 27132 sought by ALLAN KING & SONS CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD, ACN 068 688 148 over an area of 20 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



Extractive Mineral Lease 27133 sought by ALLAN KING & SONS CONSTRUCTION PTY LTD, ACN 068 688 148 over an area of 54 Ha depicted below for a term of 10 years, within the MARY RIVER locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an extractive mineral lease under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to extract or remove (whether by quarrying or other means) from, on or below the natural surface of the land, extractive mineral(s), clay or stone for a term the Minister thinks fit and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the extractive mineral lease/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000, Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995213.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Notification Day:** 3 June 2009

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

*Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29*

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EP17654	Approx. 21 km W from Kidston Centred at approximate Lat. 10°53'S Long. 143°58'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 168 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 52 (each 17lat x 1 long.) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2448 I, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2520 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2592 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u	Glengarry Resources Limited 009 468 099

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**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3014.

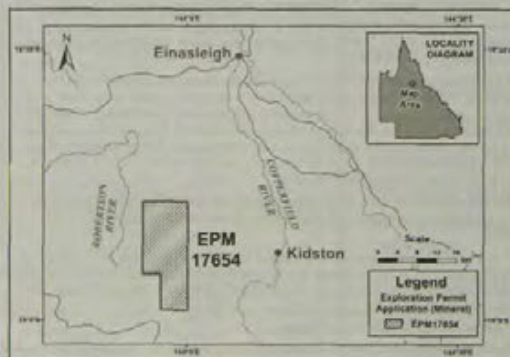
**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3249 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 24 June 2009



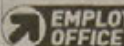
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The Arthur Gorrie Centre has an opportunity for a number of **Correctional Security Officers** to join their team. All successful candidates will begin as casual employees, with a genuine opportunity to move to permanent. Correctional Security Officers receive an **extremely attractive salary** plus a number of outstanding benefits including **sponsored study, free meals, secure parking, corporate uniforms** and a **supportive team environment**. This is your opportunity to get **job satisfaction** in a lifestyle role where you really can make a difference! All you need is the right attitude and personal attributes. Apply Now!



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## Operations Manager

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, Campbelltown

**Great Opportunity for a business focused manager to put your stamp on a newly created senior management position within Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, winner of the RACGP Medical Practice of the Year 2008**

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation is located in AIRS (Campbelltown) NSW. This Aboriginal Community in the Sydney South West region is one of the fastest growing in NSW.

Tharawal is moving forward and we need an experienced Aboriginal person with management experience to steer the ship while the CEO pursues more strategic initiatives.

Responsible for the day to day operations of the organisation, you will have a team of 5 managers reporting to you as well as looking after a small portfolio of programs yourself. With a staff of around 40 across programs funded by OATSIM, NSW State Health, DoCS, FaHCSIA and ICC and a number of hosted research programs this position will provide plenty of challenges and opportunities.

You will take the responsibility for ensuring programs run efficiently and effectively and initiatives developed fit funding guidelines. Ensuring accountability of staff underlies this position.

You will be the critical link in the governance process to ensure the CEO and the Board are informed of operational performance.

Attractive salary package is available for the right person.

For further information and an application kit including full selection criteria call (02) 49408700 or email glynis@humanresourceconsultants.com.au.

Closing date: 24 June 2009.



**Aboriginal Medical Service**  
WESTERN SYDNEY

Positions Vacant

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL  
WELL BEING**

**Aboriginal Youth Mental Health  
Worker**

(Female) Permanent Full-Time

**ABORIGINAL TRANSPORT  
OFFICER**

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Aboriginal Family Support Worker

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AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mt Druitt.

Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987.

AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community run organization with Public Benevolent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors.

Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

**Notes:** In these positions an applicants' race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

**Enquiries:** Joanne Delaney on 02 9832 1356 or email Joanne@amsws.org.au

**Information Packages:** Jean Blair on 02 9832 1356 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

**Website:** www.amsws.org.au

**Written applications:** The Chairperson - Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney PO Box 3160 Mt Druitt Village NSW 2770

**Closing date:** Friday, 19th June 2009 @ 4:30pm



## Public Notice

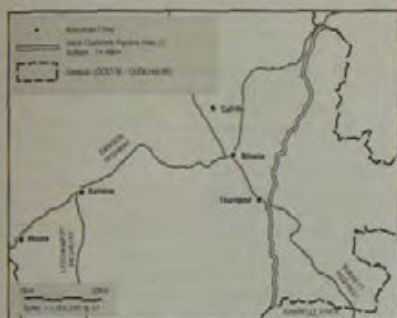
### PROPOSED ILUA NEGOTIATIONS IN THE GANGLU PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM AREA

Surat Gladstone Pipeline Pty Ltd ACN 133 104 855 (SGP) proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement ("ILUA") which authorises the construction and operation of a gas pipeline in Gangulu People QUD 6144/98 native title claim area as shown on the map below. The entire gas pipeline and associated infrastructure will extend approximately 468 kilometres through five registered native title claim groups and through an area which is not presently the subject of a registered native title claim.

The Gangulu People native title claim is described as being comprised of descendants of William Toby 1st. SGP and the Gangulu People native title claim group have commenced a process to conclude an ILUA in accordance with the requirements of the Native Title Act, 1993.

SGP and the Gangulu People native title claim expect that once they agree to the terms of an ILUA, an application will then be made for the ILUA to be entered onto the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements under the Native Title Act, 1993.

Any Aboriginal person who may not regard themselves as a member of the Gangulu People native title claim group and who nonetheless asserts that they may hold native title interests in the area mentioned above, is invited to contact Andrea Olsen, Senior Legal Officer, Queensland South Native Title Services on 07 3224 1200 or 1800 663 693 and discuss the native title interest they assert and the basis for that assertion.



### Mining Lease Application 285 Act 1992

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease:**

An area of 25.6 hectares situated approximately 5.5 kilometres east of Cessnock, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

**Description of the nature of the act:** Hunter Enviro-Mining Pty Ltd (ACN 098 184 126) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application No. 285 (Act 1992), for a mining lease which would authorise mining for coal and be granted for a term of twenty-one years.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done:**

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310

**How further information about the act can be obtained:**

Further information may be obtained from Peta Johannessen, Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, Telephone (02) 4931 6613 or Fax (02) 4931 6776.

### Notification Day:

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) the notification day is 18 June 2009. Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



## PUBLIC NOTICE - MINING ACTIVITIES

### NOTICE OF INITIATION OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

**TAKE NOTICE** that MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD (ACN 114 646 703) of 63 Conyngham Street, Glenside SA 5065 is the holder of Mineral Claim numbers 3565 and 3566 and of Mining Lease 5678 which lies within the boundaries of Mineral Claim 3566. MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD has made an application for a mining lease in respect of the areas of the aforementioned Mineral Claims (*the Land*) and proposes upon grant to carry out mining operations on the said mining lease/s which areas will incorporate the Land bounded as set out below:

**THE LAND IS LOCATED** approximately 20km SSW of Cockburn and its external boundaries are bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of easting 493363 and northing 6433065 then east to easting 494143 and northing 6433065 then south to easting 494143 and northing 6430575 then west south west to easting 492968 and northing 6430304 then north to easting 492968 and northing 6431293 then east to easting 493363 and northing 6431293 then north to the point of commencement which external boundaries encompass the area of Mining Lease 5678 which commences a point being the intersection of easting 493937 and northing 6432061 then east south east to easting 494129 and northing 6431995 then south east to easting 493890 and northing 6431300 then west north west to easting 493664 and northing 6431370 and north east to the point of commencement.

All the within reference points are expressed in AGD 66. The total area of the Land is approximately 238.5 hectares. In this notice a reference to a tenement includes that tenement as subsequently granted, substituted, extended or re-granted and a reference to a party currently holding or being an applicant for a tenement includes successors and assigns of that party's interest in the tenement.

**THE GENERAL NATURE OF THE PROPOSED MINING OPERATIONS THAT ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAND ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

Mining operations principally for copper ore from an open pit and on site processing to produce a value added commodity. Such operations may include but are not limited to waste rock stockpiles, tailing storage facility, run-of mine ore pad, ore processing facility and associated infrastructure.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if two (2) months after notice is given to all who hold or may hold native title in the Land, there are no native title parties in relations to the land to which this notice relates MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD may apply ex parte to the Environment Resources and Development Court for a summary determination pursuant to Section 63N of the Mining Act 1971(SA) authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the Land and the conduct of mining operations on the Land. Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land is invited to contact MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD through their legal advisers, McDonald Steed McGrath, Lawyers of 262-266 Pirie Street, Adelaide SA 5000.

**TAKE NOTICE** that if within six (6) months from the initiation of negotiations, MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD and any native title party/ies have not reached agreement, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment Resources and Development Court pursuant to Section 63S of the Mining Act 1971(SA) for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

### MUTOOROO METALS PTY LTD

C/- McDonald Steed McGrath Lawyers

262 Pirie Street, Adelaide, SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8223 5088 Facsimile: (08) 8223 5290

Contact Person: Abigail Steed

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

**Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:**

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17250	Approx. 28 km ESE from Kjabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°05'S Long.140°18'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 13 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long) <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 20 x, y 100 c, h	Flamingo Copper Mines Pty Ltd 076 330 375

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. The Department of Mines and Energy creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) i.e. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22nd August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROOK, QLD 4151.

**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy, Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 24 June 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water



## Cathy in 8th spot in marketing appeal

**C**ATHY Freeman and former cricket captain Steve Waugh share eighth spot in a list of Australia's most marketable athletes.

Freeman won the gold medal in the 400 metres track race at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

She is the only Indigenous athlete listed in the top 15.

The list, compiled in the Sweeney Report, is generated from a sponsorship appropriateness ratio from the public's awareness of athletes and their endorsement value.

Test captain Ricky Ponting is at the top of the list, with a rating of 71.

Retired swimmer Grant

Hackett and former Test cricketer Adam Gilchrist share second billing with 68 points.

Then comes: 4 Glenn McGrath (67), 5 Pat Rafter (66), 6 Ian Thorpe (65), 7 Stephanie Rice (63), equal 8 Cathy Freeman and Steve Waugh (60), 10 Casey Stoner (59), 11 Brett Lee (57), 12 Leisel Jones (56), equal 13 Libby

Trickett and Layne Beachley (55), 15 Harry Kewell (53).

Big movers from 2008 to 2009 were Stephanie Rice (unranked to 7), Leisel Jones (equal 20 to 12), Libby Trickett (equal 20 to 13), and Billy Slater (44 to 30).

Big losers included Andrew Symonds (equal 10 to 35), and Leyton Hewitt (14 to equal 32).

## NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 27304 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 426 Blocks (1402 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PUNGLINA locality.



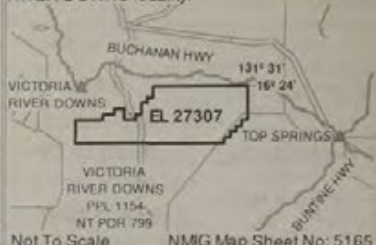
Exploration Licence 27305 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 404 Blocks (1274 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



Exploration Licence 27306 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 309 Blocks (1020 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 27307 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 230 Blocks (758 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 27308 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 176 Blocks (572 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BORROLOOLA locality.



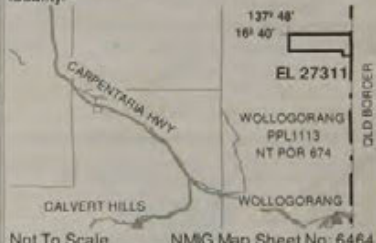
Exploration Licence 27309 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 116 Blocks (368 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ROBINSON locality.



Exploration Licence 27310 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 49 Blocks (162 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



Exploration Licence 27311 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 38 Blocks (121 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



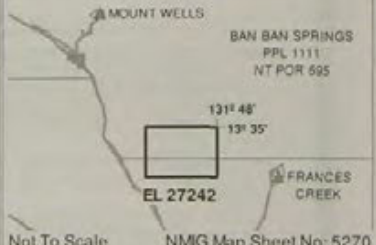
Exploration Licence 27312 sought by CHINAREN PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 10 Blocks (33 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT RIVER locality.



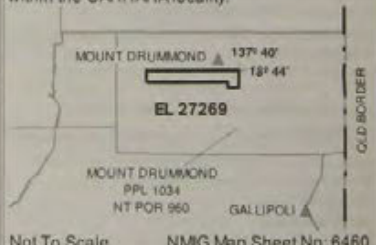
Exploration Licence 27223 sought by MICHAEL MORAWA over an area of 15 Blocks (46 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



Exploration Licence 27242 sought by MICHAEL MORAWA over an area of 6 Blocks (21 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



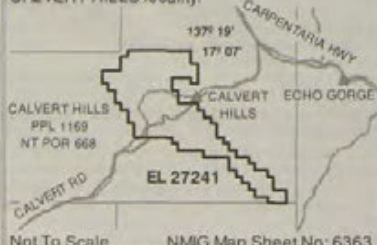
Exploration Licence 27269 sought by PHOSPHATE AUSTRALIA LIMITED, ACN 129 158 550 over an area of 36 Blocks (117 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



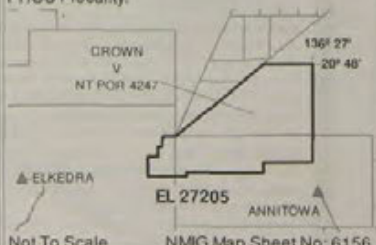
Exploration Licence 27240 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 38 Blocks (125 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 27241 sought by RBM OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 203 Blocks (666 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CALVERT HILLS locality.



Exploration Licence 27205 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EA PTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 499 Blocks (1550 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the PROUT locality.



Substitute Exploration Licence 26597 sought by GIANTS REEF EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 009 200 346 over an area of 12 Blocks (37 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 4 years, within the TENNANT CREEK locality.



**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years for exploration licences and 4 years for substitute exploration licences and to seek renewal(s).

The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

**Native Title Parties:** Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

**Notification Day:** 03 June 2009



# Anthony Mundine takes NRL to task over racial vilification

## 'Nothing has changed'



THE National Rugby League (NRL) must educate players on the 'brutal' effect of racism, former rugby league star Anthony Mundine says.

The outspoken boxing convert said if the league had programs in place to cater for attitudes toward women, they should also have them for attitudes toward race.

"They have things off field as far as (avoiding) sex scandals, and alcohol problems, but when it comes to a racial problem, they don't want to take the next step," Mundine said at Brisbane during the build-up to his International Boxing Organisation world middleweight title fight against fellow Indigenous Australian Daniel Geale.

"They (offenders) need to be banned for so many matches, they need to pay a hefty fine and need to go to a racial vilification course or do something to understand how brutal that can be mentally."

Mundine's call came as Cronulla Sharks NRL captain Paul Gallen was fined \$10,000 for his alleged racial comment directed at St George Illawarra forward Mickey Paea on Saturday night.

An angry Paea told the referee Gallen had called him a 'black \*\*\*\*' after he'd tackled the Sharks forward late in the Toyota Stadium clash, which the Dragons won 26-4.

But Paea declined to make an official on-field complaint and the pair reconciled after the game.

### Breach of player code

The league said in a statement the following Monday that it was fining Gallen for a breach of the NRL player code of conduct.

NRL boss David Gallop said the NRL was adopting a zero tolerance policy in regard to racism.

However, Mundine was appalled that 'nothing had changed' in the game since he was racially vilified by Bulldogs forward Barry Ward a decade ago.

"The NRL have done an appalling job on (eradicating) racial vilification," he said.

"I fought the case to the end and Barry Ward got a \$10,000 fine, and no match suspension, then they halved the fine."

"There's been other cases since then, like (South Sydney's) Dean Widders (in 2005)."

"And it is going to continue to happen if you don't want to stamp it out."

"But as long as it is in society, it is going to be in sport."

Meanwhile, former Bulldogs poster boy Sonny Bill Williams – a Kiwi of Polynesian heritage – said he understood Paea's reluctance to not make a formal complaint.

"Polynesians as a whole are quiet, shy people," the rugby convert said in Brisbane.

"You can tell something happened there. I have seen the incident (on Saturday night)."

"He (Paea) wouldn't have blown up like that if nothing happened."

"But I think he knew of the ramifications – if he did speak up he is going to be on the front and back page." – AAP

**'They (offenders) need to be banned for so many matches, they need to pay a hefty fine and need to go to a racial vilification course or do something to understand how brutal that can be mentally'**

## Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land Into Exploration Permit

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holders
<b>EPM11675</b> This Permit consists of two separate parts	<b>Location of Excluded Land</b>  <b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 17 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°42'S Long.140°41'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 19 km E from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°41'S Long.140°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land</b>  <b>Area of Part 1:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 609 1  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 609 8	<b>BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd</b> 008 694 782
<b>EPM14429</b> This Permit consists of two separate parts	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 20 km ENE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°40'S Long.140°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 27 km NE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°34'S Long.140°44'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 16 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 537 v, w, x 609 b, c  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 465 y	<b>Exco Resources Limited</b> 080 339 671
<b>EPM15879</b> This Permit consists of three separate parts	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 31 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°56'S Long.140°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 25 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°50'S Long.140°42'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 29 km SE from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°52'S Long.140°44'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 35 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 753 1, q, t, w, x 825 b, g, m, r, s, x  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 13 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 753 a, b, c, d  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Cloncurry <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 753 o	<b>Cudeco Limited</b> 000 317 251

\* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) pursuant and subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) will be granted by the Minister of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, Coorparoo, QLD 4151.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed future Acts including Block Identification Maps, 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) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed future Acts. 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

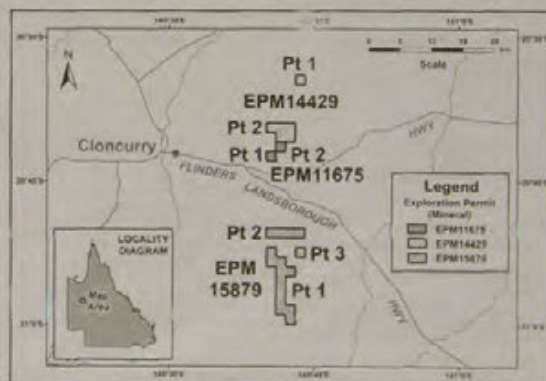
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Expedited Procedure:** The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract the Expedited Procedure.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day:** 24 June 2009



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



# Danny Green a fading memory for 'The Man'



A SHOT at redemption looms for Anthony Mundine – but not a re-match with Danny Green.

After claiming Daniel Geale's IBO world middleweight crown in Brisbane last Wednesday night by a split points decision, Mundine looks set to return to the scene of his biggest disappointment – Germany.

Mundine, 33, took the biggest chance of his then-fledgling career in 2001 when he had a crack at German veteran Sven Ottke's IBF super middleweight title in Dortmund.

History shows he was knocked out cold in the

tenth round of that fight.

After holding out Geale, Mundine (36-3 win-loss record) says he now wants to take another chance in Germany.

He only wants to consider big-name overseas fights in the future – and in his eyes a re-match with Green doesn't quite fit that bill.

That puts him firmly on course with WBA middleweight champion Felix Sturm, who rarely fights outside of his German homeland.

While he claimed he was set to face WBC and WBO champion Kelly Pavlik 'at the end of the year', Mundine is ranked the No 1 contender for Sturm's WBA crown after claiming his third world title.

Of his 36 fights, Sturm has only fought outside of Germany three times – and outside Europe once.

Whoever he fights, Mundine surprisingly claimed they would not come tougher than Geale, a 28-year-old with just 22 professional fights.

In contrast, 30-year-old Sturm boasts a 32-2-1 (win-loss-draw) record and has successfully defended his world title six times since first securing it in April 2007.

Asked if Geale marked his final fight in Australia, Mundine said: "It's a possibility. (I am) looking at Pavlik at the end of the year. I think Pavlik will be a lot easier fight than what Geale gave me."

"He (Geale) was more of a boxer while Pavlik is there to be hit."

"(But) I will take any champion on." But if Mundine is going to accept a challenge from Green, it won't be any time soon.

After coming out of retirement to thrash South African Anthony van Niekerk in Perth last month, Green is negotiating a bout with legend Roy Jones Jr in his home town in WA.

Green made no secret that he ended his 16-month retirement in order to avenge his 2006 loss to Mundine.

## 'Register on the map'

But asked about Green following his Brisbane victory, Mundine said: "C'mon man, tell him to register on the map."

"Tell him to beat somebody. Who did he beat? That fool wouldn't be my sparring partner."

Mundine wasn't keen on facing Geale again either.

"He was the champ and I took his belt. I want to do bigger and better things, I want to conquer the world," he said.

"I have beaten everybody here. I am the best. I want to show the world my story."

"I am the best athlete ever, period. Do your research. Is anyone better than me?"

Geale wasn't surprised when told that Mundine had baulked at a chance to defend his title against the Sydney-based Tasmanian.

"If there was a re-match, I would be there for sure," Geale said.

"Fighting a guy like Anthony is only going to help me. Next time he knows I am going to be better, that's why he is hesitant."

"I am still learning, that was only my 22nd fight."

"I will be better."

"I will be in there fighting the best guys in the world." – AAP



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EPM17636	Approx. 26 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°32'S Long.139°40'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 16 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 453 e, k, p, u, z	Syndicated Metals Limited 115 768 986
EPM17677	Part 1: Approx. 32 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°32'S Long.139°44'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  Part 2: Approx. 38 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°30'S Long.139°47'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  Part 3: Approx. 22 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°36'S Long.139°40'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  Part 4: Approx. 17 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°36'S Long.139°37'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council  Part 5: Approx. 43 km NE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°29'S Long.139°50'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 10 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 35 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 382 w 454 b  Area of Part 2: 6 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 382 e, k, p, u, z  Area of Part 3: 6 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 524 e, k  Area of Part 4: 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 382 g  Area of Part 5: 1 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 382 z	Syndicated Metals Limited 115 768 986

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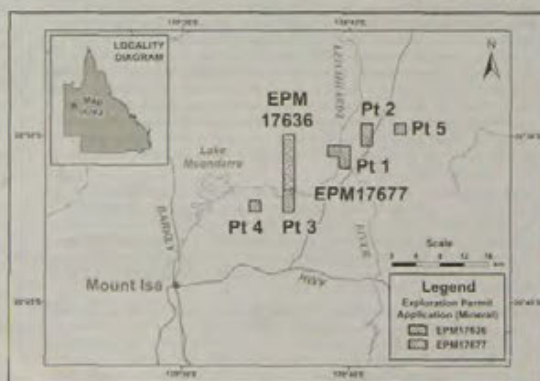
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# New competition on Cape

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS players will be in the majority in a new rugby league competition to start on Cape York this month, with competing teams likely to be the Central Cape Suns, Napranum Bulldogs, Mapoon, Coen, Lockhart River and

Pormpuraaw. Weipa-based QRL Development Officer David Westley told *The Koori Mail* that the actual starting date would be confirmed in about a week.

"We will know then the starting date and team numbers confirmation," he said.

It is understood that most matches will be played during weekends at Weipa, which has the best facilities.

If that is the case, the other clubs, with the exception of Napranum, will face significant travel.

"Weipa has a hotel and some of the lads come from dry communities and would like a drink after games," a Suns official said.

Napranum is just 8km from Weipa, Mapoon about 80km away, while players from Coen, Lockhart River and Pormpuraaw would have to drive long distances over dirt roads.

Any significant rain would result in those sides not being able to reach Weipa, although the fixtures will be played in the dry season.

Weipa-based Suns will be coached by champion forward Garreth Smith, who had indicated he would retire.

However, Smith will face pressure from Suns officials and players to reverse that decision and would be one of the stars of the side.

Smith was player of the carnival for the Suns at the 2008 Zenadh Kes carnival on Thursday Island when the Suns made their football debut and failed to reach the semi-finals.

Napranum locals have been buoyant over the efforts of former star community member Palmer Wapau, who is now in the Brisbane Broncos A grade side.

The Bulldogs would be expected to field a competitive side and not much is known about Mapoon's players.

Lockhart River, Coen and Pormpuraaw would also be expected to have good sides and have competed at past Allblacks with some success.

MEANWHILE, the Northern Peninsula Area Rugby League (NPRL) competition has been going well, with five competing teams: Seisia Sharks, Bamaga Roos, Sawmill Raiders, Alau Eagles and Injinoo Crocs.

"The competition has been played every Friday night starting 24 April. Alau Eagles are leading the competition so far. Each week it keeps on improving," said QRL Development Officer Dominic Carter.

## Cox is back from touring with Opals

INDIGENOUS basketball player Rohanee Cox has returned from Europe with the Australian Opals.

On their way to Europe, the Opals were beaten 2-1 in a three-game series against China.

They opened their European campaign with a 83-58 victory over hosts the Czech Republic.

But they lost the second match 86-70 in a disappointing result.

Despite shooting a perfect 19-from-19 free throws for the match, the Opals struggled to score for extended periods throughout the extremely physical encounter.

Cox was the leading scorer for Australia with 18 points.

The Opals then headed to France to contest the Euro Essonne tournament against Hungary, the Czech Republic and the host nation before returning to Australia. - With AAP

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<b>EPM17070</b> This Application consists of four separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 45 km WSW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 18°51'S Long. 138°53'E Local Government Area: <b>Burke Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council</b>  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 49 km WSW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 18°48'S Long. 138°49'E Local Government Area: <b>Burke Shire Council</b>  <b>Part 3:</b> Approx. 44 km WSW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 18°46'S Long. 138°51'E Local Government Area: <b>Burke Shire Council</b>  <b>Part 4:</b> Approx. 42 km WSW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 18°48'S Long. 138°53'E Local Government Area: <b>Burke Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 52 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 16 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2458 j, k, p 2459 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2460 b, f, g  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 13 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 4 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2386 n, o, p, s  <b>Area of Part 3:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2387 f, g  <b>Area of Part 4:</b> 3 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2387 s	<b>Oz Minerals Australia Limited</b> 004 074 962
<b>EPM17466</b> This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 72 km SW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 19°09'S Long. 138°48'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 66 km SW from Gregory Downs Centred at approximate Lat. 19°07'S Long. 138°51'E Local Government Area: <b>Mount Isa City Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 26 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 8 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2674 m, n, o, r, s, t, y 2746 d  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 6 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 2 (each 1°lat x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2675 f, i	<b>Oz Minerals Australia Limited</b> 004 074 962

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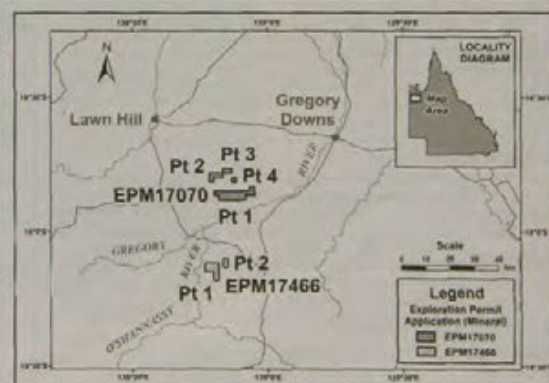
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● RIGHT: Palm Islander Jason Thimble holds the biggest red emperor which weighed in at more than 8kg.

# Palm Island anglers in the action

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island anglers Eddie Prior, Ernest Puttaburra, Jason Thimble and Leon Summers landed some huge fish during the annual Balgal Beach Big Fishing Weekend held from 22-24 May.

Balgal Beach is a short boat trip across Halifax Bay from the Palm Island group and the headquarters and weigh-in for the contest was at the Fisherman's Landing Wharf beside the creek there.

The Koori Mail saw the four with some huge reef specimens, including coral trout and red emperor which are prized eating fish.

"We are good mates from Palm and fished in two boats and the weather was really calm. We got about 20 fish in total including some decent mackerel and had a great time," Ernest said.

Palm Island Q-Bild worker Leon was delighted to win the biggest coral trout, weighing a massive 10.6kg, caught on a 24-pound breaking strain line on behalf of the team.

Scores of anglers from around north Queensland as far away as Cairns took part in the contest which was held in conjunction with the Northern Beaches Festival.

Leon said it was great that Palm Island was represented in the competition and he was happy with the smooth water and calm conditions.

There were 13 categories in the fishing contest, and the biggest overall fish was a 17.25kg mackerel landed by Teoa Kelemete on a 50-pound breaking strain line.

Balgal Beach is 4km from Rollingstone, which is a small hamlet 50km north of Townsville and 60km south of Ingham beside the Bruce Highway.

"Many Murriss from Palm Island come over to Balgal Beach and use the ramp and we are very happy that a new pontoon is here now," Ernest said.

This pontoon is particularly good news for Palm Island residents with boats who have an alternative to catching the ferry or planes to the mainland.

Balgal Beach is centrally located between Ingham and Townsville.

The pontoon cost \$170,000 and was a joint project between the Government, Townsville City Council and the Fisherman's Landing Fishing and Social Club.



From left, Ernest Pittaburra, Eddie Prior and Jason Thimble with coral trout caught during the outing.

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EPM17550	Part 1: Approx. 7 km S from Herberton Centred at approximate Lat.17°27'S Long.145°23'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council  Part 2: Approx. 4 km S from Herberton Centred at approximate Lat.17°29'S Long.145°22'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 33 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1169 y, z 1241 e, k, m, o, p, r, s, t  Area of Part 2: 3 km <sup>2</sup> Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1241 c	Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606
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# AFL jobs policy

By PETER ARGENT



AUSTRALIAN football League (AFL) supremo Andrew Demetriou believes the Indigenous on-field growth can be

replicated in the off-field side of AFL business.

Launching the second Indigenous round in the Olympic Room of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) last Wednesday, Demetriou said: "From small things big things grow."

He revealed the AFL's 'Indigenous Framework and Employment Strategy', a partnership with the Indigenous community which aims to increase the number of Indigenous employees across the AFL industry.

"The 82 Indigenous players that represent nearly 11 per cent of our 2009 playing group provide excitement and skill to the on-field side of our business," Demetriou said.

"We know Indigenous people can bring this different perspective, creativity and skill set to the off-field workplace. This will be beneficial to all areas of our business."

"The AFL has set a target of four per cent off-field Indigenous workforce across AFL and State affiliates by 2012 to reflect Indigenous participation in our football programs around the country."

"Indigenous Australians currently represents just 0.7 per cent of the



Australian Football League boss Andrew Demetriou, Joy Murphy and Federal Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor at the launch of the AFL's Indigenous Framework and Employment Strategy. Joy Murphy is a Wurundjeri Elder and has been involved in Aboriginal issues for more than 30 years. She has given the traditional welcome to country greeting at many Melbourne events.

Australian football off-field workforce and the four per cent goal equates to 40 full-time positions in three years.

Addressing the same event, ahead of

the annual AFL Dreamtime at the G match between Richmond and Essendon, Federal Employment Participation Minister Brendan O'Connor announced

the Federal Government was providing \$581,000 for seven Indigenous program co-ordinators in each of the AFL's State affiliate leagues.

The co-ordinators' role will be to identify and look to create up to 70 jobs for Indigenous Australians with each of the State leagues as well as develop Indigenous employment strategies and cross-cultural awareness training.

"The business and development of sport as an industry has been growing for some time and the AFL is a sport that many Indigenous Australians have excelled at," Mr O'Connor said.

"It is time we recognised that Indigenous Australians can and do excel in other workplaces."

"Indigenous employees' experience and knowledge can make valued contributions to business development, particularly in Indigenous markets."

"This project is part of the AFL's Indigenous Employment Strategy which aims to increase Indigenous jobs on and off the field."

The restructuring, together with Job Services Australia, a streamlined employment services system, will be looking to ensure Indigenous job seekers are supported to find employment. The program will begin on 1 July.

● More information on the new Indigenous Employment Programs can be found at [www.workplace.gov.au](http://www.workplace.gov.au)

## NT Thunder feels what it's like to win an away game



THE Northern Territory Thunder is finding its feet in its inaugural year in the Australian Football League (AFL) Queensland competition.

Before last weekend's round-eight game against Aspley at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, the Thunder were in fifth place on the competition ladder.

Southport led the competition with 24 points, followed by Morningside (20), Brisbane (20) and Redland (20).

Then came the NT Thunder (16) and Mt Gravatt (16), with Labrador and Broadbeach each on 12 points.

Aspley (4) and the Western Magpies (0) trailed the competition.

The Magpies were on the receiving end of a trashing by the Thunder during round seven.

Before 1500 fans at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, the Thunder won 26.13 (169) to 6.7 (43). No fewer than 13 players kicked goals for the Thunder.

Club officials say the Territorians are slowly proving it is going to be a real test for any visiting side to beat the squad on their home grounds in Darwin or Alice Springs.

A week earlier, the Thunder threw out the away game curse, triumphing over the Broadbeach Cats at Carrara Stadium, on the Gold Coast.

A solid four-quarter performance by the squad ensured the Territorians were on top and increasing their lead at every break.

Achieving an away win had been a big focus for the players and coaching staff of NT Thunder early in the season.

To come home with a 50-point win over the Cats at Carrara Stadium made for a happy Territorian side.

The Thunder won 15.21 (111) to the Cats 8.13 (61).



THE Australian Football League (AFL) has a new Kickstart Indigenous Development Manager.

He is Leon Egan (pictured), who took up duties at AFL Victoria in late April and has just completed his first month in the role.

"While working at the Aboriginal Advisory Unit in February of 2009, I was reading *The Koori Mail* and noticed a job advertisement," Egan said.

"It was for a vacancy at AFL Victoria as an Indigenous Programs Manager – Derek Kickett's old job."

"I applied for the position with not too much expectation, but won the job."

"Now I have taken 12 months' leave without pay from Victoria Police to see where my career path will lay."

Born and spending his childhood in Wagga Wagga, Egan moved to Melbourne at the age of 12 with his mother Louis, older brother, James and younger sister, Tracy.

Football has played a big part in his life.

He was invited to Hawthorn football club while playing under 15 footy.

"In this same year I played in the Eay's Development Squad," Egan said.

"After that I progressed through



their under 17s Peter Crimmins squad and continued for a few years playing in their under 19s team in the mid to late 1980s.

"It was a good time to be involved at Hawthorn due to the success that they were having."

"When I was in my teens, we lived in the south-eastern suburb of Doveton."

"This is where I played junior football and later on in life played about 280 senior games within and around the area."

Egan started his working life with Telecom Australia as a linesman and in his early 20s was offered an apprenticeship as a telecommunications technician at Telstra with a group of young Koori people.

"I completed approximately 18 years within the telecommunications

industry with one employer – I am pretty proud of this achievement," Egan said.

"In late 2003, we lost our mum with breast cancer at the young age of 53."

"I was extremely close to mum; she was such an inspiration to me right throughout my life and during her illness."

Egan's mother Lois Atkinson-Farrant was respected across Australia for her contribution towards employment for Indigenous people and Indigenous health.

In early 2004 Egan embarked on a new career, joining the Victorian Police.

"I worked at two of the busiest police stations in Victoria, at St Kilda and Dandenong, before spending the last six months at the Aboriginal Advisory Unit in a liaison and advisory role to the people and Koori community across the State," he said.

He was the first Indigenous police officer to work in the Aboriginal Advisory Unit at Victoria Police.

Egan's varied and wide portfolio in his current role as the Kickstart Indigenous Development Manager has a few key elements, including running Auskick, TAC Cup Pathway, Schools Programs and the AFL Kickstart Program.

"I am really enjoying the job and it is a very dynamic industry to work in," he said.

## New Kickstart boss

By PETER ARGENT



# Week to remember

Pictures and story by  
Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL footballers past and present were honoured through the Northern Tasmania Football Association's (NTFA) Indigenous Round in Launceston last month.

The NTFA's inaugural Indigenous Round celebrated the achievements of five past players at a mid-week dinner; youngsters were treated to a football clinic with AFL Aboriginal stars Buddy Franklin and Chance Bateman; and to top the week off, Rocherlea took out the NTFA Indigenous Round Challenge.

Champions Neil Maynard, Derek Peardon, Geoff Burgess, Eddie Thomas and Darrell West were inducted into the NTFA Aboriginal Legends award.

Carlton great Syd Jackson travelled to Tasmania to join the festivities, speaking at the dinner of his life and football career and was also a guest of honour at the marquee match between the Rocherlea Tigers and the Longford Tigers.

Rocherlea, the club that sports more Aboriginal players than any other in Tasmania, flew away in the last quarter after what at times had been a nail-biter.

Rocherlea's Rory Mansell, one of 17 Aboriginal players signed with the club, was on fire. He dominated the forward line, kicking a straight six goals – four of them in the final term – and earning himself the inaugural Neil Maynard Medal for best on ground.

Mansell humbly attributed his performance to his team-mates.

"It's not possible to get a kick forward without your team-mates down the back and mid-field," he said.

Buddy Franklin signed countless autographs for enthusiastic fans at the footy clinic.



He said he just tried his hardest after a sleepless night due to nerves, and that he wanted to put on a good show for the spectators. They were not disappointed.

The 23-year-old was short on words when *The Koori Mail*

asked how he felt about receiving the medal.

"I felt like crying, it's a huge honour," he said.

The match drew a record crowd for a mid-season NTFA game, with a big attendance from the local Aboriginal community.

The Indigenous Round, the first for any Tasmanian Aussie rules competition, was hailed a success by Graeme Gardner, the Rocherlea committee member who initiated the idea.

"It's brought a lot awareness of the Aboriginal community's

involvement in football and also resulted in a variety of people coming along," Mr Gardner said while reflecting on the round.

The NTFA plans to make the Indigenous Round an annual event.

This is how it's done. Children get tips from the expert: Buddy Franklin.



● ABOVE: Rocherlea Tigers coach Brett Mansell revs up his team for the final term. His words were not wasted as Rocherlea went on to win the match against the Longford Tigers.

● LEFT: Rory Mansell flies over the pack to mark for Rocherlea.





Phillip Beeton, Clyde Mansell, Syd Jackson and Graeme Gardner were among about 100 guests who shared football stories at the NTFA's Indigenous Round dinner.



Ashton Peet, Leilyn Matson and Tananger Peet met Chance Bateman at the footy clinic.



Nine-year-old Brian Leslie beats Chance Bateman to the ball.



Madison Richardson, Nala McKenna-Mansell, Georgie Spotswood, Marlia Richardson and Rhianna White show off signatures from Buddy Franklin and Chance Bateman.



Syd Jackson (centre) joins Chance Bateman (left) and Buddy Franklin in the autograph-signing tent.

## A living legend

**N**ORTH Launceston legend Neil Maynard was not only recognised as an NTFA

Aboriginal Legend during the Indigenous Round, but had the honour of awarding a best on ground medal named in his honour.

For a fella who took up footy to shed a few kilograms, Neil Maynard didn't do so badly.

His two-stone (12.7kg) weight loss back in pre-season training in 1972 would be followed by years of success in competition, playing all positions on the footy field, but mainly full back.

Mr Maynard is considered the greatest full back in North Launceston's long history.

He holds North Launceston's club record, playing an incredible 323 senior games; played in six premiership sides between 1975 and 1983; won the club best and fairest in 1978; represented Tasmanian in 1976 and 1977; is a member of the Tasmanian Football Hall of Fame; and coached reserves for two years.

"I was good times, I enjoyed the whole lot that I ever played in," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"It was like an extended family, the footy club back in those days."

The father of two said that after his family, football was the biggest part of his life.

He was known as the 'The Pearl' to his team-mates because they would request a grin so they could spot him on those dark winter nights at training, when what is now Aurora Stadium only had one light.

He's also been a keen golfer and cricketer.

Fifty-eight-year-old Maynard said it was an honour to be the first man to be asked to have the Indigenous Round match best on ground medal named in his honour.

"I said yes without a hesitation, it's good," he said.

"And in regard to the inaugural induction (the NTFA Aboriginal legends), that's great too, and the people who were named, they thoroughly deserved it."

Mr Maynard would like to see other leagues hold Indigenous rounds.



North Launceston legend Neil Maynard presents Rory Mansell with the Neil Maynard Medal for best on ground after the NTFA's Indigenous Round Challenge.



The late Geoff Burgess' daughter Christine Pijakic, Eddie Thomas, Neil Maynard, NTFA President Geoff Lyons, Derek Peardon's very close friend and team-mate Wayne Chugg and the late Darrell West's daughter Wendy Moore with the NTFA Aboriginal Legends Shield.



Ronnie Summers sang a song about mutton birds and the Cape Barren Football Club song at the match day function.



Kiora Hogan, Darlene Mansell, Vicki Summers and Kee Mansell became Rocherlea supporters for the day, with the exception of Darlene, who said she was true-blue Rocherlea.



Rocherlea's scorekeeper Steven Cirkel gives a thumbs-up for the final score.



# Broken leg setback in Hayden's 100th game

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



WHILE Fremantle's Roger Hayden was honoured to play his 100th AFL game in the Indigenous Round, that joy was short-lived as he suffered a broken leg in the clash with North Melbourne.

It was initially thought that Hayden just strained a calf muscle in Fremantle's loss to the Kangaroos at Etihad Stadium, but scans later revealed he had a fractured fibula and he won't be back until the last month of the AFL season.

It's far from the last injury setback for skilful running defender, either. After being rookie-listed by the Dockers, Hayden broke into the side to debut in 2002 and was going well until breaking his leg terribly in round 21, 2004.

That injury threatened to end his career and he didn't play an AFL game in 2005, but he did manage to fight his way back with WAFL club South Fremantle and be a key player in the Bulldogs' premiership.

Since getting back into the AFL in 2006, Hayden has cemented himself as one of the most skilful, clever and damaging defenders in the competition. However, soft tissue injuries and a collapsed lung in 2008 meant it took until this year, when he's 28 years old, to reach his 100th game.

After growing up in the West Australian

country town of Brookton, Hayden couldn't have been happier to reach his 100th game in the Indigenous Round.

"I always kept plugging on and trying to get back in the squad. It has taken a while but I am just happy to get there," he said.

"To bring up 100 games in the Indigenous round, being an Indigenous player is, I think, really good."

Ever since entering the AFL, Fremantle has had a close link with the Indigenous community through players such as Winston Abraham, Gary Dhurrkay, Scott Chisholm, Troy Cook, Dale Kickett and Jeff Farmer.

## Indigenous presence

When Hayden ran on to Etihad Stadium on 23 May, it was alongside Stephen Hill, Antoni Grover, Michael Johnson and Des Headland.

He is delighted to see the progress of Indigenous players in the competition.

"Over the past few years it seems that the number of players getting drafted from an Indigenous background has skyrocketed," he said.

"You see the small forwards and the pressure they put on in the forward line is unbelievable. Teams love seeing that and supporters love seeing it as well, so I think you are going to see a lot more coming through the ranks."

"The speed of the game, just the way we

play with a bit of flair, I think teams love seeing that and supporters love seeing that as well."

Hayden is clearly no stranger to having to fight back from serious injury, but at least this broken leg isn't as bad as the one he suffered in 2004.

"You think, 'can I get back or not'. But I had my family around me, my wife and at the time my little boy," he said.

"Just having them around me had my confidence up so they told me, 'Just keep your head up, you're going to get back', and it worked out in the end."

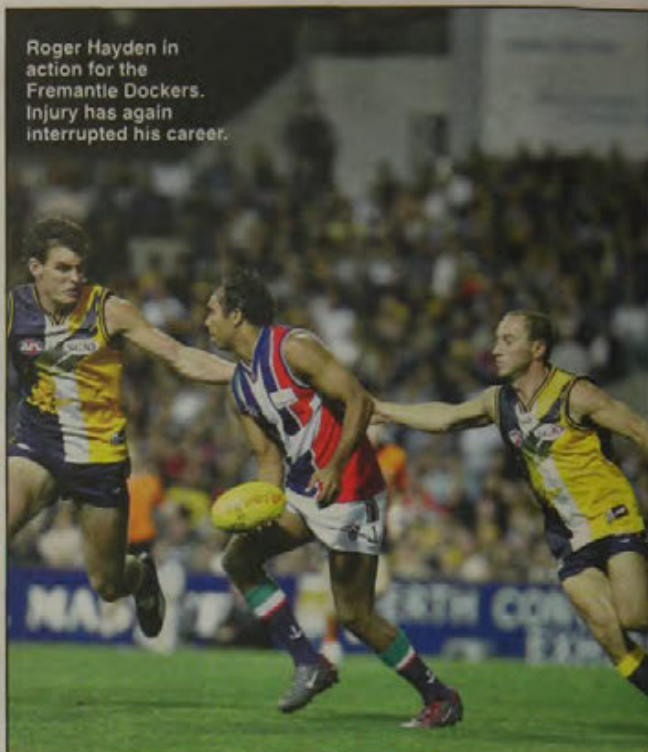
Hayden grew up idolising Nicky Winmar, who grew up in Pingelly, near Brookton, but now is seeing great things in last year's No 3 draftee Stephen Hill who, at 19, is showing tremendous signs in his first AFL season.

Hayden is now happy to take on a leadership role with all the young players at the club following the departure of Farmer, Peter Bell, Matthew Carr, Josh Carr, Mark Johnson, Shaun McManus and Heath Black last year.

"You've just got to take those young blokes and guide them and make sure they do everything right to become one of the top, elite players in the competition," he said.

"(He (Josh Hill) has the potential to do that. He's got a good head on his shoulders. He's taken every step as it

comes and hopefully he does become one of those players for us. You're going to see a lot more in the future coming up through the ranks."



Roger Hayden in action for the Fremantle Dockers. Injury has again interrupted his career.



Young recruit Stephen Hill. Roger Hayden reckons Hill could be one of the game's best.

## Palmerston boy part of AFL grand final fun



Benjamin Ogden being interviewed during a break in the AFL Indigenous Round 2009 match between the Richmond Tigers and the Essendon Bombers at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.



PALMERSTON boy Benjamin Ogden, 7, will realise his ultimate childhood dream when he plays on the hallowed Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) turf during the 2009 Toyota AFL grand final.

Benjamin, a participant of the Palmerston NAB AFL Auskick Centre, was recently selected as the Round Nine winner of the NAB AFL Auskick of the Year competition.

As part of his prize, Benjamin will be on hand to present the 2009 AFL premiership team with their medals, participate in the 2009 AFL grand final parade and pre-match entertainment, along with playing NAB AFL Auskick on the MCG during the half-time break.

The NAB AFL Auskick of the Year competition also awards a \$5000 NAB Smart Junior Saver account at the end of the season, to the NAB AFL Auskick participant whose behaviour is most aligned with NAB's core principles.

AFL Northern Territory Participation and

Schools Manager Xavier Moloney said the NAB AFL Auskick of the year was a fantastic initiative developed by NAB and was in line with their commitment to supporting and developing grassroots football.

"The NAB AFL Auskick of the Year competition doesn't focus on winning or who's the best player; it's more about educating these kids on how to behave in the community," Moloney said.

NAB has been involved in the AFL Auskick program for the past four years and during this time, contributed more than \$1 million in centre resources to more than 161,000 children participating in NAB AFL Auskick at more than 2500 centres around Australia.

NAB AFL Auskick is the key introductory program for primary school children and their families, providing a fun and safe Australian Football experience for boys and girls.

● To enter a Registered NAB AFL Auskick Participant in the NAB AFL Auskick of the Year, visit [www.nab.com.au/auskick](http://www.nab.com.au/auskick) and complete the online form.



# Rush of gold

## Indigenous athletes to the fore at Arafura Games



THE Indigenous All Stars, made up of Australia's best Indigenous players, scored a narrow 4-3 gold

medal win over the Northern Territory at the Arafura Games in Darwin last month.

It was an exciting climax to the softball component of the Games.

A night earlier, the two teams met at the Tracey Village Sports Club in a dress rehearsal to the gold medal play-off. The Northern Territory won that game 11-6.

Bianca Scrymgeour made three safe hits for the losing All Stars.

All Stars coach Steve Bell said: "It wasn't a great game from the team, but all the girls got a run tonight. NT was just better on the day."

Based on that result, the NT girls were favourites to win the gold medal the following night.

But it did not turn out that way, as the All Stars conceded little and sneaked home.

One of the best for the All Stars throughout the tournament was 17-year-old Rockhampton sensation Ginna Lawton.

On the second day of the competition, she hit a home run off one of the NT's best pitchers and followed that up two days later with consecutive home runs against Defence. Until her trip to Darwin, Ginna had never hit a home run.

Coach Steven Bell said after the gold medal game: "She doesn't have much size about her, but jeez does she have the timing."

"And with timing like hers, she doesn't need those big arms."

Ginna said after the game

against Defence: "I usually hit pretty good, but never this good."

"I knew by the sound the first time that it was going over the fence."

Despite Ginna's performances, the Defence team won that game 10-3.

It was the a small setback for the side made up of the Northern Territory's and Australia's finest young Indigenous players.

Before the final, the NT and the All Stars were assured of a grand final berth with five wins each.

"I want gold," said Ginna before the gold medal play-off. "I'm bringing it home to show everyone."

Home-town coach Tanya Abbott believes Ginna has a bright future.

"She is a talented hitter, a gifted young pitcher and an excellent all-round fielder," said Abbott.

Ginna was selected for the All Stars team because of her performance at the Softball Australia International Challenge Series held in Sydney last year. Representing Queensland at various national championships since reaching high school, Ginna has been playing softball for 12 years.

**B**OXER Sam Ah-See came away with a silver medal in the 69kg division.

Ah-See qualified for the final with a convincing win over West Australian William Rankin. The judges gave the fight to Ah-See 10-2.

In the fight for the gold medal, Ah-See came very close to winning, in the end going down 9-8 to Queensland's Rohan Murdoch.

Ah-See was beaten for selection by Murdoch for the

### 2000 athletes in 26 sports

THE Arafura Games are held every two years in Darwin and this year attracted more than 2000 athletes in 26 sports.

Athletes came from across Australia, the Asia-Pacific region and beyond.

For 18 years the Arafura

Games have focused attention on emerging athletes, offering them the opportunity to compete in an international competition - the like of which occurs nowhere else in the world.

The next Arafura Games will be held in Darwin in 2011 from 14-21 May.

world cadet championships two years ago, and although they had not officially met in the ring, they had been competitors ever since.

In an earlier elimination round, Ah-See and was matched with Thai fighter Apichet Saensit in what was judged the best fight of the night. Both boxers traded punch for punch in the first two rounds, but in the third round Ah-See's skill saw him draw away to

win in an 8/1 points decision.

Young Alstonville (NSW) fighter Timothy Williams progressed through the elimination rounds before bowing out to West Australian Brett Maher in the 57kg (featherweight) division.

Maher then fought for gold, but was beaten on points.

**A**NOTHER Indigenous athlete at the Arafura Games was muaythai (Thai kick boxing)

competitor Clayton Cook, from Cooktown, Queensland.

He competed in the 60kg division and advanced to the gold medal match.

But Cook came away with the silver medal after Iranian Kaveh Soleymani scored a technical knockout.

**A**NUMBER of Indigenous players from both sides featured in the final of the men's basketball at the Arafura Games.

Cairns beat the Northern Territory 81-57 in the gold medal match.

The Cairns team included Kurt Ahwang, Deba George and Joel Khalu, while the Northern Territory squad included Liam McLachlan Thorne and Tim Duggan.

Other Indigenous players turned out for other teams, including several in the South Australian-based Southern Stars.

## Borrooloola looks further afield

By GRAHAM HUNT

**A**N all-Indigenous soccer team from the remote Northern Territory community of Borrooloola is looking off-shore following the Arafura Games in Darwin.

The Borrooloola Cyclones, made up of local community members aged 15 to 19, laid claim to being the first Australian Indigenous soccer team to play an international when they took on a Chinese team in the opening round of the Arafura Games. The Chinese won 3-0.

"They (Borrooloola) played brilliantly," coach Glen Thompson said after the game.

"I've never seen them come together in such unison."

"You should not take this scoreline as a guide because they just didn't get the lucky break they deserved."

The Borrooloola boys pushed the ball to

the Chinese goal repeatedly throughout the game.

The 18-strong Cyclones had mixed success in subsequent games, but missed out on playing for a medal.

Captain Alistair Evans, 19, told *The Koori Mail* after the Cyclones' last match that the games had been a terrific experience for the boys, who now were looking forward to possibly visiting the Indonesian province of Aceh.

Evans said the Cyclones had gone "pretty good", but came up against teams that were "faster and better".

"We played a lot of attacking soccer but our defence wasn't that flash," he said.

"We let in too many goals."

"But we had a good time and made lots of new friends."

"Now we want to take it further and we're hoping to get to Aceh."

## Coach calls for focus on Indigenous health



PORT Adelaide coach Mark Williams wants the Australian Football League (AFL) to bring a more practical outcome to future Indigenous rounds

by using them to raise money to improve standards of Aboriginal health.

The wide range of health problems confronting the Indigenous population are well-known, with various campaigns committed to closing the 17-year gap in life expectancy that exists between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians.

Williams cited the money raised for the Victorian bushfire appeal earlier this year as an example of what could be

done if the Indigenous round was used as a fundraiser.

"I'm actually thinking now that

instead of just having an Indigenous round, we probably should have a big collection for the health of Indigenous young people," Williams said on the eve of the AFL's Indigenous round.

"Maybe this round we collect half a

million dollars to be able to donate it each year to Indigenous health and I think that would be a fantastic outcome."

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back to the communities."

Williams' appreciation for Indigenous players is well known, and he has on

several occasions taken the time to visit future exponents of the Australian game in their local communities.

"What we're delighted by is their skill, their ability to read the ball, their agility, their speed, their fantastic kicking skills, all those things. It lightens up the game and makes people come along to see it," Williams said.

"I've spent some time up in Bathurst Island (Northern Territory) and the time that the kids just kick the ball around, it's something they've done for a long time, they spend a lot of hours, mucking around and playing around with the ball and something they want to be great at."



# Raw deal!!

## Torres/Cape players ignored in rep team

By ALF WILSON



NORTH Queensland Marlins rugby league selectors have been accused of a major snub of Torres/Cape players, with none being picked in the regional representative side to contest the divisional championships on the Gold Coast this month.

Six Torres/Cape players – Stanley Daniel (Boigu Island), Michael Morris (Yorke), Edgar Daniels (TI), Horace Baira (Badu) and Welpa-based pair Garreth Smith and Jimmy Baira – played in the northern zone team which drew 30-all with southern zone on 17 May in the Marlins' selection trial.

The six were picked in the northern team after magnificent odds to even win a game, but they rolled heavyweights Cairns and Townsville in the qualifying games and also a combined Mid West/Mount Isa outfit.

### Long odds

Most in the big smoke had Torres/Cape at cricket score odds to even win a game, but they rolled heavyweights Cairns and Townsville in the qualifying games and also a combined Mid West/Mount Isa outfit.

Smith was named man of the match in the win over Cairns, Jimmy Baira was man of the match against Mid West/Mount Isa, and Stanley Daniel best on ground against Townsville.

It was a courageous effort to lose the final 32-22 to Innisfail/Eacham when they were just starting to warm up after trailing by 28 points at one stage.

Northern zone players were picked from Innisfail/Eacham, Torres/Cape and Cairns teams, while southern zone was made up of Townsville, Mackay and Mid West/Mount Isa footballers.

The question being asked is: How could nine southern zone players be in the run-on Marlins team and just four from northern zone?



From left in Northern Zone colours are Torres Strait Islander players Stanley Daniel, Horace Baira, Michael Morris and Edgar Daniels, who were not selected in the Marlins team.

Of the 19-man squad, seven are from northern zone and 12 from the southern zone.

Torres/Cape players and supporters felt a variety of emotions – outrage, betrayal, dismay, anger and disappointment – that not one had gained the selectors' nod after the side had performed so well in the prestigious Foley Shield.

Players are not allowed to publicly criticise QRL officials in the media and anyone who does can be cited on a charge of bringing the game into disrepute.

### Surprised

However, one of the six expressed total surprise and angst.

"There are seven players from the northern side and 12 from the southern side in the Marlins. Does the Foley Shield have any bearing on this team?" asked one of the Torres/Cape players.

"I want to say something about this selection. I just don't want to be seen as a poor loser. I feel sorry for the boys who came from Torres/Cape. They gave everything at the carnival."

"I think we were expecting at least one of us to make the NQ side."

"Better luck next year." Maria Baira is the mother of

Jimmy Baira and watched all Foley Shield games and the zone selection trial and was willing to speak out.

"How can it be that the grand finalists in the Foley Shield don't have any player in the Marlins team?" she said.

"Torres/Cape held their own and simply wiped out Cairns, Townsville and Mid West/Mount Isa and southern zone has almost double the players in the Marlins."

Mrs Baira said it was definitely not a case of sour grapes that her son had not been picked because Jimmy Baira had played in the Foley Shield many times previously for Townsville.

"I thought Garreth Smith had a good game and Horace is a classy centre. The other three went well and most people would expect Innisfail/Eacham and Torres/Cape players to dominate selections as they completely outplayed the other teams in the Foley Shield," she said.

Kaiwalagal Rugby League President Harry Cook, who travelled to Townsville for the Foley Shield carnival as an official with Torres/Cape, was amazed that no players were selected.

"It seems like selection was made prior to the Foley Shield for the North Queensland

Marlins team," he said.

"Some players who were picked were not at the Foley Shield in Townsville to perform before selectors. Why waste time competing at the Foley Shield?"

The Koori Mail covered the selection trial and Smith, Horace Baira, Jimmy Baira and Edgar Daniels were in the run-on team and Morris and Daniels came off the interchange bench.

They all showed good form and there was an expectation that at least one or more would have gained Marlins selections.

### Clear to play

MEANWHILE, the six Torres/Cape players who missed Marlins selection are now able to play at the 24th Island of Origin carnival on Thursday Island over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Under Origin rules, each team is allowed two outsiders or ring-ins, which now makes dominating Garreth Smith a highly sought-after footballer.

Smith lined up for Central Cape Suns when he was named player of the carnival at the Zenadth Kes competition and starred for Kulpuyam which won the 2008 Origin final on Badu.

"I have been asked by two sides to play at the Origin but

don't know if I will," Smith said.

Jimmy Baira said he also was unsure.

"I had made a decision to retire from All Blacks carnivals," he said.

Baira would be eligible to play for Mulga Tigers as he has descendants on Badu.

Results: Southern 30 (John Anderson 2, Daniel Sorbello 2, Jim Ahmat, Quinton Mitchell tries; Matt Groves 3 goals) drew with Northern 30 (Steve Singleton, Dean Howard, Robert Haren, Eric Smith, Drew Campbell tries; Steve Sheppard 4, Eric Smith goals).

Marlins side: 1 Matt Groves (Townsville), 2 Tapuloa Rea (Cairns), 3 Jim Ahmat (Mackay), 4 Steve Sheppard (Innisfail/Eacham), 5 Daniel Sorbello (Mackay), 6 Justin Mackay (Mackay), 7 Steve Singleton (Cairns), 8 Craig Snell (Townsville), 9 Luke Srama (Mackay), 10 Quinton Mitchell (Mackay), 11 Sam Faust (Townsville), 12 James Bryant (Mackay), 13 Col Wilkie (Townsville), Reserves: 14 Josh Stowers (Townsville), 15 Lee McLean (Townsville), 16 Adam Mills (Innisfail/Eacham), 17 Alex Sala (Innisfail/Eacham), 18 Dean Howard (Innisfail/Eacham), 19: Ben Hagan (Innisfail/Eacham).

Coach: Adrian 'Happy' Thompson.



# All seaways lead to Thursday Island

Outboard-powered dinghies similar to these will be beached just 30 metres from the Thursday Island oval where the Island of Origin rugby league series will be played from Friday to Sunday. These dinghies are setting off for Bamaga, on the Australian mainland, after the Zenadh Kes Cup last November.



By ALF WILSON



**SCORES** of outboard-powered dinghies carrying players and supporters from remote islands will brave potentially rough seas to be at the 24th Island of Origin rugby league series on Thursday Island from Friday to Sunday.

Players will come from as far away as Boigu and Saibai islands, near Papua New Guinea, and Bamaga, on the mainland, for the carnival to be played at Ken Brown Memorial Oval and The Koori Mail will be there to cover the action.

It is expected about eight teams will compete in what is considered the premier sporting event in the Torres Strait.

The dinghies will be anchored off the beach just 30 metres from the football field.

Accommodation on Thursday Island will be booked out and many visitors will stay with family and

friends while referees will fly in from Cairns to complement the local whistle-blowers.

Under Origin rules this year, teams are allowed a squad of 28 players who have descendants from the island they line up with, and two 'outsiders' or 'ring-ins' will also be allowed to play for each team.

At the time of deadline on 30 May, the governing Kaiwalagal Rugby League had not finalised the team lists, with teams not nominated able to pay a late fee.

Two teams from Badu Island – Mulga Tigers and Wakaid Warriors – along with Saam Karem Beizam, representing Damley, were certain starters.

It is likely that a Top Western side comprising players from Boigu, Saibai and Dauan Islands would be there, along with Arkal Brothers from Kubin, at least one Mabuag Island team and several others.

A team made up of players based in Cairns with descendants from one island is also being tipped to be a starter.

# Fitting reward

## Magic's Moments



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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District Crocodiles.

He was – and is, thank goodness – a year older than me and playing for the Darwin Buffalos.

Even then he was a stand-out player – solidly built but with that smooth running style and the unmistakable characteristics of a class player.

Even then he showed the attributes that would see thousands of people throughout his career willing to pay at the gate to watch him play.

The fact that he is also the Indigenous games record-holder made his return to Darwin as captain of the All Stars side even more special.

### Generous

During that week he was more than generous with his time for the young players and more than willing to pass on the 'secrets' of his success.

It's fair to say that to play 300-plus games, you need a few things to go your way.

It's one thing to have dreams as a young kid – it's another thing to achieve them.

Andrew was lucky in that he had a family who was willing to support him in following his dreams.

The fact that his dream was to play AFL didn't matter – his mum, dad and older brother were there to support him the whole way.

Like many of us, without our parents to take us to games or give up their time, we would not be able to chase that goal.

We should never take our parents for granted.

Michael remembered his brother as his toughest opponent and games in the back yard where he learned good lessons about playing against bigger bodies and how getting beaten up turns you into a better player.

Playing is one thing, but the other part of his football education was having the want and determination to succeed.

It comes from wanting to be the best you can be and extracting everything you can out of yourself to maximise what you have.

It also involves a lot of hard work and overcoming injuries.

Without the determination of a true champion, it can be too easy just to simply give up.

The other thing Andrew imparted to the young players was that you need to be motivated to learn.

He said it was about doing things with a purpose and that meant learning from coaches.

It's something that all good players continue to do throughout their career.

The key to having a long career is never thinking you know it all.

And part of your learning comes from competing day in and day out with your team-mates.

Mark Ricciuto, Simon Goodwin, Benny Hart and Mark

Bickley are fellow Crows who have helped Andrew to get the best out of himself while also getting the best out of themselves.



ANDREW MCLEOD

That internal competition is something we also use at the Swans and it's something that I've thrived on.

Being around fiercely competitive people can give you an edge because they want to be the best.

Probably the key message Andrew had for the youngsters was the willingness to make personal sacrifices.

Birthdays, Easter and other special events are often missed because football must come first.

You don't like to miss anything, but you have to and it's tough.

Hopefully, one day, we get that time back.

But it is a sacrifice you have to be willing to make.

McLeod, as always, made sense.

He is humble, hard working, respected by his team-mates and his wit and cheeky smile mask a reserved, but determined champion of the game.

McLeod puts in countless hours of charity work, although he hates being recognised for it, and will stop and sign the guernsey of every single child waiting for his autograph after a

gruelling two-hour training session.

For the past 15 years he has dedicated his life to the Adelaide Football Club.

He has provided their fans and also his dedicated Aboriginal supporters with countless highlights and pointed-finger salutes to the crowd after breathtaking goals.

He is a true champion of the game.

The humility of the man was shown when he returned to it to Anula Primary School – McLeod's old stomping ground – during his time in the Top End.

### Surprised

The 32-year-old was surprised at the sight of his old school.

"It was almost a bit surreal going back there... I hadn't been back since I graduated in 1988," McLeod said.

"When you're a kid, everything looks so big, but coming back as an adult, I couldn't believe how tiny the school really was.

"It was strange to think it had always been that size."

Perhaps it is McLeod who has grown in stature, but I cannot help but think that inside it is the same kid who used to run around the back yard with his brother.

And the same kid who showed another Aboriginal kid with a dream a thing or two about playing the game when the Crocodiles came up against the Buffalos.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



## Mills, Jawai in 36-man Boomers 2009 squad



INDIGENOUS stars Patrick Mills and Nathan Jawai have been named in the 2009 Australian men's basketball squad.

With a number of higher profile players out through injury or being rested including Andrew Bogut, Mark Worthington, David Anderson and Matt Nielsen, the Boomers are looking to the future.

"They're a young squad, they're talented

and they'll get a chance to play an exciting brand of basketball under new Head Coach Brett Brown," Basketball Australia Chief Executive Larry Sengstock said.

The Boomers' 36-man squad will come together for the first time in a training camp at the Australian Institute of Sport on 19 June before tours to China, Argentina and Brazil in advance of the Oceania Championship against New Zealand in August.

The Boomers will face off against world No 1 Argentina as they tune-up for clashes

with New Zealand for the Oceania Championship in August.

In a busy year for the world No 9 rated Boomers, they will first play a two-match series away to China.

After another camp, the Boomers will then tour South America in July-August, playing tournaments in Argentina and Brazil against the host nations and Uruguay.

Argentina still hold the top ranking above the US, despite the Americans winning Beijing Olympics gold. -AAP

# Each-way learning



Wests Tigers rugby league player Blake Lazarus meets some of the footy-mad girls at Santa Theresa.

## Rugby League

**R**ISING Wests Tigers player Blake Lazarus (right) is normally not one to feel sorry for himself.

Last year he was recognised as one of the most exciting young prospects to come out his club.

A real talent and reliable goal-kicker, Lazarus was the leading pointscorer for Wests Tigers in the Toyota Cup under 20 competition in 2008 before suffering a season-ending knee injury in round four against Penrith.

He was rewarded for his efforts and determination to make a full recovery by being offered an NRL contract.

He was also noticed off the field as he established himself as a fine young role model in just one season at the Wests Tigers.

His gentle and friendly nature has seen him make many friends in his community work for Wests Tigers through school and hospital visits and he was for his outstanding efforts in this field by being named as the club's inaugural under 20s community award winner.

Then, after an arduous off-season, Lazarus suffered a second season-ending injury before his NRL dream had the chance to begin.

He had every right to give up.

He had every right to feel depressed.

Instead, he took up the offer to go on an ARMTour to central Australia. Here is his account...



In an emotional sense, I couldn't help but be amazed by how happy they were kicking the footy around in bare feet while seemingly stuck in the middle of nowhere.

And what about the talent of these kids!

There would be no way that I would have an NRL contract if half these kids were able to make it to trials in Sydney.

And I'm only talking about the girls!

But it was in the classroom that I felt we not only made an impact, but where I felt I probably learned the most.

At the start of the week, we began by playing games with about 30 kids who were a bit shy and nervous.

By the end of the week, attendance at the school had almost doubled and we had kids not only hanging off our backs, but also off every word in the classroom.

But as I said, it was not only the kids who were doing the learning.

The staff were great and I admired their commitment to education and it was Viv, an Aboriginal teacher's aide, who made me feel immediately comfortable.

He was awesome.

But it was one particular kid that I struck up a great learning relationship.

In his own community, he is considered a man and he showed all of that maturity as he taught me about his family and their way of life.

Outside of the classroom, he was a typical cheeky fellow running around playing AFL - with a few new rugby league skills thrown in!

But in the classroom we developed a bond, particularly when he told me about his mother's paintings.

When I asked him some questions, he amazed me by 'Googling' on the computer to not only show me what he meant, but also to explain the significance of particular dots and symbols.

It was great to learn a little bit of this



Blake Lazarus gets pally with one of the Santa Theresa locals.

Having fun with the boys.



community's culture from this young man.

The whole trip took my mind not only off my injury, but put everything else into perspective.

It affirmed my desire to study youth work away from my football career and never to take anything for granted.

I have already signed up for the next ARMTour and am certain many other NRL players will join me in the future.

If the kids learned just one thing from my presence, then I hope I have made a contribution to their future.

But I cannot help but feel embarrassed as I have taken away a treasure-load of experiences and memories from my time at Santa Theresa.

It was an awesome life experience.

**A**RMtour was not just an awesome experience - it was life-changing. It was a real eye-opener and I can't wait to return.

For a young non-Indigenous bloke like me to have the opportunity to go out to central Australia and learn about a traditional Aboriginal people - both their culture and what they have endured - was something that has changed my outlook enormously.

Santa Theresa sounded more like a Mexican town than an Aboriginal community when I was first approached to go but, after some consideration, I accepted the offer.

I must admit there was a fair bit of apprehension in going as I didn't know anyone and I was nervous about how I might be accepted in the community.

But the team from NASCA was great

and our induction program ensured we were confident about being accepted as we learned about appropriate behaviours and respect before we arrived.

In many respects, the night before was like preparing for a big game.

The nerves were there, but so also was the expectation and excitement.

When we arrived in Santa Teresa, the only way I can describe my reaction was that it was an eye-opener.

My eyes were open in wonder that here we were in the isolation of central Australia some 300km from Alice Springs and my concept of distance had been changed forever.

Yet, in this isolation, we were greeted by a group of Aboriginal kids whose smiles will live with me forever.

In a material sense, the first and lasting impression was how little they had.



# Big celebration

By PETER ARGENT



FROM Perth to Sydney at eight AFL games, the second annual Indigenous Round of AFL football was an unbridled success, with the Dreamtime at the G match being a tremendous centrepiece.

There were three curtain-raisers, fielding mainly Indigenous teams from different corners of the nation.

In Perth, the Yamitji Sharks, from Geraldton, played before the West Coast versus Collingwood clash.

At AAMI stadium in Adelaide, the APY Thunder faced off against Maralinga Eagles as a prelude to the Crows-Carlton contest. And at the MCG, the Victorian Brambuk Eels and the Imalu Tigers from the Tiwi Islands were combatants (see separate story).

The round had quickly become a week of festivities, starting with the launch on Tuesday 19 May at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

With Indigenous players Cats forward Travis Varcoe, Western Bulldogs young

gun Josh Hill, Kangaroos champion Daniel Wells and Carlton sharp-shooter Eddie Betts in attendance, the launch focused on the contribution of Indigenous players to the game, along with the role the game has played in building bridges between cultures.

Each player spoke with passion about their country and the impact that had on them as footballers and people.

At the official 'Dreamtime at the G' luncheon on Wednesday 20 May, the AFL announced its 'Indigenous Framework and Employment Strategy', while in an interesting 'long walk' event that evening at the Melbourne Town Hall, on the topic of 'Footy, Social Justice and Indigenous Wellbeing' there was a diversity of speakers.

On the Saturday, Long Walk activities began in Federation Square from 4pm.

Guests included Qantas CEO Alan Joyce and Olympic gold medallist Cathy Freeman, who met the Indigenous youth team the Flying Boomerangs, and children from far north Queensland involved in the Qantas Kickstart program.

Participants in the Long Walk departed from Federation Square and 600 walkers entered the MCG, including Michael Long, Kevin Sheedy and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

A welcome to country was given by Elder Joy Murphy-Wandin, and then Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu sang to the crowd of 73,625.

Dan Sultan, together with Scott Wilson, performed This Land is Mine (a work originally written and performed by Indigenous singer-songwriter Kev Carmody), along with a dance piece from the Movement Australia Dancers.

On the field of endeavour, Essendon, after a spirited first half from Richmond, broke the game open in the third term and went on to win by 40.

Highlights of the night included spectacular marks by Indigenous stars Nathan Lovett-Murray and Patrick Rider.

The Ylooken award for the best player on the ground went to by Jason Winderlich.

In other games, Adelaide celebrated Andrew McLeod's record-breaking effort with a strong 44-point victory over Carlton.

In the round opener on Friday night, Darwin export Mathew Stokes kicked four goals and was among the best players in the Cats' thrilling win over the Western Bulldogs.

Other Aboriginal players to star across the round included Leon Davis in the 22-point win by Collingwood over West Coast in Perth, and 2008 Coleman Medallist Lance Franklin, with a four-goal effort in the Hawks' win over Melbourne.

At VFL level, in what was promoted as a 'Dreamtime at the G' clash, Richmond and Essendon affiliate teams the Coburg Tigers and the Bendigo Bombers featured in the inaugural game at the Queen Elizabeth Oval in Bendigo on Sunday 24 May.

The Tigers got the points in this contest.



Essendon's Courtenay Dempsey (left) and Richmond's Richard Tambling in action at the Dreamtime at the G match.

Picture: Slattery Media



Essendon's Nathan Lovett-Murray taking a screamer over Richmond's Adam Pattison in the Dreamtime at the G match.

Picture: Slattery Media

● See Pages 92-93 for more on the Indigenous Round



# Eels too slippery

By PETER ARGENT



IN ANOTHER showcase of Indigenous talent, the Tiwi Island Imalu Tigers took on the Brambuk Eels from

western Victoria in a curtain-raiser to the Dreamtime at the G Indigenous Round match between AFL teams Richmond and Essendon.

Travelling the length of the country to play at the home of Australian football, the Tigers found the Eels a daunting proposition, going down by 41 points.

"Naturally the experience was fantastic from our boys' perspective, as many are from small rural towns and this was their first time at the MCG," Eels captain-coach Aaron Clarke said.

"There was also upwards of 400 community members from the local districts watching, so it was an honour to play in front of your people on this stage.

"Along the players mentioned in our best players, John Bell, from Hayward, was a very good target at centre half forward and also a great role model for his peers.

"Leroy Malseed played out of his skin and 17-year-old Trent Clarke's pace, chasing and pressure was an inspiration.

"There was also a unique aspect to the game from the Eels' perspective, as this match connected the team with our forefathers and the traditional game of Marngrook, making it a significant cultural event."

## Too good

The Brambuk Eels proved to be too accomplished and skilful for the Melville Island club, with the final score being 13.10 (88) to Imalu's 7.5 (47).

The Eels had a number of outstanding performers, following the example of impressive on-baller and best on ground Reuben Hayden.

A cousin of Fremantle Dockers defender Roger Hayden, Reuben was named the Eels' best player and he, along with the Tigers' top performer Bronson Desantis, were presented with new Sherrin

footballs featuring the 'Dreamtime at the G' logo.

Along with Hayden, who also slotted through four goals, rover Adam Jennings and leader Aaron Clarke controlled the match, with the Eels using the open space of the MCG efficiently.

AFL Foundation CEO 36-year-old Jason Mifsud, a former Northern Thunder under-18 coach and 200-plus goal kicker in a season of rural Victoria footy, also participated, kicking a major in the third quarter.

The Tigers were co-coached by Mick Hodges and Gideon Pangaraminni, with Pangaraminni's brothers Norm and Kevin playing.

"Our group loved the experience, and while a couple had played on the MCG previously, most hadn't even been to Melbourne," Mick Hodges said.

"Despite the loss, they all said it was a great night.

"The youngest players in our group included a couple of 14-year-olds, while our oldest player was 38.

"This team was selected from one community of 300 people on the island."

## Bright start

Seventeen-year-old Jack Burke got the Tigers off to a good start with the first goal of the match and was industrious around the ball for Imalu, while Camden Vigona-Ross displayed his aptitude to the game with a number of creative movements through the middle for the Tigers.

Kevin Pangaraminni at centre half-forward never stopped trying and Nicholas Stassi in defence was reliable.

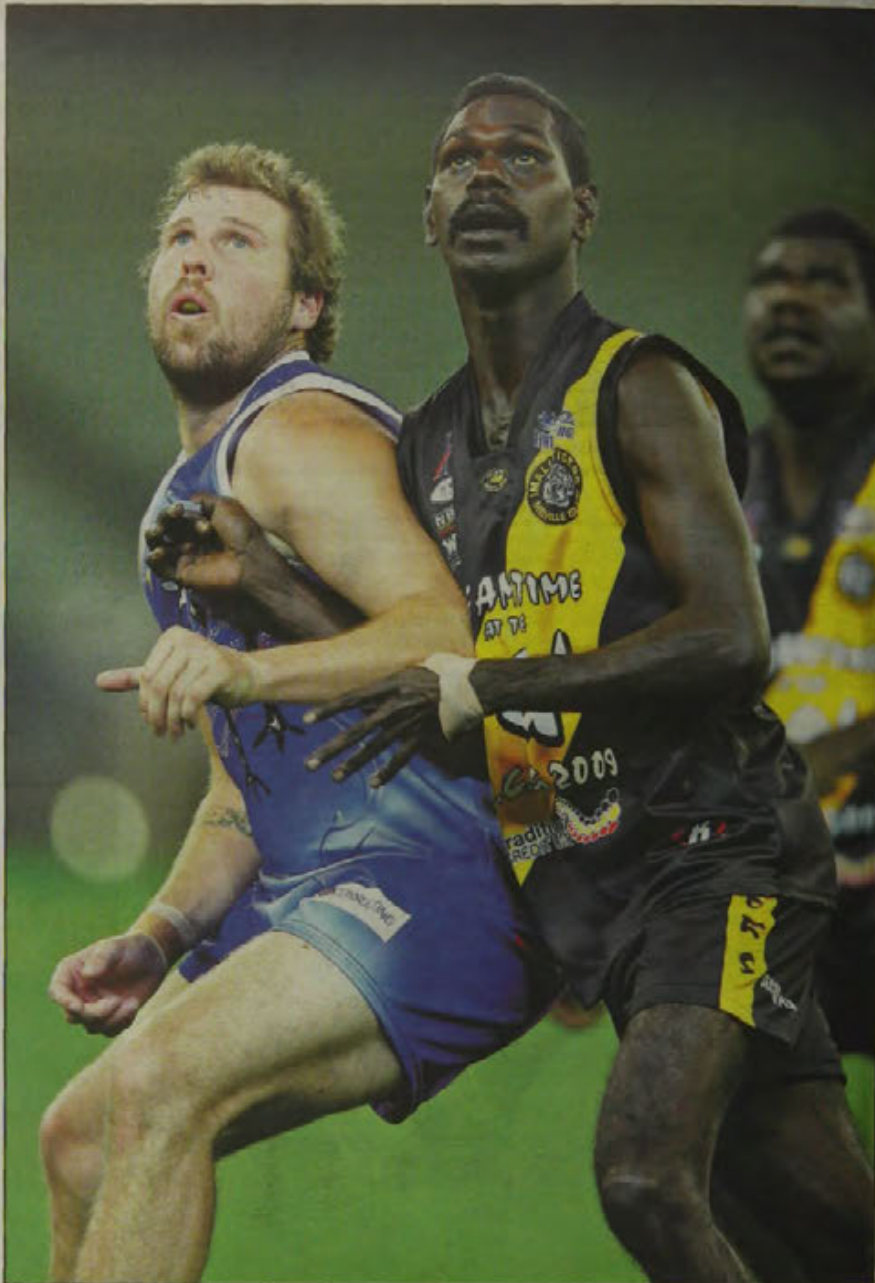
Scores: BRAMBUK 4.2 6.5 10.9 13.10 (88) d IMALU 2.1 4.3 5.4 7.5 (47).

GOALS – Brambuk: R Hayden 4, J Bell 4, B Barry 2, M Smiler, J Mifsud, T Harradine.

Imalu: N Pangaraminni 2, G Puruntatameri 2, N Stassi, J Burke, M Wilson.

BEST – Brambuk: R Hayden, A Jennings, A Clarke, G Clarke-Ugle, B Barry.

Imalu: B. Desantis, J Burke, C Vigona-Ross, N Pangaraminni, N Stassi, C Miler.



It's all eyes on the ball as Brambuk Eels and Imalu Tigers players position themselves in their curtain-raiser to the Australian Football League Dreamtime at the G match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Picture: Slattery Media



A didgeridoo player was part of the entertainment during the Dreamtime at the G match. Picture: Slattery Media



From left, Daniel Wells, Travis Varcoe, Michael Long, Eddie Betts and Josh Hill at a mid-week function during the build-up to the Indigenous Round. Picture: Slattery Media



# Sport – AFL Indigenous Round



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin with Indigenous children from Cape York, Queensland, who came to Melbourne as part of the AFL Qantas Kickstart Program. *Picture: Slattery Media*



An Imalu Tiger sends his team into attack against the Brambuk Eels.  
*Picture: Peter Argent*



An Imalu Tiger appears to have this situation under control in the Dreamtime at the G curtain-raiser against the Brambuk Eels. *Picture: Slattery Media*



Geoffery Gurrumul Yunupingu performed as part of the entertainment at the Dreamtime at the G match.

*Picture: Slattery Media*



Essendon's Patrick Ryder and Richmond's Richard Tambling with the trophy the two teams played for at the Dreamtime at the G match.

*Picture: Slattery Media*



# Soccer is spreading its wings



THE NSW north-west town of Moree can lay claim to being the birthplace of soccer's push to embrace Indigenous Australians into the sport.

Football Federation Australia (FFA) has announced a ten-year plan to give soccer a higher profile in the Indigenous community and to lift the percentage of Indigenous players at the sport's elite level.

FFA kicked off its new Indigenous Football Development Program with seven coach mentors visiting Aboriginal communities around Australia during May.

Moree was the first port of call.

Coach mentors visited Aboriginal communities to give children an opportunity to learn some football skills and to promote participation in FFA's inaugural Indigenous Football Development Program.

## High-profile mentors

The mentors included Hyundai A-League players, Travis Dodd (Adelaide United) and Fred Agius (North Queensland Fury), Qantas Futsalroo captain Lachlan Wright, Matilda and Westfield W-League striker/midfielder Kyah Simon (Central Coast Mariners) and Tanya Oxtoby (Perth Glory).

Former Qantas Socceroo 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 CEO Ben Buckley.

The heart of the Indigenous Football Development Program would be an annual Indigenous Football Festival to be held during July in Townsville.

"The Indigenous Football Festival is an important component of the program and these visits will also give children an opportunity to express their interest in participating in the festival," Buckley said.

"The most effective development method is for people to play the game, and any coach will tell you that development is more enduring if there is a sense of purpose."

## Something to aspire to

Buckley said he believed the Indigenous Football Festival would give young people from communities something to aspire to participate in each year.

The coach mentors are providing 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 began with a football training day on 14 May at Moree, followed on 17 May at Launceston (Tas), 24 May at Shepparton (Vic), 28 May at Alice Springs (NT), 30 May at Port Augusta (SA) and Dubbo (NSW), and 31 May at Townsville (Qld). It will end on 22 June at Borroloola (NT).

Qantas Australian futsal (indoor soccer) captain Lachlan Wright and Australian Matilda and Westfield W-League player Kyah Simon, from the Central Coast Mariners, are pictured here with children at the Moree Indigenous Football Development Clinic. Pictures: FFA





# Mundine v Geale



Anthony Mundine may have won the fight, but it wasn't one-way traffic in the WBO world title fight in Brisbane last Wednesday. Here, defending champion Daniel Geale lands a telling blow.



● ABOVE: Anthony Mundine enters the ring, accompanied by his father Tony (left).



● LEFT: Mundine wears the WBO belt after winning the fight narrowly.



"Now, that's a surprise," Geale might be saying as the decision is announced.

Pictures: Scott McAlinden



Mundine scores to Geale's head.





# 'Now, the world'

Anthony Mundine scores to the head of defending WBO middleweight champion Daniel Geale in an all-Indigenous world title fight in Brisbane last Wednesday. Mundine took the title from Geale in a split decision. Picture: Scott McAllinden



## All-Indigenous blockbuster ranks with the best



ONLY big-name fighters will now be considered as opponents by Anthony Mundine after he claimed his third world boxing title.

But one of Australia's most unheralded fighters went within a whisker of derailing Mundine's grand plans in an all-Indigenous blockbuster in Brisbane last Wednesday night.

In the end, Mundine (36 wins - 3 losses) had to pull out every trick in the book to claim underrated Daniel Geale's International Boxing Organisation (IBO) world middleweight crown by a split decision in front of about 8000 people.

Mundine looked like having an early night after knocking Geale down at the start of the second of the scheduled 12 three-minute rounds.

But Geale - a Sydney-based Tasmanian - recovered to hold his own against 'The Man'.

When the dust settled, the judges scored the fight 116-113 and 114-113 to Mundine while the other went to Geale 115-113.

It was the first loss in Geale's 22-fight professional career.

While Geale may not be one of the biggest names in Australian sport, Mundine rated him as the perfect springboard to 'worldwide domination'.

### 'Bigger fish to fry'

Mundine said he now only had 'bigger fish to fry', considering only the likes of world middleweight champions Kelly Pavlik (WBC), Felix Sturm (WBA) and Arthur Abraham (IBF).

He scoffed at the idea of a re-match with Danny Green.

"I am going worldwide now, I'm looking at Pavlik, Sturm," Mundine said.

"But Daniel gave a harder fight than what they will.

"Daniel's a champion."

Despite being booed by the majority of the Brisbane Entertainment Centre crowd, Mundine tried to launch a charm offensive, showering Geale with praise.

"I tell you what, he is one son of a gun," he said to the crowd.

"I knew it was going to be a hard fight.

"Some applause for Daniel, much respect and praise for you.

"It was a hard fight but I knew I was going to get it done."

But Mundine did win at least one fan. Test cricketer Phil Hughes appeared in the ring as 'The Man' celebrated his tight victory.

It was only Mundine's second fight as a middleweight.

Geale had questioned Mundine's decision to come down from super middleweight, saying it could blunt his power.

But Mundine still let off some thundering shots, especially the clever combination that

floored Geale early in the second - only the fifth time he had been knocked down in his career.

Mundine tried to go for a quick kill, but Geale regrouped.

"He probably surprised me a little bit that he wanted to go toe to toe, but I was happy with that," Geale said.

### 'Better ones around'

"There are better fighters than Mundine around the world so I have to go back to gym, try even harder and come back better."

Earlier, former NRL player Sonny Bill Williams made a perfect - but brief - start to his professional boxing career.

Williams made a monkey of Gary 'The Baboon' Gurr, stopping him in the second of their four-round bout. -AAP

● Danny Green fight a fading memory for Mundine - See Page 80

● See page 95 for more pictures from the big fight