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# Swine flu fear

## The art of dancing



Photo by George Serras, NMA.

Dance group Zogo Tudi, from Warraber Island in the Torres Strait, had the crowd enthralled during a performance at the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, held at the region's cultural centre on Thursday Island. The awards attracted an impressive range of local artworks. See page 52 for our report.



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander communities are bracing themselves for swine flu, after health experts warned that people with chronic underlying illnesses would be most vulnerable to the potentially deadly H1N1 virus.

Authorities have begun rolling out supplies of anti-viral prescription drugs to remote communities but say they'll only be prescribed on a case-by-case basis to people who present with flu-like symptoms.

Health organisations and doctors have cautioned against panic, saying swine flu infections will be mild in most cases. But they say governments need to develop a greater sense of urgency and to consider either a separate Indigenous plan or enhance the national plan so it makes better provision for Indigenous people, who carry a larger burden of ill health, malnutrition, respiratory and other diseases, as well as overcrowding.

The first Australian suffering from swine flu to die was a 26-year-old Aboriginal man from the remote West Australian community of Kiwirrkurra, 620kms north-west of Alice Springs, who died in an Adelaide hospital on 19 June.

When *The Koori Mail* went to print on Sunday, four non-Indigenous Australians had also died – three in Victoria and another in WA. All five deaths are said to have involved underlying health conditions. SA authorities said on Friday that the young Kiwirrkurra man's other health issues – threatening impairment of a number of organs – predominantly led to his death.

About half of the 115 Northern Territorians diagnosed with swine flu are said to be Aboriginal, and cases of infection have been recorded amongst Indigenous people in other states.

President of the AMA (NT) Dr Paul Bauert told *The Koori Mail* that preventative and proactive measures should be taken sooner, rather than later, which in some cases could mean treating entire communities.

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# My FAMILY

LAVINIA INKERMAN – Cairns, Qld



Lavinia Inkerman and children, from left, Tyeisha, Ruth, Sharmilah and Johneisha Clark in the Sunferries terminal about to head to Palm Island.

**L**Ive in Cairns and this photo is of me with my children Johneisha Clark, aged 4, Tyeisha Clark, 6, Sharmilah Clark, 9, and Ruth Clark, 11, as we get prepared to catch the ferry to Palm Island.

I was born in Townsville and my mother, Noreen Baira, is from Palm Island and my father was Greg Inkerman. There's a big mob of Baira family from Palm Island, the Torres Strait, Cairns and Townsville.

One experience I will never forget is when my youngest, Johneisha, was born on a Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) plane when it was five minutes out of Normanton, up near the Gulf.

Every time I look at Johneisha I think of that. It's a bit different to being born at a hospital like most other babies are!

All of my other children were born in

Cairns, which I think is a good place to live.

In this photo, we came down by bus to spend at least two weeks on Palm Island.

The ferry over to the island was really busy because it was carrying all the locals who had been attending the Townsville Show for the previous two days.

I really enjoy getting back to Palm Island with my children so they can go fishing, catch up with family and friends and learn more about our culture.

Palm Island has a large Aboriginal community and it's really important for me as a mother for us to visit our family members there.

For me, the best possible holiday is one that we all spend together as a family.

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If you would like to see your family featured in the 'My Family' section of the Koori Mail, email a high-resolution digital photo to [myfamily@koorimail.com](mailto:myfamily@koorimail.com) along with a full caption (always reading from left to right) and between 350 and 400 words about your family. Tell us who is in your family, what you like to do as a family, your traditions and achievements, and what is important to you.

# OUR CHILDREN



Indigenous boarding students from St Vincent's College, at Potts Point in Sydney, were thrilled when 2008 Young Australian of the Year Tania Major attended their Reconciliation Week assembly – and the feeling was mutual. Amongst other things, Ms Major spoke of the need for schools to learn more about Australian Indigenous history. Currently, 16 students from rural NSW attend the Catholic college as part of its Indigenous Education Program.

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## Spanish Royals' welcome is a first



NGAMBRI men Paul House and Billy T met Spanish royals King Juan Carlos I and his wife

Queen Sofia at a reception in Canberra last Wednesday.

It was the first time that an Indigenous welcome to country formed part of an official reception for visiting heads of state, and built upon the Parliament's growing recognition of the First Australians. King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia examine boomerangs presented to them, as the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull looked on.

Mr Rudd told the ceremony that the Spanish community was an integral part of modern Australia, speaking briefly in Spanish.

The royal couple also visited the Australian War Memorial while in Canberra, before travelling to Sydney to open Australia's first dedicated Spanish cultural centre, the Cervantes Institute. — AAP Image

# It's a time for pride



OUR mobs have plenty of reasons to feel proud at any time of the year but NAIDOC Week always brings out the best of days.

This year, the national NAIDOC committee and the Federal Government are calling on all Australians to celebrate this year's theme of 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'.

NAIDOC Week 2009 kicks off this Saturday with all manner of events planned at local levels throughout the country as well as the national program.

NAIDOC Committee co-chairs Anne Martin and Ben Mitchell said the theme reflected the great contributions Elders made to community life.

"Elders are inspirational leaders and nurturers of young people," Ms Martin said. "The theme encompasses the achievements of Elders past and present and looks to the future."

Co-chair Ben Mitchell said young people's lives were

## NAIDOC focus on youth, Elders

enriched by the care and mentoring of Elders.

"Our young people are our future and through their guidance the Elders encourage them to find and stay on the right path."

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said NAIDOC Week was an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together and celebrate the valuable contribution Indigenous

Australians had made.

One of the highlights on the national Indigenous calendar is the annual NAIDOC Awards ceremony, this year held in Brisbane on 10 July, with eight categories including the lifetime achievement award.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch also urged people to get behind NAIDOC Week celebrations.

"NAIDOC celebrations provide an important opportunity for government to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities, demonstrating a commitment to work with young people and celebrating the contribution of Elders," he said.

NAIDOC Week runs from 5-12 July and there are hundreds of events scheduled throughout the country. See our next edition for a full wrap of the NAIDOC Awards and other events.

● NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee.



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# Experts fear more

## What you can do to prevent flu

This advice comes from Qld Health.

- Cover your mouth with a tissue when you sneeze, snort or cough
- Use tissues just once, then bin them
- If you feel sick, stay at home
- Wash or get clean hands with anti-bacterial gel to help fight bugs
- Don't share cigarettes, lipsticks, cups or mugs.

## Who is most at risk?

- Young people
- Pregnant women
- People with chronic respiratory diseases, such as asthma and bronchitis
- People with heart disease, diabetes or kidney disease
- People who are very overweight.

The Australian Medical Association (AMA) says anyone in these categories who begins to experience flu-like symptoms should seek diagnosis and medical treatment as quickly as possible.

## Governments urged to take a more proactive approach

By MAHALA STROHFELDT, KEN BOASE and ALF WILSON with additional reporting by AAP



HEALTH experts say it is inevitable more Indigenous Australian swine flu sufferers will die unless governments take a more proactive approach in their management and prevention of the virus.

They argue that the larger burden of ill health, malnutrition, respiratory and other diseases as well as overcrowding in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities represents heightened risk and justifies a greater sense of urgency.

However, the Federal

Government has so far ruled out providing the anti-viral prescription drug Tamiflu on anything other than a case-by-case basis.

Dire warnings for Indigenous communities came even before news on Sunday that a swine flu (H1N1 influenza) vaccine may not be available until next winter, to allow enough time for human trials to determine the right dosage.

When *The Koori Mail* went to print on Sunday, the pandemic had claimed five victims, the first being a 26-year-old man from the remote West Australian community of Kiwirrkurra, 620km north-west of Alice Springs, who died in an Adelaide hospital on Friday 19 June.

A 35-year-old diabetic man died at Colac in western Victoria a day later, followed by two Victorians, aged 50 and 71, last week. Late on Friday, a 26-year-old Perth woman became the fifth person with the condition to die.

While only scant details were available, all of the five victims were said to have had underlying health conditions. SA Chief Medical Officer Paddy Phillips said on Thursday that the young Kiwirrkurra man's other health issues – threatening impairment of a number of organs – predominantly led to his death.

There have been predictions that up to 30 per cent of Australians will contract swine flu this winter. Health officials said that about 2500 people died from seasonal flu and pneumonia every year, and swine flu was likely to have only a mild effect on healthy people.

However, vulnerability was increased amongst the young and people with pre-existing conditions such as respiratory diseases like asthma and others like diabetes which weaken the immune system.



Washing your hands is one of the best ways to protect against swine flu.

People in those categories who experienced flu-like symptoms were urged to seek diagnosis and treatment immediately, as swine flu has been shown to cause rapid deterioration in sufferers.

According to Federal Government figures, as of late last Friday, more than 3500 people had been diagnosed with the virus across Australia.

Of those, more than 1500 were in Victoria, and there had been a sharp rise in the number of cases in Queensland with more than 460 people diagnosed there.

Around the country, outbreaks of the virus have led to temporary school closures, suspension of prison visits, and the postponement of some elective surgery procedures while hospitals struggled to cope with a growing number of flu presentations.

Amongst the first known Indigenous swine flu sufferers were a member of a dance group who travelled to Victoria at the beginning of June, and a Tiwi Islands woman.

The Northern Territory had the highest rate of swine flu per capita in the country, with just over five cases for every 10,000 people.

The Territory's Indigenous

health organisations were reluctant to comment on government responses to swine flu, but were understood to be holding weekly teleconferences with the NT Health's Communicable Disease section and district medical officials, and supporting community health services.

However, with about half of the 115 swine flu cases confirmed in the Territory up until Saturday believed to be Aboriginal people, the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and others have called for a greater sense of urgency to combat the spread of the virus in Indigenous communities.

### Tamiflu deployed

Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer Professor Jim Bishop said Tamiflu was being made available to the NT, South Australian and WA governments for use in remote communities, but would be prescribed only on a case-by-case basis dependant on the risk levels to vulnerable individuals.

"Widespread use of Tamiflu as a preventative measure across remote Indigenous communities would not be an

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The remote West Australian community of Kiwirrkurra, home of the first person with swine flu to die in Australia.



# swine flu deaths

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appropriate use of the available antivirals, but in some cases it will be the right thing to do if people are identified at particular risk, or to contain the disease in certain circumstances," Prof Bishop said.

However, President of the AMA (NT) Dr Paul Bauert was amongst health professionals who said this method – while effective for the general population – might prove largely ineffective against the myriad of complex health and housing issues of Indigenous communities.

Dr Bauert told *The Koori Mail* that preventative and proactive measures should be taken sooner, rather than later, which in some cases could mean treating the entire community.

He said health authorities should target outbreaks of swine flu in Indigenous communities by identifying and testing for the virus as early as possible, lowering the threshold for the provision of Tamiflu, and increasing medical and other health professionals in communities.

Dr Bauert said that when the vaccine was ready, it should be made immediately available to Aboriginal people, with priority given to those most at risk.

"I'm not trying to cause alarm, but people need to be aware that this is serious," Dr Bauert said.

"If we're serious about prevention, then we need to take the existing measures one step further.

"We have an acute crisis on our hands and I think we can unfortunately expect more deaths within Indigenous communities, but we can also limit those deaths if we start to take a more proactive approach.

"We need to be supplying Tamiflu to Indigenous communities sooner. This means within a community (with a diagnosed case of swine flu) if we are looking at a household of 17 people in which half of them have some kind of illness, then the entire household should receive Tamiflu."

Dr Bauert said health teams also needed to reach Aboriginal communities within very short notice to contain and manage the virus.

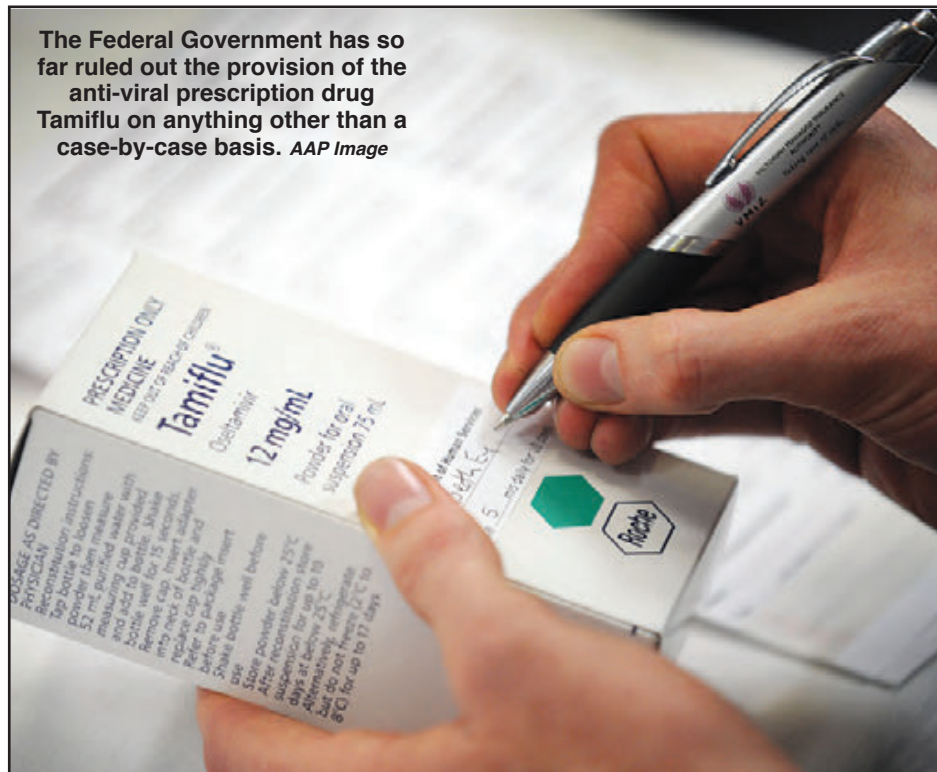
## Response time criticised

There was some criticism last week of the time WA Health Department officials took to reach Kiwirrkurra to investigate the extent of the virus there after news that the 26-year-old resident had died.

Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service chief Sandy Davies said the turnaround – believed to have been four days after the death – was too long.

"There's a possibility that within his own home there are maybe other people with

The Federal Government has so far ruled out the provision of the anti-viral prescription drug Tamiflu on anything other than a case-by-case basis. AAP Image



chronic disease and no doubt there are other people in that community that would have chronic disease," Mr Davies told *The Koori Mail* last week.

"The reaction times by health services, both state and Commonwealth, have been nothing short of appalling, and nobody other than the people in the community themselves would be aware if there are other people there with chronic disease or flu-like symptoms."

WA Health Department Acting CEO Andy Robertson said batches of protective masks and Tamiflu had been sent to remote Aboriginal communities and the state health plan was in its 'surveillance and management' phase.

This meant that remote clinics were providing information about potential swine flu cases, undertaking some testing, reporting influenza-type illness and keeping 'a close eye' on communities.

"Our biggest concern is the higher incidence of chronic disease and other illness in communities," Mr Robertson said.

"We are keen to diagnose and treat quickly and we are focused on getting people the best access to medical care if required."

Ngaanyatjarra Council Chief Executive Officer Gerard Coffey, whose council area includes Kiwirrkurra community, said last week it was too early to tell whether the combined federal, state and territory response to the situation had been enough.

He said the council was trying to make sure Aboriginal people, especially those

living in remote communities, were getting the right information. The last thing the council wanted to do was panic people unnecessarily and it would assess the situation on a daily basis.

## Annual show targeted

On the other side of the country, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were amongst those who took precautions against swine flu when they attended the annual Townsville Show over the weekend.

With eight Townsville people having been diagnosed with swine flu, Queensland Health targeted the show to educate people about the dangers of the virus, and the Townsville Show Society hired extra staff to encourage patrons to wash their hands with antiseptic liquid provided.

Show Manager Chris Condon said his staff had worked with Queensland Health and increased cleaning and disinfecting toilets to optimise hygiene.

"We recommended that everybody wash their hands," said Mr Condon at the beginning of the show which was expected to attract more than 60,000 people by the end of Monday.

Scores of Indigenous people attending the show told *The Koori Mail* they were worried about contracting swine flu.

Local Elizabeth Ghee, 39, said she had considered not taking her daughter Zahra to the show because of the huge crowds there.

"The only reason I did was because it was her fifth birthday the week after the

show and this was a gift," Ms Ghee said. "But I really was worried about swine flu and made sure we cleaned our hands."

Winnie Bero, from Ingham, said she made sure she washed her hands after touching anything and stayed away from anybody who was coughing.

Security Officer Brenden Tyrrell said he had been instructed to monitor anybody who displayed flu symptoms.

*The Koori Mail* saw only two people at the show wearing face masks.

## AIDA position

Australian Indigenous Doctors Association (AIDA) President Dr Tamara Maclean said only time would tell whether the current pandemic plan would be sufficient to protect Indigenous Australians.

But she said authorities should consider either a separate Indigenous plan or enhance the national plan so it made better provisions for Indigenous people.

Dr Maclean said delivering culturally appropriate health information into Aboriginal communities was vital, and people needed to be actively involved in the process.

Community health workers would be an essential resource, providing an important link between state health, primary health care and local communities, she said.

"We need to get good information to people on the ground so they know what to do," Dr Maclean said.

"If communication is going to be our biggest weapon against limiting the spread, we need to ask how we are going to do it and what resources are needed in our communities."

Dr Maclean said Aboriginal people should encourage their family and others in their communities to seek medical advice as soon as they started to become unwell, as Indigenous people had a tendency to present late to health services.

Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) Chairperson Vicki O'Donnell said educating people about the symptoms of new diseases like swine flu was one of the difficulties facing remote communities.

"Our people suffer from the flu a lot and we call it cold sickness so they would not have an appreciation that they've actually got the swine flu," she said at the opening of the council's new premises last week.

"To them it would be like a cold sickness, so all of the Aboriginal medical services in WA are equipped with the masks and with the drugs."

Another problem facing medical clinics in remote communities was trying to contain a disease outbreak with so many people highly mobile between communities on a regular basis, ironically mostly for funerals.

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**'The reaction times by health services, both state and Commonwealth, have been nothing short of appalling, and nobody other than the people in the community themselves would be aware if there are other people there with chronic disease or flu-like symptoms'**

– Geraldton Aboriginal Medical Service chief Sandy Davies



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The sign says it all ... One of the people at the Perth rally.



Ward family member Teddy Biljabu: "The people that were involved should be brought to justice and pay the consequences like everybody else does in life."



Nyongar Elder Ted Wilkes: "Some of this is about the racist attitudes of non-Aboriginal people, and it's just got to stop."

# Justice demand at Mr Ward rally

By KEN BOASE  
Photos by ALITA BOASE



MORE than 1500 people crowded into a mall in Perth city on 20 June to demand justice for the family of Ngaanyatjarra Elder Mr Ward and the full implementation of the West Australian

Coroner's report into his death.

In other developments, one of the prison guards who transported the Elder on the day of his death has apologised for her role in the fatal incident, and a prison officer in Queensland has spoken of the horrific transport conditions in that state.

Since the Coroner's report into Mr Ward's death in the back of a prison van in the Goldfields region of WA on Survival Day last year, other people have come forward with similar horror stories of prisoner transportation.

The emotional demonstration in Perth was attended by many non-Aboriginal people who expressed their shame that such an incident could happen in Australia in the 21st Century, and Aboriginal Elders and leaders angrily demanded a stop to deaths in custody.

Nyongar Elder Roma Smith said the WA Government had promised years ago that such a death could never happen again, and the case of Mr Ward proved that governments were 'all talk but little or no action' on such issues.

"We need to follow this through and really say that we'd like this to be our last death in custody, because going back to two years ago we heard recommendations should be put in place so that this doesn't happen again concerning the escorts or the police vans," Ms Smith said.

"Yet there's been about four or five deaths inside of this two years."

Martu Elder Teddy Biljabu, a member of Mr Ward's extended family, said the family not only wanted justice, but for those responsible be treated equally before the law.

"The people that were involved should be brought to justice and pay the consequences like everybody else does in life," he said.

"They have committed a crime in doing what they did and the family feels that they should be taken to justice and go to court and go to jail because this is what they deserve."

WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee Chairman Marc Newhouse said he had received hundreds of emails,



The crowd at the 20 June rally in Perth demanding justice for Mr Ward and his family.

phone calls and letters of support from around Australia and internationally demanding justice.

"All those responsible and who contributed to his death, the State of Western Australia, the Department of Corrective Services, the private company G-4-S, the two guards, the JP and the police officer that acted as the registrar, all need to be held accountable. Nothing less," he said.

Nyongar Elder and senior health professional Professor Ted Wilkes said entrenched racism in government departments and private corporations contributed to Mr Ward's death.

"There are systems in place that look after people and we expect those systems to look after Aboriginal people as well," he said.

"We are citizens of this country and, let's call a spade a spade, some of this is about the racist attitudes of non-Aboriginal people, and it's just got to stop."

Reconciliation Australia member and

former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Fred Chaney choked back tears while he called for those responsible to come forward and be accountable for their role in Mr Ward's death.

"We want to see justice in terms of reparation and most importantly we want to see justice for future generations," he said.

## Cry for justice

"Because this sign that calls for justice for Mr Ward is a cry that cannot be answered because it is too late to do justice for Mr Ward. We roasted him and killed him."

The Watch Committee has released a petition demanding the full implementation of the WA Coroner's recommendations over Mr Ward's death, that criminal charges be laid against those responsible and that the WA Government cancel the contract with G-4-S.

The petition also demands that prisoner transport be taken out of the hands of private contractors and returned to the

Corrective Services Department.

One of the two prison guards who transported Mr Ward, Nina Stokoe, appeared on Channel Nine last Tuesday night expressing remorse and apologising for her part in his death, saying the incident would haunt her for the rest of her life.

But Mr Ward's family dismissed the apology as too little too late.

And a serving prison guard in Queensland last week told the ABC he was disciplined and investigated for refusing to operate a prison van that did not have air-conditioning, and of an incident where a prisoner collapsed from heat exhaustion.

Several people in WA told *The Koori Mail* that prisoners were regularly transported in heat-wave conditions, including one incident in the Pilbara where eight prisoners were left sitting in the back of a prison van for four hours while the drivers took a break from the heat.

Other states are believed to be considering their options with regards to the privatisation of prisoner transport.



# The NT Intervention two years on...



Elaine Peckham (Iteyepinpye homeland), Barbara Shaw (Mt Nancy town camp in Alice Springs), and Joy White (Bagot community in Darwin) at the protest in Darwin.

# Protests around Australia

By **DARREN COYNE** and **MARGARET SMITH**



THE two-year anniversary of the Federal intervention into Northern Territory

Aboriginal communities sparked protests around the country.

Protestors gathered in all major capital cities demanding an end to the intervention, which has involved controversial policies such as mandatory income quarantining and leases over Aboriginal land.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma urged the Federal Government to undertake open and genuine consultation with Aboriginal communities.

Mr Calma praised the Government's moves to introduce legislation later this year to reinstate the *Racial Discrimination Act* (RDA) in the affected communities, but cautioned that any attempts to make compulsory income or alcohol management strategies 'special measures', must be completely understood by the affected communities and must be demonstrably supported by them.

"We know that some of

the measures may have had beneficial outcomes to some extent, but we can't allow such outcomes to be delivered through racially prejudiced means," he said.

He said the Human Rights Commission was finalising guidelines to assist governments in understanding and fulfilling their obligations concerning special measures under the *Racial Discrimination Act*.

In a statement from the Prescribed Area People's Alliance, representatives from various communities said they were being treated like second-class citizens.

"The Government says they're closing the gap, but it's getting wider," they said.

"Under the intervention policy, the Government said they're going to make it better for Indigenous people – better in housing, education and health.

"They say they're closing the gap in a few years, but it's not getting smaller – it's getting bigger and bigger.

"It's dividing the nation and getting worse for everyone."

In Sydney, speakers called for the reinstatement of the RDA, the outlawing of governments demanding 40-year leases in return for services to Aboriginal communities, and a return to Aboriginal control of their own communities, with



Maurie Ryan, of Kalkaringi in the NT, speaking at the Sydney rally.

Indigenous initiatives being supported by government.

Maurie Ryan, of Kalkaringi in the NT, told the crowd that because of the intervention he was now branded 'a basher of women, an abuser of

children, and a watcher of pornography'.

"These crimes are occurring all over Australia, but all Aboriginal people are accused in the NT. Despite millions of dollars being spent, our health and living

standards remain the lowest," he said.

Mr Ryan compared the intervention with 1788 and the land grab that occurred then. "It's what's in the ground, we are land rich but dirt poor," Mr Ryan said.

Singer/songwriter Vic Simms, from Botany Bay, said: "We Aboriginal people are here because we're acting from our hearts. Nothing's changed since the 'white Australia' policy was forced on us by the founding fathers of Federation in the Deakin era."

Dr Peter Gibson, who once worked for the Aboriginal Medical Service, said the Rudd Government's approach was much the same as the Howard Government's.

"It's a paternalistic racist policy," he said.

Glenda Aragu and her young daughter Bessie, from the Torres Strait, took time out from their lunch to say: "If the Government starts to do the same thing in TI we'll be very worried. They're stereotyping all of us."

In Darwin, Barbara Shaw, from Mt Nancy town camp in Alice Springs, said 'we came up to join forces with other Aboriginal people affected by the intervention, and now we know we've got support'.

Raelene Silverton, from West Waterhouse Homelands, and Ntaria

(Hermannsburg) said it was necessary for Aboriginal people to speak out.

"If we keep what we feel about how we are treated by the Government to ourselves, we'll go nowhere," she said. "We need to speak up."

Joy White, from Bagot community (Darwin), described the intervention as a shame job.

"This is our country. We are still under the thumb of the Government, this government that came from England," she said.

Meanwhile, the Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) group said consultation with Aboriginal people was still flawed, two years on.

"The lack of significant improvements resulting from the intervention measures and the continuing concerns and opposition from affected communities, demand that fundamental changes are made to the Australian Government's approach in the NT," said ANTaR spokesperson David Cooper. "The apparent sidelining of Aboriginal community-based organisations and lack of adequate provision of interpreters and independent monitors suggest that once again we will see a pre-determined outcome from this road show."

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# Minister responds to men's summit

By **DARREN COYNE**



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has responded to the Aboriginal Male Health Summit held

near Alice Springs a year ago.

At the summit, 400 Aboriginal men issued the Inteyerrkwe statement, along with a collective apology to Aboriginal women and children for the hurt and suffering caused by family violence.

In the statement, the men set out a number of recommendations concerning health, relationships, economic partnerships and more, and called on the Minister to respond within three months.

Ms Macklin last week responded to the recommendations, and also

reaffirmed the Government's support for the men's determination and leadership.

The Minister said the Government was committed to improving Indigenous men's health outcomes through the delivery of measures specifically targeted to their needs.

She said the Government was also committed to developing national men's and women's health policies this year.

Ms Macklin said the Federal Government had established long-term targets, strategies and review mechanism's through the Council of Australian Government's closing the gap strategy.

She also spoke about the Government's progress in areas such as establishing a Healing Foundation to address trauma in Aboriginal communities, particularly focused on the Stolen

Generations. The Minister said consultations for that initiative were under way, and submissions could be made to [Healingfoundation@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:Healingfoundation@fahcsia.gov.au) until the end of this month.

Summit Chairperson John Liddle told *The Koori Mail* he was pleased the Minister had finally responded, even if it was a 'typical government response'.

But he was hesitant to be too critical, saying it sometimes appeared it was difficult for the Minister to get the right advice.

"Regardless of whether you're in favour of the intervention or not there are definitely good things and bad things, like any government policy," he said.

Mr Liddle said the Government had put in place some programs which would make a difference, but needed to work closer with Aboriginal people.

"We've got some good things happening out here. We recently got funding for a program aimed at managing anger and conflict resolution," he said.

"In that we also deal with the role and importance of cultural activities and we'll be talking to guys about community development and taking responsibility."

Mr Liddle said another men's health summit was being held this week in Katherine. It would deal with intervention-related issues such as the impacts of welfare quarantining.

He said those involved with last year's summit would now read and digest the Minister's response.

Ms Macklin's full response can be viewed at [http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/general/Documents/male\\_health\\_summit\\_jun09.pdf](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/general/Documents/male_health_summit_jun09.pdf)



**JOHN LIDDLE**

# Scrymgour flexes political muscle



THESE days, Northern Territory Independent politician Marion Scrymgour doesn't mince words when speaking about the Federal Government's intervention into Aboriginal communities. Or

herself. Or much else.

Ms Scrymgour resigned from the NT Labor Party in dramatic circumstances early last month, over government policy around future support for outstations and homelands.

Her departure dealt a blow to Paul Henderson's Labor Government, which had a one-seat majority in the NT Parliament when she was on board. Ms Scrymgour now wields a different sort of power to when she was feted, as Deputy Chief Minister, as the highest-ranked Aboriginal person in any Australian parliament ever.

And the Member for Arafura appears to have embraced that freedom with a vengeance, pulling no punches in a frank interview with *The Koori Mail* last week.

"It's a disgrace," Ms Scrymgour said of the ongoing Federal intervention, which encompasses a range of measures in prescribed communities around policing, alcohol controls, leasing and – most controversially – blanket welfare, which continues to require the suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

Much of the intervention is being overseen by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"Macklin is so disappointing. She has been allowed to swan around and say income management and special measures are things that people say are good when there's no real evidence," Ms Scrymgour said.

"In some areas, income management has benefitted women but it is also a very demoralising exercise, especially for those doing the right thing.

"And the men have been made to feel the lowest form of life."

Ms Scrymgour also took a swipe at Lingiari Federal MP Warren Snowdon, whose 'silence has been deafening' despite relying on Aboriginal voters to be elected.

"He got a 20 per cent swing after the



**Independent NT MP Marion Scrymgour ... "The time has come to say enough is enough. Stop kicking blackfellas."**

intervention but his voice has been silent. Our elected members need to be accountable," she said.

On accountability, Ms Scrymgour told *The Koori Mail* she had learnt a valuable lesson following the furore over the NT Government's controversial bilingual education policy.

The policy centred around a decree by Ms Scrymgour, then Education Minister, that the first four hours of every school day would be taught only in English.

However, a community campaign fended off the policy for a year and forced the

Government to agree to further consultation.

In the first week of February, Ms Scrymgour switched portfolios and a week later resigned as Deputy Chief Minister and from her ministerial responsibilities, citing ill health.

"I didn't go out and consult properly before I made that decision," she admitted last week, when reflecting on her handling of the policy of bilingual education. "I learnt that lesson. It was the worst 18 months of my life.

"I was so arrogant I thought I knew everything. As an Aboriginal person I should have known that consultation was important.

"I only saw that when I stepped back from being a minister. Being sick allowed me to look back over the last 18 years."

Ms Scrymgour said her decision to quit NT Labor over its controversial Working Futures policy was because the policy was rushed and insulting.

"Working Futures was advisor-driven. We had given an undertaking that before the policy was developed we would go back and consult," she said.

"I was disappointed to come back from three months' sick leave to see the policy. I thought this is absolute bullshit and so insulting to Aboriginal people.

"These are the very people we front up to as the Labor Party saying we represent workers and the marginalised.

"I say next time a Labor politician comes and wants your vote, they are going to have to say clearly what they are going to do for you.

"I walked away from a substantial salary but if I was ever going to signal that I was serious about my concerns then this was the way."

Ms Scrymgour now wants a parliamentary inquiry into the NT Government's proposed Working Futures Policy, and she claims to already have the support of the NT Opposition and second independent Gerry Wood.

Her push for an inquiry will be debated in August.

She also maintains that the billions of dollars being allocated by the NT and Federal governments are 'not hitting the ground'.

"The money is caught up in bureaucracy," she said. "Not one cent has gone to protecting a child or housing a family.

"The time has come to say enough is enough. Stop kicking blackfellas."

Ms Scrymgour spent last week touring her electorate, visiting isolated and remote communities.

And she said she was buoyed by the support she received.

"It's fantastic. I've been talking to quite traditional men who are almost amazed I did this for them, and the women and young girls said 'we never thought a politician would do this and make a stand'."



# Garma prepares to cast its spell



**MANDAWUY** Yunupingu describes Gulkula in north-east Arnhem land, home of the Yolngu people's Garma Festival, as a

magical place.

"We consider it the gateway to the next world," he says of the site that is perched on an escarpment overlooking the Arafura Sea and out to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

It's little wonder more and more people are returning year after year to the celebration of Yolngu people's dance, music and art.

Mr Yunupingu, who founded the Yothu Yindi Foundation and Garma, told *The Koori Mail* last month that the theme of the key forum at this year's festival (7-11 August) was one especially close to his heart.

"The theme is 'Indigenous Creative Industries' and it means

that we Yolngu can express our thinking and also show what we can do creatively," he said last month.

"Aboriginal people are wanting to express their point of view and there are a lot of non-Aboriginal who are trying to learn about Indigenous people and our wishes for the future. There's plenty of opportunities available for collaboration at Garma, it is about friendship between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people."

Mr Yunupingu said the festival had meant a lot to him personally and to his family, 'a chance in a million for us to invite people to our land'.

"We can express our culture, coming from a Yolngu world to a world that is unknown to us, a non-Aboriginal world," he said.

"A lot of people enjoy the experience on our land, and they



**MANDAWUY YUNUPINGU**

go away thinking more positively and feeling more balanced."

But it was also about jobs and economic opportunity, Mr Yunupingu said. "Garma has given a whole range of opportunities to Yolngu people, working and making

sure that our interests are being protected," he said.

Mr Yunupingu will be part of a stellar line-up of leading arts, political and community figures taking part in this year's Garma Key Forum, co-ordinated by Charles Darwin University.

Also attending will be performer and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts Board Chairman Mark Bin Bakar, theatre stalwart Robyn Archer, chef Mark Olive, Federal ministers Peter Garrett and Jenny Macklin, actor and playwright Leah Purcell, academic Marcia Langton, NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra, CDU's Pro Vice-Chancellor of Indigenous Leadership Steve Larkin, actor Jack Thompson, musicians Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Dreaming Festival Director Rhoda Roberts, artist and Madarrpa clan leader Djambawa Marawili, actor Trevor Jamieson,

lawyer Terri Janke, Yolngu artist Dhanggal Gurruwiwi, rapper Wire MC, and Australian of the Year Mick Dodson.

The key forum will cover the spectrum of creative industries: the performing and visual arts; contemporary and traditional art; technology; cultural rights and protocols; social and economic development; Indigenous architecture and design; creativity across media, film and broadcasting sectors; the music and literary industries, graphics; and cultural engagement and partnerships involving public, commercial and philanthropic sectors.

For further information on YYF, Garma and the Key Forum, and details on how to attend, go to [www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com). Inquiries at [garmafest@bigpond.com](mailto:garmafest@bigpond.com)

— By **KIRSTIE PARKER**

# Strife hits APY Lands



**RELATIONS** between the leadership of South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands and the State Government have hit another rocky patch.

Last week saw heated exchanges in the media between the APY Executive Board and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill over the Government's plans to change the *APY Land Rights Act 1981*, which sets out the conditions under which a person may enter the APY Lands.

On 16 June, the APY Board announced plans to cut red tape by agreeing to a blanket permit for state public servants required to work on the APY Lands from 1 July.

Chairperson Bernard Singer said the decision reflected increased contractor and service personnel activity in the wake of the 2007 Mullighan Inquiry which identified high levels of child abuse.

"This is a hard decision for some of us," said Mr Singer. "Permits are a very sensitive issue."

But he said the Board's confidence that long-promised Federal and state housing on the Lands would finally go ahead had lifted after a visit the previous week by SA Housing Minister Jennifer Rankine.

"The Minister worked long hours driving all over our dusty roads visiting communities and talking to people," he said.

"She listened to our views on matters which are important to us and won our respect and trust. It was a breath of fresh air."

Mr Singer's media release made no mention of Mr Weatherill, who has clashed with the Board in the past,



## Chairman to keep his job

The Chairman of the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands will retain his position after an assault charge against him was dropped last week.

The SA Government has reaffirmed it won't seek to have Bernard Singer (above) removed from his board position.

Singer was charged with assaulting another Aboriginal man at Coober Pedy in April last year.

But in the Coober Pedy Magistrates Court on Wednesday the charges were withdrawn. — AAP

including when it co-opted former Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brought as its representative in talks with the SA and Federal governments over housing.

On 19 June, Minister Weatherill welcomed the APY plans to issue a blanket permit, saying it was pleasing the APY was supporting the Government's intentions to amend the legislation in order to make the lands more accessible to public servants, government

contractors and the media.

"The legislation will be introduced to Parliament soon and will make clear the access arrangements for state and Commonwealth public servants and government contractors providing services to the APY Lands, as well as media seeking to report on issues in the APY Lands," Mr Weatherill said, referring to his meeting with them the week before.

"It's good to see the APY community agreeing to open the Lands to people going there to help the Anangu."

However, the APY Executive Board responded by saying they had not been consulted about, and did not support, the proposed legislative change.

Mr Singer said in a further statement that Mr Weatherill had told the APY in March that he would not need to amend the legislation 'because of the new system we were proposing'.

Things unravelled further when APY Deputy Chairperson Ronnie Brumby said in the same statement that the Minister had been 'abusive, threatening and disrespectful' over a planned visit to the Lands by Mr Weatherill and his Federal counterpart, Jenny Macklin, in June last year.

Last Wednesday, Mr Weatherill told ABC Radio that he would not abandon plans to change the legislation to allow easier access for public servants.

He said the APY board had abused the permit system and had been aware of the Government's plans.

In a further statement on Friday, Mr Singer said the Board had been shocked and disappointed by the Minister's behaviour in recent weeks.

"There are now completely different stories about permits and some other things," Mr Singer said.



**Pantjiti Lionel from Ernabella demonstrates how to spin fleece for beanies during Central Australia's 13th Annual Beanie Festival, which opened in Alice Springs on Friday. Photo by DAVID NIXON.**

## Love, beanie style



**THEY** say it is 'like wearing love on your head'. For years, Aboriginal people have appreciated a good knitted beanie but it seems that appreciation for the humble headwear is really catching on.

That was certainly apparent in Alice Springs on Friday when 6000 beanies went on show at the opening of Central Australia's 13th Annual Beanie Festival. Hundreds of locals and visitors alike lapped up the displays and demonstrations.

Many of the beanies came from Aboriginal women in Titjikala, Mutitjulu, Ernabella, Amooinguna and Alice Springs, where festival organisers held a series of workshops, but also as far afield as Singapore, the USA, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

Some of the woollen gems were plain or in muted colours, others were zany and loud – there was even one bearing a red stiletto shoe. More and more are incorporating Aboriginal dreaming stories.

"You wouldn't believe the smiles when people are trying them on during the festival," Festival organiser and 'beanologist' Jo Nixon told *The Koori Mail*. "They get a great feeling walking off with their new beanie on their head. They know it is handmade with love, it's creative and it's playful."

Ms Nixon said the festival had gone from strength to strength since 1997, when it began with a modest display of just 100 beanies.

As well as bringing Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people together, the festival was a potential money-spinner too, with some beanies expected to sell for up to \$650.

— By **KIRSTIE PARKER**





STEVE GORDON

## Sacred tree to return



A SACRED carved tree that marked the late 19th century burial site of five Gamilaroi men is to be returned to its proper resting place. The return follows a two-year campaign by the Baradine Local Aboriginal Land Council, which had been negotiating with Museum Victoria.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council representative for the North West Region Steve Gordon praised the work of the Baradine Land Council.

"I know the whole community of Baradine are rejoicing that the tree is finally to be returned to its proper resting place," Cr Gordon said.

Baradine Land Council CEO Lorraine Ransfield said the tree's removal had been well documented.

"It was cut down by rangers of the NSW Forestry Commission in 1918 and then reduced in size and sent to the Australia Museum in Sydney. It had marked the 1868 burial site of five Gamilaroi men," she said.

Ms Ransfield said the general location of the burial site was known.

The campaign to have the tree repatriated to Baradine started in earnest over two years ago, co-ordinated by Merv Sutherland, who works for the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change Cultural Heritage Division.

"Merv has worked very hard to make sure the tree was returned," Ms Ransfield said.

She said what remained was the actual carved section of the original cypress tree, which was 150cm long and 46cm in diameter.

"Because its history is well documented we know that it was sent to the Australia Museum in Sydney in 1918 and for three years was part of their artefacts collection. However, in 1921, as part of an exchange program of artefacts, it was transferred to the Museum of Victoria – now known as Museum Victoria.

"The museum was particularly helpful and its Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee had fully supported its return."

Ms Ransfield said the council would set aside a special keeping place to house the sacred tree.

"While we don't yet have a definite date for its return, we think it will be in the next few months," she said. "The land council plans to hold a major ceremony for the whole community."

Cr Gordon said the sacred tree's return was an event of enormous significance.

# NSWALC welcomes move for new regime on land dealings



THE NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) has welcomed the introduction of legislation aimed at establishing a more reliable and transparent regime for land dealings by local Aboriginal land councils, NSWALC and third parties.

The legislation, introduced to the NSW Parliament by Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch on Thursday, proposes to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (ALRA) following a major review.

Debate on the bill is expected to resume in the Parliament in September and NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said the peak body was hoping the bill would enjoy speedy passage so stakeholders could get on with improving economic and social outcomes for Aboriginal people.

Mr Lynch told Parliament the ALRA aimed to overcome the historical fact of dispossession of Aboriginal people in NSW and the bill reflected 'the coming together of both the rights agenda and the economic development agenda'. "Over the last decade and a half there have been times

when participants in public debates have placed those agendas in opposition to each other," Mr Lynch said. "That never made sense to me and is fundamentally illogical.

"This legislation allows Aboriginal people, through democratically-elected structures, to pursue in ways they choose, appropriate economic development."

The amendments will align all dealings with land – other than acquisition – with community and business plans. They'll require local Aboriginal land councils to pay a community development levy on certain land dealings, and for NSWALC to pay matching amounts.

### New fund

The levy will be paid into a new Community Development Fund that will be used to acquire further land and to distribute loans and grants to local Aboriginal land councils.

The proposed amendments will also regulate processes, providing certainty for third parties to enter into consultancy or partnership agreements with land councils.

Mr Lynch said they would provide

clearer and more certain processes for Aboriginal land councils to use when they deal with, dispose of or develop land.

He said the amendments would also deliver more confidence to the property industry when they engage in land dealings with Aboriginal land councils.

Ms Manton said NSWALC's Governing Council believed the new legislation would considerably improve the workability of the legislation. "Minister Lynch told Parliament in his speech that the legislation will provide clearer and more certain processes for Aboriginal Land Councils to follow when they deal with, dispose of, or develop land. We agree," she said on Thursday.

"It will, in our view, reinforce the beneficial and remedial nature of the Act. It is another necessary and significant step in the evolution of the Act."

Ms Manton said it was refreshing to hear the Minister acknowledge that Aboriginal people in NSW could pursue both rights and economic agendas at the same time.

"We so often hear that economic development and the pursuit of our rights are somehow mutually exclusive," she said.



Pictured at NSW Parliament following the introduction of legislation to amend the ALRA are, from left, Daniel Lutton and Matthew Cole (Department of Aboriginal Affairs), Stephen Wright (Registrar of the ALRA), Ross Pearson (DAA), NSWALC Chair Bev Manton, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch and NSWALC CEO Geoff Scott.

# Court orders fresh inquest



AN inquest into the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee will be reopened. But it could be another year before the inquest is heard.

Last month the Court of Appeal in Brisbane ordered a new coroner be appointed to re-examine evidence relating to the death of Mr Doomadgee in 2004.

In 2006, Deputy State Coroner Christine Clements found Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley was responsible for Mr Doomadgee's death in custody 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

## New hearing over Palm Island death in custody

manslaughter and assault charges over the death.

At the conclusion of a review of the matter in Townsville late last year, District Court Judge Bob Pack overturned Ms Clements' ruling and ordered the inquest be reopened.

Last month Mr Doomadgee's family and the Palm Island Aboriginal Council fought to have Judge Pack's decision ruled invalid in the Court of Appeal.

In a decision handed down on 16 June, the Court of Appeal found Judge Pack's process of reasoning in ordering Ms

Clements' findings be set aside was flawed.

However, after examining evidence about the injuries sustained by Mr Doomadgee, the Court of Appeal ruled Judge Pack was still correct in ordering the inquest be reopened.

"We conclude that the finding of the Coroner that punching by Mr Hurley caused the fatal injuries sustained by the deceased was not reasonably open on the evidence," the written judgment states.

"Accordingly, the decision of the District Court that this finding

of the coroner should be set aside was correct even though the process of reasoning whereby His Honour arrived at that decision was flawed."

Aboriginal activist Sam Watson said outside court he was disappointed for Mr Doomadgee's family, and said it was an example of 'police trying to rewrite history'.

However, Police Union Acting President Ian Leavers said he would stand by the actions of police on Palm Island on the day of Mr Doomadgee's death.

"We believe that the actions that happened on Palm Island – the actions of police – are lawful and are correct, and that will come out in due course," he said.

"The fact is there is a very good relationship between police and the Aboriginal communities." – AAP



# Calma details consultation outcomes

## Meetings highlight confusion on rights

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma

says consultations undertaken by the Human Rights Commission show that many Indigenous Australians do not know what human rights are.

Mr Calma says that even before recent consultations on a potential Australian Human Rights Act, his staff perceived a general lack of understanding of human rights and confusion over the differences between human rights and citizenship rights.

"People knew something was wrong, but they didn't really understand what a human right was, particularly when we looked at issues like racism and discrimination that those people had experienced. This was mentioned in a lot of the pre-consultation meetings," he said.

"When we look at what went on in the consultation in the Northern Territory we see people have raised, in no uncertain terms, that their rights are not being protected – especially their right to preserve their culture and live off their land.

"Yalmy Yunupingu raised the issue of bilingual education, and denial of rights for many people living in the homelands because they were being restricted in the inclusion of their language in the school curriculum and being able to get an education while living on their country."

Mr Calma, who is also the Race Discrimination Commissioner, said consultations on a national Indigenous representative body had also partially informed the now-concluded research process by Professor Frank Brennan's consultation team on the potential for a Human

Rights Act. Public submissions on such legislation about Indigenous rights have identified key areas of concern:

- Suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* to facilitate the NT intervention

- Rolling back of the intervention in favour of a more consultative approach

- Honouring the cultural differences between language groups and regions in government policy formation

- Ratification of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Professor Brennan's report will address questions of whether people feel they are protected under current law, whether their

to treat everybody the same, but you have to treat everybody in a non-discriminatory way and make sure we all have equal opportunities to access services."

Hinting at a possible time frame for an Act to be implemented, Mr Calma suggested the Government would have to consider the report through drafting legislation that would then be debated in Parliament or test it via a referendum at the next election.

He said the biggest advantage for Aboriginal people in having a Human Rights Act would be that it would instil in legislation a process, 'so that whenever a government or opposition is trying to develop policies, they need to then test those policies against human rights obligations'.

There were many human rights obligations, he said, and under a Human Rights Act the Australian Government could consult the provisions of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – which it supported in April – to guide the legislative or policy-making process and ensure it was not discriminatory.

Government departments would be equally compelled to conduct their operations in a way that reflected their human rights obligations, both federally and internationally.

Mr Calma said last month's meeting in Alice Springs had also been very successful with regards to a new Indigenous representative body and had drawn a strong response from a diverse cross-section of the community.

An eight-page discussion paper that 'gives a snapshot of what is happening and pin-points some of the key issues' has been distributed nationally and is available on the HRC website at [www.humanrights.gov.au](http://www.humanrights.gov.au)



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

**'People knew something was wrong, but they didn't really understand what a human right was...'**

rights actually are being protected, and how those rights can most effectively be protected.

"One of the ways is to look at a Human Rights Act, or others might suggest an act is not enough on its own and we need to have amendments made to the Constitution to ensure that, firstly, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are recognised in the preamble and, secondly, that we should make sure there are changes to other sections so governments can't put discriminatory practices in place," Mr Calma said.

"It's really what they call an 'equality law'. Treating everybody equally doesn't mean you have

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# Thousands pack out



Photographer WAYNE QUILLIAM captured the colour, grace and high spirits of the 2009 Laura Dance festival in north Queensland.





# Laura Dance Festival

All photographs of the festival by WAYNE QUILLIAM



## Keeping the culture alive



BY MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR years, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from far north Queensland and a few lucky outsiders have made the pilgrimage to the Laura Dance Festival on Quinkan country to perform ceremony and pass on traditions.

This year, almost 5000 people travelled to the small Cape York town 330km north of Cairns for what the biennial festival's Director, Jeremy Geia, says was the biggest yet, with more than 500 performers and artists meeting at the Laura bora grounds.

"Because it's an Aboriginal festival, first and foremost we want Aboriginal people here, and as long as the communities are there, that's the most important thing, over making money or anything else," he said of the three-day event.

People from throughout Cape York were joined by Mornington Islanders, who chartered an aircraft to be at the festival, as well as people from Woorabinda and Brisbane and other communities across Australia.

The festival comprises traditional and contemporary elements, with cultural dances and other ceremonies, incorporating hunting implement making and weaving displays.

Mr Geia said that for the first time in the festival's history, night performances were included – and they proved popular.

"There is something about performing at night under the stars that brings out the confidence in the performers, making them less inhibited perhaps," he said.

A selection of Indigenous films and a Qld State Library display of more than 900



JEREMY GEIA

historical photos and documents offered respite from the dust outside.

This year, three festival awards were hotly contested, with Injinoo taking out the Community Shield award for the second consecutive festival. The Best New Dance award went to Gordonvale's Indigenous Djarragun College, and the Best Traditional Costume award went to Mornington Island.

Mr Geia said the festival, now in its 18th year, was first and foremost about Indigenous people coming together in song, dance, performance and ceremony. The site itself is nestled amongst some of the oldest Aboriginal rock art, and known as a meeting ground for the Cape York communities.

"The most important thing is to follow cultural obligations and pass on our knowledge to young ones," Mr Geia said.

"The festival is all about empowerment for Aboriginal people and instilling some self-confidence in the younger ones. It's also about supporting the communities and maintaining that family focus."

Mr Geia said that for some communities like Lockhart River, which was flooded in for the 2007 festival, the two-yearly cultural celebrations were incredibly important, and many practiced the whole year leading up to the festival. For others, the festival provided an opportunity for families to re-unite and catch up on old times.

Mr Geia said most important of all, were the stories and meaning behind the dances and songs – the preservation and continuance of culture.

"There are stories behind everything, we have our old ladies taking the younger ones out the bush to show them traditional medicines," he said. "These are the things we are trying to encourage, the transfer of inter-generational knowledge."

He said the festival was accessible for families and communities.

"People can afford to come to our festival, we make communities feel welcome and try to help them any way we can," Mr Geia said.

"There are no celebrities here, except maybe for the dancers and traditional owners. No-one's better than anyone else."

Mr Geia said the festival highlights were always those that were most intangible, the way the 'shame' quickly turned to confidence on the faces of young performers as they took their place amongst their Elders and carried on age-old traditions.

"It is impossible to measure what kind of empowerment a young person could achieve," Mr Geia said. "The future possibilities are endless."



# Inmate levels worsen



ONE in four prisoners in Australia is Indigenous and their over-representation in the jail system is only getting worse, a new report states.

Aboriginal people are 13 times more likely to be locked up than other Australians, while the proportion of Indigenous women being incarcerated has tripled in the past 20-odd years.

Half of the 10- to 17-year-olds in corrective institutions are Indigenous.

"The fact is, every year it gets worse," Australian National Council on Drugs (ANCD) Executive Director Gino Vumbaca said.

"The investment in prison cells is clearly flawed. It's not working.

"If you build more prison cells, invariably you'll fill them with more Indigenous people."

In the decade to 2007, the number of Indigenous Australians in prison rose by 6.7 per cent a year, on average.

Aboriginal people went from comprising 18 per cent of the prison population to 24 per cent.

The situation is worst in the Northern Territory, where 83 per cent of the prison population is Indigenous. In Western Australia, it's 41 per cent.

Victoria has the lowest proportion of Aboriginal prisoners – six per cent of that state's inmates are black.

The statistics are collated in the ANCD's National Indigenous Drug and Alcohol Committee (NIDAC) report 'Bridges and Barriers – Addressing

Indigenous Incarceration and Health'.

Mr Vumbaca said the report proves tinkering around the edges of the situation hasn't worked and it makes economic sense to invest more in rehabilitation.

"What we need is greater investment in things like residential treatment services so judges, magistrates and the police have options other than incarceration," he said.

The report estimates it costs governments \$269 a day to lock up a prisoner.

That's compared to just \$98 a day for someone in residential rehabilitation.

## Recovery

NIDAC Chair Ted Wilkes said treatment provides people with a chance of recovery – which leads to less re-offending.

"Indigenous Australians increasingly fill our country's prisons and juvenile detention centres at alarmingly disproportionate rates," he said.

"Treatment is simply far more effective in terms of outcomes and costs than imprisoning people."

The report recommends making diversion programs more accessible for Indigenous Australians, while simultaneously establishing a network of Indigenous-only residential rehabilitation centres as alternatives to jail.

It also suggests every young Aboriginal person be given an individual education fund 'to assist and promote their participation and retention within the education system'. – AAP



Every reason to smile ... Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Trevor Potter at the soon-to-be-re-opened Cooramah Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

## Glen Innes cultural centre to re-open



THE Cooramah Aboriginal Cultural Centre at Glen Innes, on the NSW

Northern Tablelands, is set to re-open this month.

The centre, in the heart of Ngorabul country, closed in late 2006 after the collapse of the Glen Innes CDEP scheme.

But a new organising committee led by the Glen Innes Local Aboriginal Land Council and Cooramah Housing has been working behind the scenes to re-start what had been a focal point for local Aboriginal people and tourists.

Land council CEO Trevor Potter expects those efforts to pay off this month.

"Losing Cooramah was a



The Cooramah centre is ideally located on the busy New England Highway.

real blow for our community," he told *The Koori Mail* as a work team planted bush tucker trees around the Cooramah centre site.

"But we're now in a position where we can get the centre going again.

"We're aiming to have a large art gallery area, café and bush tucker gardens all open to the public.

"And we're also hoping to base other local Indigenous programs at the centre down the track.

"We've got about 400 Aboriginal people in our town and they're right behind this."

Mr Potter also believes the centre, located on the busy New England Highway, will draw many tourists.

"Our area has plenty of attractions and Indigenous culture, so we're perfectly located to capitalise on the passing tourist trade," he said.

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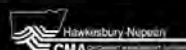
### HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY Aboriginal Advisory Committee

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The broad role of the Committee is to advise the CMA on priority natural resources and cultural heritage issues for Aboriginal communities, and to act as a conduit for the exchange of information between the HNCMA and local Aboriginal communities.

Membership of the Committee will reflect the diversity of skills, experience and 'grass-roots' knowledge held by Aboriginal people. Membership will also reflect the geographical cross-section of Aboriginal organisations and individuals across the HNCMA region as well as gender and age balance.

For an Information Package and Application Form contact John Lennis on (02) 4587 0050. Applications close Friday 14th August 2009.





# Watchdog takes action over artworks



**SA** THE consumer watchdog has launched legal action in Adelaide against an art wholesaler and retailer, alleging some of its Aboriginal paintings and other pieces are fakes.

The Australian Competition

and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has launched proceedings in the Federal Court in Adelaide against Australian Dreamtime Creations Ltd and its director Tony Antoniou.

The action alleges the company sold paintings to retail outlets in various states and from its website that it

claimed were painted by a person of Aboriginal descent, an artist named Ubanoo Brown.

But the ACCC said this was not the case and it also alleged carved wooden artworks the company sold as Australian-made were actually made in Indonesia.

"The ACCC alleges that

Australian Dreamtime Creations has engaged in misleading or deceptive conduct and made false or misleading representations about the country of origin of goods in breach of the Trade Practices Act," the ACCC said in a statement.

"The ACCC also alleges that company director Tony

Antoniou was knowingly concerned in the conduct."

The ACCC said it would seek various orders including declarations, injunctions and corrective notices, costs and an order that Mr Antoniou attend training in trade practices law.

The case will come before the court on 6 July. —AAP

## Additional money in Qld Budget



THE 2009 Queensland State Budget will continue funding for local government reforms and provide additional money for infrastructure, health and emergency services in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the local government reforms would give Queensland the strongest and most sustainable council sector in Australia.

She said the reform program would be completed by December 2010 and she urged councils to get on with delivering infrastructure projects as she confirmed more than \$126 million over the next two years in additional government funding.

"An extra \$126.8 million has been allocated over the next two years to meet existing arrangements before a new grants system, totalling \$45 million a year, is introduced in 2011," Ms Boyle said.

The Minister said the Budget committed \$14 million for sewerage projects in the Torres Strait, \$28.9 million for two key redevelopments in Townsville and \$20 million to projects to mark Queensland's 150th anniversary.

"We will provide \$14 million to go towards essential community infrastructure in the Torres Strait, including major sewerage projects on Mabuaig and Moa islands," she said.

Ms Boyle also announced funding of \$1 million each year over two years to develop the Skills Bank to generate jobs for Indigenous local governments.

"The core function of the Skills Bank is to maintain a pool of skilled staff for Indigenous councils to help meet urgent operational needs, transfer skills to local staff and develop council systems and capacities," she said.

### Mentoring

"During the next two years, the Skills Bank will concentrate primarily on financial management and audit practices, providing mentoring, training and other support for those involved in book-keeper or administrative roles.

"This new initiative will generate jobs and boost the capacity of councils serving Indigenous communities."

Member for Cook Jason O'Brien said extra Budget funding would help provide essential health and emergency services in his area.

"The \$5.26 million allocated towards



DESLEY BOYLE

the Thursday Island Chronic Disease Centre will provide state-of-the-art chronic disease management facilities to Cook. This project required a total State Government contribution of \$37.25 million," he said.

"A further \$5.6 million has also been provided for the construction of the Saibai Island Primary Health Care Centre.

"Some \$6.13 million has been allocated for the construction of a replacement police station and watch house at Mareeba, at a total cost of \$7.4 million. Improvements like these are essential in ensuring our community services are up to standard.

"An additional \$3 million has been allocated for the construction of a replacement police station at Lockhart River at a total cost of \$10 million.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Council of Social Services welcomed a \$414 million funding boost for community service workers.

QCROSS President Karyn Walsh said the funding was a positive move.

She said the Queensland non-government community sector worked to tackle issues related to homelessness, mental health, child protection, and Indigenous issues among other areas.

# Funding boosts for NSW

By DARREN COYNE



IMPROVED Aboriginal housing and measures to tackle child sexual assault have received significant funding in the 2009 NSW Budget. Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the NSW Government was committed to continuing its support for Aboriginal communities

Measures include \$4.3 million to tackle child sexual assault through the Keep Them Safe, Safe Families program, and intensive measures to develop local responses.

As well, more than \$77 million has been allocated to Aboriginal Housing in NSW. That includes \$10 million for the Aboriginal Communities Development Program (ACDP) and \$67 million to administer the Aboriginal Housing Office and to provide repairs, upgrades and new dwellings.

Mr Lynch said the \$10 million allocation would complete the 10-year, \$240 million ACDP, and the focus would now shift to a 25-year, \$200 million partnership with the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) to build and upgrade sewerage and water projects in remote communities.

The Government has also set aside \$687,000 to promote and protect Aboriginal languages, develop job compacts and support cultural events.

The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) welcomed the announcement of specific funding to enhance Aboriginal child protection, early intervention and out of home care.

AbSec Chairperson Amanda Bridge said her organisation was particularly pleased to see funds for intensive help for Aboriginal families where children were at risk.

She said a new model of care involving the Department of Community Services and community child protection workers, to be run over four years, would also help keep Aboriginal children safe.

"We are hopeful that the proposed

programs will help to reduce the number of Aboriginal children entering the care system," she said.

Meanwhile, Shelter NSW, an advocacy group for low-income housing consumers, welcomed a 223 per cent increase in funding to Housing NSW and the Aboriginal Housing office.

Shelter NSW Executive Officer Mary Perkins said the additional money had come after a 'decade of decline' and would help provide housing for those 'doing it tough'.

She also praised a decision to provide a private rental subsidy to women affected by domestic violence.

"This scheme will provide women with another option. At present many women seeking to leave domestic violence have limited options because they cannot afford private rental and are unable to access public housing," Ms Perkins said.

The Law Society of NSW has thrown its support behind juvenile justice programs outlined in the Budget.

Law Society of NSW President Joe Catanzariti applauded Government moves to establish a pre-release unit at Reiby Juvenile Justice Centre that would help connect young people with crucial community services before their release from custody.

"Children are particularly vulnerable and in order for them to have the greatest chance of rehabilitation, support and assistance needs to be given before they are released from these centres," he said.

"If successful, this is a project that the society would like to see rolled out to other facilities."


The Law Society also backed Government initiatives aimed at reducing the number of juvenile offenders held on remand.

"The Law Society has long advocated that putting children in juvenile justice centres while they wait to have their cases heard can have serious consequences on re-offending rates and their general well-being," Mr Catanzariti said.



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# Leader wild over Qld river laws



INDIGENOUS leader Noel Pearson has accused the Queensland Government of trying to reimpose 'terra nullius' on Cape York through its wild rivers laws and proposed World Heritage listing.

Mr Pearson said the government and green groups had misled people about the region in order to further an environmental agenda, which he said would condemn Aboriginal residents to welfare for generations to come.

"They've created in the public consciousness, this concept of a green 'terra nullius' – a green wilderness without people in it," Mr Pearson said.

Aboriginal residents in Cape York are seething over the Qld State Government's decision to declare three basins – the Lockhart, Stewart and the Archer – as 'wild rivers'.

The declarations ban development within 1km of rivers and creeks in the basin with lesser restrictions placed on the remainder of the declared area.

Mr Pearson, an architect of the historic Wik case, said the declarations, along with the looming threat of a World Heritage listing would undermine efforts to help break the welfare cycle in the region.

"This is the last thing I want to be doing, to re-fight Wik, to



**'They've created this concept of green 'terra nullius'**

**– Noel Pearson**

re-fight the Mabo case.

"We have a much more urgent agenda on children and education and health and development in our communities," he said.

"All of our plans for our people to get on their own feet are buggered by this."

Mr Pearson said conservation groups had 'conjured up environmental threats' to the Cape, where none existed.

"The Australian public is very vulnerable into being herded into pre-emptive decisions on the environment," he said.

"In the minds of voters of south east Queensland they probably think Cape York is under the kind of threat that the

Gunns paper mill represents down in Tasmania.

"The truth in Cape York Peninsula is you can't find a chainsaw north of Cooktown."

Mr Pearson and his supporters are currently preparing a legal and public campaign against the legislation, but he conceded the fight would be more difficult than the Wik case.

"In many ways we got a better deal out of the Right than the threat we are facing from the Left," he said.

"At least we got concessions from the people who wanted to develop Aboriginal land that it should be done via agreement – on this stuff they talk about consultation but they

# Help for kids at risk



WORK has started on development of a common tool to support a consistent

national approach to identifying and protecting children at risk of abuse or neglect.

The Common Approach to Assessment, Referral and Support (CAARS) Taskforce met for the first time on 18 June in Canberra.

Co-convened by the Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, and the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, the Taskforce includes representatives of government and non-government organisations.

The Taskforce will investigate development of a common

assessment tool that can be used by a broad range of services that have day-to-day contact with children and families.

It will help service providers identify those at risk and better support early intervention and prevention of harm to children through appropriate referral and support.

## Epidemic

Child wellbeing expert and ARACY Board Chair Professor Fiona Stanley said while it was essential that crisis care and services continue to be available, the epidemic of child harm would continue without a focus on early intervention and prevention.

"The current child protection system is swamped with cases where harm has already occurred," Prof Stanley said.


"Surely the humane and sensible approach is to have integrated systems that work together to respond to the needs of families and children as early as possible, to endeavour to prevent harm occurring in the first place."

The number of notifications for child abuse tripled over the past nine years (from 107 134 in 1999-00 to 317 526 in 2007-08).

The number of substantiated cases of child abuse or neglect doubled over the same period, as did the number of children in out-of-home care.

Access Economics has calculated that child maltreatment costs Australia between \$10.7 billion and \$30.1 billion every year.

The Taskforce will submit an interim report to Ms Macklin by the end of the year.



# NAIDOC WEEK 2009

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*Hurstville Aboriginal Advisory Committee*
- 10.40am Acknowledgment of Traditional Owners
- 10.45am Official Opening Ceremony  
His Worship the Mayor of Hurstville City Council  
Councillor Vince Badalati
- 10.50am Flag Raising Ceremony  
Hurstville Scouts
- 11.00am Adam Hill Show  
*"What's with the Didgeridoo"*
- 11.30am Descendance Aboriginal & Torres Strait  
Islander Dance Theatre
- 12.00pm Closing  
Kids Art & Craft activities resumes

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 With Aboriginal Guide David Wright  
 Oatley Park

**Friday, 10 July**  
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 "Firewood and Rabbits"  
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# Wallaga fears ease

By LAURELLE PACEY



FEARS about the asbestos fibro pieces scattered around the Wallaga Lake community in NSW have eased with last week's release of two

independent reports commissioned by the State Government.

Ten community members met at Wallaga with representatives from the NSW Departments of Environment and Climate Change (DECC), Aboriginal Affairs and NSW Health to discuss the findings of the two reports and a way forward.

The Wallaga Lake Koori Village on the NSW far south coast is on land owned by Merrimans Aboriginal Lands Council, and Merrimans and the Elders have moved over recent weeks to regain control of their asbestos issue, nominating those to speak for their community.

Merrimans newly-elected chairman Max Munro felt it was generally a 'pretty positive' meeting with the various government agencies.

"Everyone was a bit frightened earlier on, but these reports have eased that," he said. "I'm happy things are starting to happen."

Asbestos was found at two former dumpsites at Wallaga over 18 months ago, and more recent tests confirmed asbestos in fibro fragments scattered in yards and under several houses within the village.

Most are thought to date from fibro houses demolished by local crews employed by CDEP in the 1980s and also from some demolition work in the mid 1990s.

One report released in full last week, by occupational hygienists Pickford & Rhyder,



Pictured after the meeting, from left, Nigel Sargent from DECC, Warren Foster of Wallaga, Joanne Scott of NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs, Stephen Free of DECC, Stephen Foster of Wallaga, and Graeme Cannon of Nature Coast Demolitions and Asbestos. INSET: Merrimans Chairman Max Munro.

concluded there was no more of a health risk from broken fibro at Wallaga than if residents were living in a normal suburban environment.

It said asbestos fibro found in and around the village had remained bonded and therefore there were no detectable levels of 'risky' or free asbestos fibres in either air or soil samples.

The second report, by occupational hygienists Parsons Brinckerhoff, identified the extent and location of asbestos fibro within the village.

DECC South East Manager Environment Protection and Regulation Nigel Sargent said the community now needed to take time to read and digest the reports.

"The next step is we will meet again with the community and develop a site management plan with them for the area," Mr Sargent said.

"This will determine what control measures to put in place to manage the asbestos into the future."

This will be assisted by a number of Wallaga residents having recently done

some basic training in the safe handling of asbestos.

Mr Sargent said a Health Department consultant would this week start determining the level of asbestos exposure of all workers who demolished the original fibro houses, as many were worried about their health.

Asbestos Diseases Foundation President Barry Robson has expressed some scepticism with the report's findings, particularly questioning the location and timing of sampling and whether they were done when someone was driving over bits of fibro or mowing.

However DECC said the standard sampling method over a period of time took into account such activities, and if the fibres had been 'freed' in the past they would have shown up in soil samples.

Meanwhile, NSW Shadow Minister for the Environment Catherine Cusack claimed in Parliament last month that the government had abandoned the Wallaga community by not acting sooner. She successfully called for documents from 15 Ministers and Government agencies relating to asbestos at Wallaga and urged an independent investigation, suggesting a failure of local and state authorities to deal with and fix the problem. She also paid tribute to the persistence of Katungul Aboriginal Medical Service CEO Damien Matcham in pursuing the issue. However, Wallaga Elders have asked Mr Matcham to have no further involvement in their asbestos issue, nor to speak on behalf of their community unless requested by Elders or the Lands Council.

Meanwhile, work on the Wallaga Outreach Centre has been temporarily put on hold because of the asbestos issue.

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# Ads aimed at tackling violence



THE NSW Government and rugby league leaders have launched the first in a series of television advertisements as part of the \$200,000 Tackling Violence project, aimed at reducing domestic violence.

Minister for Community Services Linda Burney said the Government had given six rugby league teams \$5000 each to create and deliver campaigns to reduce domestic violence.

"We are also working with community partners and schools to provide education and information on the nature and impact of domestic violence," she said.

The Minister said a new advertisement for the Windsor Wolves' local community had been produced, with input from the club and players. Several more ads were in the pipeline to be rolled out in each team's community.

Windsor Wolves Captain Craig Trindall said that his team was committed to the project.

## 'Play tough'

"We play tough on the field and we're proud of that," Trindall said.

"(But) this is an opportunity for us as players and as men to show that just because we play tough on the field, doesn't

mean we can play tough at home.

"We are committed to showing leadership, to saying to kids who look up to us as role models that violence against women and children is not on."

The clubs signed up to Tackling Violence are the Tingha Tigers (captained by Nathan Blacklock), Lower Clarence Magpies, Dubbo CYMS, Dubbo Macquarie Raiders (captained by David Peachey), Windsor Wolves (captained by Craig Trindall) and the Bay and Basin United Sharks in Nowra.

"By signing up to Tackling Violence, players from these teams have become role models. They have all signed a code

of conduct that penalises any player who commits violence against a woman or child," Ms Burney said.

"Domestic and family violence costs the NSW economy \$2.8 billion each year. While it can affect anyone, Aboriginal women are six times more likely to be victims of domestic violence than non-Aboriginal women."

Tackling Violence is delivered in partnership with the ARL, NRL, National Indigenous TV, Mudgin-Gal Aboriginal Women's Corporation with support from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, Attorney General's and the Department of Arts, Sport and Recreation.



Committed to tackling violence, from left, David Peachey, Dixie Link-Gordon, Tony Currie, Brad Cook, Paula Mailing, William Smiley-Johnson, Linda Burney, Craig Trindall, Dick Prior, Larry Corowa and Ricky Walford.

## Repatriation of remains policy overhaul urged



THE Centre for Indigenous Cultural Policy (CICP) has called for a more holistic approach to be taken at all levels

towards repatriation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human remains.

Brisbane-based Aboriginal campaigner and CICP Chairman Bob Weatherall says

Australian repatriation policies are in dire need of a major overhaul and he is seeking a meeting with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and government ministers over greater Indigenous say on the issue.

The Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) funded the CICP to convene in December a national Indigenous leaders' summit on the repatriation of human remains and sacred secret cultural material.

But Mr Weatherall says that, six months later, neither the department nor Minister Jenny Macklin has responded to a summary report of the summit or made it available for

comment by Indigenous people and other stakeholders. He said the CICP was endorsed at the summit to act as the interim co-ordination body for the National Aboriginal Repatriation Body and to seek a meeting with Mr Rudd to discuss and progress a range of matters including better co-ordination of international and domestic repatriation programs, long-time

care and management or disposal of unprovenanced Indigenous human remains and material culture, and involvement of Indigenous people in all facets of repatriation.

"We propose that a holistic approach and greater efficiencies will be achieved if national and international repatriation is co-ordinated by one agency ... and that a

national task force be established, consisting of Aboriginal stakeholders and representatives from museums and government agencies, to explore and develop this proposal," Mr Weatherall said.

"I cannot emphasise enough that Aboriginal people must be engaged in this process from the outset."



BOB WEATHERALL

## NLC 'needs shake-up'



THE internal workings of one of Australia's most powerful Aboriginal land councils has been called into

question by a government inquiry that has identified a need for 'clear management'. Claims the Northern Land Council (NLC) was plagued by in-fighting and facing a massive budget deficit prompted the Federal Government to announce the probe in March last year.

The Commonwealth Office of Evaluation and Audit (OEA) spent nine months investigating the NLC's financial dealings, as well as the relationships between its senior management and the elected executive.

In Federal Parliament on Wednesday it tabled 11 recommendations, nine of which have been 'accepted or partially accepted' by the NLC.

Among them was that the NLC 're-establish the authority and leadership of the CEO' and improve its 'internal culture and relationships'.

It also suggested the NLC

review its approach to managing people.

The report suggests Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin work with the NLC to appoint an independent person with general management, financial and corporate board expertise.

"We look forward to working with the NLC on improvements to the effectiveness of its administration and management," Ms Macklin said in a joint statement with Finance Minister Lindsay Tanner on Thursday.

## Represent

The NLC was established in 1973 to represent traditional Aboriginal landowners and Aboriginal people in the Top End of the NT.

It's responsible for negotiating royalty deals worth tens of millions of dollars with mining companies.

But it was reported last year that the NLC had a \$2 million budget deficit and suffered from a culture of bullying and harassment.

"The NLC had undergone a

period of instability and alleged conflict at senior staffing levels," the report said.

"Insurance claims had been lodged by staff members for work-related stress and the NLC had been involved in legal action."

In November 2007, the NLC's longest-serving chief executive, Norman Fry, was forced to deny he had been pushed out after 11 years in the job. At the time, Mr Fry said he didn't know whether traditional Aboriginal landowners had lost faith in the organisation's leadership.

Included in the report was the NLC's response to the recommendations. "The purpose of the executive council's actions in November 2007 was to resolve existing concerns and to implement positive change at the NLC, including through a pre-existing structural review and through improved relationships," the council said.

The council recently came under fire for backing a controversial nuclear waste dump on Aboriginal land at Muckaty Station, near Tennant Creek. — AAP



# New base for council

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE Aboriginal Health Council of WA (AHCWA) has a new home. Last week saw the opening of the council's new

North Perth premises in a colonial building that was the original home of Perth's first Lord Mayor in the late 1890s.

AHCWA Chief Executive Officer Darryl Kickett said the building was highly significant as a symbol of moving to a new level of co-operation with State and Federal health authorities for service delivery in Western Australia.

"Back in the late 1800s when it was first built, the establishment was living here," Mr Kickett said. "And we know that Bennet House was set up for Aboriginal women who were having babies to station owners and other settlers, and some of those women were probably cleaning the floors of this building."

"So it's highly significant that we're moving into this building to forge a new relationship between the State and Commonwealth and the Aboriginal Health Council."

Mr Kickett said a priority for AHCWA was to take primary health care services for Aboriginal people to another level, in particular the management of chronic diseases and the prevention of disease.

"We want to stop the deaths occurring across the State through building the capacity and efforts of the Aboriginal medical services out in the regions and the metropolitan



DARRYL KICKETT



Nyoongar Elder Janet Hayden giving a welcome to country.

area. And to set up partnerships where we can actually influence and impact upon those partners like GP divisions to make things happen the way they should," he said.

Some of those at the opening expressed concern about the potential impact of the swine flu virus (H1N1 Influenza) on WA communities, especially those in remote areas (see separate story on pages 4-5).



● ABOVE: The Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia's new base in North Perth. The building was home of Perth's first Lord Mayor in the late 1890s.

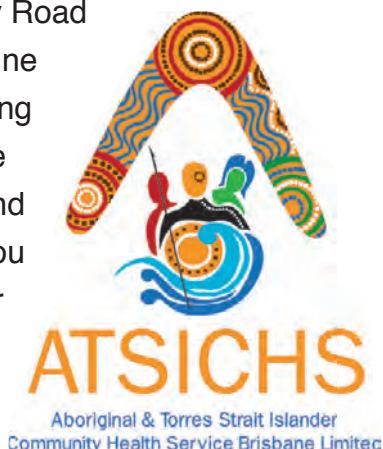
● LEFT: AHCWA Chair Vicki O'Donnell cuts the ribbon to open the building.

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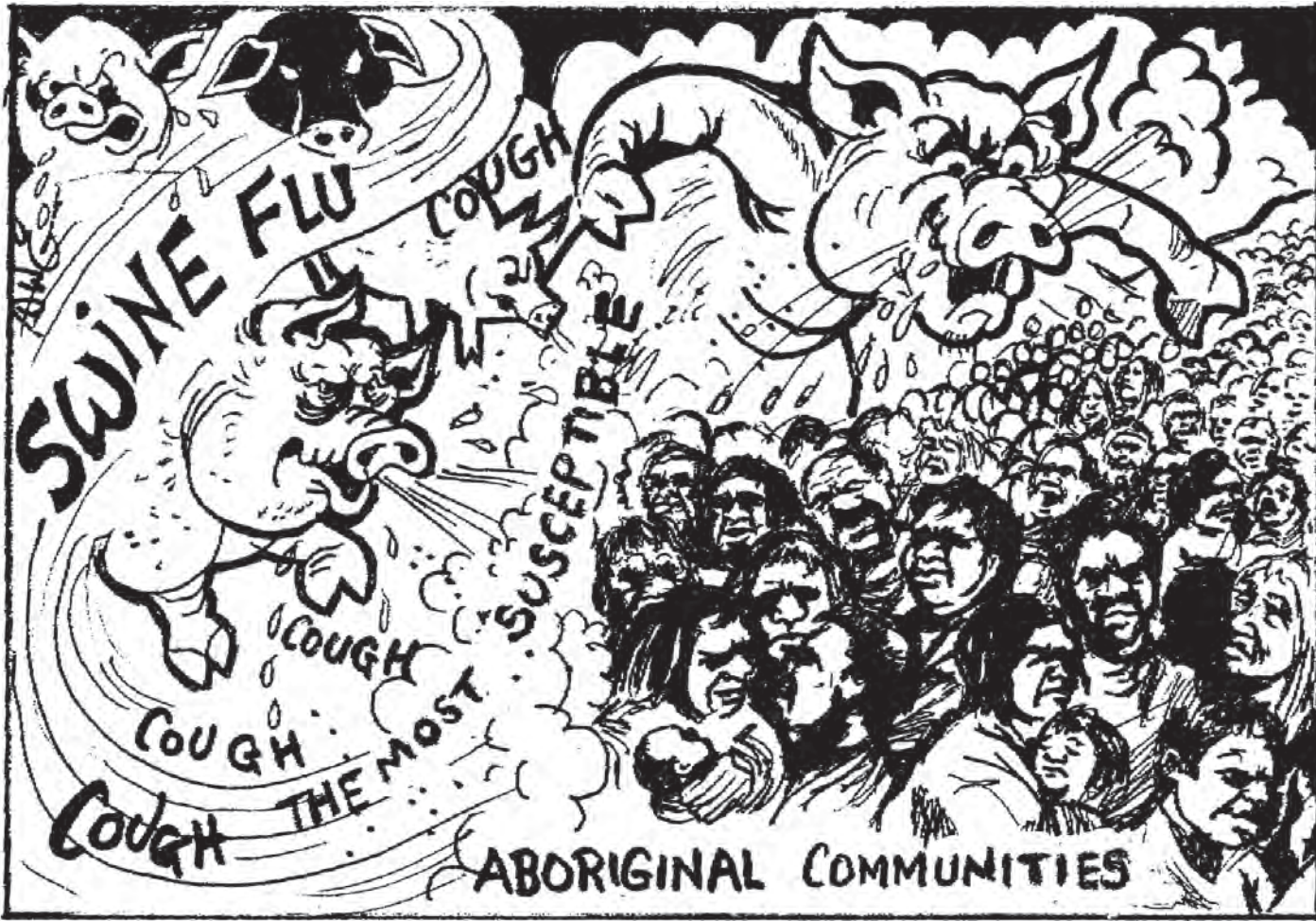
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## DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



## Quote



**'The most important thing is to follow cultural obligations and pass on our knowledge to young ones'**

– Laura Dance Festival Director Jeremy Geia

● See pages 12-13

## Unquote

# We do need our own plan

If ever there was an incentive for governments and individuals to put serious effort into improving the health outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, swine flu is it.

Health authorities have been at pains to emphasise that for most of the up to 30 per cent of Australians expected to contract the virus this winter, the effects will be uncomfortable, but mild.

However, the virus is much more likely to be a serious problem for people who are already sick in one way or another, and less able to fend it off.

And this, unfortunately, is where many of our people come into the equation.

Of course, there are fit and able-bodied Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. But the lower life expectancy rates which have driven the Close the Gap campaign are based upon higher than average levels of illness amongst us. Heart disease, respiratory disorders, diabetes and kidney failure are all far more common to us than other Australians.

We believe the situation facing our people is serious, with the potential to become more so. But there's also no point panicking.

Better to do whatever we ourselves can do to mitigate the situation in the short and long-term, and to encourage authorities to take things as seriously as possible.

It would be terrible if people in any given state or territory, town or suburb



## OUR SAY

were placed at greater threat because of their respective government's poor planning. As a more vulnerable group, we do need our own specialised plan.

We need to insist that distance and remoteness is not used as an excuse for lethargy. And AIDA President Tamara Mackean's point that information to our communities must be culturally appropriate, as well as timely, is sound. How many times have we seen important but ill-targeted information thrown in the bin because it takes no account of literacy levels, different values and language differences?

Obviously, things such as overcrowding, limited access to good water, and crappy primary health care delivery will take longer to fix. But, we can all take more personal responsibility for ourselves and put the advice of health professionals into practice.

As well as working on our general health overall, we must take care on a day-to-day basis to minimise the risks. And if you have an underlying illness, and experience flu-like symptoms, for all our sakes, see a doctor soon.

## A Yarn With...



## JANINE THOMPSON

**Administration Officer**  
**Ngukurr, NT**

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
Saltwater barramundi.

**Favourite other food?**  
Curried chicken and salty plums.

**Favourite drink?**  
Anything cold.

**Favourite music?**  
I listen to anything.

**Favourite sport?**  
The National Rugby League. I'm a Panthers fan.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Northern Territory.

**What are you reading?**  
I read anything, and I enjoy *The Koori Mail*.

**What are you watching?**  
Life going by.

**What is the highlight of your life?**  
My children – all eight of them (they range in age from 22 to four).

**What do you like in life?**  
Freedom.

**What don't you like?**  
Narky people.

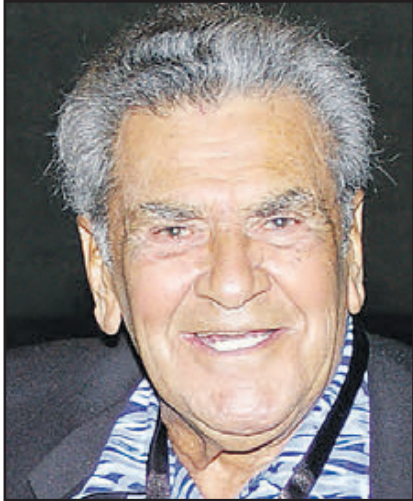
**Who would you most like to meet?**  
Loved ones and friends who have passed on

**Who would you invite for a night around the camp fire?**  
I can't name them all, but it would have to be a really big fire, and someone would have to have a guitar.

**What would you do to better the lot of Indigenous Australians?**  
Educate the balandas (white fellas) to learn respect for culture.



# Looking back...



**CHICKA DIXON**

**A** FUTURE with no past can never be. I have always said that if you keep looking over your shoulder you will eventually fall over a log.

In my lifetime, I have been fortunate enough to witness the abolition of both the Aboriginal Protection Board and the Aboriginal Welfare Board in New South Wales.

I was fortunate enough to be involved in the setting up of the first Aboriginal Legal Service and the first Aboriginal Medical Service, both in 1971.

In May 1973, I witnessed the birth of the Aboriginal Arts Board in Canberra.

I attended the Aboriginal Progressive Association meetings in the middle of the 1940s. Held in the Iron Workers' Hall in George Street, they were my first introduction to Black politics.

The meetings were held at the hall because we were unable to obtain another hall and we were at once branded 'red'.

In the late 1950s, I became involved with the Federal Council for the Advancement of Aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders (FCAATSI), which was our first national, black organisation. We would meet every Easter, Good Friday to Easter Monday.

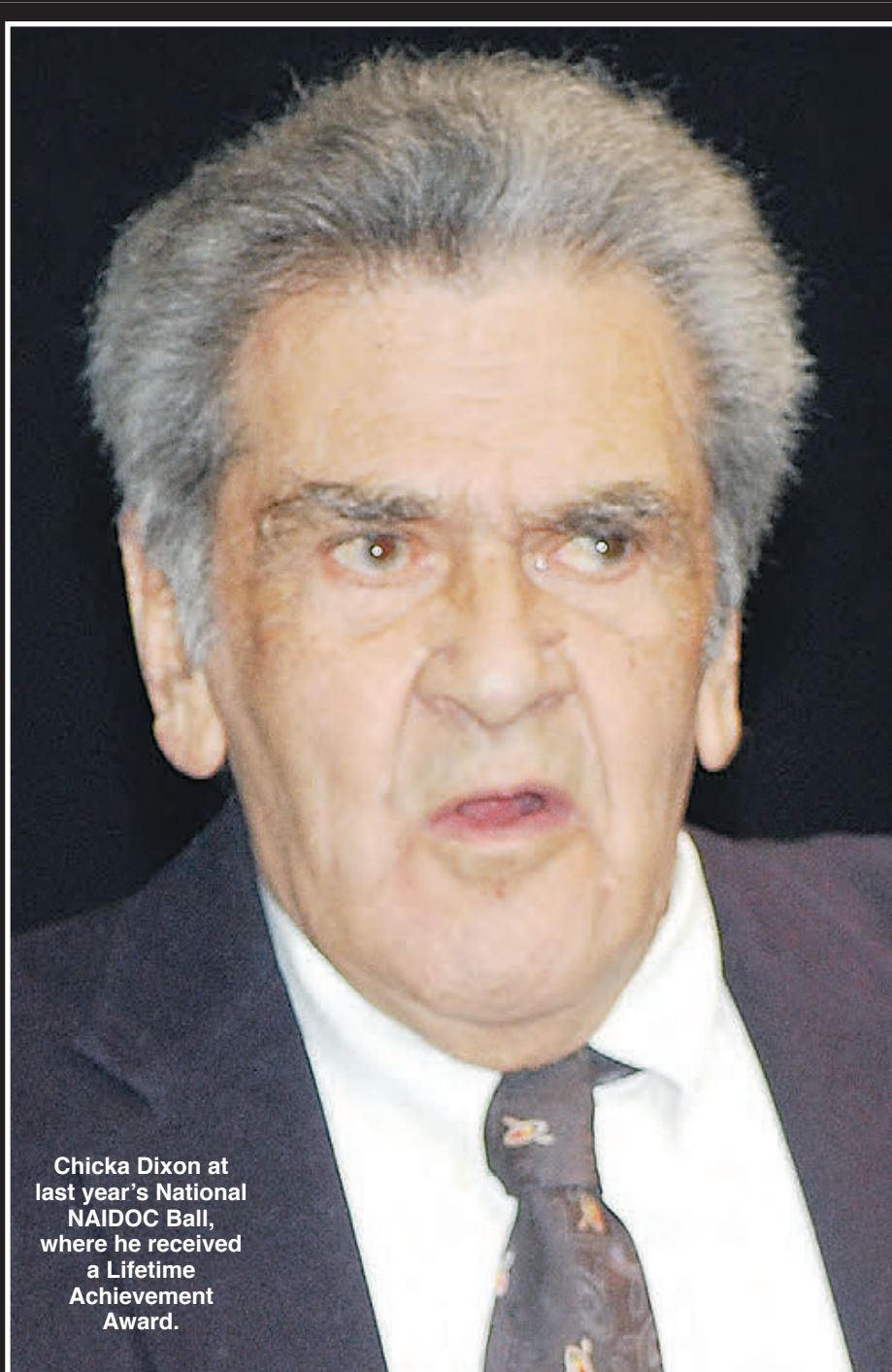
In groups we discussed health, housing, education and employment and passed resolutions that were forwarded to the government of the day.

The greatest achievement of the FCAATSI was forcing the government to hold a referendum which would ensure Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were counted in the Census, because we were excluded in the Australian Constitution. Sections 51 and 12 stated the Federal Government would be given powers to legislate for the betterment of all races excluding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In 1963, a little organisation called the Foundation for Aboriginal Affairs was established. It was based in Railway Square, Sydney, in Wood Coffill's former funeral directory. We soon put a bit of life in the place!

The Foundation was set up by Charles Nelson Perkins and lasted for about eight years.

On Saturday nights, dances were held for the young people, which helped keep them out of jail. On Sunday nights talent quests were held, with the winners receiving a carton of cigarettes for first prize and also gaining the dancing skills of people like John Travolta.



Chicka Dixon at last year's National NAIDOC Ball, where he received a Lifetime Achievement Award.

**'I believe it is time for the youth of Aboriginal Australia to unite and form a national lobby similar to FCAASTI. This new group of lobbyists could think about using consistently the best political weapon which we, their forebears, failed to use – the weapon of international embarrassment.'**

On Tuesday nights, we held typing classes for young ladies; Wednesday nights we held music lessons for those who were interested or looking for a good sort.

On the other nights we utilised the hall for any other purposes we thought beneficial to our people.

Upstairs we had a large second-hand shop, where we would sell cheaply any donations we received, such as clothing, furniture and electrical goods.

During the Foundation period there was

no legal service, so either Charlie Perkins, Shirley Smith, Tommy Williams, Iris Lester or I would front court with young Aboriginal people on minor offences. We called it 'jumping the box'.

I was a wharfie at that time in my life, so I was sometimes called urgently off the job to play the role of an 'Aboriginal barrister'. I was fortunate that my gang on the waterfront carried me throughout that period.

Around this time, Mrs Ingram and her beautiful daughters set up Murrawina

Pre-school for Aboriginal children, which is still operational today.

This description of the past is meant to make young people aware that we struggled for everything, engaging in street protest and political lobbying to gain justice for our people.

The small gains we achieved were not presented to us out of the generosity of the government, but through political action.

On 25 January 1972, a small group of us Kooris were protesting outside NSW Parliament House in Macquarie Street, Sydney, because the Liberal (Coalition) Party had come out in Canberra the previous night with its policy on land rights. It stated that Aboriginal people could lease their own land.

We disagreed with that and held a meeting in Lynne Craigie Thompson's place of abode in Burton Street, Surry Hills, just down the road from where the Deadly Vibe magazine offices are now.

I moved that we take over Pinchgut Island in the centre of Sydney Harbour because the American Indians had taken over Alcatraz just three weeks earlier. I was out-voted by one vote and the decision was not to recognise Australia and set up our own 'Embassy' in Canberra.

The next morning, Monday 26 January, Canberra awoke to four young Aborigines – Billy Craigie, Tony Coorie, Michael Anderson and Bert Williams – standing under a large beach umbrella.

I was a wharfie at the time and joined them on the Friday. The Member for the ACT, Kep Enderby, informed me that there was no legislation under the Federal Act to remove campers, so we put up eight tents and gave ourselves portfolios.

A dear, kind lady from Canberra gave us a big blue tent which became the official 'Tent Embassy'.

Like all embassies we needed a flag, so Harold Thomas, from Adelaide, gave us his flag to fly.

Although I may have overlooked some of the important aspects of our struggles, I cannot overlook our invitation from the People's Republic of China to visit their country in October 1972.

We went there to expose the high infant mortality rate, the high incidence of leprosy in the Kimberley region, and the 'Black Wars' in the 1840s in Tasmania. We took with us all the statistics from the Australian Health Department and exposed internationally the dreadful health situation of our people. We also took with us a copy of *Ningi A-na* which was an 'expose' film of what the police did to us the day they busted the Tent Embassy on the 20 July 1972 – the most violent demonstration I had ever participated in.

When we returned to Australia, the government had changed hands to the Labor Party. I clearly recollect the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr Gough Whitlam, standing before 60 of us Aboriginal people and asking that we tell him what we wanted from his government rather than 'what we think is best for you'. No other Prime Minister had ever made that statement and nobody since, including Kevin Rudd who is still espousing 'government knows what is best for you'.

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● Chicka Dixon, aged 81, is a former wharfie, unionist and humanitarian known for campaigning tirelessly for Indigenous rights and recognition. In 2008, Dr Dixon received a NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award recognising his life-long activism.



# Victoria has its own approach

**T**HE Native Title Act gives some Indigenous people an opportunity to have their traditional rights and interests in land and waters recognised under Australian law.

However, as many readers will be aware, claimants can spend many years and a lot of money working towards a conclusion which might not produce their desired, or the most rewarding, outcome.

The reasons for the diversity of outcomes include the history of land dealings across Australia and the histories of the people making the native title claims.

For example, some groups in Victoria have negotiated successful native title outcomes. The Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagalk groups of the Wimmera region and Gunditjmarra People of the south-west region have had their native title rights and interests recognised under the Act and have benefitted from broader agreements developed with the State Government.

But not all Indigenous groups can prove their ongoing connection to the land. Dispossession and European settlement has broken or substantially interrupted some groups' day-to-day bond with traditional homelands and as a result of dealings in land, native title will not be recognised over large areas.



## NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

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

The Native Title Act wasn't designed to provide recognition of native title for all applicants, irrespective of their local circumstances.

That is why the Victorian Government is introducing an alternative approach to suit the circumstances of people in that State.

Victoria is the first State to provide a comprehensive alternative pathway for resolving native title issues.

At the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) native title conference, held last month in Melbourne, Victoria Attorney-General Rob Hulls

announced a plan designed to suit the specific needs of Victoria's Indigenous people.

The new Victorian Native Title Settlement Framework was developed by the State Government with the Victorian Traditional Owner Land Justice Group.

According to Mr Hulls, the aim is for native title to be settled faster and at a lower cost than the Commonwealth process.

The framework also aims to produce stronger partnerships between the State Government and Indigenous Victorians and better outcomes, including increased economic opportunities.

The framework, which includes policy parameters for negotiations, will mean traditional owners will be able to negotiate directly with the Victorian Government to settle native title claims, rather than go through the courts.

It is hoped the result will be more timely and effective native title outcomes and the development of agreements that respect all parties' rights and interests.

Traditional owner groups asserting native title rights and interests will still need to demonstrate their connection to their predecessors at the time Victoria was settled; that they are an inclusive group representative of all traditional owners for the area; and that

they have sufficient organisational capacity.

Once this is established it will be possible to tailor settlements to local circumstances, and provide options for the management and transfer of land, access to natural resources and support for economic and cultural development opportunities.

There is also potential for new employment opportunities, in land and resource management, tourism and investment.

The Tribunal is ready to support the implementation of the new framework to ensure it delivers outcomes that address the needs of all parties.

Native title has delivered benefits to many people, but there is always room for improvement in native title practices and systems, in terms of both the legal procedures and the approach of parties.

The Australian Government supports the approach announced by Victoria, which the Commonwealth Attorney-General described as 'a significant milestone in native title'.

Governments at all levels, and many other people throughout Australia, will be watching to see whether this new Victorian approach provides additional practical, timely and effective options for dealing with native title issues.



**MS KOORI LOVE**

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## Being single is bad for you

**D**ID you realise being single is bad for your health? Single people have two main areas in the body they need to watch out for: the eyes and the abs. Let me explain why.

Eye problems are common in the single person. The eyes are used much more checking out, measuring up, calculating and critiquing every single person they meet in the day. They show interest and they show disinterest. Eyes suffer a lot of strain from this.

The abs of single people also get a particularly hard workout. They get sucked in when walking past someone in the street and let out again once safely past. Poor things. In-out, in-out, all day!

Then at night, going out is also a killer for abs. They are usually squeezed doubly, first by some sturdy undergarments and then a very cute new outfit chucked over the top. This equals a long night of sucked in abs and marks from the sturdy undergarments.

The strain the human body endures is amazing, but we have to help our bodies keep up. To stay in tip top condition while searching for love, take a look at these love tonics and try a few today.

The best tonic for them pretty eyes is letting them look at pretty things. To relax the eyes and get them ready for much more checking out and measuring up, get a whole pile of magazines and videos. Make sure you don't read, just look at all the pretty pictures. Make it a goal that you can't get up until you find a picture with a yellow butterfly or a Koori baby in!

To look after them abs, you need to go back to your roots. I mean way back to childhood. I'm talking terry towelling trackie dacks with the elastic completely shot out of them and that singlet with the stains that not even expensive washing powder gets out.

Give the abs at least 12 hours wearing these clothes in a horizontal position after each abs-sucking night they endure.

Singledom may be bad for your health but with recharge ideas you'll be up and at them asap.

Just remember to go back to your roots, let the elastic outta your pants a bit and rejuvenate for the next battle.

● Have you got a singleness-related injury? Come get a band-aid at [www.mkskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mkskoorilove.com.au)

# Chicka Dixon looks back

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policies with the present-day Northern Territory intervention legislation and policy.

In 1973, Whitlam split the country into 50 'electorates' and the National Aboriginal Consultative Committee (NACC) was born. In 1975, government changed to the Liberal Party and the name was changed to the National Aboriginal Congress (NAC) and reduced the membership to 36 electorates.

But Gough Whitlam summoned several Kooris to Canberra just before his government went out of power. His wife, Margaret, had devised a program called the Overseas Aboriginal Study Award Scheme, and I was told there would be ten awardees each year. They asked me if I would go as a type of guinea pig because there had never been a program like it before.

My role was to go through Canada studying Alcoholic Rehabilitation programs and the penal systems in relation to American Indians. I spent three months living with the Cocheta, Sanwong, Southern Yukes, Navaho and Isleta nations, and their alcoholic rehabilitation programs were quite different to ours because they were conducted within the reservations.



**Chicka Dixon with current Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin. He's known many ministers – and prime ministers – over the years.**

I then spent one month in Canada before getting homesick and coming home. All of the information I gathered was sent back to the Department of Education in Canberra. It was the first time I'd written a report in my life.

In my lifetime, I never dreamed I would live to see one Aboriginal doctor, let alone, more than 200.

We also have at least 100 Aboriginal

solicitors currently practising in Australia.

I believe it is time for the youth of Aboriginal Australia to unite and form a national lobby similar to FCAASTI. This new group of lobbyists could think about using consistently the best political weapon which we, their forebears, failed to use – the weapon of international embarrassment.

Perhaps other suggestions will come forward in a reply to this letter. I hope so.

Given that we make up just two per cent or so of the population, I suggest that brothers and sisters could please give \$12 (\$1 a month) to establish this national organisation. I call for suggestions to name this proposed national organisation, although I have no intention of being part of any political lobby due to my age, sickness and the need to nurture new leadership in our continuing struggle for justice.

In conclusion, I believe every woman on this planet is my sister and every man on this planet is my brother. Like all Indigenous people, I know the earth is my mother.

Now, if everybody in the world could learn to care and share with these three things there would be no wars, but most importantly, there would be no starving children.





## Another view on racism

I FIND it somewhat galling when people like Harold J Hunt (Your Say, *Koori Mail*, 17 June) talk about racism being denied in Australia. Aboriginal people have been and are the benefactors of racially-based government policies for as long as I can recall.

Although the Federal and other governments legislate to protect themselves from legal action against their racism, it is nevertheless, still racism.

Australia is a country which undeniably has racist governments with racist policies. There are no doubt racist people around also, but I'm sure the majority of us aren't.

It largely gets back to a matter of respect. If you earn people's respect, it doesn't matter who you are, they will accept you. One only has to look at the increasing number of black Africans coming into Australia from war-torn countries; they are clean, they work and they integrate. In short, they earn respect.

As long as we continue to tell Aboriginal people that they are special, different and disadvantaged, they will always remain as they are.

When we get rid of racist policies and laws and begin helping all Australians based on genuine need and not race, we will solve our many problems.

**R HENRY**  
Alice Springs, NT

# Action based on equity and fairness

I WRITE in reply to 'Stolen wages offer anger' (Your Say, *Koori Mail*, 17 June).

Under changes to the Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme, any payments less than \$11,000 will be topped up, so all claimants receive the same amount.

The decision to make this top-up payment acknowledges that records are often incomplete and poorly recorded.

It was a decision made in the interests of fairness and equity.

The Government listened to the views of the community and considered the advice of the Indigenous Advisory Panel that implements the scheme.

Under the original processes, the amount of a repayment was dependent on the evidence in the records.

Those people who received payment had records that contained accurate information and files that had been well-maintained.

For many claimants, like those who were sent to Kinchela Boys Home, there are no records and under the original processes, these claimants unfairly received nothing.

Under the changes, the Indigenous Advisory Panel is now taking into account non-documentary and oral evidence when considering applications.

I am aware that the process can bring up painful memories and feelings for claimants.

That's why the Trust Fund scheme has funded Link-Up NSW to provide practical and counselling assistance to claimants should they choose to use the service.

Link-Up can be contacted at any time on 1800 624 332.

**PAUL LYNCH**  
Minister for Aboriginal Affairs  
Sydney, NSW



## Poetry

### Calling Bama-Obama

Calling Bama-Obama across  
time waves  
Tribal songs, dances past hollow  
caves  
Paths are stormy, echoing our  
stories  
History lessons of anguish and  
glories

Calling all footprints and hands  
painted bright  
Centuries-old land of ochre and  
light  
Reach the stars, upon Southern  
Cross  
Showing dreams our hopes not  
lost

Calling Bama-Obama, the  
warrior of old  
From ancestors, proud strong  
and bold  
Fought foes with strength and  
fair might  
For freedom and for democratic  
right  
Fellow men footsteps, follows a  
nation  
Calling Bama-Obama president  
inspiration  
World views, voices loud in  
discord  
Courage and truth hand and  
hand applaud

Calling Bama-Obama kinships  
together  
Walkabout race, long ago  
forever  
Someday, somewhere down the  
track  
Traditions calls for Bama-Obama  
Barrack

**E D Walker (Maralmurra)**  
North Rockhampton, Qld

● *Bama: A Yalanji (FNQ) word  
for blackfella or black person.*

### Mother Earth

For a lot of years I was lost in  
the fog  
For a lot of tears I knew it was  
the grog

To be the man who wanted to  
grow  
To see me sad I was very low

Living the time through fear and  
pace  
I knew there was something that  
needed space

My culture now has turned a  
new leaf  
My identity is strong and a total  
relief

To fill that void of my own race  
Belonging to the land forever my  
'grace'.

**TERRY WICKEY**  
Via email  
(Dedicated to Uncle Bobby  
McLeod)

## Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

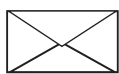
this will increase your chances of being published.

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# Give kids a chance

OPEN letter to the Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd:  
I am writing to you out of concern for the youth in my local area. I'm a grandmother and have lived in the Koonawarra/Dapto area for several years.

I have noticed an increase in violence and vandalism.

The kids of this area show no respect for their Elders or their environment as my generation did.

Black, white, whatever colour – should learn these principles and respect the sacrifices of those who came before them.

Youth need to be accountable for their behaviour instead of dismissing and taking for granted the services available to them.

There are some youth-friendly services available in the Dapto area, but as with a lot of other communities in Australia, the workers are stretched to capacity and there's not enough money to help these organisations and/or workers.

There are very few safe places for the kids to hang out in or activities that promote good health and positive self-esteem. We need more venues that are appropriately supervised and committed workers.

After watching how the kids went spending their stimulus payment, I was angered at the lack of common sense and responsibility.

Money should not be handed out to youth without proper education or supervision. I've suggested activities like boot camps and education programs to help these kids with life skills – just something where they can learn respect and discipline instead of sitting in the mall swearing and being a nuisance.

As per usual, there are not enough workers or money to do this. I'm not saying it is the sole responsibility of youth and community workers. A lot of people are willing to help in some way. We need some vision and guidance on how to tackle these problems in our streets and homes.

Money is always an issue. Community will do the best with what little they receive, but why is it so hard with all the red tape and bureaucracy?

It is not just the Northern Territory that is dealing with major issues like housing, drugs and alcohol.

With funding scarce, it is hard to attract the right workers to these positions and with contracts on a 12-month basis, we're really missing out on positive role models for our kids. These kids have no ambition to achieve and inspiration is lacking.

Mr Rudd, I am an Elder of this land. I respect the past, present and future Elders of this land, and so should the youth of today.

This problem has been weighing heavily on my heart and I feel so strongly that I felt compelled to write to you. Please, give the youth in Dapto and Koonawarra a chance to succeed.

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# Join as one

I RECENTLY received an email in which Ms Yananymul Mununggurr, of the Laynhapuy Homelands Association, dispelled myths surrounding outstations and homelands in the Northern Territory.

Ms Mununggurr set out the reasons why the NT Government's A Working Future policy lets down outstations and homelands, which she says are of fundamental importance to Indigenous people and the survival of culture across the Territory.

I felt that Ms Mununggurr's points made sense, simply because as one looks at the past and other States and parts of NT, you realise these homeland folk are under threat of being pushed or shoved off their cultural sites.

This will mean loss of culture and language. There'll be no future for the young, culturally.

It is obvious that this takeover by governments will take place because valuable mineral deposits lay beneath many homeland community sites and large royalties await

the governments.

Our traditional folk in the past had never been consulted, nor were negotiations ever held or compensation offered for loss of cultural lands.

Our folk in NSW were moved out in truckloads, well away from their cultural land and sites, never again allowed to return. No compensation was offered or given and the same will happen in the NT again and again.

Until our voices become one united voice, all joining forces, there'll be no common justice for the under-privileged amongst us.

We must unite as one to assist our folk who are fighting to maintain their cultural lands.

Until this happens, we will continue on as before: caring for number one, myself included.

We have well-intentioned Aboriginal folk out there. Why not join as one strong voice. Then we can change government attitudes. It's sure worth a try, because nothing else has worked.

**LES RIDGEWAY**  
Bonny Hills, NSW



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# No thanks to the Brits

THIS letter is not intended to offend brave Australian defence personnel, but to proclaim truth and freedom.

I did not celebrate the Queen's Birthday.

She is not an Australian citizen. She does not pay Australian taxes, to support the national economic crisis bordering on recession.

When the Queen dies, where will she be buried? Certainly not Australia, like us.

We as a nation need to wake up

and be independent and free to run our own affairs, political and otherwise without interference from the Queen and the British Parliament.

And don't tell me any different, because they (the Queen and the monarchy) are represented by the Governor-General in Australia.

I ask and challenge Australians one and all, where were British military, the air force and navy to protect Australia during the Japanese invasion in World War

II? They were nowhere to be seen.

According to national war studies, Australia was abandoned by the British at the 1942 fall of Singapore. America (USA) came to our rescue and assisted greatly, through General Douglas MacArthur.

Brave Australian military and defence forces – Diggers – fought hard on the island of

Timor and the Kokoda Track to push back the invading Japanese, despite the lack of resources.

Thank God the great spirit kept Australia free through these brave women and men of the Australian armed forces. Many gave their lives for our freedom of today.

Where were the British military and defence personnel

to defend this beautiful country? Yet, in peace time the British want the credit and glory. That's not fair.

Bring on the Australian republic and mateship that truly is ours to be proud of. Let's not pretend to our future generations of Australians.

**JAMES 'GURRI' DUNGAY**  
West Kempsey, NSW

## Minister is out of line

THE Mallacoota District Reconciliation Group of Victoria has made every endeavour to ensure that cultural and Aboriginal heritage sites would not be compromised by East Gippsland Shire Council's proposals for 'Ocean Access and Boat Ramp, Bastion Point, Mallacoota'.

Meetings and discussions took place with Aboriginal Elders and traditional custodians of the sea and land, and resulted in submissions to the Planning Panel inquiry on the Environmental Effects Statement.

Our respective submissions acknowledged that improved ocean access was needed and could satisfactorily be achieved by improvements to the existing Bastion Point ramp, which would not require a breakwater and would have less impact on cultural heritage sites.

Our submissions did not object to the need for improved ocean access, but objected strongly to the option of achieving it by means of an inappropriate breakwater and extensive destructive major works on land and in the sea.

The Mallacoota District Reconciliation Group is heartened that the Planning Panel recommendations handed down to Planning Minister Justin Madden and announced on 11

June 2009 stated, in part, 'there is no overall societal benefits in progressing these options further and they should be discarded'.

We applaud the Planning Panel personnel for their diligence in considering the views of all who contributed an opinion on the Environmental Effects Statement.

But we are outraged that the Minister announced, in a media release on 11 June, his disagreement with the Planning Panel's recommendation.

Instead, he recommends proceeding with the Option Three breakwater development with an access road on the beach.

This detrimentally impacts on the cultural heritage sites and completely ignores the panel's considered recommendation for a minor upgrade of the existing ramp.

The Minister's decision makes a mockery of the democratic process and we will not accept this injustice.

We are determined to stand with the Aboriginal people to protect our cultural history and will continue to fight in the shared spirit of Aboriginal custodianship and reconciliation.

**JEAN NICKELS**  
Secretary, Mallacoota District Reconciliation Group  
Mallacoota, Vic

## It's like this...

This circle here, is the heart and strength of our people.

These white arrows pointing out is us wanting other things and customs. Some good and some bad. Some, like grog, very, very bad.

But these red arrows pointing back in, remind us that our ways have always been good for us, ever since dreamtime.

And these yellow dots are you and me, looking at all the different ways to go, and thinking...

### "WHICH WAY?"

But then this big circle is the community, it keeps us all together and reminds us that...

### "OUR WAY"

**a strong community way is the right way.**



## Poetry

### Essence of Our Soul

Soothe your essence of your soul  
With calm wanderings of peace  
Passionately reaching your very being  
I do beseech  
Absorbed in the precious memories  
Of all you hold dear  
An anchor in a storm when you are in fear  
Ripples of laughter enhance  
The richness of your being  
Musically reaching a crescendo of

passion  
The best you have heard or seen  
Processing your mind, body and soul  
In a wild frenzy of love  
Ruling your universe of sincerity  
Like a great gift from above  
Tenderly caressing your heart strings  
With a tender hand so warm  
You need the compassion of eternal love  
For someone with so much charm

**Margaret Armstrong**  
Ipswich, Qld



# Tribute to Yarmauk

To my family, Elizabeth Morgan-Hoffmann was our 'Yarmauk', our Elder and teacher, a loving sister, mother, aunt and grandmother. To her people she was a tireless campaigner who fought to protect the rights of Koori people especially the women and children.

Born at Cummeragunja Aboriginal Station NSW along the Murray River on 10 March, 1927, one of the seven children of Michael Stafford Morgan and Maud Miriam Morgan (nee Ross), she grew up at Cummeragunja in a loving home including two sisters and four brothers. Spending summers camping out near her beloved Moira Lakes, with her Granny Lizzy and extended family.

Family tragedy struck when her mother passed away from tuberculosis and as a mere girl of 11 years Elizabeth was removed from her family home and sent to live at the station hospital where she worked as domestic for the nurses and the Cummeragunja station manager with the threat that if she did not comply she would be removed to Cootamundra Girls Home.

As a child living in servitude, she witnessed the historically significant 'Cummeragunja Walk-Off' in 1939, witnessing first-hand the racist practices and policies which held her people down. These experiences had a profound effect that would be carried through life. She wrote: 'We hate the system that makes us beggars in our own land'.

The survival message that we heard from our champion, was to know and be proud of your culture and heritage, and be proud of

## To Our Koori Sons

By Elizabeth Morgan-Hoffmann

Our Koori sons of love and pride

Only you know how we have been denied

Justice and recognition for these crimes

Denial has made this country's shame

Only acceptance can ease the pain

When will they realise that our existence is

All they need to correct a wrong and make it right



Elizabeth Morgan-Hoffmann  
10 March 1927 – 6 April 2009

your people and your old people who went before you.

Her leadership qualities came to the fore becoming the inaugural president of Victorian-based organisations such as the

Aboriginal Legal Service, Aboriginal Housing Service and Aboriginal Child Care Agency. She also became the longest-serving Director of the Aboriginal Advancement League, overseeing

the AAL building appeal, resulting in the new premises at Thornbury.

One of her proudest achievements was the establishment of the first Indigenous Women's Refuge in

Australia, named in her honour as 'The Elizabeth Hoffmann House'.

On her return to Cummeragunja in 1985, she helped establish Yorta Yorta Local Land Council and the Housing Co-operative, becoming the second elected Yorta Yorta representative on the NSW State Land Council working to improve the appalling living and health conditions of our people in the Riverina.

It was at this time she began working for her Yorta Yorta people in gaining the recognition of their rights to land and the protection of culture and environmental heritage. In 1994 she, along with other Yorta Yorta Elders, led the fight for land justice by launching their Native Title Application. Although this was not successful, her hope was that one day, her people would achieve justice and be recognised as the true owners of their traditional country.

In 2006, this warrior was acknowledged for her contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples when she travelled to Cairns to receive the National NAIDOC Lifetime Achievement Award.

On 6 April, aged 82, surrounded by her family and friends at home on Cummeragunja, Elizabeth Morgan-Hoffmann joined her ancestors in the dreamtime.

Our Yarmauk is survived by a loving sister, Merle, her children Ross, Bernard, Denis and Monica with 18 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

**MONICA MORGAN**  
Cummeragunja, Vic

## Burramatta NAIDOC Family Fun Day

Sunday 5th July



5-12 JULY 2009  
HONOURING OUR ELDERS  
NURTURING OUR YOUTH

11.00am – 4.00pm

Prince Alfred Park, Cnr of Church St and Victoria Rd, Parramatta

### Entertainment

- Stiff Gins
- The Col Hardy Band
- Sean Choolburra
- Sharnee Fendwick Band
- Steve Fogarty
- Nellie Dargan
- Chrissy's Island Family Show



Come and join the fun with a day filled with music and entertainment and celebrate Australia's rich history. There's true bush tucker to taste and the kids will love the free face painting and jumping castles.

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### Public Notice

#### Baulkham Hills

*Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment:*

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment (Part 4A & 6 of the NPW Act 1974) is currently being undertaken to support a development application to construct the 'GoApe' High Ropes Adventure Course in the Bidjigal (D1010489) Reserve in Baulkham Hills, NSW. The proposal is to determine a suitable development footprint to avoid impact to any potential Aboriginal Heritage sites or objects. Registrations of interest are now invited. For further information please contact Andy Roberts at ARC Heritage P/L on 0437763911. Please make registrations of interest before the 11/7/09 if possible.

#### Wyong

*Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment:*

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment (Part 6 of the NPW Act 1974) is currently being undertaken to support a development application to construct a rising sewer main upgrade at the end of Birdwood Drive in Blue Haven, Wyong Shire, NSW. The proposal is to determine due diligence in regard to any potential Aboriginal Heritage sites or objects. Registrations of interest are now invited. For further information please contact Andy Roberts at ARC Heritage P/L on 0437763911. Please make registrations of interest before the 11/7/09 if possible.

#### Duffy's Forest

*Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment:*

An Aboriginal Heritage Impact Assessment (Part 6 of the NPW Act 1974) is currently being undertaken to support a development application to resurface an existing plant nursery involving earthmoving and new landscaping at 8 Namba Road Duffys Forest, NSW. The proposal is to determine due diligence in regard to any potential Aboriginal Heritage sites or objects. Registrations of interest are now invited. For further information please contact Andy Roberts at ARC Heritage P/L on 0437763911. Please make registrations of interest before the 11/7/09 if possible.





Artist Darren Bloomfield and US tourist Charlie Balch with two of the shoes.

## Learning about our culture a shoo-in for American visitor

**L**OS Angeles student and traveller Charlie Balch has got a lot more from his four-month visit to Australia than he ever imagined.

While doing some volunteer work with the Newtown Mission, Balch, curious about the real Australia, deliberately sought to find out more about Aboriginal culture.

"I wanted to see something deeper than just the Opera House and Harbour Bridge," said Balch. "I believe Aboriginal culture not to be dead, but very much alive."

Too right. And meeting Aboriginal artist, activist and Stolen Generations member

Darren Bloomfield was a pivotal moment for the young American.

Bloomfield, whose work 'Take a Walk in My Shoes' has him painting designs on second-hand shoes, taught Balch the basics of shoe painting and Aboriginal culture.

While Balch's stay in Australia was nearly over, he was glad to have had the interaction with Bloomfield and his art.

He said he would return to America with a strong awareness of Australian Indigenous culture and a real desire to learn about Native American peoples and their culture.

— By LISA HOGBEN

# Cronyism claim denied

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE West Australian Labor Opposition has accused Liberal

Affairs Minister Kim Hames of cronyism over the appointment of a former Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) Director General to a highly sensitive cultural position within the department.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman and Deputy Opposition Leader Roger Cook claims the process by which Hayden Lowe was promoted to Chair of the Aboriginal Cultural Materials Committee (ACMC) was highly improper.

The ACMC considers the protection of significant and sacred sites being threatened by development, including by mining companies, and makes

recommendations to the Minister on whether particular sites should be protected.

"This is also the first time in most people's living memory that the Government has selected a non-Indigenous Chair of the ACMC", Mr Cook said. "The role of chair is a very senior one and it's one that the Aboriginal community should have every confidence in. It's unusual that the Government should take this backward step by installing a non-Indigenous person as Chair of a committee which essentially is there to protect Indigenous cultural heritage interests."

However, Mr Hames said he did nothing improper in appointing Mr Lowe to the ACMC, and that he followed procedure by choosing from a shortlist provided by the ACMC Registrar.

"There were nine people on the shortlist and the Registrar recommended five of those people. Mr Lowe



ROGER COOK

was nominated but he wasn't on the shortlist," Mr Hames said.

"The legal advice that we got was that the Registrar was obliged to provide more names to me so I could have the choice as Minister to appoint who I wanted from that list."

"I was keen to include (Mr Hames) on the committee because he'd been on the committee for three years when he was Director General of the DIA and had done a very good job.



KIM HAMES

"I was very keen to get someone with that degree of understanding onto that committee."

"This was an issue to do with his nomination, because his nomination form was sent accidentally blank and so the Registrar retrieved the original and put his name forward on the shortlist."

"Once that was done, I appointed him to the committee."

Mr Hames said he had tabled all the relevant

documents in Parliament, including a document signed by the Registrar saying that Mr Lowe's name had been included on the shortlist and that it was quite proper for the Minister to choose who he wanted from it.

"I chose Mr Lowe and three Aboriginal people from the shortlist and there are other Aboriginal members on it as well, such as an anthropologist and archaeologist and someone from the Museum and if there's a tied vote, the chair has the casting vote."

"However, the ACMC can only make a recommendation and then it's up to me as the Minister to accept or reject that recommendation."

"They base their recommendation on the need to protect Aboriginal heritage and then I have to balance that with the best interests of WA."

"There have been many occasions where I've upheld recommendations that the

mining companies have been very unhappy with, and just recently in the Western Desert I encouraged the ACMC to protect a heritage site and forced the mining company to compromise."

Mr Cook said there was a clear paper trail suggesting that Mr Hames in the first instance wanted to select Mr Lowe even though he wasn't on the shortlist, and then circumvented the proper process by trying to get another expression of interest from Mr Lowe.

"We're saddened that a public servant was manipulated in this way," Mr Cook said.

"And we're saddened that the role of the ACMC has been devalued by these sorts of manoeuvres by the Minister."

Mr Cook said the Opposition was making further inquiries into the matter and there were more questions to be asked about the new style of leadership of the ACMC.

Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth  
Saturday 4th July 2009, 2-9pm  
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### DOCUMENTING OUR HISTORY: Telling the stories with our elders

Tranby Aboriginal College in conjunction with the History Council of NSW and the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) is hosting a full day workshop on Aboriginal historical research during NAIDOC Week 2009.

The workshop will showcase Aboriginal led research that seeks to document and reclaim Aboriginal stories and knowledge of the past. Listen to Aboriginal historians John Maynard, Heidi Norman and Suzanne Ingram talk about their work. Join a series of 'hands-on' workshops for the Aboriginal community on accessing archives contained in Australia's leading institutions: AIATSIS, the State Library of NSW, State Records of NSW and the Australian War Memorial. Learn about opportunities for funding for Indigenous history projects. Lunch will be provided.

When: Thursday 9 July 2009, 9.00am – 4.00pm  
Where: Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe  
Cost: Gold Coin Donation  
Enquiries: Annaliese Monaro, 02 9660 3444  
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### DOCUMENTING OUR HISTORY: Telling the stories with our elders

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13 Mansfield Street, Glebe NSW 2037



# Wide River Cafe dreams run deep



Robyn Ferguson, right, with barista Sandy Hampson at the Wide River Café in Ulmarra, northern NSW.



**REMEMBER** the name Wide River Café, because one might be

coming to a town near you.

At least that's the plan of business-minded Robyn Ferguson who has already established the first café of that name, in the northern NSW tourist centre of Ulmarra, on the Clarence River.

The former Aboriginal employment development officer (AEDO) has joined with fellow Aboriginal entrepreneurs Andrew Hegedus, of Grafton, and Rob Bryant, of Nambucca Heads, and Sydney accountant Ian Plater in a partnership with a simple goal – expansion.

All four bring different business-related skills to the

partnership, which started about three years ago.

The accountancy side rests with Mr Plater, Mr Hegedus has a solid government and community management background, Mr Bryant has broad marketing experience while Ms Ferguson – aside from her AEDO work – already operates a shop in her home town of Casino.

## Ventures

The success of the Ulmarra Wide River Café, which employs several local Indigenous people, already has the partners looking at establishing similar ventures in Casino and Nambucca.

“And further down the road, who knows,” said Ms Ferguson. “We’ve all got the skills and the drive, and can see lots of possibilities.”

That attitude is echoed by Mr Hegedus.

“Business is the future for Aboriginal community growth,” he said.

“We are hoping to use links initially through NSW Local Aboriginal Land Councils to develop and expand business opportunities.

“We see the Wide River Café name as being just the start of that.

“Ulmarra was traditionally an important meeting point for Aboriginal people on the NSW far north coast. There’s a tourism-related link we can capitalise on and so we established our first café there.

“It’s the same in many other areas. The opportunities are endless and are there for our people to develop.”

# Struggle pays off

## NT land handed back to owners



**TRADITIONAL** owners east and south of Alice Springs celebrated ‘another great moment’ in the

decades-long land rights struggle last month, with the handback of nine parks and reserves.

The areas, which include many culturally significant sites, all are subject to 99-year leases to the NT Government and will now be jointly managed by the traditional owners (TOs) and the NT’s Parks and Wildlife Service.

The TOs received title deeds to their land during a ceremony held at the Old Telegraph Station in Alice Springs on 12 June, attended by Federal and Northern Territory Government representatives.

And a joint management process that started last year had already brought employment benefits to traditional owners, according to the Central Land Council (CLC), which represented the traditional landowners in negotiations with the Federal and NT Governments.

CLC Director David Ross said he believed few non-Aboriginal people could fully appreciate what it meant for traditional land owners to receive ownership of the land they had lost and to have a say in



● **ABOVE:** Corroboree Rock Traditional Owners with Ministers Macklin and Snowdon at the handback ceremony held at the Old Telegraph Station in Alice Springs.

● **LEFT:** Trephina Gorge Traditional Owner Paul Williams talks to reporters.

*Photos courtesy of the Central Land Council*

its future management.

“Non-Aboriginal people who have previously enjoyed access to these parks have nothing to fear from the handback, but can be pleased that the custodians of these places now have a greater involvement in their care and protection,” he said.

Federal Indigenous Affairs

Minister Jenny Macklin handed back six of the areas, designated Aboriginal land trusts or Aboriginal freehold under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976*:

- Arltunga Aboriginal Land Trust (Arltunga)
- Irrtarkwarre Aboriginal Land Trust (Chambers Pillar)
- Pwanye No 2 Aboriginal

Land Trust (Corroboree Rock)

- Uremenne Aboriginal Land Trust (Ewanninga)
- Irlwentye Aboriginal Land Trust (N'Dhala Gorge)
- Atnerperre Aboriginal Land Trust (Trephina Gorge)

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and NT Minister Alison Anderson handed back the

remaining three areas, designated park land trusts or ‘park freehold’ – a new system of tenure under NT legislation:

- Atnwarle Park Land Trust (Dulcie Ranges)
- Kweyeunpe Park Land Trust (Kuyunba)
- Arrelte Twatye Park Land Trust (Native Gap).

Park freehold title means the parks can only ever be used as a national park. At the expiry of the leases over all the parks, TOs and the NT Government will need to negotiate a new lease.

The CLC said there would not be any limiting of access or fees introduced because of the handbacks or under joint management of the parks.

Under a flexible employment program, Aboriginal workers have cleared buffel grass (a noxious plant) from N'Dhala Gorge to prevent wild fires damaging ancient petroglyphs.

Minister Macklin and local MP and Minister for Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery Warren Snowdon highlighted Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve, 250km south of Alice Springs, as an important cultural site for the Arrernte people and a geographical landmark that was ‘a beacon for early explorers’.

The reserve is home to a unique sandstone rock formation, which features in Arrernte creation stories and was a geographical landmark and navigational aid for non-Aboriginal explorers, many of whom carved their names and initials into the soft sandstone.

Last month’s handback represented the second round of titles to be granted to traditional owners as part of the NT Government’s handback of park land under the *NT Land Rights Act*.

The first claims to be returned were the deeds for the Devil’s Marbles and the Davenport Ranges, handed over in October 2008.



# Celebration marks Blue Mud Bay ruling



Dancers performing Barthun ceremony at Blue Mud Bay.



The Red Flag Dancers from Numbulwarr celebrate with their neighbours.



Newly-Independent NT MP Marion Scrymgour.



John Chisolm and Mawalan Marika, from TEABBA.



Gawirrin Gumana, AO, who recently received the 2009 Red Ochre Aware, was one of the leading litigants in the Blue Mud Bay case.



Traditional owner Djambawa Marawilli and NLC Chairman Kim Hill.

## On our terms, say Yolngu

A year after the historic Blue Mud Bay High Court decision, supporting a claim made by the artist Gawirrin Gumana, Djambawa Marawilli and the Madarrpa clan, traditional owners want negotiations to be based on their own terms. FRANCINE CHINN reports.



A COOL June dry season breeze greeted people who had gathered at Yilpira homeland on the shores of Blue Mud Bay in north east Arnhem Land last month.

Marking the first anniversary of the High Court decision that gave traditional owners exclusive rights regarding commercial and recreational fishing in tidal waters overlying Aboriginal land, a Barthun ceremony – the story of the connection between people and the sea, and the meeting of the Dhuwa and Yirritja moieties – started 12 June celebrations.

Northern Land Council (NLC) Chairman Wali Wunungmurra welcomed visitors including newly independent NT MP Marion Scrymgour, Senator Trish Crossin, NT Minister Malarndirri McCarthy and members of the NT Seafood Council and Amateur Fishermen's Association.

He thanked leaders and all people, Yolngu and Balanda, who helped in the long fight for sea rights that started with the 1963

Yirrkala Bark Petition, which Mr Wunungmurra signed as a young man.

The Northern, Tiwi and Anindilyakwa land councils cover the 80 per cent of NT coastline that is Aboriginal land, and thus covered by the Blue Mud Bay decision.

In November, an interim licensing and permit regime for commercial and recreational fishing was extended until 31 December 2009.

Currently, the land councils are involved in ongoing discussions with the NT Government and commercial and recreational fishing bodies over access to their inter-tidal areas and tidal rivers.

Referring to these negotiations, Mr Wunungmurra said any agreement would ultimately have to be made on Yolngu terms.

"That's very important and I would like to emphasise that," he said. "This time it will be by agreement on Yolngu terms. Yaka\* partnership, yaka partnership."

Amateur Fishermen's Association of the NT (AFANT) Executive Officer Chris Makepeace told media at Yilpira that most people were

generally relaxed about current arrangements.

"I think that there will be financial arrangements in this," he said.

"You can talk about it in terms of compensation but no one expects that this is all going to be dealt with without some economic benefit for Indigenous people around the Territory.

"And that may be them becoming involved in the commercial industry, it could be in terms of setting up various places for recreational fishing where people will pay to go on to Aboriginal land to access recreational fishing, there's a whole range of opportunities for it."

### Hard work

In her address, Ms Scrymgour, who received an enthusiastic welcome, urged the gathering to remember the many leaders 'no longer here today' so that their hard work had not been in vain.

"It's acknowledging what's happened in the past and remembering the strength of all of our leaders ... because it's about our children and their future and making

sure all of the decisions and everything that we do today is going to make it so much better for them," she said.

Ms McCarthy, who took part in a closing ceremony with Numbulwarr dancers, referred to the 30-year struggle her own people underwent during the Borroloolua land rights claim and the importance of the inter-tidal country. She spoke of the respect and pride traditional owners now engendered due to the Blue Mud Bay decision.

And Labor's Senator Crossin said the Federal Government supported traditional owners in what they were trying to achieve through negotiations and spoke of the culture and historical achievements of the traditional owners, which she said needed to be learnt in schools and by the broader community.

"You hold knowledge in your head about your culture that no one else in this country knows. You are incredibly special to be able to replicate for us the significance of this place," she said.

\* Yaka = no.



Dancers performing Barthun ceremony.



Some of the women and children prepare to dance.



# Dreamtime at cemetery



A CEREMONY to open the latest stage of a reconciliation memorial at the East Kempsey Cemetery will be held next week.

The area being restored has been named Barrunbatayi, which is the Dunghutti word for Dreamtime.

Kempsey Shire Council and the Dunghutti community have been working with H & H Accredited Training Australia Inc to complete the work, which gives recognition to unmarked graves in the cemetery.

The first phase of the reconciliation project, which involved surveying the East Kempsey Cemetery using non-destructive ground penetrating radar to determine the location of unmarked graves, featured consultation with the Aboriginal community and the unveiling of a 'Lost but not Forgotten' memorial plaque set in a large boulder at the cemetery in December 2006.

The second phase involved the laying of concrete borders around 31 blocks, each containing gravesites, some in clusters; the establishment of a rainbow serpent pathway through the area; and the erection of a large timber cross constructed by the Aboriginal Connection Building Company with the assistance of Guri Wa Ngundagar.



The women at Greenhill who made the fabric for the unveiling of the monument and the restored area which has been named Barrunbatayi, the Dunghutti word for Dreamtime.



The cross features a significant Aboriginal dreamtime story painted by artist Richard Campbell.

The work has also involved the planting of kangaroo paw plants and grass trees, the construction of seating and a memorial wall in remembrance of those resting in peace, and the placement of statues of angels to watch over and beautify the area.

The official opening of Barrunbatayi (Dreamtime) will be held at 10.30am next Wednesday, 8 July.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch, Deputy Mayor Dean Saul and Auntie Shirley Kelly will officiate at the ceremony.

The council's acting customer and community services manager, Jo McGoldrick, said the main motivation behind the project was to respect and restore the basic dignity of those in unmarked graves.

## Significance

"The cemetery is of very spiritual significance," Ms McGoldrick said.

"There are many Aboriginal people who do not know where family members are buried in the cemetery.

"The memorial, which will mark over 80 graves, will create a remembering place and, hopefully,

this acknowledgment will bring the families some comfort.

"Unfortunately temporary markers on these graves have disappeared. Out of the 80 graves on the site, only one headstone has survived.

"One other monument has been erected in more recent times by a family member who was able to identify the location of a grave."

The project arose out of discussions with local Aboriginal people inquiring about how to find the graves of family who were buried in this specific section of the East Kempsey Cemetery from the early 1940s.

"Aboriginal family members,

who may have information on relatives buried at East Kempsey are also being asked to pass it on to council staff so further work can be done on updating cemetery records," Ms McGoldrick said.

"Council is also keen to be able to allocate new burial space alongside existing burials in the shire's cemetery. For this to be possible it is critical that staff have accurate scanning and mapping of the existing burials when allocating new burial sites."

Anyone wanting further information about this project can contact Jennifer Colling or Tracey Edwards at Council on (02) 6566 3200.



## Introducing our new Indigenous Programme Coordinators

As part of a nationally led initiative, Crown Melbourne and Burswood Entertainment Complex (wholly owned subsidiaries of Crown Limited) have partnered with the Australian Employment Covenant to provide employment opportunities to Indigenous Australians.

As part of our support and commitment to this initiative, applications were sought earlier in May for two Indigenous Programme Coordinators, one based in Melbourne and another in Perth.

We are pleased to announce the successful candidates for these roles and welcome Christine Ross and Charles Williams to our business.

*Crown Melbourne and Burswood Entertainment Complex would like to congratulate both Charles and Christine on their appointments and look forward to working together in the development and implementation of the Indigenous Employment Strategy.*

Christine Ross, based at Burswood Entertainment Complex in Perth, is an Arrernte/Kaytetye woman born in Alice Springs and raised in Darwin.

After graduating as a teacher from the University of South Australia in 1984, Christine spent several years teaching in the Northern Territory before taking up the role of Manager of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Support Unit within the NT Department of Education.

After 14 years with the NT Department of Education, Christine went on to such roles as General Manager at the Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association (CAAMA) and Lecturer in Education at the Kulbardi Centre at Murdoch University.

Burswood is proud to have Christine join the team as Indigenous Programme Coordinator where her focus will be to recruit Indigenous people across all areas of the business.

Charles Williams, based at Crown Melbourne, is a descendant of the Wiradjuri, Yorta Yorta, Gunai, and Gunditjmara people and is a proud and active member of the Victorian Koori Community.

Charles has an extensive understanding of Indigenous employment having worked for the past six years across the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP), Structured Training and Employment Projects Employment and Related Services (STEP ERS) and Job Network programmes.

Crown Melbourne is excited to welcome Charles as their newly appointed Indigenous Programme Coordinator.

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**Christine.Ross@burswood.com.au**

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# Artist right at home with loan



CAIRNS-based artist Joey Laifoo can now work from home on his new printing press thanks to a program funded by the National Australia Bank.

Mr Laifoo, who was born and raised on Badu Island, is a noted lino and batik print artist who regularly works with the Australia Council for the Arts.

He also runs programs teaching Torres Strait Islander kids about their culture through design, painting, ceramics and performance.

But while he had the knowledge and skills to print his own work, he found that hiring printing facilities at the local TAFE restricted his printing time and ate into his budget.

To counter the problem, he accessed the new Indigenous Entrepreneurs Program funded by NAB, and was able to buy his own printing press.

"I only sell to tourists on Thursday Island, so they have a chance to connect emotionally with the work," Mr Laifoo said.

"So my busy period is high tourist season, from May to September. Having to regulate my printing time restricted the amount of work I could complete."

Accessing the Indigenous Entrepreneurs Program via Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) allowed Mr Laifoo to buy his own printing press, drying rack and worktable so he could print at home.

"Having the press at home gives me the freedom and opportunity to work when I can and fit it in around my other work," he said.

An added benefit for Mr Laifoo is the new equipment allows him to teach younger Torres Strait artists to print quality work.

"I want to show these kids that they can have their own business too; most other artists don't have the facilities to do their own prints, especially young Torres Strait Islander artists. Most of the artists finish their TAFE course and then don't know what to do, don't know how to take their art to the next level."

NAB State General Manager for Retail Banking Richard Greenaway said providing Indigenous Australians with improved access to financial products and services was part of the financial inclusion commitment made in NAB's Reconciliation Action Plan, launched in December last year.

Artist Joey Laifoo with his new printing press.



"Through microfinance programs including NAB's Microenterprise Loans, we want to build long-term, sustainable relationships with Aboriginal entrepreneurs to help them reach their potential," he said.

NAB provides Microenterprise Loans to entrepreneurs identified by IBA. In turn, IBA helps each business with their business plan, cash flow projections and advice on how their lives will change once their business opens.

IBA Chair, Indigenous businessman Bob Blair, said his organisation played a significant role in helping Indigenous entrepreneurs establish their businesses in the mainstream economy.

"There is generally a lack of family and community understanding about running a business because the

Indigenous business community is so small, so this is where our mentors play an important role," Mr Blair said. "We connect each loan recipient with a consultant for 12 months of the loan to give advice, assist with identifying and addressing concerns and generally play a mentoring role to the business owner."

NAB's Microenterprise Loan program was launched in March 2007 and provides unsecured business loans of between \$500 and \$20,000 for people on low incomes, with few or no avenues to access affordable business credit. The loans are provided on a not-for-profit basis and are available to help start up or support an existing business of five or fewer employees. NAB also ensures loan recipients receive business skills training and 12 months of mentoring and advice.

## NSW HEALTH

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NSW Department of Health

### Request for Proposal

To provide community based services to support Aboriginal carers under the *NSW Carers Action Plan 2007-2012*.

A carer is a family member, friend, neighbour or other community member who provides care and assistance to another person, often in a regular and sustained manner, without payment other than in some cases a pension or benefit.

NSW Health is seeking up to three (3) Aboriginal non-government organisations (NGOs) and/or Aboriginal community controlled health organisations with the demonstrated skills, experience and capabilities to develop and implement a program or service that improves the lives of Aboriginal carers. Applicants can also choose to apply for additional womens specific funding to further target female Aboriginal carers.

Successful NGOs will be required to satisfy the obligations and administration and management requirements specified in the *NSW Health Operational Guidelines: Non-Government Organisation Grant Program*. The document is available online at [http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2005/PD2005\\_583.html](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/policies/pd/2005/PD2005_583.html).

Organisations interested in undertaking the work should refer to the Tender Specifications available on the Internet at <http://tender.nsw.gov.au/health>.

Respondents are encouraged to submit Tender responses electronically to the above website. Prices quoted by potential suppliers must include GST.

Tender responses must be received no later than **10 am, August 4 2009**.

For further information please contact Mr Peter Schmiedgen, Policy Officer, Dementia Carers and Disability Team, NSW Department of Health by email at [pschm@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pschm@doh.health.nsw.gov.au).

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Department of Planning and Community Development

### Do you have views or opinions on promoting Indigenous economic development in Victoria?

**Victorian Government – Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs**  
*Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development Group*

#### Call for Submissions

The Victorian Government is committed to closing the gap in employment outcomes, economic participation and life expectancy between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians. To help meet this commitment the Victorian Government has established the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development (VAED) Group.

The VAED Group is comprised of leaders from the Indigenous community, business, philanthropy and State Government. It has been asked to provide the Victorian Government with advice on innovative and effective ways of promoting economic development for Victoria's Indigenous communities.

The VAED Group is framing its advice around six key priority areas:

- Indigenous young people successfully transitioning from school to work and/or further study;
- Indigenous people of working age having the choice to participate in all sectors and at all levels of the labour market;
- Indigenous people and communities having the opportunity and capacity to own and operate businesses;
- The role of mentoring support;
- Economic development opportunities in land management flowing from increased access to land; and
- The potential of Indigenous Tourism in Victoria.

The VAED Group is seeking the views of Indigenous individuals and organisations about what works in relation to the above priority areas.

These views will inform the VAED Group's recommendations on Indigenous economic development to the Victorian Government.

Submissions should be no more than two pages and specifically address the key features of what works in practice.

Submissions are called for by **31 July 2009**.

Submissions should be in the form of a word or PDF document and include name and contact details. Submissions can be emailed to Janannie Blair at:

**Janannie.Blair@dpcd.vic.gov.au**

For further information please contact Greg Leahy on Ph: (03) 9208 3328.

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## Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

### Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Wadda Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation  
Date received: 1 May 2009  
Public comments due: 10 August 2009

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Wadda Wurrung Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat  
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001  
Email: [vahec@dpcd.vic.gov.au](mailto:vahec@dpcd.vic.gov.au)  
Phone: 9208 3243  
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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## Just a note to say Thank You

To all the extended families and friends who helped with cooking and assisted at the Memorial Service held in Mt Druitt and the wake of our loved one

### JOSEPH KING

who was buried in Lismore on the 15th May 2009. We wish to extend a very sincere thank you. Your love, caring support and kindness is greatly appreciated. Also to the inmates at Grafton Correctional Centre for your donation to the family we send a very sincere and warm Thank You.

God Bless you all **Gertrude King & Family** (Hebersham)

## 2009 YOUTH INTERACT GRANTS ARE NOW OPEN



**ARE YOU CREATIVE, INNOVATIVE, AND/OR IMAGINATIVE?**

**DO YOU WISH YOU COULD HOLD AN EVENT OR AN ACTIVITY BUT DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS?**

**ARE YOU A GROUP OF DYNAMIC AND PASSIONATE YOUNG PEOPLE?**

If you answered **YES** to any of the above, then we can help you.

**We have Grant money just for young people, for amounts of up to \$2500 for your event or activity.**

You need to be aged between 12 and 25 years and reside in the ACT.

Youth InterACT Grants are specifically for young people who would like to organise an event, project or activity for other young people.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT**

Youth InterACT on 6205 0632 or via email [youthinteract@act.gov.au](mailto:youthinteract@act.gov.au), or you can download an application from ACT Government's Youth website [www.youth.act.gov.au](http://www.youth.act.gov.au)

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 27 July 2009**



# TI hospital hold-ups explained

By Townsville Correspondent  
**ALF WILSON**



THE Queensland Government has rejected claims that injured competitors in a Torres Strait rugby league carnival

were forced to wait long periods for treatment at Thursday Island Hospital's emergency department because doctors feared legal action.

The Island of Origin Series is the premier sporting event of the Torres Strait and was held at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval over the Queen's Birthday long weekend early last month.

An official of the Malu Kiai team from Boigu Island told *The Koori Mail* it was disappointing that players had to wait at the hospital for three to four hours before doctors could examine them.

More than 30 players from the six men's team were injured during the carnival, but no injuries were life-threatening.

"There were a lot of legalities around this particular issue when I spoke to one of the doctors as I took my players down for an examination," the official said.

In response, Queensland Health said delays in the Thursday Island Hospital emergency department over the weekend in question were due to the demands from many players from the carnival seeking a medical certificate to verify their injuries.

Under a new rule, a team could not replace an injured player in the originally nominated 30-player squad without a doctor's certificate confirming the injury.

"That created the bottleneck," said Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Torres and NPA Health Service District Peter Sladden.

Mr Sladden said staff in the hospital emergency department were told the sports body responsible for players had ruled that players needed a medical certificate for any injury that stopped them from playing.

"To my knowledge, this rule had not been discussed with Queensland Health or Thursday Island Hospital and it resulted in the emergency department being swamped with requests for assessments of minor injuries by players and coaches, before the start of the next game," he said in response to criticism over the delays.

"This complicated the



**Injured Mulga United player Lester Hero, who dislocated his shoulder on day two of the league carnival on Thursday Island.**

triaging (prioritising) of other cases and impacted on the ability to rapidly and effectively treat more-serious cases, such as ill children and dislocated joints requiring treatment.

"It also meant that less urgent cases, which would normally have been seen more quickly, had to wait for longer than normal as staff in the emergency department were tied up seeing players who would not normally have presented but for the current 'medical certificate' rule."

### Urgency

Queensland Health uses the Australasian Triage Scale (ATS) to assess the urgency of patients in emergency departments, with category one being the most urgent, through to category five the least.

Kaiwalagal Rugby League President Harry Cook said the replacement rule was introduced only on the Thursday night before the carnival.

"This was new ground and we didn't know what the impact would be. We didn't have a

chance to discuss it with the hospital, but we certainly will prior to the next carnival," he said. "We also have already decided to change it from a doctor's certificate to a nurse confirming the injury."

Mr Cook estimated there were probably about 15 players who needed certificates for replacement.

"There were only about 36 injuries from the whole weekend, and many of them only required icing," he said.

Mr Sladden said the hospital was more than happy to deal with players who were injured and to give medical certificates to those who required them, but there was no legal requirement for the hospital to do so.

"From Queensland Health's perspective, there is no legal issue with treating sports people who present to a hospital emergency department," he said.

"They are treated in exactly the same way as any other patient who presents, and that is according to their need and the severity of their condition."

## NAIDOC

# 2009

within the City of Melbourne



### City of Melbourne NAIDOC Flag raising

Melbourne Town Hall

**Monday 6 July 2.00pm-4.00pm** -  
RSVPS essential on 96589901.

### Black with Colours

1/07/2009 - 30/07/2009

Aboriginal Art Exhibition by Peter Clarke.

### Tiddalick the Frog @ City Library

7/07/2009 - 7/07/2009

Drama Toolbox Company creates an outback adventure for children to explore a well known dreamtime story. Bookings essential

### Gary Preslan author talk

Unearth a vanished country and a lost way of life with Gary Preslan when he discusses his book titled *Aboriginal Melbourne: the lost land of the Kulin people*.

A specialist in early Melbourne, Gary Preslan is an archaeologist and historian who has written extensively on Aboriginal culture and Melbourne's natural history.

### Indigenous Living Books @ City Library

8/07/2009 - 8/07/2009

Living Books" are different to traditional books, they are alive!

### Phil Ahwang at North Melbourne Library

8/07/2009 - 8/07/2009

Torres Strait storyteller Phil Ahwang tells traditional stories from the Torres Strait.

### Tandeeera: Resting Place

9/07/2009 - 21/08/2009

An exhibition from three Indigenous women artists reflecting on life after the Apology.

### Dreaming the Dreamtime @ East Melbourne Library

9/07/2009 - 9/07/2009

Have you ever wondered how the kangaroo got its pouch? Or why the Lyrebird copies sounds? Find out more at East Melbourne Library this winter holidays

### NAIDOC March and Concert

10/07/2009 - 10/07/2009

A street march culminating in speeches and a free concert at Federation Square in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### NAIRN DJAMBANA - Bay Gathering Place

2/06/2009 - 28/06/2009

Nairn Djambana is an Indigenous exhibition of collaborative stencil artwork produced by 25 Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Aboriginal artists.

**For further information on NAIDOC 2009 visit:**

[www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/naidoc/Pages/NAIDOCWeek.aspx](http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/naidoc/Pages/NAIDOCWeek.aspx) or contact the City of Melbourne on 9658 9901.



# Wakakirri focus on culture



THE Wakakirri Outback Festival has been visiting schools around Broken Hill, aiming to improve understanding of, and respect for, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures.

The national story-telling festival builds and forms bonds in regional and remote communities at the same time as creatively teaching numeracy and literacy skills.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner and Wakakirri patron Tom Calma said the festival comprised of five days of workshops designed to empower students through the process of telling and sharing stories.

"Wakakirri challenges students to create a story and to make a positive impact in terms of what they learn, what they hoped their story taught others and how they may have made a difference to the world around them," Mr Calma said.

"Students' self-esteem also grows through telling stories about who they are, where they live, and what their hopes and dreams are.

"Through the process of creating these stories, they learn about healthy lifestyle choices, career pathways and community pride."

Wakakirri schools are visited by a team of teachers who work with the school to create stories using a variety of performing and visual arts techniques, including film, dance, singing and arts.

"In a great example of community-building, the festival brings the wider non-school community together to put on a live festival for the local community at the end of the five-day workshops where the films created by the students are broadcast," Mr Calma said.

He said research had shown the



Broken Hill High School students Michael Norris and Felicia Hunter film their story as part of the Wakakirri Outback Festival.

Wakakirri Outback Festival, which was funded through the Federal Government's Community Festivals for Education Engagement Program, had demonstrated improvements in the resilience, tolerance, literacy, physical activity and health appreciation of students

involved in the festival.

The festival story-telling is being captured on film and will be included in an exhibition that tours around Australia. It will be shown to every school participating in a Wakakirri event and broadcast online at [www.wakakirri.com](http://www.wakakirri.com)

The Wakakirri Outback Festival visited three schools in Broken Hill last week.

It is also scheduled to go to three schools each in Katherine, in the Northern Territory, from 4-7 August and Ceduna, South Australia, from 7-11 September.

# Kyogle deal signed



A NEW partnership between a northern NSW Aboriginal Land

Council and an economic development committee is expected to bring about greater Indigenous input to the local economy.

The Gugin Guddubba Local Aboriginal Land Council (GGLALC) and the Kyogle Community Economic Development Committee (KCEDC) signed a memorandum of understanding recently to signal the start of greater working relations.

KCEDC Secretary George Morrow said the memorandum committed both organisations to working together to give local Aboriginal people a stronger voice on economic development issues.

Mr Morrow said the organisations would also sponsor and implement projects in partnership with other community groups that would in turn enhance education, training and

employment opportunities for the Aboriginal community.

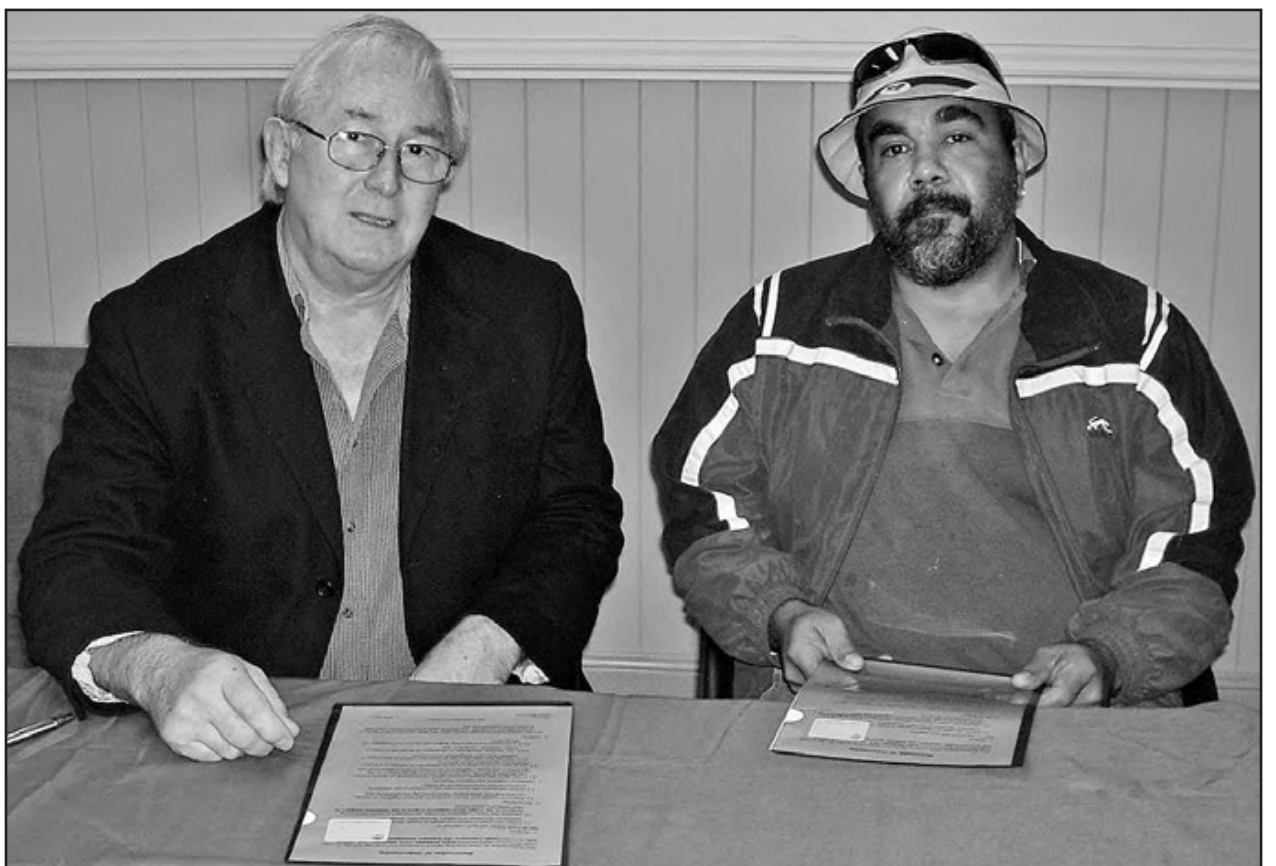
Mr Morrow said that, even at this early stage, a potential project was the upgrade of the Kyogle community radio facility, with further training and support that would give Aboriginal staff the ability to produce their own programs.

GGLALC Chair Michael Davis said local people looked forward to increased Indigenous participation in the local economic development issues.

"GGLALC sees this partnership as an effective way to get Aboriginal people's views heard on a range of economic development issues," Mr Davis said.

"We are particularly excited about the opportunity to partner with other community groups to increase employment and training opportunities for all members of the community and in particular for Aboriginal people."

KCEDC Chair Peter Baxter said the partnership was a practical and meaningful expression of reconciliation.



Kyogle Community Economic Development Committee Chair Peter Baxter and Gugin Guddubba Local Aboriginal Land Council Chair Michael Davis after signing the memorandum.



# Big deal for Baiyungu



THE Baiyungu people in WA have secured prime development opportunities at the international tourist destination of Coral Bay, on the Ningaloo coast.

Their good news comes after last week's signing of a framework agreement between the Baiyungu Aboriginal Corporation (BAC) and the WA State Government.

The agreement sees the BAC voluntarily surrendering a 2km-wide coastal strip of land from their Cardabia pastoral lease in the Gascoyne, which will become a conservation area.

In return they will be granted a package of freehold title and long-term leases over parcels of what is currently Crown land, designated for prime future development in Coral Bay, including workers'

accommodation village (residential development), a new eco-resort, a service station, and a mixed use site that will house the BAC's office and a business centre and visitor centre precinct.

The BAC will also be granted special-purpose leases for an adventure education

State Government, native title rights and interests over the 2km exclusion zone would remain.

"If we get these (development) projects right, we will have created a future for the Baiyungu people, and their children's children," Mr Bridge said. "That's what we're

business owners currently living in overcrowded conditions," he said.

"Subject to the agreement conditions, the broader community will also benefit from the future relocation and upgrade of Coral Bay's airport facilities; the establishment of a service station; new business centre; visitor centre precinct; and an adventure education camp for students. "The BAC are also working to establish an adventure and walking trail to be known as the Baiyungu Track."

Mr Bridge said it was 'a big deal'.

"This is a great outcome for the local Traditional owner group," he said. "It's very substantial in terms of the opportunities it presents ... and it allows them to take an active role in the future management and ongoing opportunities that will emanate from what is a world-class tourism destination point."

## 'If we get these (development) projects right, we will have created a future for the Baiyungu people...

camp and the Bruboodjoo tourist site, to be located on the coastal land they surrendered.

Chief negotiator and Project Director for the Baiyungu people Noel Bridge said it had taken four years, but last week's agreement was something they were very proud of.

He said under the agreement with the

trying to do here – create futures."

State Minister for Lands Brendon Grylls said the framework agreement paved the way for a welcome boost to Coral Bay's infrastructure.

"We are confident this will address the lack of workers' accommodation in Coral Bay, with many of the town's workers and

## Partnership capitalises on tourism



A NEW partnership is aiming to increase the number of traditional owners (TOs) working in and benefitting from the multi-million-dollar tourism industry in WA's Kimberley.

The partnership between the Kimberley Land Council, WWF-Australia and The Leading Travel Companies Conservation Foundation (TLTC) also aims to promote sustainable tourism amongst the existing operators through the development of best practice protocols regarding environmental and cultural tourism.

The Kimberley covers nearly 423,000 square kilometres and has an estimated population of 38,000, making it one of the most sparsely populated areas in the world. Tourism is one of the region's fastest-growing industries and coastal tourism, which the partnership will focus on, has been growing increasingly over the past 10 years.

KLC Deputy Chairman Frank Davey said they were pleased to be working to build a healthy and sustainable tourism industry.

### Ventures

"A number of TOs are already operating tourism ventures in the Kimberley, and many more are looking to become involved," he said.

"This project will help them begin a process of assisting tourists to respect our country when they visit. This education process is important to TOs and can also become part of the cultural experience for visitors."

The partnership will convene a steering group with TOs working with tourism operators to ensure cultural and natural heritage is identified, preserved and promoted. The steering group will also encourage greater education and training for TOs in tourism management.

WWF-Australia spokesperson Paul Gamblin said the Kimberley was 'of outstanding national and international significance' and the project represented 'an ongoing commitment by WWF to work with the Indigenous people of the Kimberley region towards sustainable economic development'.

The Leading Travel Companies Conservation Foundation spokesperson Les Cox said the project would develop protection mechanisms for the natural and cultural heritage of the region, revolving around TOs and ensuring they also benefitted.

A complementary tourism project is also being undertaken by the Kimberley Land Council, with funding from the Federal Caring for our Country program.



Traditional owners Len Watson (second from left) and Norman Johnson (far right) with Hail Creek Mine reps Phil McEvoy, Andrew Woodley and Liam Wilson following the opening of the new walking trail.

## Walking trail features a mine of information



A WALKING trail showcasing items of cultural significance to local Aboriginal people has been created at a coal mine near Mackay in Queensland.

The trail features scar trees and signage explaining the significance of native vegetation. It runs from Rio Tinto's Hail Creek Mine to the small accommodation village where workers stay.

It was created as a 'goodwill gesture' by the mine and local traditional owners, the Wiri Yuwiburra people, who are in negotiations with the mine over the establishment of a keeping place for other artefacts.

Wiri Yuwiburra spokesman Norman Johnson told *The Koori Mail* the walking trail would help mineworkers appreciate the cultural history of the environment.

"It was a goodwill gesture to Hail Creek so they will assist us to get a keeping place to put stone artefacts. We've got a couple of containers full

and they need to be treated with respect," Mr Johnson said.

Two scar trees, which are trees that have been scarred by Aboriginal people through deliberate removal of bark or wood, are on the walking track.

Scar trees are of great significance to Wiri Yuwiburra, as traditionally they would remove bark from the trees to get bush honey, or to use for shelter materials, containers and other tools.

### Investigations

"After starting cultural heritage investigations we established that there was a lot of cultural heritage that would have to be mitigated," Mr Johnson said.

"We've worked with Hail Creek to minimise the disturbance but with a mine, disturbance is inevitable."

Hail Creek Mine General Manager Operations Andrew Woodley said the walking track was an enduring symbol of the mine's relationship with the Wiri Yuwiburra people.

"Rio Tinto Coal Australia recognises and respects the significance of

Aboriginal cultural heritage, and in particular the cultural heritage of Aboriginal people who have traditional ownership of, or historical connections to, the land on which we operate," he said.

"That is why we asked the Wiri Yuwiburra to help us develop interpretive signage for the walking track at Hail Creek Mine.

"We want to encourage our employees to learn more about the cultural heritage found in this region and help them develop a greater appreciation of Wiri Yuwiburra culture.

"We believe by taking this proactive approach, we are building constructive relationships with the Wiri Yuwiburra and further developing our employees understanding of cultural values found on the land where they work."

The opening of the walking track follows the mine's recent extension of the Wiri Yuwiburra Traineeship program, aimed at boosting employment opportunities for the Wiri people, and the launch of a community trust.



# NASCA ready for big year



**NASCA CEO Charles Prouse at Citigroup Tower in Sydney last week ... "NASCA aims to help Indigenous kids achieve their sporting and academic goals and go on to having great jobs after school and/or become sports stars in their field."**



THIS is shaping up to be a big and crucial growth year for the National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy (NASCA).

In April, the Sydney-based not-for-profit organisation's founder and executive director David Liddiard announced the appointment of a new chief executive officer, Charles Prouse.

Not long before that, the Australian Tax Office awarded NASCA Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status, which it hopes will encourage greater corporate sector support.

And the organisation will soon move from Sydney's central business district to the new National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE), in the heart of Redfern.

Mr Prouse, a Nyikina man from Derby in Western Australia, is a long-time director of the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AILC) and a former DEEWR Indigenous Employment Program manager. He has also worked for the Kimberley Land Council (KLC).

Mr Liddiard described him as coming to NASCA with a huge skill-set and broad experience in working with Aboriginal communities.

Mr Prouse said he was delighted to be returning to the community sector because it meant he could 'practice community capacity building, good governance, and be part of assisting our people to harness more opportunities – especially young people'.

"I'm conscious of helping build a strong organisation with the strong structural and transparent systems that are required by robust organisations," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Starting with a strong board, qualified professional staff and efficient policies and systems in place, NASCA can really help Indigenous youth be the best they can be."

Founded in 1995, the mentoring initiative is involved in sporting, academic and health programs benefiting Indigenous children, including ARMTour (Athletes as Role Models).

NASCA staff last week undertook strategic planning for the future and Mr Prouse said he hoped to take the organisation 'to the next level'.

He was keen to continue gaining the support of the local Redfern and Sydney community and to expand on NASCA's existing programs in South Sydney, Dubbo, the Central Desert and Townsville.

NASCA's new home at NCIE has comprehensive sporting facilities including an oval, gymnasium and basketball courts, and will have accommodation facilities for more than 100 people and the catering facilities to match.

## Health camps

Mr Prouse told *The Koori Mail* that, being part of the NCIE, NASCA would be able to bring Indigenous kids from around Sydney, regional NSW and the Central Desert to run sporting, educational and health camps.

"NASCA aims to help Indigenous kids achieve their sporting and academic goals and go on to having great jobs after school and/or become sports stars in their field," he said.

"We don't run sports programs ourselves but we have partnerships with sporting institutions such as NRL, AFL, NSW Institute of Sports, Cricket NSW, Cricket NT, National Women's Basketball League and Softball Australia.

"Working with those bodies, we are able to link up talented Indigenous sports stars in high school to a whole range of programs including providing our own mentoring/scholarship program.

"Our population is a young one and growing; there's a lot of work to do in a short amount of time if we are to assist a new generation and help them access all the opportunities that are out there."



**NASCA staff at their strategic planning meeting last week.**

## NAILSMA urges the Federal Government...



THE North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)

wants the Federal Government to support the aspirations of Indigenous people in the north of Australia.

NAILSMA believes current approaches used to engage with Indigenous people over matters such as the management of water resources, natural resources, world heritage listing, research, innovation, and development in general must change if they are not to 'profoundly set back the advancement of Indigenous people'.

"Despite the Australian Government's recent apology and support for the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, there are widening gaps that are stopping Indigenous Australians from being part of building, managing and protecting the north for all Australians," NAILSMA Chair Richie Ah Mat said.

"Initiatives pertaining to the management, use and development of the Indigenous estate across the north must have

# Support our aspirations

free, prior and informed consent as their basis if they are to be successfully adopted by communities.

"Failure to take such a respectful approach will rob Indigenous people of their place and their contribution to nation building."

Mr Ah Mat believes there has been a lack of engagement with Indigenous people on many important issues in the north that must be addressed urgently.

"We hear constantly about the failed state of remote Indigenous communities. NAILSMA wants to

contribute positively to development in the north with all stakeholders," he said.

"We simply do not want a situation in the north where the aspirations and rights of Indigenous people to develop and manage their lands continue to be ignored.

"We must come together and plan strategically, but we must empower our communities first and foremost."

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison believes the relationship between Indigenous communities and other stakeholders must be reset as a priority.

Indigenous people and other stakeholders across north Australia.

"It is critical that a strategic partnership be formed with the Australian Government, state governments, business community, conservation groups and other sectors to ensure that the north's future is built respectfully from a vibrant, well-informed and resourced Indigenous community.

"We need to move away from disconnected, ad-hoc and short-term approaches that are removed from the everyday aspects of Indigenous people's lives. And most importantly, we must move away from being the last to be considered in important development matters, to being the first.

"NAILSMA understands the challenges Indigenous people face with respect to these matters.

"The alliance is firmly placing itself in a situation to deliver on reshaping the north under the guidance of Australia's first peoples.

"We are calling on relevant governments, NGOs and the business community to work with us to ensure that our children's place in nation building is equal to all others in northern Australia."

"It's simply unacceptable that in 2009 Indigenous people remain responsive to an insurmountable number of policy failures that do not recognise and respect the rights of Indigenous people in the development of north Australia," he said.

"NAILSMA is calling on the Australian Government to support peak Indigenous organisations across northern Australia, so they can be properly engaged in decisions about what happens on their country.

"The Government must support strategic engagement of



# Robinson awaits appeal court decision



JUDGES have reserved a decision in an appeal by former ATSIC commissioner Ray Robinson against his conviction for using his position for an improper purpose.

Robinson, 62, was last year found guilty of two counts of using his position as ATSIC

commissioner for improper purposes, arising from two letters he sent in 2004 in support of the sale of 10 vehicles belonging to Charleville-based Aboriginal agencies.

During the trial, the prosecution argued Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) approval had not been obtained for the sale of the vehicles and that \$45,000 of the \$114,000 raised by

the sale had been used by Robinson to fund a court case he was involved in at the time.

Robinson was given a three-year good behaviour bond and ordered to repay \$45,000 to the Commonwealth.

But Robinson, who has previously stated he will take the matter to the High Court if necessary, appealed against the conviction

at the Court of Appeal in Brisbane last Thursday.

Robinson's lawyer Peter Callaghan, SC, argued the trial judge erred by not properly instructing the jury during the summing up on issues surrounding 'improper purpose', which resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

The Court of Appeal has reserved judgment for a date to be set. — AAP

# Rec Vic runs out of time



IT may not mark the end of an era, but today marks the end of

Reconciliation Victoria (Rec Vic), which was due close its doors yesterday after the organisation's attempts to secure ongoing State Government funding failed.

In May, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne announced that Rec Vic would no longer be funded from a community program and he told a public estimates committee that the organisation could receive interim funding if it agreed to merge with Stolen Generations Victoria (SGV).

SGV supports members of the Stolen Generations and educates communities on the issues facing them. It is funded out of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV).

But Rec Vic rejected the proposal, saying that it would have been inappropriate to accept funding from Aboriginal Affairs and that, in any case, the funds offered were inadequate.

## Funding

Last Tuesday, SGV revealed it had received no formal approach from the Government and therefore had no position on the merger. But its CEO, Brad Brown, said SGV agreed with Rec Vic that reconciliation should not be funded from designated Aboriginal funding.

"The costing of reconciliation should not be at the expense of Aboriginal programs and organisations," Mr Brown said.

"Reconciliation plays a vital role for the future generations having an understanding of Aboriginal culture and issues, creating equality and fairness. Without this, Aboriginal people will continue to be looked upon with fear and misunderstanding."

Mr Brown said much of SGV's work aimed at building bridges for better relationships.

On 13 June, Rec Vic supporters rallied at Melbourne Town Hall. Holding placards with blunt messages for Victorian Premier John Brumby and his Government, they maintained a silent vigil outside the Victorian Labor Party State Conference being held inside.



Vicki Clark and Mark Clarke with Charles Balnaves and Sherry Balcombe at the Rec Vic supporters' rally in Melbourne on 13 June.



Julie Bain, Helen Bennett and Uncle Dennis Fisher get their messages across at the silent vigil outside the Melbourne Town Hall.

## Remote services supremo named



FORMER United Nations and Australian public servant Brian Gleeson has been appointed to the new position of

Coordinator-General for Remote Indigenous Services and is expected to start in the position by mid-month.

Mr Gleeson will drive the implementation of the Council of Australian Governments' (COAG) reforms in housing, infrastructure, local community engagement, change management and financial and human resources management.

As part of the brief, he will also have a special focus on implementing the Government's \$125 million Transformation Plan in the Alice Springs town camps.

"This position will ensure Government commitments in remote Indigenous communities deliver real results," said Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin on 18 June.

Ms Macklin said Mr Gleeson's broad experience in Australia — including years in the senior executive of the Australian Public Service — and with the UN, would be invaluable in his new role.

"Mr

Gleeson has spent the past 12 years working for the UN, most recently as the UN Resident Coordinator/Resident Representative Libya Arab Jamahiriya," the Minister said. "Prior to that, (he) was based in UN Development Program (UNDP) Headquarters in New York where he undertook a range of positions including Senior Adviser in SURGE Project Bureau Crisis Prevention and Recovery and Director of the Office of Human Resources."

Ms Macklin said Mr Gleeson, a certified accountant (CPA), had also had key roles in the World Health Organisation and the United Nations Headquarters.

"(He) has undertaken numerous leadership roles on athletic bodies, including the Australian Olympic Council, supported the Australia Team at the 1996 Olympics and has a track record mentoring young Indigenous athletes," she said.

Mr Gleeson will report directly to the Minister, working closely with Indigenous people, community groups, industry and government organisations 'to make inroads into Australia's national targets for closing the gap'.

**'This position will ensure Government commitments in remote Indigenous communities deliver real results'**



# Chef Tom out to show he's no flash in the pan

By DARREN COYNE



BUDDING chef Tom Mosby may be out of the MasterChef kitchen, but he's still cooking up ways to satisfy his culinary aspirations.

But the Torres Strait Islander told *The Koori Mail* he was waiting for the show to finish to see what opportunities might arise.

"I'd definitely like to do something. Whether that's working in a restaurant or something else," he said.

In the meantime, Mr Mosby has been keeping himself busy by volunteering with the Queensland Art Gallery and the State Library, lending his expertise to matters relating to the Torres Strait.

He said his time on MasterChef was a great experience.

"If the experience was offered again, I'd do it," Mr Mosby said.

"In terms of a life experience, of going out on a limb and living in a house with strangers, it was great."

Since leaving the MasterChef kitchen, Mr Mosby has been doing some work experience at one of Brisbane's top eateries.

"I've been doing one day a week at Ecco to keep my skills up. It also helps to give me a clearer understanding of the industry," he said.

"On the show you learn about cooking, but you don't really develop an understanding of the business side of the industry."

Mr Mosby said his television appearance had resulted in people recognising him in the street.

"It's been good. The recognition comes from people you don't expect. Like the plumber who walks up and shakes my hand in the hardware store, or walking past a construction site and people shout out hello," he said.

"And young people are really getting into the show because it's on at the time that people are sitting down to dinner."

"I've got a five-year-old nephew in Melbourne who knows all the names of the contestants and judges."



## Gippsland Koories in talks on advancing education, jobs



THE Victorian State Government met with members of Gippsland's Indigenous community last month to discuss

ways to help more Indigenous people move from school into higher education and employment.

Deputy Premier and Attorney-General Rob Hulls led the round-table discussion on 16 June with local Koories and representatives from Monash University.

Mr Hulls said the Ministerial Taskforce on Aboriginal Affairs, which he chairs, had identified that supporting Indigenous school graduates into higher education and employment could make a significant contribution to closing the 'economic gap' for Indigenous Victorians.

"Making sure that more Indigenous

young people are successfully moving from the classroom to higher education and employment is a fundamental building block in Indigenous economic development," he said.

Mr Hulls said the conference focussed on Monash University's successful Koorie Footprints to Higher Education program which built strong relationships with the local Indigenous community, schools and other education and training providers.

"We want to explore why the model used by Monash University is successful and how the approach could be used in other areas of the State," Mr Hulls said.

"This program is showing that by building links between local schools, tertiary institutions and the Indigenous community, Indigenous young people

find it easier to take that next step to higher education.

"An important element of the program is the provision of one-on-one case management with prospective students though pathways and scholarship advice, and even help with applications, referrals and interviews."

The findings of the conference will be reported to the Victorian Aboriginal Economic Development (VAED) Group, which was set up by the Ministerial Taskforce to inform Government policy on Indigenous economic development.

"The taskforce recognises that closing the economic gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Victorians begins with young people taking that step into university or full-time work," Mr Hulls said

### REGISTRATION OF STAKEHOLDER INTEREST

Kayandel Archaeological Services has been engaged to undertake an Aboriginal Heritage Assessment in the Castle Hill area. It is possible that applications will be made to the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*. Aboriginal groups with a cultural attachment to the Castle Hill area are invited to register their interest in the project.

To register your interest, please contact:

Kayandel Archaeological Services  
Suite 2.15, 4 Hyde Parade, Park Central,  
Campbelltown 2560.

The closing date for registration is 15th July, 2009

Phone enquiries are welcome during office hours on  
02 4627 8622.



### Aboriginal Advisory Group on Ageing and Disability

Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care  
Sydney Metropolitan North region

The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) is committed to working in partnership with Aboriginal people and their communities to develop and deliver services to support Aboriginal people who are ageing or have a disability, and their families.

DADHC Metropolitan North region is establishing an Aboriginal Advisory Group on Ageing and Disability to share information and provide advice that will guide DADHC's planning processes in the region.

DADHC is calling for Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal Elders, members of Aboriginal non-Government organisations, Aboriginal community members, Aboriginal people with a disability, carers of an Aboriginal person, or younger Aboriginal people who can participate in this group.

Applicants should have experience and/or knowledge of the issues facing Aboriginal people who are ageing or who have a disability, and the issues facing their families and communities.

You can provide your Expression of Interest in writing to:  
Regional Director

Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, PO Box 3004, Parramatta NSW 2124.

or by phone to the contact person, Megan Makinson on 02 9841 9458

Expressions of Interest close on 17 July 2009.



### 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)



# 1500 pack Newcastle job market

By BRITTA LYSTER



MORE than 1500 people turned out last month for what was one

of Australia's largest Indigenous jobs markets.

Held at Newcastle, NSW, 50 stalls and a wide range of activities and workshops, were on offer.

Guest of honour, veteran Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp launched the third annual Hunter Indigenous Job Market.

Stallholders included TAFE, WorkCover, the Department of Defence and several universities, with staff on hand to offer advice.

A Torres Strait Islander dance troupe from the Hunter got a rousing reception, while students also lined up to take part in hip-hop dance workshops.

Organisers were keen to exceed last year's achievement of placing 50 people into jobs.

"We expect to keep the job scoreboard ticking over," said Centrelink Hunter region Indigenous Service Manager Beverley Seiver, who was glowing in her praise of Vander-Kuyp.

## Legend

The former athlete took over the role of Jobs Market ambassador from last year's guest, rugby league legend Arthur Beetson.

"Artie's appearance proved a real inspiration to many at last year's event and Kyle's success on and off the track makes him a great role model for people of all ages," Ms Seiver said.

Vander-Kuyp took plenty of time to mingle with guests and check out what was on offer this year in Newcastle.

"I'm excited at the opportunities I see being provided here," he said.

"It's good to know that the Indigenous youth of today have every chance to be able to succeed by utilising just some of the things here.

"When I was a kid we had none of this and it's great to see so many people taking the issue of Indigenous employment seriously and willing to give the kids a go."

More than 200 separate jobs were on offer on the Jobs Board this year, and organisers hope things will only get bigger and better.



Hunter Indigenous Job Market ambassador, Kyle Vander-Kuyp talks with students. Photo: Ivy Hoang



Presenter Tat Whaleboat warmed up the crowds at the Newcastle event, attended by more than 1500 people.



The Torres Strait Islander dance troupe performs.



The plaque recognising fallen Indigenous servicemen at the Moree Cemetery.

## Recognition project wins high praise



A PROJECT that has ensured the proper recognition of all Indigenous servicemen buried at

the Moree Cemetery has been hailed as a model for centres across Australia. Moree researcher and historian Noeline Briggs-Smith spent the best part of 24 years working on the project, which has resulted in 22 former Indigenous servicemen being recognised on a special plaque at the cemetery.

Ms Briggs-Smith, a Kamilaroi woman who is researcher at the Dhiyaan Indigenous Centre in Moree, has also compiled a detailed history about the proud record of Aboriginal service personnel from her country.

Her interest was sparked by her great uncle, Frederick Briggs, a World War I hero from Manila in north-western NSW who won the Military Medal for bravery.

In 1984, Ms Briggs-Smith started her research on local ex-servicemen, securing government grants and assistance from the local Lions club along the way.

She identified 20 Indigenous servicemen buried in different sections – including the segregated Aboriginal area – at the cemetery, and ensured they all had appropriate headstones and recognition.

Ms Briggs-Smith also arranged for the 'return of the spirits' of two other Indigenous soldiers – Ronald Smith who is buried in Papua New Guinea where he was killed on service during World War II, and Percy Suey who suffered head injuries at the infamous Changi prison camp in Singapore, returned home, but went missing in 1976.

The project has won praise from many, not least NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Veterans Services Association President David Williams. "What Noeline

Briggs-Smith has done is a model for all Australia," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Her efforts to have her own people recognised in the way they have been deserve the highest praise.

"Noeline has also compiled a huge amount of precious information on these people which must be preserved for future generations.

"This recognition and respect for our veterans is something that

should be happening in every community around Australia."

Ms Briggs-Smith, an author and life-long resident of Moree, remains committed to ensuring the area's Aboriginal history is recorded.

"Fifty years from now we won't be here," she said.

"That's why it's so important to ensure that histories are recorded, and people like our ex-servicemen get the recognition they deserve."



Moree researcher Noeline Briggs-Smith.



# Vic park jobs plan



PARKS Victoria will create up to 25 new Indigenous jobs to ensure traditional owners are involved in managing their cultural sites. The first 15 positions with Parks Victoria will focus on areas with co-operative management agreements such as the Gunditjmara (western Victoria), Barenji Gadjin Country (Wimmera), the sea country of the west, east and bays and the alpine areas in the east.

Environment and Climate Change Minister Gavin Jennings said last week the State Government recognised and respected the role of Aboriginal people in caring for country.

"So with these jobs we are taking action in a very practical way to enable their knowledge and skills be used to manage our park and reserves and Aboriginal cultural sites," he said.

"As well as ranger positions, there will be roles supporting Aboriginal business development, tourism, park planning, and traditional knowledge.

"These positions have been discussed with the relevant traditional owners and to ensure they support local communities Parks Victoria will involve traditional owners in the recruitment process."

A second round of recruitment will focus on Indigenous communities along the Murray River and employ Aboriginal staff to

work on the proposed new River Red Gum parks. There will also be roles for people employed in the local timber industry.

Aboriginal Affairs Minister Richard Wynne said the Indigenous jobs would complement Parks Victoria's work to increase Indigenous engagement in caring for country.

"This work includes building relationships and understanding between Parks Victoria staff and traditional owners through the joint delivery of cross cultural training at Brambuk, Budj Bim, Barmah and other locations," he said.

"Parks Victoria has also set up the Aboriginal Alpine Reference Group to support park management and planning, is developing natural

resource management business opportunities and developing joint plans of management."

The Minister said Parks Victoria's commitment to recruit Indigenous staff supported the Government's new native title framework, which provided for joint management and increased recognition and opportunities for Indigenous communities in relation to public land.

The targeted recruitment required Parks Victoria to obtain an exemption under the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* to allow the specific recruitment of individuals from country. This allows Parks Victoria to ensure traditional owners are selected to manage their cultural sites.



RICHARD WYNNE

## Milestone near for more Tirkandi Inaburra youth

By LINDSAY HAYES



GRADUATION is just days away for 12 teenage Aboriginal boys who have spent the past three months getting their lives back on track, notching up personal achievements along the way.

Next Wednesday, they will take centre stage at Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre near Darlington Point in southern NSW to receive their certificates, witnessed by their families who will travel from across NSW for the occasion.

Also sharing their pride will be more than 20 aunts and uncles who represent the extended Tirkandi family.

As teachers, youth workers and administrative staff, they have guided the boys through the early difficult adjustment of leaving their own families and communities, to achieving their commitment to complete the intensive residential, educational and vocational program they volunteered to participate in.

The 8 July graduation is Tirkandi's 14th and one of the biggest in its three-year history, with all but four of the latest intake reaching the milestone.

They are the lucky ones, identified from Indigenous boys aged 12 to 15 as being at risk of offending and selected because of their potential to benefit from the centre's offerings.

The line-up includes 14-year-old Wiradjuri youngster Josh Moore, of Leeton, and his Barkinji counterpart of the same age, Peter Charles, of Young.

The boys will return to their former Year 8 classrooms after the holidays and said they intended to go right through school.

Both came to Tirkandi with anger and learning problems. They have learned to control their short fuses and, helped by the generous four-to-one



Teenager Peter Charles puts his creative talents to good effect.



Aspiring young horseman Josh Moore with Rocky the horse. Learning to ride and care for horses is one of Tirkandi Inaburra's most popular extra-curricular activities. Photo by Phillip Murray

student/teacher ratio, bolstered their literacy skills so learning is no longer such a trial.

"My brother Jacob was in the first graduation three years ago," Josh said. "I wasn't doing well at school and my Dad wanted me to come.

"He wanted me to get an

education and not grow up bad."

Most 14-year-olds do not have a career path laid out. Neither did Josh until a recent excursion to Griffith to hear inspirational Aboriginal speaker, former rugby league great David Peachey talk about 'actioning your dreams'.

"I want to help Aboriginal kids like David Peachey does and I want to play football," Josh said.

Peter said he had learned so much at Tirkandi and appreciated the help he had received.

"I've enjoyed being here. I'd like to return for a second graduation. They say you're allowed two," he said with a grin.

Peter, like Josh, is reported to have made good progress with his school work and applied himself to extra-curricular activities with enthusiasm.

Tirkandi Inaburra Operations Manager Michelle Kilgower said Josh and Peter had made significant turnarounds.

They had overcome their 'anger issues', dramatically improved their literacy skills and were interacting well with others.

Mrs Kilgower commended their efforts and those of all the boys who will leave Tirkandi next week with accomplishments behind them and goals for the future. In short they had learned to take control of their destiny, in keeping with the objective behind the visionary initiative.

Tirkandi Inaburra, meaning 'learn to dream' in the Wiradjuri language, is run by an Aboriginal management team in a working partnership with NSW Government agencies.

Funded by the Attorney-General's Department, the centre has first-class educational, sporting and recreational facilities.

"Of the 84 former graduates, five have obtained their Year 10 certificates, five are in part-time employment, 10 are looking for work and the rest are in school or TAFE," Mrs Kilgower said.

"No boys are incarcerated. All but a couple of the graduates have made it."

The promising early results would appear to vindicate the faith of Tirkandi's founders and the Government investment in helping at-risk Aboriginal youth bypass juvenile detention centres.

## Awards to recognise achievers



NOMINATIONS have been called for the NSW Regional Achievement and Community Awards.

The awards recognise 'unsung heroes' who dedicate their lives for the needs of others through community service – paid or voluntary.

The awards program provides a platform for local businesses, festivals and markets, environment and landcare organisations, communities and individuals to be thanked for their hard work towards the development of the community and regional development in NSW/ACT.

There are six categories:

- The Department of State and Regional Development Business Enterprise Award
- The Department of State and Regional Development Events and Tourism Award
- The Integral Energy Regional Service Award
- The Kleenheat Gas Environment and Landcare Award
- The Department of Lands Crown Reserve Trust Award
- The Department of Lands Community of the Year Award.

Nomination forms are also available at all Commonwealth Bank branches, all participating sponsors and coupons can be found in the Land newspaper.

Nominations close on 21 August.

## Family groups gain funding



FIVE local family organisations in the Page electorate of New South Wales will receive \$517,620 in

Australian Government funding over the next year.

They are the Lismore Men and Family Centre (incorporating Men's Shed) – \$171,620; Ballina-Byron Family Centre – \$84,270; Jumbunna Community Preschool and Early Intervention – \$57,350; Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Corporation – \$100,000; and Dads in Distress, mid north coast – \$105,000.



# Pilbara deal 'win-win'



PILBARA native title group Innawonga and Bunjima People (IB) has reached agreement with Iron Ore Holdings Ltd (IOH) for the company to take another step toward the granting of mining tenements over their project area on Bunjima country.

The Innawonga and Bunjima People native title claim covers about 19,567 square kms of land in the central Pilbara region, and includes part of the iconic Karijini National Park.

The Bunjima name for the Hamersley Ranges is Karijini, and evidence of

occupation in the area dates back more than 20,000 years.

The full agreement, announced last Wednesday, outlines details for compensation in the form of up-front payments and royalties on ore mined from the area.

There are also inclusions for future exploration on IB Country and agreed heritage protection processes. And IOH will work with IB representatives to develop an employee cross-cultural awareness program and workshop.

IB and IOH have formed an implementation committee to ensure the agreement works in practice. It will meet at

least twice a year to discuss project progress, employment, contracting, education, training and any other matters related to the new land access deed.

Innawonga and Bunjima representative Alec Tucker said it was good the agreement would provide benefits to look after his country and his people.

## Relationship

Native title representative body the Yamatji Marpa Aboriginal Corporation represented the Innawonga Bunjima people and hopes the relationship between traditional owners and IOH will continue to strengthen.

"Ongoing, respectful relationships between parties are essential to ensure the benefits flowing from native title agreements are fully realised," said Chief Executive Simon Hawkins.

For IOH Managing Director Matt Rimes, the agreement was a positive step forward for both parties and represents a genuine 'win-win outcome'.

"We have developed a very strong and open relationship with the IB and we look forward to working with them as a fundamental stakeholder in the development of our iron ore projects in the Central Pilbara region of Western Australia," he said.



## OPEN DAY

**Thursday July 9th 10 - 3**  
**Celebrating NAIDOC**  
**@ the Koorie Heritage Trust**

Invitation to Koorie community, members, visitors,  
 friends & family

**Hip Hop Dance**  
workshops

**Weaving workshop**

**Artists**  
demonstrations

**Exhibitions**

**Story Telling Tours of**  
KHT collection

**Face Painting**

**Cooking**  
demonstrations &  
tasting with celebrity  
chef Mark Olive

**Exhibition openings from 3.00pm**

Please see our website for program times and details


**www.koorieheritagetrust.com**  
**295 King St Melbourne**  
**T: 86222600**







- ABOVE: Innawonga and Bunjima representative Alec Tucker, right, with IOH's Matt Rimes.
- RIGHT: Bunjima Elder Alice Smith signing the agreement.



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

## INDIGENOUS TOBACCO CONTROL INITIATIVE

Funding is available through the Indigenous Tobacco Control Initiative to assist Indigenous communities to promote smoke-free messages and to inform Indigenous smokers of the dangers of smoking and assist them to quit.

Reducing Indigenous rates of tobacco smoking will be a critical contributor to meeting the commitment to close the life expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians within a generation.

**Project Objectives**

- Projects will be comprehensive population health based approaches that trial multi-component community based programs in urban, rural and remote locations.
- Projects should include element(s) that could be implemented or adapted in other communities.

**Funding Period**

Projects will be considered for three year funding from 2009-10.

**Amount of Funding Available**

\$10.7 million.

**Key Skills Required**

Organisations which apply for funding must have a good knowledge and understanding of Indigenous communities and Indigenous culture and proven ability to work within Indigenous communities.

**Compliance**

- Organisations interested in applying for funding must address the assessment criteria in the format outlined in the Application Form.

**Contact Information**

- Information about the project and how to apply is available on the Department's Internet site at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or by contacting the Project Officer Gabrielle Bryant, on: Phone (02) 6289 7396, or email [indigenoustobacco@health.gov.au](mailto:indigenoustobacco@health.gov.au)

**Deadlines**

- Applications for funding must be received in the Central Office of the Department of Health and Ageing by **2pm on Friday 7th August 2009.**

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Your local Community Drug Action Team needs volunteers to help tackle drug and alcohol problems. You don't need any special skills, just a willingness to be involved and make a difference. To find out how to join our team, go to [cdat.com.au](http://cdat.com.au) or call the ADIS Free Information Helpline: (02) 9361 8000 or 1800 422 599 (outside Sydney). **We're stronger together.**



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# NAIDOC 2009 – National calendar

## General

**WHEREVER you live, you can take part in NAIDOC Week celebrations. To find out about NAIDOC Week activities in your area, contact your nearest ICC on free call 1800 079 098, except Nhulunbuy (1800 089 148), Kalgoorlie (1800 193 357) and Kununurra (1800 193 348).**

**1 July:** SBS TV NAIDOC Screening of *Mad Morro*, a documentary by Aboriginal film-maker Kelrick Martin. The film is about James Morris, an Indigenous man who was sent to prison for armed robbery and assault at age 18. See page 43 for more details. Screening on SBS at 8.30pm. Details: [www.sbs.com.au](http://www.sbs.com.au)

## New South Wales

**Until 11 July:** Liverpool Regional Museum 'River of Resistance' Exhibition. This free exhibition features the many stories that make up the long and exciting history of Aboriginal people along the Georges River and is compilation of research works by Professor Heather Goodall and Dr Alison Cadzow. All welcome. Held at Liverpool Regional Museum, Hume Highway, Liverpool. Details: Fiona Lelilio on (02) 9821 9145 or (0418) 286 773 or email [F.Lelilio@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:F.Lelilio@liverpool.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 6 December:** 'The Dreamers' Exhibition. This exhibition celebrates the lives and outstanding work of eight distinguished Aboriginal artists who have contributed significantly to Australia's cultural landscape through their creative endeavours. Free and all welcome. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278.

**2 July-1 December:** Australian National Maritime Museum-NAIDOC Special Exhibition. This exhibition is of The First Encounters portfolio of prints and represents places visited by the Dutch and is a permanent record of 400 years of Dutch contact with Australia. These places include Melville Island, Arnhem Land, Cape York, and parts of Western Australia and Tasmania. Held at the Maritime Museum, 2 Murray St, Darling Harbour, Sydney. Details: (02) 9298 3777 or email [info@anmm.gov.au](mailto:info@anmm.gov.au) or visit [www.anmm.gov.au](http://www.anmm.gov.au)

**3 July:** Liverpool City Council NAIDOC Week Celebrations 09. The function will start with a street march following a flag-raising ceremony and family day event featuring clowns, amusements stalls, entertainment and more. All welcome. Held at the Whitlam Centre, Memorial Avenue, Liverpool. Details: Fiona Lelilio on (02) 9821 9145 or (0418) 286 773 or email [F.Lelilio@liverpool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:F.Lelilio@liverpool.nsw.gov.au)

**3 July:** Welcome to Cadigal Wangal Country signage and NAIDOC street flags. Held at Newtown Square from 10-11am. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

**3 July-3 August:** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Exhibition. Held at Marrickville Library, Marrickville. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

**4 July:** Inaugural church service commemorating NAIDOC. All welcome. Held at the Chapel of St John, Gunning, NSW from 10am onwards. Details: Rev Fr Seraphim Slade on (02) 4845 1370 or (0432) 113 858 or email [fr.seraphim.slade@gmail.com](mailto:fr.seraphim.slade@gmail.com)

## Students to strut their stuff

**B**ANKSTOWN school students will showcase contemporary Aboriginal dance for NAIDOC Week this weekend.

The performance will be the culmination of a series of free weekly workshops run by the Bankstown Youth Development Service (BYDS), with 22 students from East Hills Primary, Padstow North Primary and East Hill High under the co-ordination of Indigenous youth arts officer Neil Trindall and veteran Indigenous dance teacher Peta Strachan.

Mr Trindall said he believed the Indigenous Dance Project would be a milestone for future

Indigenous activities in the region.

"These kids are devoting their time and effort for the project purely out of their own passions," he said.

"They're living examples of Indigenous youth in Bankstown with a real interest in Aboriginal culture."

The BYDS performance will be held at 2pm on Saturday, 4 July, at Paul Keating Park in Bankstown.

● **BELOW: (The Bankstown Youth Development Service dancers prepare for their NAIDOC performance.**



**4 July:** Glebe NAIDOC-basketball competition with barbecue. There will be a 3-on-3 basketball competition, traditional Indigenous games for younger people and a film night featuring a collection of local and international Indigenous films. All welcome. Held at Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe, Sydney. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**4 July:** NAIDOC film night. Featuring a collection of local and international Indigenous films. All welcome. Held at Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe from 5-9pm. Details: Tracey Duncan on (02) 9246 7848 or visit [www.naidoc.org.au/NAIDOC-about/naidoc](http://www.naidoc.org.au/NAIDOC-about/naidoc)

**4-16 July:** NAIDOC Week poster exhibition. This is an exhibition with artworks from the 1960s to the present. All welcome. Held at Waterloo and Customs House Libraries. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**5 July:** Kiama NAIDOC Family Fun Day and Concert. This is the first NAIDOC that Kiama is celebrating. Indigenous performances, workshops, kids activities and more. All welcome. Held at Hindmarsh Park, Kiama, NSW from 10am-2pm. Details: Louise Croker on (02) 4232 2758 or (0418) 233 687 or email [louise@kiama.nsw.gov.au](mailto:louise@kiama.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.kiama.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kiama.nsw.gov.au)

**5 July:** Glebe NAIDOC Family Fun Day. Held at Peter Forsyth Auditorium, Glebe from 11am-3pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**5-12 July:** NAIDOC Story-time sessions. This is a kids' story-time sessions for ages 3-5 years old. Indigenous themed. All welcome. Held at the City of Sydney Libraries. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**5-12 July:** Beyond the Bars Project – Indigenous Men and Women Prisoners Speak Out. Through out the week 3CR 855AM Community Radio Station will be broadcasting Indigenous inmates in Port Phillip Prison, the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, Barwon Prison and Fulham Prison as part of NAIDOC celebrations. Details: Bree McKilligan on (02) 9419 8377 or (0413) 895 527 or Juliet Fox (0417) 018 147 or visit [www.3cr.org.au](http://www.3cr.org.au)

**5-12 July:** Celebrate NAIDOC Week at the Powerhouse Museum. There will be a series of special talks on Indigenous issues, family storytelling session, a forum that will focus on Indigenous women's education, art and culture plus enjoy the unique exhibition, Yinalung Yenu: women's journey, exploring the lives, experiences and achievements of six Indigenous women. Two of the women featured, Professor Larissa Behrendt and artist Bronwyn Bancroft, will be guest speakers during the week. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris St, Ultimo, Sydney. Details: (02) 9217 0111 or (02) 9217 0444 or visit [www.powerhousemuseum.com](http://www.powerhousemuseum.com)

**6 July:** NAIDOC Flag-Raising Ceremony. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flag raising ceremony. All welcome. Held at Wingecarribee Shire Council Civic Centre, Elisabeth St, Moss Vale. Details: Joanne Albany on (02) 4868 0856 or email [joanne.albany@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:joanne.albany@wsc.nsw.gov.au)

**6, 7 & 9 July:** Fennell Bay Public School NAIDOC Week celebrations. The school has planned a terrific program of events to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Celebrations will include community/school singing and dance performances, flag, candle and cake ceremony, touch footy match, sausage sizzle, choir boys didge group, community march and an appearance from Message Stick after a three-year journey to schools in NSW. All welcome. Held at Fennell Bay Public School, Bay Road, Fennell Bay. Details: June Rush on (02) 4959 2264 or email [June.Rush1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:June.Rush1@det.nsw.edu.au)

**6-9 July:** Alexandria Park Community School NAIDOC Week. This is a three-day celebration with an Elders' morning tea and workshop, Aboriginal film study day for senior students, games and sports day, and a parents and community luncheon. All welcome. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**7 July:** NAIDOC rugby league, Northern United v Mullumbimby. Under 18s kick off at 5.30pm followed by the main gain. Held at Crozier Oval, Lismore. Details: Grantley Creighton on (0402) 309 582 or Chris Binge on (0416) 299 612.

**7 July:** Elders and Community NAIDOC luncheon. The event will feature Aboriginal entertainment and acknowledge local Elders. Held at Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal St, Petersham from 10.30am-3pm. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

**7 July:** NAIDOC storytelling. Celebrate NAIDOC Week at the museum with a special Mini Mariners program. Suitable for children aged

2-5 years. 10-11.30am \$7 per child. Free all welcome. Booked playgroups are welcome. Details: (02) 9298 3655.

**7 July:** NAIDOC Week-The Apology Talk. City of Sydney historian Margo Beasley will talk about and screen a film showing on-the-ground reactions at Redfern Community Centre to the Prime Ministers formal apology to the stolen generation. Activities include music, playtime, tears and laughter. All welcome. Held at Customs House, Circular Quay, Sydney from 12-1pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**8 July:** Art After Hours celebrates NAIDOC Week 'Exhibition/Celebrity Talk. Speakers include Julie Gough, artist in The Dreamers exhibiton, and Bruce Pascoe, award-winning Australian writer, editor and anthologist. Free and all welcome. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278.

**8 July:** Schools gathering for NAIDOC. Held at Addison Road Community Centre, 142 Addison Road, Marrickville, from 10am-2pm. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

**8 July:** NAIDOC Week Elders' morning tea. Held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George St, The Rocks, Sydney from 10am-noon. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**8 July:** Cultural Awareness Training. Cultural Awareness Training on how to communicate effectively and confidentially with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. All welcome. Held at Yaama Dhiyaan, 255 Wilson St, Darlington, from 10am-2pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**8-29 July:** Art After Hours exhibition talks. These talks are in association with The Dreamers Exhibition. Guest speakers include Julie Gough, artist in The Dreamers exhibition, Jonathan Jones, curator, Emily McDaniel, Indigenous multimedia artist/educator, Christopher Hodges, Utopia Art Sydney, talks on the life and art of Ronnie Tjampitjinpa, and Bill Gregory, Director Annandale Galleries, talks on John Mawurndjul's work in the exhibition. All welcome. Held at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278.

**8-29 July:** Winter weaving workshop. Join Indigenous artists from the South Coast, Aaron Broad and Tracey Henry, in The Dreamers exhibition for a workshop on traditional and contemporary weaving techniques. Materials supplied. Free and all welcome. Held at the Yiribana Gallery from 7.30-8.30pm. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278.

**9 July:** NAIDOC Koori kids' disco. This disco is for children aged up to 12 years old. Held at Herb Greedy Hall, Petersham Road, Marrickville, from 5-9pm. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

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**9-10 July:** NAIDOC Elders Olympics. Some of the aboriginal nations competing are: Nyanyaywana (Armidale), Awabakal (Newcastle), Dainggatti (Kempsey), Bundjalung (Lismore), Gumbainggir (Coffs Harbour), Biripi (Taree), Kamilaroi (Tamworth, Moree, Narrabri, Gunnedah areas) etc. A presentation night is also held later on in the night. All welcome. Held at Farrer Memorial Agricultural High School, Tamworth from 8.30am-2.30pm. Details: Brigitte Knox on (02) 6766 9944 or Ruth Hodson on (0427) 415 210 email kноxb.kads@westnet.com.au

**9 July:** NAIDOC Week Indigenous History Seminar. This seminar is to provide information and support to Aboriginal people wishing to undertake community or family historical research with tips from the experts. All welcome. Held at Tranby College, 11-13 Mansfield St, Glebe, from 9am-4pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**9 July:** Mudgin-gal Women's Centre 'Seeding Hope' launch. Seeding Hope is the history, aspirations and success stories of Mudgin-Gal Women's Centre. All welcome. Held at Redfern Community Centre from 10am-1pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**9 July:** NAIDOC Sports Day. Held at Alexandria Park, Alexandria, from 11am-3pm. All welcome. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**10 July:** Redfern NAIDOC Family Fun Day and Market Day. All welcome. Held at the Redfern Community Centre, Caroline and Eveleigh Sts, Redfern from 10am-4pm. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**11 July:** Woolloomooloo NAIDOC family fun day with entertainment. Performances, food and craft activities, kids activities, amusement rides, stalls and free barbecue lunch. All welcome. Held at Forbes St Reserve, Woolloomooloo, from 11am-4pm. All welcome. Details: Maya Catsanis on (02) 9265 9553 or (0409) 045 425 or email [mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mcatsanis@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**11 July:** NAIDOC Week – The Apology Talk. Activities will include music, playtime, tears and laughter. City of Sydney historian Margo Beasley will talk about and screen a film showing on-the-ground reactions at Redfern Community Centre to the Prime Ministers formal apology to the stolen generation. All welcome. Held at Waterloo Library, 770 Elizabeth St, Waterloo from 2.30-3.30pm. Details: (02) 9288 5688 or Maya Catsanis on (0409) 045 425 or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**12 July:** Sydney Harbour Trust Celebrates NAIDOC Week. This is an Indigenous Youth Cultural Development Program with cultural talks by Elders, cultural dance lessons, healthy well-being workshops and leadership skills development workshops. All welcome. Held at the Amphitheatre, Headland Park, Middle Head Rd, Mosman, from 1.30-4pm. Details:

(02) 8969 2100 or visit [www.harbourtrust.gov.au](http://www.harbourtrust.gov.au)

**12 July:** Hawkesbury NAIDOC concert. Held at Richmond Park, Windsor St, Richmond, from 10am-3pm. Details: Karen or Joanne (02) 4588 5144.

**12 July:** Family Fun Day. Performance from Koomurri Aboriginal Dancers, hip-hop workshop, stalls, kids activities, Indigenous games, vigoro and more. All welcome. Held at Welby Cricket Oval, Welby. Details: Joanne Albany on (02) 4868 0856 or email [joanne.albany@wsc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:joanne.albany@wsc.nsw.gov.au)

**12 July:** Indigenous Youth Cultural Development Program. There will be cultural talks by Elders, cultural dance lessons, healthy well-being workshops and leadership skills development workshops Held at the Tribal Warrior, Rodd Island, from 12pm. Details: 1300 137 636.

**13-17 July:** NAIDOC film-making program. This is a film-making program for young Aboriginal people. Held at Marrickville Youth Resource Centre, Yabsley Avenue, Marrickville. All welcome. Details: (02) 9335 2222 or (02) 9335 2047 or email [council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au)

**13-17 July:** NAIDOC Week children's holiday workshops. Join Indigenous multi-media artist Emily McDaniel for a dynamic workshop focusing on the Gallery's collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art. There will also be free performances from Ngununy, the cheeky fruit bat. All welcome. Cost involved. Details: (02) 9225 1740 or 1800 679 278.

## Tasmania

**3 July:** Art Exhibition opening. Held at Moonah Arts Centre, Karadi Aboriginal Women's Organisation, 4 Rothesay Circle, Goodwood, TAS. Details: (03) 6272 3511 or email [rcoad@karadi.org.au](mailto:rcoad@karadi.org.au) or visit [www.karadi.org.au](http://www.karadi.org.au)

**5 July:** NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. Held at Karadi Aboriginal Women's Organisation, 4 Rothesay Circle, Goodwood, from 11am onwards. Details: (03) 6272 3511 or email [rcoad@karadi.org.au](mailto:rcoad@karadi.org.au) or visit [www.karadi.org.au](http://www.karadi.org.au)

**7 July:** Flag-raising ceremony and cultural exhibition. Morning tea provided. All welcome. Held at Centrelink South, 188 Collins Street, lower garden from 10am onwards. Details: (03) 6272 3511 or email [rcoad@karadi.org.au](mailto:rcoad@karadi.org.au) or visit [www.karadi.org.au](http://www.karadi.org.au)

**8 July:** NAIDOC morning tea. All welcome. Held at Karadi Aboriginal Women's Organisation, 4 Rothesay Circle, Goodwood, from 10:30am onwards. Details: (03) 6272 3511 or email [rcoad@karadi.org.au](mailto:rcoad@karadi.org.au) or visit [www.karadi.org.au](http://www.karadi.org.au)

**9 July:** NAIDOC golf day. Come and enjoy a day of golf. All welcome. Held at the Richmond Golf Course from 9.30am onwards. Details: (03) 6272 3511 or email [rcoad@karadi.org.au](mailto:rcoad@karadi.org.au) or visit [www.karadi.org.au](http://www.karadi.org.au)

## Australian Capital Territory

**3-20 July:** NAIDOC Exhibition – 'Across Generations, Cosmos and Country'. This exhibition will showcase new works from Ngura Wiru Winkiku Indigenous Corporation in association with Better World Arts. All welcome. Held at Tuggeranong Arts Centre Gallery, 137 Reed St, Greenway, ACT. Details: (02) 6293 1443 or email [info@tuggeranongarts.com.au](mailto:info@tuggeranongarts.com.au)

com or visit [www.betterworldarts.com.au](http://www.betterworldarts.com.au) or [www.tca.asn.au](http://www.tca.asn.au)

**6 July:** A Gathering to celebrate Indigenous women's leadership. There will be a bush tucker-inspired lunch provided. All welcome. Held at the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Centre, 245 Lady Denman Drive Yarramundi Reach, from 11am-2pm. Details: (02) 6239 6878 or email [canberra@ywca-canberra.org.au](mailto:canberra@ywca-canberra.org.au) or visit [www.ywca-canberra.org.au/NAIDOC](http://www.ywca-canberra.org.au/NAIDOC)

**8 July:** Memorial Service for NAIDOC Week. Department of Defence will hold a Memorial Service to honour Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) service personnel commencing at noon at the ATSI Memorial, which is located in bushland 350 metres behind the Australian War Memorial towards Mount Ainslie in Canberra, ACT. Following the service a light lunch will be served. Details: Jennifer Maidment on (02) 6127 3009 or (0433) 067 431 or email [jennifer.maidment@defence.gov.au](mailto:jennifer.maidment@defence.gov.au)

**11 July:** NAIDOC on The Peninsula. The 2009 concert stage line-up will feature local Indigenous talent, including bands and dancers. There are local crafts and art activities, market stalls and more. All welcome. Held at The Forecourt, Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and the National Museum of Australia, Lawson Cres, Acton Peninsula, Canberra, from 11am-3pm. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email [web-eds@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:web-eds@aiatsis.gov.au) or visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.au)

## Queensland

**3 July:** NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. The program will include a three-flag raising ceremony, morning tea, meet and greet with local Gubbi Gubbi Elders and live entertainment. All welcome. Held at Forecourt Town Square, 33 King St, Caboolture, from 10am onwards. Details: (07) 3205 0555 or (07) 3283 0373 or visit [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au)

**10 July:** National NAIDOC awards ceremony and gala ball 2009. This is an opportunity to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Entertainment from leading Indigenous performers. Tickets: \$75 group of 10 or \$80 each. Held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre. Details: 132 849 or visit [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) or email [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

## South Australia

**4-9 July:** NAIDOC Cultural Performances. Come watch and experience the traditional dance of the Torres Strait Islanders performed by Eddie Peters. Free and all welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from 11am onwards. Details: Cate Gaston on (08) 8224 3200 or email [marketing@tandanya.com.au](mailto:marketing@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**5-12 July:** NAIDOC film screenings. Learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, their histories and cultures through films shown daily. Tandanya will be screening Kanyini, Liyarn Ngarn, Sacred Ground, In a League of Their Own (Tiwi Bombers) and selected titles from the Australian Film Commission's Black Screen. Free and all welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: Cate Gaston on (08) 8224 3200 or email [marketing@tandanya.com.au](mailto:marketing@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**6 July:** Aboriginal flag-raising ceremony and Lord Mayor's morning

tea. This event includes the flag-raising ceremony and morning as well as the presentation of the 2009 SA NAIDOC awards and an Aboriginal Art Exhibition. Everyone is welcome. All welcome. Held at Adelaide Town Hall Auditorium from 10am-noon. Details: Warren Guppy on (08) 8203 7526 or email [w.guppy@adelaidecitycouncil.com](mailto:w.guppy@adelaidecitycouncil.com)

**6 July:** Reconciliation in Action Forum. The Southern Services Reform Group has put together a forum which is targeted at HACC services workforce, management and leaders to inspire, inform and demonstrate action towards reconciliation. All welcome. Held at Tandanya in the Education Room from 9am-3.30pm. Details: Tanya on (08) 8384 0758 or email [info@ssrg.org.au](mailto:info@ssrg.org.au)

**6-9 July:** NAIDOC art and craft workshops. Come and try your hand at jewellery making, weaving, decorating masks and rock art. All welcome. Entry by gold coin donation. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, from 10am onwards. Details: (08) 8224 3222 or (08) 8224 3200 or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**6-9 and 11-12 July:** NAIDOC cultural presentation and yidaki performance. Hear John Packham, an accomplished artist, cultural instructor and musician, play the didgeridoo (yidaki) and talk about one of the world's oldest musical instruments and his passion for playing it. Free and all welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide. Details: Cate Gaston on (08) 8224 3200 or email [marketing@tandanya.com.au](mailto:marketing@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**10 July:** NAIDOC closing ceremony. All welcome. Held at Tarndanyangga, Victoria Square, SA from 10-11am. Details: (08) 8226 8913 or email [najjar.laura@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:najjar.laura@saugov.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.naidocsa.com](http://www.naidocsa.com)

**10 July:** NAIDOC march and family fun day. Come and join in the march from Tarndanyangga, Victoria Square, to Elder Park for a family fun day of activities which include stalls, free barbecue, entertainment, kids' activities and more. Held at Elders Park, SA, from 11am onwards. Details: (08) 8226 8913 or email [najjar.laura@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:najjar.laura@saugov.sa.gov.au) or visit [www.naidocsa.com](http://www.naidocsa.com)

**11 July:** South Australian NAIDOC ball. Tickets \$55 and includes a two-course meal with tea/coffee and entertainment from talented Aboriginal artists. A cash bar available and is an adults only event. Held in the Banquet Room, Adelaide Festival Centre, SA, from 7.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 8224 3222 or (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)

## Victoria

**5 July:** NAIDOC Koorie night market. Celebrating and promoting Indigenous arts, culture and business. Featuring live performances, traditional dancers and didge players, kids arts and craft activities, painting, ceramics, pottery, bags and heaps more. Free and all welcome. Held at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St Northcote, from 10am-4pm. Details: (03) 9490 1468 or Eva-Jo on (0419) 750 399 or email [contact@koorienightmarket.com.au](mailto:contact@koorienightmarket.com.au) or visit [www.koorienightmarket.com.au](http://www.koorienightmarket.com.au)

**6 July:** Dreamtime Stories for NAIDOC Week. Hear Dreamtime stories that have been passed on through many generations, told by a storyteller from the Aboriginal community and followed by an art-

and-craft activity. Free, all welcome. Held at the State Library Of Victoria 304-328 Swanston St, Melbourne, from 11am-12noon. Details: (03) 8664 7099 or email [bookings@slv.vic.gov.au](mailto:bookings@slv.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.slv.vic.gov.au](http://www.slv.vic.gov.au)

**6 July:** Deadly Funny NAIDOC Show. Join some of Deadly Funny's finest comedians including MC Shiralee Hood (2009 Deadly Funny Winner), Kevin Kropinyeri (2008 Deadly Funny Winner), Mia Stanford (2007 Deadly Funny Winner), Darren Parker, Cy Fahey, Margie Tang and Uncle Phil as they punch out Deadly Funny gags that will fill your dilly bag. Tickets \$10 per person. Held at Trades Hall, Carlton, from 7pm onwards. Details: Zo Lane (03) 9419 8837 or (0411) 145 105 or visit [www.deadlyfunny.com.au](http://www.deadlyfunny.com.au)

10 July: NAIDOC march and concert. The NAIDOC march starts at 11am at the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service, 186 Nicholson St, Fitzroy, and marches through the central business district of Melbourne to Federation Square for speeches by Indigenous leaders and a concert with Indigenous music and performances. From noon onwards. Free and all welcome. Details: (03) 9658 9658 or email [info@naidoc.org.au](mailto:info@naidoc.org.au) or visit [www.naidoc.org.au](http://www.naidoc.org.au)

## Western Australia

**3-12 July:** NAIDOC Week – 'Where the Land Meets the Sea' art exhibition. Welcome to country by Reno Indich and songs by Josie Boyle and friends. All welcome. Held at City Farm, 2 City Farm Place, East Perth, from 6pm onwards. Details: (08) 9325 7229 or Debbie King on (08) 6253 4704 or (0437) 051 003 or visit [www.nulsenhaven.com.au](http://www.nulsenhaven.com.au)

**4 July:** NAIDOC Week workshops 'Bush Tucker and Creams'. This is a bush tucker demonstration and some creams made from bush products providing nutritional information, value and healing properties. Cost \$5 per person. All welcome. Held at City Farm, 2 City Farm Place, East Perth, from 10-11am. Details: (08) 9325 7229 or Debbie King on (08) 6253 4704 or (0437) 051 003 or visit [www.nulsenhaven.com.au](http://www.nulsenhaven.com.au)

**4 July:** Yanchep National Park's NAIDOC celebration. NAIDOC celebrations will include a number of fun activities such as face painting, boomerang throwing demonstrations, boomerang painting, didgeridoo performance and more. A bush meat barbecue will also be available at noon for a \$2 donation. All welcome. Cost: \$10 entry fee. Held at Yanchep National Park, Wanneroo Road, Yanchep, from 10am. Details: (08) 9561 1004 or visit [www.dec.wa.gov.au](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au)

**5 July:** The NAIDOC Perth opening ceremony. This ceremony will officially open NAIDOC week celebrations in Perth with a flag-raising ceremony, welcome to country, music, dance, community stalls, children activities, Indigenous foods and more. Free and all welcome. Held at Wellington Square East Perth from noon-4pm. Details: Tammy Solonec on (0424) 269 439 or email [info@naidocperth.org](mailto:info@naidocperth.org) or visit [www.naidocperth.org](http://www.naidocperth.org)

**6 July:** NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. Join us as the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags are raised to symbolically launch the city's NAIDOC celebrations. All welcome. Held at the City of Joondalup Administration Building, 90 Boas Avenue, Joondalup, from noon onwards. Details: (08) 9400 4912 or visit [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au)

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**6 July:** Langford Aboriginal Association NAIDOC flag-raising ceremony. NAIDOC theme 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'. In partnership with the City of Gosnells, Langford Aboriginal Association are helping host a flag-raising ceremony for the whole of the community. All welcome. Held at Lyal Richardson Hall, 2232 Albany Highway, Gosnells from 11am-1pm. Details: (08) 9451 1424 or email la54218@bigpond.net.au

**6-10 July:** ECU-NAIDOC Art Exhibition. There will be Indigenous Australian artwork from grassroots to professionals and a range of displays from ECU collection, community and prison program. All welcome. Held at the Kurungkurl Katitjin Gallery, Edith Cowan University, Mt Lawley Campus, from 9.30am. Details: (08) 9370 6581 or free call 1800 648 994 or visit [www.kk.ecu.edu.au](http://www.kk.ecu.edu.au)

**7 July:** NAIDOC Week Workshops 'Stories in the Sand'. These are stories told in the traditional way by Josie Boyle, including music by Dali Stokes. Entry by gold coin donation. All welcome. Held at City Farm, 2 City Farm Place, East Perth, from 10-noon. Details: (08) 9325 7229 or Debbie King on (08) 6253 4704 or (0437) 051 003 or visit [www.nulsenhaven.com.au](http://www.nulsenhaven.com.au)

**7 July:** Children's art exhibition for Armadale NAIDOC celebration. This is an exhibition and silent auction of children's artworks that include paintings, lamps and clocks that were created by 210 local Aboriginal children, aged 6-17 years old. Activities will include a fashion parade by local Indigenous youth, flag-raising and speeches, entertainment, performances, children's rides and more. Held at the Champion Centre, 76 Champion Drive, Seville Grove, from 10am onwards. Details: (08) 9399 0820 or visit [www.armadale.wa.gov.au](http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au)

**7 July:** Jacaranda Local NAIDOC. This is a family friendly day to showcase Aboriginal culture. Featuring art competition, display and sales, kids' games, prizes, bouncy castle, jewellery making, Aboriginal dancers and digeridoo playing and more. All welcome. Held at Redcliffe Park, Field Street or Grand Parade, Redcliffe, from 10.30. Details: Lyndsey or Rose on (08) 9477 4346 or (08) 9478 1219 or email [info@jacarandacommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:info@jacarandacommunitycentre.org.au) or visit [www.jacarandacommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.jacarandacommunitycentre.org.au)

**7 July:** Langford Aboriginal Association youth and family day. This is a carnival fun fair for all the family with free youth and children activities. All welcome. Held at Maddington PCYC, Lower Park Road, Maddington, from 10am-2pm. Details: (08) 9451 1424 or email la54218@bigpond.net.au

**7 July:** National Drug Research Institute-NAIDOC week lunch and seminar. This is an informal lunch and celebration of Aboriginal culture. Seminar will help you learn more about the impact and consequences of the Northern Territory emergency intervention and its implications for Western Australian Aboriginal communities. barbecue lunch, didgeridoo music and Noongar Dance by Wilyak Dancers. All welcome. Held at the Health Research Campus of Curtin University, 10 Selby St, Shenton Park. Details: (08) 9266 1600 or email [ndri@curtin.edu.au](mailto:ndri@curtin.edu.au) or visit [www.ndri.curtin.edu.au](http://www.ndri.curtin.edu.au)

**7 July:** Joondalup NAIDOC fun day. Join us for a host of fun activities, including 'bush tucker' tasting, art, jewellery making, story-telling, dance and music. Bring your kids, parents or grandparents to

## Documentary traces prisoner's life

**T**O recognise NAIDOC Week, SBS Television will screen a confronting film by Aboriginal filmmaker Kelrick Martin tonight.

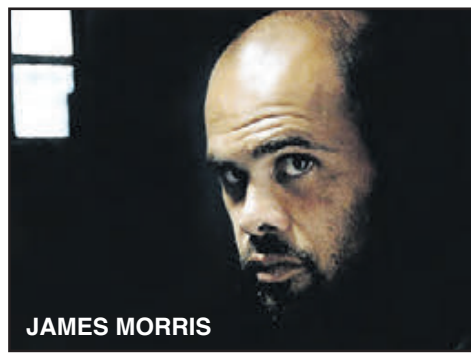
*Mad Morro* is a documentary about James Morris, an Indigenous man who was sent to prison for armed robbery and assault at age 18.

James was nicknamed

'Mad Morro' because of his reputation for fighting. Viewers first meet him 13 years later, just before his release.

*Mad Morro* gives a glimpse into the challenges he faced after returning to his home town of Taree, NSW.

*Mad Morro* will go air on SBS at 8.30pm tonight, Wednesday, 1 July.



enjoy the fun. All welcome. Held at the City of Joondalup Leisure Centres, Whitfords Avenue, Craigie, from 2noon onwards. Details: (08) 9400 4912 or visit [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au)

**7 July:** Kurungkurl Katitjin Film Festival. Celebrating a selection of Indigenous film ranging from the WAAPA Aboriginal Theatre 2008 project to feature films. Barbecue dinner before films are screened. Kurungkurl Katitjin Film Festival returns to Mt Lawley for NAIDOC 2009. Celebrate Aboriginal Film from grassroots to cinema releases. Dinner provided. All welcome. Held at the Lecture Theatre, Mount Lawley Campus, from 6pm. Details: (08) 9370 6581 or free call 1800 648 994 or visit [www.kk.ecu.edu.au](http://www.kk.ecu.edu.au)

**7 July:** Perth Blues Club NAIDOC celebration. A celebration of Indigenous music featuring Donna Atkins, the Bartlett Brothers, Lois Olney, Richard Walley and Natalie Gillespie. Cost: \$10 members or \$15 non-members. All welcome. Held at Charles Hotel, 509 Charles St, North Perth, from 7.30pm. Details: (08) 94441051 or email [bookings@perthbluesclub.com](mailto:bookings@perthbluesclub.com) or visit [www.perthbluesclub.com](http://www.perthbluesclub.com)

**7-19 July:** The NAIDOC Print Project - Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth. This unique exhibition features artworks by Aboriginal prisoners at Casuarina Prison. Designed to facilitate greater understanding of the ongoing social, political and cultural challenges facing Indigenous Australians. All welcome. Held at Blender Gallery, Central Walk, Joondalup, and ECU Breathing Space Gallery, 2 Bradford St, Mt Lawley. Details: Tammy Solonec on (0424) 269 439 or (08) 9400 4000 or visit [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au)

**8 July:** NAIDOC Celebrations at Curtin University. A morning of celebrations incorporating song, dance and guest speakers. Barbecue lunch. All welcome. Held at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Building 211, Curtin University of Technology, Kent St, Bentley. Details: (08) 9266 2563 or email [events@curtin.edu.au](mailto:events@curtin.edu.au) or visit [www.curtin.edu.au](http://www.curtin.edu.au)

**8 July:** NAIDOC netball carnival. Team nominations: \$50 for 12 and under, 13 and under, 15 and under, 17 and under \$70 for Open age teams. Gate fee: \$2. All welcome. Held at Southern Districts Netball Association, Langford Avenue, Langford, from 8.30am-3pm. Details: Mervyn (Nick) Abraham on (08) 9492 9741 or email [mervyn.abraham@dsr.wa.gov.au](mailto:mervyn.abraham@dsr.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.dsr.wa.gov.au](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au)

**8 July:** Mirrabooka NAIDOC family fun day. Come and join in on this free event. Activities include Noongar sports, face painting, gym, children activities, stalls and more. Featuring No Shame Band, SNSEP Dancers, Torres Strait Islanders music, and NAIDOC community awards. Free barbecue of kangaroo stew and damper. All welcome. Held at Mirrabooka Square Shopping Centre. Details: Julia Gyomber on

(08) 9440 6062 or email [Michelle.Nelson-Cox@dhw.wa.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Nelson-Cox@dhw.wa.gov.au)

**8 July:** Langford Aboriginal Association Elders' lunch. In partnership with City of Gosnells, Langford Aboriginal Association are helping host a free Elders' lunch for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander seniors with art activities included. All welcome. Held at Maddington Community Centre, Corner Yule and Alcock St, Maddington, from 10am-1pm. Details: (08) 9451 1424 or email la54218@bigpond.net.au

**8 July:** NAIDOC Library Story Time. Join Brenton Clinch for a fascinating and interactive insight into local Aboriginal tradition and culture. Brenton will weave magical tales and play his didgeridoo to delight you. All welcome. Held at the City of Joondalup Libraries, Whitfords Library, from 1.30pm and Joondalup Library from 3.30pm. Details: (08) 9400 4912 or visit [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au)

**8 July:** Lunchtime Forum Institute of Restoration - Justice and Penal Reform. This is a lunchtime forum on the over-representation of Indigenous persons within the criminal justice system. Guest speakers will examine the issues behind the high rate of incarceration and over-representation of Indigenous people throughout the criminal justice system. Light lunch provided. Entry by gold coin donation. Held at the Institute of Restorative Justice and Penal Reform Level 1, 97 William St, Perth, from 12.30pm. Details: (08) 9260 9800 or email [marg.staffa@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:marg.staffa@wa.uca.org.au)

**8 July:** Blackfulla Oke funeral fundraiser night. This is a funeral fundraiser to assist the Aboriginal community in 'sorry times' with family funerals. Music entertainment provided by Annette Panaia's Karaoke, local Nyoongah band, stalls, door prize and finger food served during the evening. \$5 Photographs By Trevor Walley. All welcome. Cost \$10 entry fee per person. Held at The Stirling Arms Hotel, James St, Guildford, from 7pm. Details: Charne on (0433) 426 865 or email [charnehayden@yahoo.com](mailto:charnehayden@yahoo.com) or Tina Hayden (0403) 070 074.

**8 July:** NAIDOC Week opening ceremony. There will be a welcome to country, flag-raising ceremony, NAIDOC Perth awards entertainment, community stalls and more. Held at the Forrest Chase, Perth from 11am-3pm. Details: Gail Beck on (0411) 093 870 or Albert McNamara on (0409) 084 466 or visit [www.naidocperth.org](http://www.naidocperth.org)

**9 July:** NAIDOC Week-Wongi language workshop. Learn words in Wongi (Warburton region) and discover the stories attached to native trees and artwork. All welcome. Held at City Farm, 2 City Farm Place, East Perth, from 1.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 9325 7229 or Debbie King on (0437) 051 003 or visit [www.nulsenhaven.com.au](http://www.nulsenhaven.com.au)

**9 July:** Derbarl Yerrigan/Town of

Bassendean NAIDOC family day. This event is a great day of free activities, rides, great entertainment, stalls, refreshments and lunch for the family. Celebrate together the history, culture and achievements of Indigenous Australians. Free and all welcome. Held at Ashfield Reserve, Ashfield from 10am-3pm. Details: (08) 9377 8000 or email [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.bassendean.wa.gov.au](http://www.bassendean.wa.gov.au)

**9 July:** School holiday program-cultural day. Children will have an opportunity to learn the didgeridoo, play theatre games, do some Aboriginal movement and dance, make headbands and have traditional ochre painted on their faces. For children aged 6-14 years old. Children are to bring packed lunches and snacks for the day. Held at the Leisurelife Centre, Corner of Kent and Gloucester St, East Victoria Park. Details: (08) 9362 6066 or email [admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin@vicpark.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.vicpark.wa.gov.au](http://www.vicpark.wa.gov.au)

**9 July:** Junior NAIDOC ball. This is a youth event for ages 12-17 years only. There will be a Belle and Beau of the Ball, prizes, buffet meal and music with D J Aswon. All welcome. Held at Willow Pond Reception Centre, 459 Nicholson Road, Canningvale. Details: Michelle Michael on (08) 9358 3006 or (0429) 111 820 or email [langfordaboriginalsportingclub@yahoo.com.au](mailto:langfordaboriginalsportingclub@yahoo.com.au)

**10 July:** Langford Aboriginal Association NAIDOC community breakfast. In partnership with City of Gosnells, Langford Aboriginal Association are providing a free breakfast for the whole community. All welcome. Held at Langford Aboriginal Association, Lot 180 Imber Turn, Langford WA from 9-11am. Details: (08) 9451 1424 or email la54218@bigpond.net.au

**10 July:** NAIDOC Perth ball 2009. NAIDOC Perth ball is the most anticipated nights on Perth's social calendar. This year will feature highlights from the Coolbaroo Club League, ballroom dancing, fine dining and wonderful entertainment throughout the evening. All welcome. Cost: \$90 per person. Dress formal. Held at Hyatt Regency Hotel, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, from 6.30pm onwards. Details: Gail on (08) 9482 0000 or (0428) 118 753 or email [gjones@waaid.com](mailto:gjones@waaid.com) or Reg on (0400) 628 233 or email [reg.yarran@commerce.wa.gov.au](mailto:reg.yarran@commerce.wa.gov.au)

**11 July:** Noongaroke Idol grand final 09. There will be heaps of dancing, singing, fun and prizes. Cost: \$30 single or \$50 double and includes complementary drink and finger foods. Prizes to be won and \$1500 to be won at the grand final. Over 18s only. Held at Rangeview Hotel, 260 Morley Drive, Eden Hill, from 7.30. Details: Jimbo on (0408) 917 133 or Daniel on (0410) 404 381.

**11 July:** Common Ground. Indigenous dance group Common Ground will give a riveting performance involving traditional and contemporary dance, music and story-telling. All welcome. Held at

Lakeside Joondalup Shopping City from 11am onwards. Details: (08) 9400 4912 or visit [www.joondalup.wa.gov.au](http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au)

## Northern Territory

**5 July:** Darwin family day from 10am, Marlows Lagoon. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Combined church service from 10.30am, St Martin de Porres Church, Wanguri. Ph (08) 8981 2817. Basketball competition from 1pm, Marrara Basketball Stadium. Ph (0431) 428 767. Outdoor Cinema Screening of Australia from 6.30pm, Mindil Beach. Ph (0408) 261 203.

**6 July:** Radio Larrakia tree-planting Initiative. Ph (08) 8948 2711. Golf and Archery from 9am, Berrimah. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Flag-raising ceremony from 10am, Bagot Community, Ludmilla. Ph (08) 8948 3733. Palmerston flag-raising ceremony from 12pm. Ph (08) 8935 9972. Crocosaurus Cove Excursion from 2pm, Mitchell St, City. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Youth Art Competition from 2pm, The Shak, Casuarina. Email: [karli.james@gmail.com](mailto:karli.james@gmail.com). NAIDOC Gift Sprint, 3pm. Ph (0406) 589 007.

**7 July:** Youth Cinema Visit, from 10am, BCC Cinemas, Casuarina. Youth Art Competition from 2pm, The Shak, Casuarina. Email: [karli.james@gmail.com](mailto:karli.james@gmail.com) Go karting from 10am, Hidden Valley. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Senior's lunch from 11am, St Mary's Club, Marrara. Ph (0458) 899 254. Ten-pin bowling from 2pm, Plante Tenpin, Nightcliff. Ph (08) 8932 3166.

**8 July:** Garden Point Association family day from 10.30am, Water Gardens, Jingili. Ph (0422) 071 002. NT Library Exhibition from 11am, NT Library, Parliament House. Ph (08) 8922 0723. Seniors' lunch from noon, The Hub, Palmerston Sports Club. Ph (0413) 510 865. Youth Fun Day from 1pm, The Rock Centre, Larrakeyah. Youth art competition from 2pm, The Shak, Casuarina. Email: [karli.james@gmail.com](mailto:karli.james@gmail.com). Ambrose golf day from 2pm, cost \$25, Darwin Golf Club, Marrara. Ph (0406) 276 914. Fashion parade and modelling graduation from 5.30pm, Larrakia Cultural Centre, Winnellie. Ph (0412) 874 087.

**9 July:** Cooking from 9.30am, Danila Dilba Youth Service. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Larrakia Nation Open Day from 10am, Larrakia Nation, Coconut Grove. Ph (08) 8948 3733. NT Library Exhibition from 11am, NT Library, Parliament House. Ph (08) 8922 0723. Indigenous Artists Yarn Session from 2pm, Knuckey's Lagoon Community Hall. Ph (08) 8927 6677. Youth Art Competition from 2pm, The Shak, Casuarina. Email: [karli.james@gmail.com](mailto:karli.james@gmail.com).

**10 July:** NAIDOC Breakfast from 8.30am, Bennett Park, Darwin City. Ph (08) 8981 4388. NAIDOC march from 10.30am, Bennett Park to Raintree Park. NAIDOC speeches, from 11am, Raintree Park, Darwin Mall. Children's Activities from noon, The Shak, Casuarina. Ph (0422) 071 002. NAIDOC concert from 6pm. (0429) 695 236. Youth disco, from 7pm, Palmerston YMCA. Ph (08) 8932 3166. Youth Ten-pin bowling from 7pm, Planet Tenpin, Nightcliff. Email: [karli.james@gmail.com](mailto:karli.james@gmail.com).

**11 July:** NAIDOC ball and awards evening. Tickets \$80 person. Dress formal. All welcome. At the Sky City Grand Ballroom, Darwin Entertainment Centre, from 6.30pm. Details: (08) 8980 3333 or visit [www.darwinentertainment.com.au/bo\\_xoffice/naidoc.asp](http://www.darwinentertainment.com.au/bo_xoffice/naidoc.asp)

**12 July:** My Spirit, My Darwin, from noon onwards. Ph: (0439) 106 906.





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# Education

# 128 students awarded NSWALC scholarships



A TOTAL of 128 students have secured a NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC) educational scholarship to help them reach their academic goals, whether it be to finish their high school certificate or become their communities' first doctor.

NSWALC Chairperson Bev Manton said that by encouraging more Aboriginal people to stay in school and achieve academically, they were making a contribution to the leaders of the next generation who, in turn, would inspire others.

Ms Manton said a growing number of Aboriginal people were seeking better educational outcomes, and the scholarships were one way to support these academic pursuits.

"Aboriginal communities recognise that education can improve their economic and social well-being," Ms Manton said.

"It is our goal that Aboriginal people should be able to participate fully in education, employment and society.

"Today there are Aboriginal judges, lawyers, politicians, educators and more."

Ms Manton said the participants came from a variety of backgrounds including a student in their last year of medicine, many completing community services degrees and trade courses as well as the traditional fields of teaching, science and nursing.

The Education Endowment fund, of which \$30 million of the overall funding came from NSWALC, offers up to 200 scholarships annually ranging from primary school to mature-age students.

Ms Manton said a separate award, the Freddy Fricke Scholarships, were aimed at ensuring more Aboriginal people secured places in medicine, finance and commerce.

"Both scholarship streams demonstrate to Aboriginal children the benefits of committing to school and going on to tertiary education," she said.

"It will also let them know that with effort and persistence it is possible to achieve regardless of any disadvantage."



BEV MANTON

# Bungis give welcome



St Brendan's College dance troupe, Murri Bungis. Back, from left, Renarle Malone, Joel Sullivan, Harley Barraclough, Will Anderson, Matt Anderson and David Munns. Front, from left, Nirvarn Shaw, Yarrndji Ingra, Ethan Shaw, Lewis Warria and Liam Johnson.



A TRADITIONAL welcome was among the highlights of a recent student induction at St Brendan's College in Yeppoon, central

Queensland. The welcome was part of a performance by the college's own

Indigenous student dance troupe, Murri Bungis.

The students received a visit from fellow Edmund Rice collegiates from St Joseph's College in Geelong as part of a full week of activities ranging from a rodeo school followed by a visit to Beef Week, The Dreamtime Cultural Centre, and a trip to

Waterpart Creek where they experienced local attraction The Caves.

The students also spent an evening assisting Eddie's Van, which feeds the homeless in Rockhampton.

Also performing during the week was a Torres Strait Islander dance group led by Masiur Nona.



## Students spread the word on education



**INSPIRING** Indigenous people to enrol in higher education is the aim behind a Charles Darwin University

program which began last month in Darwin and has just expanded to the Alice Springs campus.

The university is employing 13 of its top Indigenous students to visit schools and community groups across the Northern Territory to champion the benefits of study to their peers.

Alice Springs Bachelor of Education student Jessica Laruffa signed up to the program earlier this year and also works part-time for the Northern Territory Government.

She said she looked forward to telling others about her educational journey and the support and assistance on offer to prospective Indigenous students.

At just 19-years-old, Jessica Procak is blazing through her final year of a commerce degree at Alice Springs and is also keen to tell her story.

### Easy transition

She said most of her mates in Year 10 wanted to complete apprenticeships, but with support from her teachers at the Centralian Senior Secondary College and CDU, she made an easy transition from high school to university.

"No one told me to go to university," she said.

"I made that decision myself. But I am very keen to

tell my story to other young people who think they can't do it."

Busy mother Brooke Wheeler is completing her Bachelor of Nursing and is working two days a week at the Alice Springs Hospital.

"I was working in reception at community health and thought to myself 'there has to be something more I can do'," she said.

"And from there I approached CDU. Looking back now, I wish I'd studied much earlier and I want to talk about this to students."

A Senior Academic Support Lecturer at CDU, Cheri Williams said the three women were 'living proof' that higher education was achievable to students across Central Australia.



Alice Springs-based students (from left) Jessica Laruffa, Brooke Wheeler and Jessica Procak get ready to spread the word on higher education.

## Backing for bilingual



**ABORIGINAL** people and researchers want the Northern Territory Government to reverse its Indigenous bilingual education policy,

which they say undermines Indigenous languages, culture and traditions.

They argue that schools are the best place for children with other first languages to learn English and achieve literacy.

The call came from community members and academics attending last Friday's Bilingual Education in the Northern Territory Symposium hosted by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) in Canberra.

AIATSIS convened the symposium, and invited experts and community members from across Australia to discuss evidence-based research in the field.

Early this year, then Territory Education Minister Marion

Scrymgour announced that the first four hours of every school day would be taught only in English, but a community campaign fended off the policy for a year and forced the Government to agree to further consultation.

"We want our children to grow up strong in our culture and strong in the Western world," Wugular community member Miliwanga Sandy said on Friday.

"We want our kids to learn English, to attend school, to finish Year 12 and go on to university and have good jobs.

"The best way for them to do that is through the bilingual two-way schooling because they learn better in their mother tongue.

"We need that English because nowadays you need certificates and qualifications to get good jobs. We must be strong in both cultures."

In a research paper launched at the symposium, authors Dr Jane Simpson (University of Sydney), Dr Patrick McConvell (Australian National University)



MILIWANGA SANDY



Dr JANE SIMPSON

and Dr Josephine Caffery (Australian Catholic University) said children learned best in their mother tongue in the early years of education.

"The decision to dismantle bilingual education was taken not on the basis of evidence, but

because of lack of understanding," said Drs Simpson, McConvell and Caffery.

"Learning a dominant language such as English in Australia through the medium of the mother tongue has proved to be a successful approach both in

Australia and internationally.

"Australian governments have failed to consider national and international evidence-based research on the value of bilingual education and the language rights of Indigenous peoples before making such a momentous decision, which could spell the death of the remaining endangered Indigenous languages in Australia."

Walpiri community representative Connie Nungarrayi Walit urged schools to work with families to strengthen language maintenance and prevent communication between old and young people from being broken.

"The one thing we have left from our parents and grandparents which is really our own is our language, Warlpiri. This is the last thing we have left to pass on to our children and grandchildren," Ms Nungarrayi Walit said.

The Government has given the Territory's nine bilingual schools 12 months from the end of last year to bring in the changes.



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A NEW scholarship to support Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

researchers has been established in the name of one of Australia's most respected cross-cultural educators, who passed away in 2008.

Created jointly by the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) and Reconciliation Australia, each year the Dr R Marika Conference Support Scholarship will support a researcher to attend a major international conference held outside Australia.

The scholarship will provide funding of up to \$3000 and be awarded on merit.

In announcing the scholarship, Chair of AIATSIS and Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia Professor Mick Dodson said the two organisations had wanted to create a legacy that reflected Dr Marika's enormous contribution to education and reconciliation.

"Dr Marika knew a lot about education," said Professor Dodson.

### Attitude

"She valued it very highly as a tool for life, a way to break out of negative patterns in behaviour and attitude.

"She valued it for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and she valued it for other Australians, whose knowledge, attitudes and behaviour need to change and to grow to make reconciliation a reality."

Prof Dodson said Dr Marika recognised that people gained knowledge in many different ways, through formal education but also through new and shared experiences, through contact with others and through discovering how much we have in common as human beings.

"I think she would have been pleased with the concept behind the new scholarship," he said. "It will help researchers, not only with funding but by encouraging them to learn, to reach outside what's familiar and safe by travelling to another country, and to recognise what's different about our situations and what's the same."

The closing date for applications for this year's inaugural Dr R Marika Conference Support Scholarship is 25 July.

For more information and the application form, phone Tony Boxall on (02) 6246 1145 or email [tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:tony.boxall@aiatsis.gov.au)



DTL Patron Professor Peter Buckskin presents Duncan Smith with his Dare to Lead Ambassador's Award.



Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma at the Adelaide Launch of the DTL project's 'Partnership builds success' phase.

# New phase for Dare to Lead



THE national Indigenous education project Dare to Lead (DTL) has officially moved into a new phase, building on its earlier success.

Educators and Indigenous leaders from across Australia attended the launch of the new phase in Adelaide last month, which began with a welcome to country by Kaurna Elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien and featured a keynote address by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

DTL will continue to focus on the role of school leadership in improving educational outcomes for Indigenous students, but its 'Partnership builds success' phase from 2009 to 2013 will also have three new focal areas: Early years; post-secondary pathways; and the coaching and mentoring of remote school principals.

"We want to look at how we address Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education into the future," Mr Calma told launch guests.

"We can't survive on short-term deals and agreements – we need a clear focus. Like in health, we have strategies and ideas for education, but why haven't we achieved improvements?"

"I think Dare to Lead is going to be one of our key partners in this initiative. We will be looking for your support to champion this effort."

DTL National Co-ordinator Andrea Harms said there was strength in numbers.

"The Dare to Lead Coalition membership target for the last phase (2005-2009) was 5000 schools. This target was

achieved by the end of 2008," she said.

"This means that more than half of Australia's schools and principals have made a formal commitment to the aims of the project. This is not just a critical mass; this is a clear majority, which provides a lot of leverage and a lot of access to people doing the work on the ground."

A highlight of the launch ceremony was the presentation of awards to project

The ambassadors presented with awards were:

- Louise Bye, Acting Assistant Manager, Aboriginal Employment and Training, NSW
- Jane Ceolin, Indigenous Education Executive Officer, Queensland Catholic Education Commission
- Greg Lehman, Manager, Tasmanian Aboriginal Education Unit
- Bruce Roper, Manager of Aboriginal Education, WA

● Duncan Smith, Wiradjuri Echoes Consultancy, ACT.

Mr Smith, a Wiradjuri man, works as a mentor, performer and educator in ACT schools. He said valuing and understanding the role of the principal was critical to improving relationships between Indigenous Australians and the school system.

"Through Dare to Lead, principals are changing the way they think. You can't just demand to walk into a school, but more and more principals are allowing Indigenous people to come and share," Mr Smith said.

"We need that mutual respect."

As a father of five, Mr Smith has an intense personal interest in the education and future

prospects of Indigenous children.

"I tell the little fellas, 'We lack warriors today. We need you to be the warriors of this era and stand up as a warrior, never lay down'," he said.

"Non-Indigenous people walk this land but they are not connected to this land.

"The only way they can connect is through connecting to people of the land. After that you can stand up and say I am a proud Australian."



Dare to Lead ambassadors, from left, Louise Bye, Duncan Smith, Jane Ceolin and Bruce Roper at the launch.

ambassadors by DTL Patron Professor Peter Buckskin, and to Action Area Contacts (school principals who volunteer their time to coordinate geographical-based groups of school leaders) by DTL Ambassador Dr Alice Rigney.

The personal relationships and strong partnerships formed by the ambassadors with Indigenous and non-Indigenous educators are seen as critical to the project's goals.



## Fitzroy Crossing ranger is a winner



A KIMBERLEY conservation trainee has been named as the WA Department of Environment and Conservation's (DEC) Aboriginal Trainee of the Year.

Fitzroy Crossing ranger Anthony Aiken received the top award last month after completing DEC's Mentored Aboriginal Training and Employment Scheme (MATES).

"This award means a lot to me. I am very passionate about environmental issues and I hope my work will help to make a difference in the area of conservation," he said.

"There have been some challenges along the way but overall it has been an amazing and worthwhile experience that will benefit me, the environment and people of the Kimberley."

Mr Aiken is the son of Mary Aiken, a Bunuba Elder who speaks for country, in particular Geikie Gorge – traditionally named Darngku, and Bill Aiken, the proprietor of Darngku Heritage Cruises.

"For the last three years, I've had the opportunity to complete my studies in my country and getting back to that country, helping manage it and now getting this award is a real honour for me and my family," he said.

### Remarkable

MATES program co-ordinator Jess Mann said Mr Aiken's achievements were particularly remarkable considering the hardships he had faced during his studies.

"Anthony has completed his studies in a township where the influence of community social issues has been very strong and difficult to overcome, yet he remained focussed," she said.

"He dealt with many difficulties involving family and friends, but due to his personal attributes including being an excellent operator, a trustworthy and valued team member and an excellent ambassador for his people, he has gone from strength to strength."

Mr Aiken was the first of the MATES trainees to complete his traineeship in the Kimberley and now holds a Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management. The award was presented in Fremantle as part of DEC's Graduate Development Program Awards.

Mr Aiken will now act in the position of Senior Ranger, Fitzroy Crossing for the coming dry season, leading a team of other DEC employees and volunteer campground hosts.



Award-winner Anthony Aiken, right, with Wade Spilcker from the Fremantle Football Club, which sponsored the award. Photo courtesy DEC



Brenda Croft (right) with NSW Governor and Chancellor of the University of Sydney, Prof Marie Bashir, who presented her with her Honorary Doctorate in Visual Arts.

## Praise flows for curator

FOR a person who has been at the forefront of some of the biggest milestones in contemporary Indigenous art, Brenda Croft is genuinely modest about her own.

While Senior Curator in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art at the National Gallery of Australia (NGA), she worked with good friend and peer Hetti Perkins to help bring about the Australian section of the Paris Indigenous cultures museum, Musée du quai Branly.

And before moving to South Australia early this year for change and love – she married Adelaidean Rhys Gibbs last year – Croft oversaw the NGA's blockbuster *National Indigenous Art Triennial: Culture Warriors*.

But for all of her achievements, the Gurindji girl made good is still humble and a little surprised when others acknowledge them.

Croft now lectures in Indigenous Art, Culture and Design at the University of SA but it was her alma mater the University of Sydney (UniSyd) which recently awarded her an Honorary Doctorate in Visual Arts.

She admits that she thought someone was playing a trick on her when she first read a letter from NSW Governor and the Chancellor of UniSyd, Professor Marie Bashir.

"I even rang my friend Hetti Perkins to see if she had put someone up to this!" Croft said in her acceptance speech in front of

friends and family, including her mum Dorothy and little brother and UniSyd graduate Timothy. "I say this because, while I have a Master of Art Administration from UNSW/College of Fine Arts, I never actually finished the Bachelor of Arts degree I started nearly a quarter of a century ago at Sydney College of the Arts."

Nevertheless, Croft told *The Koori Mail* she hoped her story would 'inspire our mob, especially women, and especially those who didn't go through or finish uni'.

"I am very proud of (my doctorate) after just finishing a decade working as a curator of Indigenous art in state and federal public galleries and I'm really excited about the next part of the journey and am back making art, writing about it and wanting to give something back," said Croft.

### Premier's praise

Receiving her doctorate from one of her role models Prof Bashir, was a highlight, and Croft also earned high praise from NSW Premier Nathan Rees.

In a message read out at her graduation, Mr Rees said Croft had 'made visible the art of Indigenous Australia in Europe, Asia, Africa and North America, as well as creating much of it herself'.

"Her work as curator, broadcast producer, television performer, world-travelling lecturer, acclaimed photographer, stage performer, director

of mixed-media events and all-round artistic activist has no equal – for energy, daring and entrepreneurial shrewdness – in recent Australian history," he said.

In her graduation address, Croft spoke of the trailblazing of her late dad Joe Croft, a Stolen Generations member who was arguably the first Aboriginal person to enrol at an Australian university (the University of Queensland in 1943); her late younger brother Lindsay, who died in a car accident in America in the 1990s while studying at Harvard University; and friend Hetti's dad the late Charles Perkins, who was the first Aboriginal person to graduate with a degree from UniSyd in 1966.

"I am very aware of everyone who went before me, who fought for my father's people and people like myself to get an education," she said, also thanking her teachers, lecturers and mentors.

And Croft had some advice for the younger graduates too: 'Remember that all you do throughout your lives will impact on those who come after you, so make sure that impact is positive and creates a better society for people following in our footsteps'.

Her words carried extra resonance as she repeated the title of a well-known song by Kev Carmody and Paul Kelly about the determination of her Gurindji people in their long fight for land in the 1960s: *From little things, big things grow*.



## Alice Springs, Katherine programs to benefit



CHARLES Darwin University's Alice Springs and Katherine campuses will receive purpose-built community and health training complexes through Federal Government funding totalling \$4.5 million. CDU Pro Vice-Chancellor VET Don Zoellner said the funding, announced

on 22 June, would significantly improve the delivery of community services, aged care and oral health and allied health programs, especially for Indigenous people in the Northern Territory.

"The construction of a purpose-built training complex in Alice Springs and Katherine will allow the university to deliver specialist VET training programs tailored to

meet the needs of our stakeholders in the NT, especially Indigenous people, who will have access to significant employment opportunities in these areas," he said.

Mr Zoellner said the complexes would expand the capacity of CDU to deliver positive outcomes to people in the Alice and Katherine regions and in areas relating to emerging community need and

employment. These new facilities also reflected the university's commitment to the regions of the NT, he said.

Funding for the projects will be made available through the Teaching and Learning Capital Fund, which supports VET sector infrastructure developments considered by the Federal Government to be of national importance.

## The bar lifted for Qld students



A QUEENSLAND law firm has provided \$20,000 worth of inaugural scholarships and additional bursaries for Indigenous

students at QUT.

McCullough Robertson Partner Dominic McGann said the newly established McCullough Robertson Support Fund for Indigenous Law Students had been set up to provide ongoing financial assistance to current and future QUT students and to encourage high-achieving Indigenous students' pathways into private practice.

Mr McGann said Indigenous education was one of the program's priorities, out of recognition of Indigenous Australians' 'important place in our community, and the disadvantage many face in pursuing education'. "We hope that through supporting promising Indigenous law students at QUT we will see an increase in the number of Indigenous law graduates and, ultimately, more Indigenous lawyers," he said.

"An important aspect of the scholarship program is contact with McCullough Robertson, particularly through a work experience placement for the later-year scholarship winner.

"The aim of this is to provide a pathway into a career in a large law firm, where Indigenous people are too often under-represented."

QUT students to benefit from the program this year include Stephanie Parkin and Kacey Leach.

The funding will be in the form of scholarships and bursaries to help ensure the Indigenous law students have access to various activities, including attendance at conferences, as well as travel and living expenses for internships with community organisations as part of their law degrees.

The scholarship is open to Indigenous law students in their first year to apply for start-up bursaries of \$500, with one starting student to receive a \$5000 scholarship and a second \$5000 scholarship to be awarded to a continuing student.

The students needed to demonstrate social and economic hardship, academic aptitude and a commitment to the Indigenous community.



Narrandera High School Indigenous students Rachel Williams (back left) and Tymeka Simpson (front left) take centre stage at the NSW Secondary Principals Conference. Fellow Wiradjuri language students Melinda Mumford and Amber Poole were on hand to lend support. Photo courtesy of NHS

# Girls' welcome well received

By LINDSAY HAYES



FOR many 13-year-olds, addressing an auditorium packed with school principals would be a daunting experience.

Not so, though, for Narrandera High School (NHS) Year 8 Indigenous students Rachel Williams and Tymeka Simpson, who presented a traditional Wiradjuri welcome to country to more than 300 delegates at the recent NSW Secondary Principals Conference in Albury.

Principal Jan Dolstra said the welcome was well received, earning the girls both compliments and an appreciative round of applause.

"To do as well as they did at such a high-profile event was a real achievement," she said.

"There were at least 300 principals at the conference, including some from Queensland and Victoria, as well as the Director-General of Education."

Two fellow Wiradjuri language students,

Amber Poole and Melinda Mumford, went to Albury as well to support Rachel and Tymeka.

Rachel and Tymeka have been learning the Wiradjuri language for little more than six weeks and their ability to master it sufficiently to perform the traditional welcome ceremony was also a source of pride for their teacher, Wiradjuri Elder Stan Grant.

Mr Grant was recently recognised for his own contribution to Wiradjuri language preservation and Indigenous education in the 2009 Queen's Birthday honours.

### Agreement

He is teaching the Wiradjuri language to Years 8, 9 and 10 students at Narrandera High School under an agreement with the local TAFE campus, and encouraging Indigenous students to reunite with their culture through such means as the welcome to country.

The students team up to do the ceremony, one providing the welcome in the Wiradjuri language and the other the English translation. The roles are alternated.

Mrs Dolstra said the language classes

were voluntary and attracted a mixed group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

It is one of a number of extra-curricular options offered, and students who choose the Wiradjuri language classes must be prepared to catch up on their other work.

For the students, the Albury conference was their first welcome outside the school community and a whole new experience that, from all accounts, they took in their stride.

"I felt confident. I've done three welcomes, the others for a school assembly and a school concert," said Rachel. "I like learning the language – grammar is the hard bit."

A member of the Student Representative Council, Rachel is actively involved in school activities. She is also studying Indonesian and has set her sights on a career as a lawyer.

The daughter of Ronnie Williams and Lesley Sanders, Rachel has a brother John in Year 10 at NHS and a sister Carley, a Year 4 student at Narrandera Public School.

Rachel and John are among 80 Indigenous students at NHS, 13 of whom are in Years 11 and 12.



# Hip-hop trio to tour



HIP-hop trio The Last Kinection will kick off their national 'Propa Mad Deadly'

tour this week and to celebrate, a CD sampler of their brand new tunes will be given away with every copy of *The Koori Mail's* next edition.

Since we last heard from Naomi Wenitong, she has continued along the road to recovery from the car accident that left her and band member Jacob Turier seriously injured.

But even that couldn't keep her away from the stage for long and now she, brother Joel (Weno) and Jacob (DJ Jaytee) are back, they say, with a stronger sense of purpose and the national tour to officially launch their debut album.

The Last Kinection returned to the stage for the first time since the accident to support legends Public Enemy in

Newcastle, and opened the Australia Day celebrations on the Aqua Shell at The Rocks in Sydney before heading up to Brisbane for Stylin' Up.

On Friday, they joined other top Australian hip-hop acts for a major gig at Sydney's Manning Bar.

With hip-hop at the core of their sound, The Last Kinection also use reggae, traditional chants, colloquialisms and instruments in their music.

Remember to grab our next edition for your free CD sampler and a feature story on The Last Kinection.

● **BELOW:** Hip-hop trio The Last Kinection, Joel, Jacob and Naomi, who are about to tour nationally.

● **RIGHT:** The cover to their latest CD. The next edition of *The Koori Mail* will include a CD sampler of the new album.



# National stars to headline NT awards

Jessica Mauboy (below) will be a headline act at the 2009 Northern Territory Indigenous Music Awards, along with Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu (inset).



AUSTRALIANS are being urged to nominate their favourite musical act from the Northern Territory in the 2009 Indigenous Music Awards.

MusicNT said the awards were a key event within the Darwin Festival and NT Music Month, and would take place on 21 August.

The headline acts will include multi-award winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and Jessica Mauboy, along with other emerging NT talent.

"For the first time, MusicNT invites everyone from around Australia to vote in the People's Choice Award, and reminds anyone from the national music industry to participate in the IMA nominations," organisers said.

"It's time to put your favourite NT Indigenous musicians forward."

MusicNT manager Mark Smith said anyone from across the country could cast their vote in the People's Choice Awards before 7 August.

To nominate an act go to [www.musicnt.com.au](http://www.musicnt.com.au) for a nomination form, email [ntima@agentur.com.au](mailto:ntima@agentur.com.au), or drop into the MusicNT office at 12 Smith Street, Darwin.

The 2009 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 & Design of the Year, School Band of the Year, Traditional Music Award, Hall of

Fame (Central) and Hall of Fame (Top End).

To register a vote for the People's Choice Award you can SMS 0409 279 305 or visit the MusicNT website.

"Now that the NT is on the national music map, we believe that opening the nominations and the People's Choice to an Australia-wide audience will continue to provide a national opportunity for exposure for our talented musicians" Mr Smith said.

"With big names, new names and a feast of music and festival events in the NT Music Month of August, the Indigenous Music Awards are set to be an important collaboration between key national media, industry professionals and local talent."

Nominations for the Indigenous Music Awards close by 10 July.

For more information on nominations or to purchase a ticket for the awards, contact Britta at [ntima@agentur.com.au](mailto:ntima@agentur.com.au)

## Setting record straight

An article in the previous edition which stated that Aboriginal singer Sharon (Shaz) Lane was facing surgery for cancer was incorrect. Ms Lane requires surgery for a brain tumour. We apologise for any distress or confusion this mistake may have caused and wish Shaz the best for her recovery.



# Artist's first major solo exhibition

By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



MABUIAG Islander Billy Missi is showcasing his culture to a wide audience with his major solo exhibition of contemporary linocut prints.

*Urapun Kai Buai* (One Big Kin) represents a substantial body of work focused on family, cultural protocols and the artist's contemporary life experiences growing up in Zenadh-Kes (the Torres Strait).

The exhibition opened at Townsville's Perc Tucker Gallery on Friday 19 June and will be on display until 16 August.

Many of the artworks in the exhibition have traditional language names relating to particular plants of the Torres Strait. These plants have special meaning within the seasons and in turn signify important cultural ceremony that is often expressed through dance, song and storytelling.

The artwork is part of a distinct printmaking movement in the Torres Strait that integrates

traditional wood carving skills with contemporary art practice, and enables Indigenous artists such as Missi to pass on significant oral history and cultural heritage.

Gallery representative Marg Naylor said Missi's intricate detail and tonal balance evoked 'a sense of flow and organic unity, a sense that all things are interconnected and dependent on one another for survival'.

The 39-year-old artist couldn't pick a favourite from the many works on the walls, when *The Koori Mail* visited the exhibition on opening day.

"Some of these have been done on Moa Island and can take from a few hours up to eight weeks to finish depending on the size. I have focused on family and cultural protocols, ceremonies, hunting, seasonal changes and a bit of bush medicine

so there's a mixture," he said.

Like other Torres Strait Islander artists, Missi is gaining recognition as a guardian of traditional knowledge.

The quietly spoken artist has a deep sense of responsibility to protect the knowledge represented in the images, as it forms the foundations of

traditional and future stewardship of the unique Torres Strait environment.

Permission to visualise knowledge through the linocut printmaking medium must be sought through consultation with the traditional cultural custodians and the Island Community Councils.

"Recent developments in the prints of the Torres Strait Islander artists have made the arts fraternity sit up and take notice," said Perc Tucker Regional Gallery Director Frances Thomson.

"This exhibition provides an opportunity for north Queenslanders to look in detail at a body of work by Billy Missi."

Missi now has works in local, national and international collections, including the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra and the Victoria and Albert Museum in the United Kingdom.

All works exhibited in *Urapun Kai Buai* are for sale.



Billy Missi with his art on opening day.



APRA Breakthrough Songwriter of the Year Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu

## Awards for two Territory singers



YOLNGU singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu and rising RnB star Jessica Mauboy have taken out 2009 APRA Music

Awards.

Yunupingu was named APRA Breakthrough Songwriter of the Year and Mauboy's song *Running Back*, featuring Flo Rida, was named Urban Work of the Year at the awards ceremony held in Melbourne last Tuesday.

"Perhaps the most important Aboriginal voice of his generation, Gurrumul has literally left people speechless and moved to tears with his music; his voice and words that are like nothing we have witnessed before in this country," said an APRA statement.

"With the release of his first solo album, Gurrumul highlights the tremendous talent he has to offer Indigenous music in Australia, and indeed, the world."

Mauboy co-wrote *Running*

*Back* with Audius Mtawarira and Sean Mullins.

The Living End's *White Noise* was named Song of the Year, The Presets were named Songwriters of the Year, and Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson took out Country Work of the Year with *Rattlin' Bones*.

The peer-voted awards are presented by the Australasian Performing Rights Association, which collects and distributes licence fees for the public performance and communication (including broadcast) of its members' musical works.

Of this year's 12 categories, nine were taken out by first-time winners – including Yunupingu and Mauboy – with votes from 30,000 eligible voters.

The awards ceremony included live performances by Dan Sultan, Archie Roach and Kutcha Edwards and Judith Durham, and will be broadcast on the MAX Channel (available on FOXTEL and AUSTAR) on Sunday, 5 July, at 8.30pm.

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# Butler's artwork declared winner



A PAINTING depicting the Scales of Justice has won an art competition run by the Illawarra Legal Centre (ILC) in recognition of the centre's growing Indigenous clientele.

The competition sought entries reflecting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights statement that 'recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world'.

Nine artists entered 15 works, but it was local artist Kevin Butler who took out the \$1000 first prize with his work *One Race Per Planet*. The work shows an Aboriginal person holding the

Scales of Justice, Aboriginal protestors and a map of Australia.

The competition results were announced on 15 June at Wollongong's Old Court House, where all the final entries were hung.

Butler's painting will now be digitally transferred to sheet metal and mounted at the entrance to the ILC premises in Greene Street, Warrawong.

## Appearance

"The ILC wanted signage that was welcoming to Aboriginal community members and improved the appearance of the ILC building," said ILC Aboriginal legal access worker Jody Clark.

The number of Aboriginal clients attending the ILC has reportedly more than

doubled since the start of Ms Clark's position.

ILC co-ordinator Amanda Smithers said the competition judges and visitors to the exhibition noted 'the remarkable quality' of the artworks entered.

"We sincerely thank the artists for their work and recognise that an artist gives a great deal of themselves in their work," she said.

The competition was made possible by the support, including a \$1600 donation, of Wollongong City Council's Cultural Services.

Highly commended awards went to Jasmin Sarin and Richard Groves. Stuart Larkins took out the Youth Achievement Award, and the People's Choice Award went to John Hilton Green's painting *Dignity*.



Kevin Butler with his winning artwork. Photo by RUPERT LEUNG

# Strings attached...

## Tasmanian exhibition in the bag

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



THE final strings for a huge traditional fibre craft exhibition are being pulled together ready for a NAIDOC Week launch in Hobart. The touring exhibition has been developed by the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, where it will run from 5 July to 25 November before setting off around Australia.

Evolving from two years of workshops, the exhibition named 'tayenebe', meaning 'exchange', showcases woven baskets and kelp water carriers. There have been other Aboriginal fibre work exhibitions in Tasmania, but nothing on quite so grand a scale; more than 70 pieces, with works by 21 Aboriginal females aged seven to 88 from across Tasmania.

Tasmanian Aboriginal fibre work has inspired the 'tayenebe' makers, and baskets made by Truganini and Fanny Cochrane Smith, loaned to other museums, will also be on display. Part of the exhibition will include film footage of some of the women working with bull kelp and fibre.

The traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal craft of basket-making could easily have been lost, not through choice, but as a result of European invasion.

Eloquently explained by one maker, Verna Nichols, as 'not lost - just sleeping', the traditional craft was 'awoken' in the early 1990s with an initial series of workshops. The most recent workshops look like keeping it wide awake.

"The speed (with which) the women pick



Tasmanian Aboriginal basket-makers (from left to right), Colleen Mundy, a veteran of nine years, with Dulcie Greeno and Zoe Rimmer, who picked up the skills in the last few years, shown here preparing for the fibre work exhibition. Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY

this up is uncanny and everyone's talking about passing it on," explained 'tayenebe' curator Julie Gough.

"I really believe it was sleeping inside, that's the sense I get, and now it is nurturing health and well-being too."

Ms Gough said the exhibition was just scratching the surface and was not a comprehensive survey of weaver or kelp water carrier makers.

"There's a range of women across different families and a range of ages (enjoying the craft)," she said.

Ms Gough said the knowledge, skills and ability to pass these on would endure as more important than the tangible products of the workshops.

"I've got a lot to learn yet," said one of the Elders involved in the exhibition, Dulcie

Greeno, who acquired the skill only two years ago when she was 84.

She said the women involved were excited and proud.

This awakening has also reconnected many of the older women with their childhood memories of collecting the plant materials. This knowledge has been added to through research by many of the makers, and trial and error through working with the different native fibres.

● The tayenebe: Tasmanian Aboriginal women's fibrework exhibition national tour venues from March 2010 through 2011 are: National Museum of Australia in Canberra; Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne; Flinders University Gallery in Adelaide; Casula Powerhouse in Sydney; and Queensland Museum in Brisbane.



● Pictured: The exhibition features the work of 21 Tasmanian Aboriginal women, including the baskets here by, from left, Vicki maikutena Matson-Green, Patsy Cameron, Dulcie Greeno, Patsy Cameron and Audrey Frost. Photo by SIMON CUTHBERT.





George Nona with his winning entry. Photo by GEORGE SERRAS, National Museum of Australia

# Spiritual work wins large at Gab Titui show



A BADU Island artist has won the Gab Titui Indigenous Art Award, which aims to enhance the quantity and quality of Torres Strait Island art.

George Nona received \$5000 for his headdress, titled Torres Strait Spiritual Headdress.

The Gab Titui Cultural Centre hosted the award on 19 June, which also gives local artists professional experience in exhibition protocol.

Organisers said 55 artists submitted an impressive variety of artwork across 15 communities in the Torres Strait. The works included headdresses, paintings, drawings, sculptures, mosaics and carvings.

The runner up was Tony Harry of Warraber Island, for his watercolour painting Kowbu Rugal. Harry took home a cash prize of \$2,000.

Subcategory winners were: Best Craft Work (\$500), George Mosby; Best Cultural Artifact (\$500), Jeff Aniba-Waia; Best 2D Work (\$500), Harry Nona; and Best Secondary Work (\$500), George Gabey.

Organisers said community members still have the opportunity to vote in the People's Choice Award, with the winner

set to receive a prize of \$1000.

The winner will be announced in the *Torres News* towards the end of the month.

TSRA Deputy Chairperson Napcia Bin Tahal said the exhibition had been a resounding success.

"There is a strong diversity of art practice illustrating the dynamic cultural production of art from this unique part of the country," she said.

"This is a great opportunity for artists who may not have had exhibition experience to get an idea and be comfortable presenting their work in a gallery space.

"We hope artists see this as an important step in getting their work out into gallery spaces, building a body of work for exhibition and developing their professional practice."

Guest Judge, National Gallery of Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Art Curator Tina Baum, based her selection for each of the categories on quality and individuality.

She said it was inspirational to see so many diverse works and ingenious use of natural, artificial and recycled materials.

A catalogue containing photographs of all work featured in the exhibition will be available for purchase at the Gab Titui Cultural Centre from the beginning of August.

# Big buzz for doco

By DARREN COYNE



JACK Charles reckons he may have finally found salvation through the lens of young filmmaker by starring in a documentary about his life as a 'rogue'.

Called *Bastardy*, the film has just been released nationally through Palace in Melbourne, but has already been causing a buzz at film festivals, picking up a number of awards.

Mr Charles told *The Koori Mail* the documentary reveals his former life as a junkie, a cat burglar, and regular behind bars. It also deals with his life-long acting career and emerging role as an Aboriginal Elder.

During the doco's seven years of production, Mr Charles was mainly living homeless around the streets of Melbourne, surviving by 'collecting the rent' from various well-to-do houses in wealthy suburbs.

"I justified myself as a hunter gatherer, going onto prime Aboriginal land," he said.

Film-maker Amiel Courtin-Wilson began filming Mr Charles in 2001, although the documentary was delayed when the subject was forced to serve time for his criminal activities.

In the end, however, the result more than impressed the affable rogue.

"I was totally blown away when I saw it (the documentary). He is such a talented film-maker," Mr Charles said of Courtin-Wilson.

"I even robbed him once," he chuckled. "But then I let him into my world and from that he's created this masterpiece."

"The intended destination is to take it into prisons as a foundation for a

sight and sound project to rekindle the lost fires of many of our lost tribes in the nick.

"A large portion of my life was spent in prison, but I don't see it as wasted.

"Most jails allowed me to run projects, like a pottery shop, and I had a lot of respect, although they called me the Mad Potter."

Approaching his 60s, and facing more time in jail, Mr Charles finally quit his long-time heroin habit in 2003.

Now 65, he spends a lot of time counselling others as part of a Federal Government leadership program that involves meeting with incarcerated and addicted men in his community.

Mr Charles can relate to the hard cases he meets.

His own downward spiral began when he was aged just 10 months. He was taken from his mother on a central Victorian mission and placed in Melbourne's notorious Box Hill Boys Home.

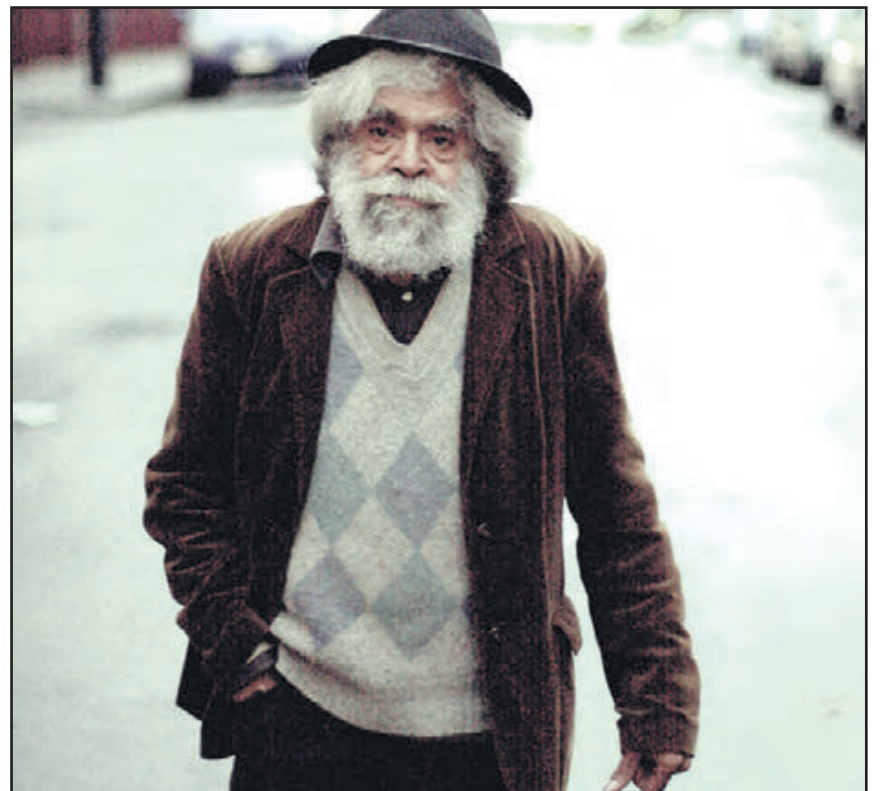
He left the Boys Home, where he was subjected to years of abuse, at the age of 14, and worked as a glass beveller until he discovered acting at 19.

He appeared on stage in various plays and went on to appear in a number of television shows and films, including *The Chant of Jimmy Blacksmith*.

But his drug addiction, and penchant for robbing people, meant his career was disrupted by his 22 jail stints.

For now, though, he's on the straight and narrow, and trying to live up to his emerging reputation of being 'beyond reproach'.

He told *The Koori Mail* that he was enjoying the attention the film was getting, and hopes to travel to America and Canada this year.



The documentary 'Bastardy' which tells the life-story of Jack Charles (pictured above), is creating a buzz on the festival circuit.



## Hearty sales from Mid-West exhibition



THE 2009 Good Heart Mid-West Aboriginal Art Exhibition in Perth has ended with record sales and attendance.

In all, 93 per cent of the paintings were sold over the week-long exhibition, which showcased contemporary and traditional styles from mid-west Indigenous artists.

Good Heart Project Manager Nan Rickards said the sales generated more than \$60,000, which was returned to the artists.

"All of our artists have simply been overwhelmed by the response to their works," she said.

"The support of the community has been phenomenal, helping us to more than double the number of works we have sold compared with last year.

"Seventy-five of the paintings were sold on the opening night and the steady flow of visitors throughout

the week ensured the works continued to sell."

In addition to the 200 guests who attended the opening by Premier Colin Barnett, more than 4000 people viewed the exhibition, which was held at the QV1 building in Perth.

Ms Rickards said that the artists took great confidence from showing their works to a wider audience and it gave them further inspiration as well as an opportunity to derive some income from their works.

The exhibition even generated significant interest from interstate and overseas, with two of Morawa artist Dawn Hamlett's paintings shipped to buyers in Kuala Lumpur, one of which was for the Malaysian Minister for Finance.

A major supporter of the exhibition was Oakajee Port and Rail (OPR), and the company's Community and Public Relations Manager Kim Pervan congratulated the artists on their success.



Art Gallery WA Chair Helen Cook and OPR Chief Executive Chris Eves with artist Roslyn Kelly (centre) and her work *Twin Peaks*.

# Top artists set for Cairns fair

By Cairns Correspondent  
CHRISTINE HOWES



MANY of the best artists from across Queensland will take part in the country's first dedicated Indigenous Art Fair, next month in Cairns.

Described by Director Michael Snelling as a 'boutique' event, the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair is set to turn heads nationally and internationally as the three-day event brings together ten of Australia's leading art galleries plus eight Indigenous art centres from Cape York and the Torres Strait.

Mr Snelling said CIAF was the 'big-picture event' of one of four components of the Government's Backing Indigenous Arts program in far north Qld.

"It has funding to strengthen the Indigenous art centres, it has a new printmaking facility here in Cairns, Djumbunji Press, and it has an artist-focused grant program, which this time is completely dedicated to supporting work towards CIAF," he said.

"Now the first of those three are about making art and the fourth, the art fair, is about selling art. It's a classic supply-demand equation, but CIAF is much more than an ordinary art fair. We're aiming to develop much stronger understandings of the artwork, and the traditional and contemporary culture from which it emerges.

"We've included a great diversity of artists, more substantial intellectual possibilities, a performance program, workshops, a broader scope of organisations and, of course, a party or two."

Exhibition Manager and Deputy Director of the Cairns Regional Gallery Brian Robinson said it was a fantastic opportunity.

"As the first of its kind in this country being dedicated solely to Indigenous art and, in this case, from Queensland, it's fantastic to see," said Mr Robinson, who is also a local and participating artist.



Ready for the fair ... Michael Snelling, Cairns Mayor Val Schier and Brian Robinson.

"The art fair itself is probably a milestone in a number of ways – both as a stepping stone for bigger and better things, plus the potential to seek an agent and things like that – the other side to producing artwork is actually getting it out there."

### Spin-off

An early spin-off for one young student has been the opportunity for Seman Hodges, a curatorial intern, to work with Mr Snelling on the art fair as part of her Bachelor of Creative Industries degree.

"I was introduced to Michael Snelling and I'm working with him on the exhibition so my involvement is a learning sort of thing as he'll talk me through the curatorial side," Ms Hodges said.

"I think it's a really good opportunity for the artists to show that we are really talented and

we're not sort of hidden away up here."

Mr Snelling said opportunities for people working across the arts were a key focus.

"We're trying to build on Seman's study interest, which is in Indigenous art, and she's doing research," he said.

"And I'm hoping she'll write an essay for me as well for the catalogue.

"It gives her the opportunity to have some hands-on, as distinct from theoretical, experience and extends the hands-on knowledge that she's already got into a broader geographic area because it's all of Queensland she's now looking at.

"There are very different artists with very different concerns, literally from one end of Queensland to the other, so it's a great opportunity for Seman.

"We're hoping we can extend it to as many areas as we can."

## Clarence art award invitation



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander artists living in the traditional areas

of the Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbainggirr nations of NSW have been invited to submit entries in the 2009 Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award.

Grafton Regional Gallery is looking forward to receiving a big selection for the exhibition, which opens on Wednesday 28 October.

"The award aims to develop and promote contemporary Indigenous art from our area," gallery Director Jude McBean said.

"We know there is a lot of talent out there and hopefully the prize will bring in new artists as well as ones we already know about."

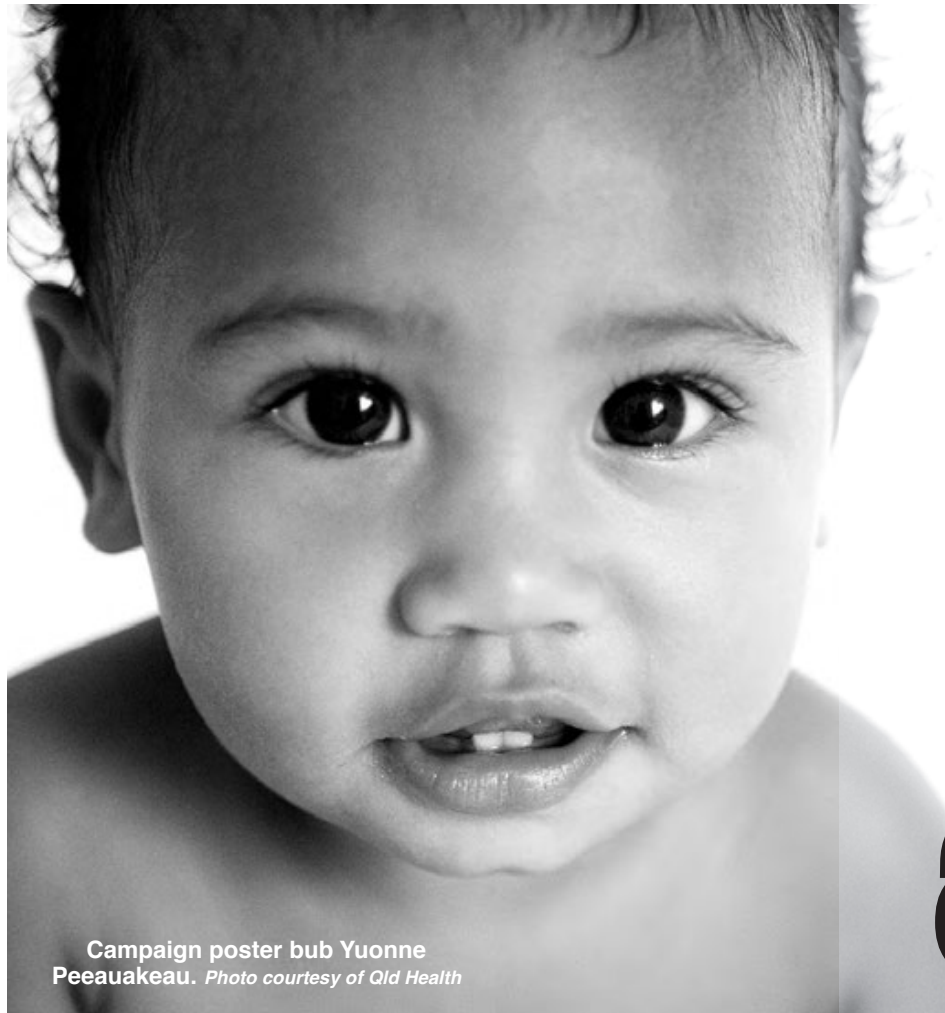
Indigenous artist Fiona Foley will judge the biennial prize. A Batjala woman from Queensland's Fraser Island, Foley is known as a painter, printmaker, photomedia artist, sculptor, curator and lecturer.

She has held more than 30 solo exhibitions and been included in over 90 group exhibitions in Australia, Japan, South Africa, Russia, England and America. Foley's work is represented in all state and territory galleries of Australia, Artbank and many university collections.

The acquisitive prize is \$5000 for first prize, with \$1000 in further encouragement awards to be awarded at the judge's discretion. The Baryulgil Public School Prizes, which consist of three art material packages valued at \$600, are also offered. The winning artwork will become part of the Grafton Regional Gallery Collection.

Entries in the Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award close on Friday 16 October.





Campaign poster bub Yonne Peeau. Photo courtesy of Qld Health

# Breast is best for mothers and bubs



THE message that breastfeeding helps infants get the best start in life has been around for generations, however clinical evidence on the health benefits of breastfeeding continues to accumulate.

As part of its '12+ months on the breast. Normal. Natural. Healthy' campaign, Queensland Health has developed a new guide to advise and support Aboriginal and Torres Strait

breastfeeding mums and their families.

The booklet outlines the benefits of breastfeeding, the basics on how to breastfeed, common problems and how to solve them. It will be given to all expectant mothers attending antenatal services and child health centres in Queensland and will be available online.

The campaign supports the national infant feeding guidelines to exclusively breastfeed for the first six months, introduce solids at around six months, and continue

breastfeeding to at least twelve months.

Queensland Health said that not only did breast milk contain the nutrients to support healthy growth and development, it enhanced a baby's immune system making them less likely to develop illnesses such as gastro-intestinal, chest, urine and ear infections.

Breastfeeding has also been linked with reduced risks of asthma and eczema in addition to chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and

obesity later in life.

"Mothers can also gain many health benefits from breastfeeding, as it helps protect against breast cancer, ovarian cancer and Type 2 diabetes," the department said in a statement.

"Breastfeeding improves the recovery from childbirth, delays the return of menstruation which increases fertility control and can help reduce stress and depression."

While technically 95 out of 100 women can breastfeed, it is a learned skill that may require

some practice and assistance.

Common breastfeeding problems such as attachment, sore nipples, perceived low supply and engorgement can all be overcome or prevented with the right advice.

For more information on the campaign and guide visit <http://health.qld.gov.au/breastfeeding/>, see your local health service, or call the Australian Breastfeeding Association Breastfeeding Helpline 1800 mum 2 mum (1800 686 2 686), or 1800 686 2 68 to VoIP phones, for advice and support day and night.

# In good hands with Dr Shibasaki



THE Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) says the awarding of a doctorate to Torres Strait Island woman Sanchia Shibasaki is further evidence of an emerging highly-educated and skilled Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.

Torres Shire Mayor Pedro Stephen presented Ms Shibasaki with her Doctor of Philosophy in Epidemiology, Population Health and Health Services on Thursday Island on Saturday at a ceremony attended by her family and friends.

CRAH CEO Mick Gooda said Dr Shibasaki represented a new generation of Indigenous health professionals whose work was playing a critical role in closing the health gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

"There is a substantial body of research evidence indicating that the development of a skilled and professional Indigenous health workforce is an essential prerequisite for improvements in Indigenous health," Mr Gooda said.

"Sanchia is the latest young Indigenous person to join this group and I congratulate her on her outstanding achievements.

"She is living proof that our people are both ready and capable of developing and managing effective health programs."

Mr Gooda said that Dr Shibasaki, who received a CRAH scholarship, was one of a small group of Torres Strait Islander women to be awarded a doctorate.

Dr Shibasaki, who was born and raised



Dr Sanchia Shibasaki is part of a new generation of Indigenous health professionals, working to improve Indigenous health outcomes.

on Thursday Island, started her tertiary studies with a Bachelor of Applied Health Sciences (Physiotherapy), going on to work at the Ingham Hospital and then for five years as a resident physiotherapist at the Thursday Island Hospital before she successfully completed a Masters degree in Epidemiology and Population Health.

She then moved to the Northern

Territory, working in Darwin before commencing work as a CRAH Research Fellow at the Aboriginal-controlled Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Primary Health Care Service in Alice Springs.

She was granted a National Health and Medical Research Council scholarship to undertake her Doctorate of Philosophy in Epidemiology, Population Health and

Health Services at the Australian Primary Health Care Research Institute, Australian National University.

Dr Shibasaki said her PhD, the Information Atlas Project, identified information management practices needed by primary healthcare services to provide chronic disease management, with a particular emphasis on diabetes patient management.

Information and health data management is an increasing challenge for services delivering primary health care.

"A key component of effective primary health care of patients with chronic diseases is the management of data and of information and the appropriate use of information technology," said Dr Shibasaki.

"The challenge for the sector is its capacity and capability to strategically use these information resources to effectively care for patients with chronic diseases.

"I'm very proud that my studies are contributing to improved capacity and efficiency of health services to properly manage patients suffering from chronic diseases particularly diabetes which is in epidemic proportions here in the Torres Straits and throughout Indigenous Australia."

To complement her health expertise Dr Shibasaki is currently studying a Graduate Diploma in Professional Management at Australian Institute of Management (AIM) and in July was awarded an NHMRC Training Fellowship for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research.



# Renae gets boost



WHEN University of the Sunshine Coast student Renae Silver was growing up in the south-east Queensland Indigenous community of North Stradbroke Island, she felt her life was ordinary.

It wasn't until years later, when the 24-year-old's relatives were suffering health issues like diabetes, heart attacks and kidney problems, that she realised the impact of alcoholism, domestic violence and other problems.

"When I was a child running around and playing, I didn't pay attention to it," said Renae, who now lives at Marcoola.

"But when I started studying, I realised how dire Indigenous health problems are. I can't believe it's happening to this day."

Renae's dream of working to help people, particularly in Indigenous communities, is coming true. The second-year USC student recently received a \$5000 Indigenous health access scholarship from Australian Rotary Health.

Renae, who has a two-year-old child, said she was the first in her family to attend university. She already has a Diploma of Community

Welfare from TAFE.

Ten of the scholarships were announced across Queensland, with four going to USC students, including Renae, Nicole Ellis (Biomedical Science), Nicole Willmet (Psychology and Exercise Science) and Judith Whitfield (Social Work).

The four sponsoring Rotary clubs for USC recipients are Mooloolaba, Aspley, Nambour and Redlands Bayside.

It is the seventh year the scholarships have been issued nationwide, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Government.

A Rotary spokesperson said the scholarships could make all the difference to students who were struggling financially, especially since Indigenous students were often of mature age and with families to support.

Renae said she had received invaluable support from USC's Buranga Centre.

She said her scholarship would go towards travel expenses to and from the Sippy Downs campus as well as a computer and textbooks.

As part of the scholarship, Renae will speak at a Rotary meeting and visit a rural Indigenous community.



● ABOVE: Scholarship winner Renae Silver studying on campus at USC.

# Renal dialysis hostel coming to the Pilbara



RENAL dialysis patients in Indigenous communities in the Pilbara will soon be able to stay in a new hostel in South Hedland, in a joint initiative between the Federal Government's

Aboriginal Hostels Limited (AHL) and the West Australian Government.

The Renal Dialysis Hostel will be built on Crown land made available by the State Government with construction to begin in November, subject to planning approvals.

The hostel will provide supported accommodation for Indigenous renal patients from Port Hedland and the surrounding Pilbara region who need accommodation while receiving

medical treatment.

The proposed hostel will include twin-share accommodation for 20 residents, as well as dining, kitchen facilities and some staff accommodation, with the possibility of doubling the number of resident beds.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said the \$6 million hostel was being constructed in response to the high rate of kidney disease in WA.

"In Port Hedland, in particular, the rate of renal disease is increasing and it was obvious that the construction of a special-purpose hostel was essential to accommodate patients who need dialysis and other treatment at regional hospitals," Ms Macklin said.

Federal Indigenous Health Minister

Warren Snowdon said the incidence of kidney disease amongst Indigenous Australians was four to six times that of the non-Indigenous population.

"For many Indigenous people, renal dialysis means ongoing care a long way from home, and this accommodation will help alleviate some of the stress of being sick in an unfamiliar town," he said.

WA Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said the land was ideally positioned in the town centre of South Hedland.

"The selected location is close to the new Port Hedland Hospital and the Wirraka Maya Aboriginal Health Service, making it easy for patients, visitors and medical staff to access the sites, especially in emergency situations," Mr Grylls said.



Artwork: Russell Drysdale - Group of Aborigines, 1953

## Do you want to make a difference in Australian Indigenous Health?

Rowan Nicks Russell Drysdale Fellowship in Australian Indigenous Health and Welfare

Faculty of Medicine: 2010

Fellowship award: up to \$60,000 (negotiable depending on qualifications &/or experience) for a 12 month period. The Fellowship is designed to support individuals wanting to make a contribution in the area of Australian Indigenous Health and Welfare and the development of future leaders in

Australian Indigenous Health and Welfare.

**Australian Indigenous people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

The Fellowship is open to Australian or permanent residents who have appropriate prior experience and/or education and wish to: Undertake training in education or research; and/or Undertake approved projects/activities

**Closing date:**

**Friday 4th September, 2009**

For further information about the Fellowship, projects and for application forms, please visit the website below or contact Louise Lawler, School of Rural Health - Dubbo on 0418 251 864 or email llawler@med.usyd.edu.au

[www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/rnrd/](http://www.medfac.usyd.edu.au/rnrd/)



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**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 a 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 August:** 2009 NPWS Aboriginal Art Award. Welcome to country by Lewis Cook and a performance by Arakwal Dubay Dancers. All welcome. Held at Northern Rivers Community Art Gallery, 44 Cherry St, Ballina, NSW. Details: (02) 6681 6167 or email [nrcgallery@ballina.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nrcgallery@ballina.nsw.gov.au)

**Until 9 August:** 'Protecting Our Culture' Aboriginal Art from Shepparton Region. Through a combination of artefacts, artwork and personal stories of connection this exhibition will explore local Koorie identity and stories specific to the Goulburn Valley region. All welcome. Held at Shepparton Art Gallery, 70 Welsford St, Shepparton, Vic. Details call (03) 5832 9861 or send an email to [art.gallery@shepparton.vic.gov.au](mailto:art.gallery@shepparton.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.greatershepparton.com.au/artgallery](http://www.greatershepparton.com.au/artgallery)

**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 per person includes transport from Sydney, 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)

**Until 23 August:** Ricky Maynard 'Portrait of a Distant Land'. The artist is the focus of this exhibition which comprises a selection of 60 images from six bodies of work developed over more than two decades of practice. Talks and performances, Elders' tour, panel discussions and more. Held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George Street, The Rocks, NSW. Details: (02) 9245 2400 or email [mail@mca.com.au](mailto:mail@mca.com.au) or visit [www.mca.com.au](http://www.mca.com.au)

**4 August:** National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day. This year's theme, Good Child



A didgeridoo workshop at last year's Garma Festival.

## Garma set for August

**T**HE Garma Festival of traditional culture will be held from 7-11 August at Gulkula, in north-east Arnhem Land.

The festival is a nationally significant, celebration of cultural traditions and practices that include dance, song, music, and art (including presentations,

collaborations and sales) and the annual venue for a major key forum on Indigenous issues.

For details, call (08) 8941 2900 or contact Simon Balderstone on (02) 9977 4578; email [garmafest@bigpond.com](mailto:garmafest@bigpond.com) or visit [www.garma.telstra.com](http://www.garma.telstra.com)

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**7-11 August:** Garma Festival of traditional culture 2009. 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 2009. 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)

**12 August:** Art After Hours exhibition talks. These talks are in association with The Dreamers Exhibition. Special talks from Indigenous artist and educator Vanessa Russ. All welcome. Held

at the Art Gallery of NSW, Art Gallery Road, The Domain, Sydney. Details: (02) 9225 1744 or 1800 679 278.

**19 August:** Indigenous Hip-Hop and RnB Bump Music Awards 'Bringing Urban Indigenous Flava to the Nation'. Appearances by John Payne, TASK, Konnect-A-Dot, Deadly Boyz, Tjimba and Yung Warriors, Sneakeone, Built to Charm and The Shadows. Followed by the after-party. Free and all welcome. Held at the Soho Bar, 171 Victoria St, Potts Point, from 7pm till late. Details: (02) 9358 6511 or visit [www.sohobar.com.au](http://www.sohobar.com.au) or [www.redfernrecords.com.au](http://www.redfernrecords.com.au)

**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 two 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](mailto:regan.harding@tafensw.edu.au)

**19-20 September:** WeipaFest 2009 - 'Land and Sea, You and Me'. The festival will provide a two-day celebration of tradition, culture, nature, food, fun, arts, crafts and dance groups from the entire region. All welcome. Held at Rockie Point, Weipa, Qld. Details: (07) 4772 4800 or email [culturalfest@bigpond.com](mailto:culturalfest@bigpond.com) or visit [www.weipafest.com.au](http://www.weipafest.com.au)

**29 September-1 October:** AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference 2009. The conference provides an opportunity to discuss issues of relevance for today's urban Indigenous population, including community members and organisations, traditional owners, policy-makers, service and industry providers, government agencies and more. Cost

involved. All welcome. Held at the The Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University, Canberra. Details: Tony Boxall on (02) 6246 1145 or Cressida Fforde on (02) 6261 4221 or email [conference2009@aiatsis.gov.au](mailto:conference2009@aiatsis.gov.au) or visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://www.aiatsis.gov.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 5987 or visit [www.workingwithmen.org.au](http://www.workingwithmen.org.au)

**8-9 October:** Fourth National Men and Family Relationships Forum. This forum will explore the constantly changing context of men and their family relationships in Australia.

It will recognise the significant achievements, identify examples of positive strengths-based approaches to working with men, young men and children. It will also explore the current challenges and opportunities for relating with men, building relationships and partnerships for future sustainability.

All welcome. Held at Newcastle University. Details: (02) 4984 2554 or email [menshealth@pco.com.au](mailto:menshealth@pco.com.au) or visit [www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au](http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au)

**7-9 October:** Eighth National Men's Health Conference. This conference will provide a range of opportunities for participants to share the successes and challenges in their current work, to mix and share experiences with others with a common interest in male health and well-being, 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 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. 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)

**25 November:** Koorie Night Markets. Celebrating and promoting Indigenous arts, culture and business. All welcome. Held at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St, Northcote, Vic, from 6-9.30pm. Details: (03) 9490 1468 or Eva-Jo on (0419) 750 399 or email [contact@koorienightmarket.com.au](mailto:contact@koorienightmarket.com.au) or visit the website [www.koorienightmarket.com.au](http://www.koorienightmarket.com.au)



# Employment

## INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Cairns course trainees, from left, Julie Tamwoy, Elizabeth Doolah, Simone Talty, Diane Geia, Cheynoah Eagleday, Patricia Tilberoo, Chantel Weare and Samantha Anson. Photos courtesy of Merv Ah Kee

# Women with drive



A NEW project in Cairns is helping to break down barriers for Indigenous women hoping to return to the workforce. As well as learning new basic trade skills for work in construction and mining, recent graduates from the Indigenous Women in Construction project got the chance to develop other life skills that weren't in the Certificate I course outline.

The ten graduates believe these other skills were as important to getting and keeping a job, especially considering the obstacles many Indigenous women face.

For Julieanna Phineasa, attending the five-week Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) program reminded her of the importance of juggling family life and work.

"I have six kids at home aged between two and 14 – six girls and one boy," she said. "The older children are good, they help with the housework and with the younger ones, but when I get home the housework still needs to get done and that's when I need everyone to help out."

Now that Shona McNeish's children are grown, she feels free to pursue work in industries such as mining.

Although she has worked casually and part-time most of her life, she found it was the communication skills she acquired through the course that she valued most.

"The communication skills I've gained are something I can take with me to other jobs," Ms McNeish said. "And the



Trainee Julieanna Phineasa

confidence that better communication skills has given me – not being scared to ask questions when you need to – I can take to all aspects of my life."

Tricia Tilberoo said the friendships formed while working, learning and studying together full-time would also benefit participants.

These friendships could be the beginnings of a peer support network as the graduates go on to further training and possibly work together, she said.

"I've made nine good friends through this course, some of them probably for life," she said.



Shona McNeish measuring up.

All course participants agreed the part of the course they most enjoyed was qualifying to operate a Bobcat small skid machine. And some couldn't wait to drive much larger vehicles.

Ms Phineasa and Ms McNeish listed driving giant mine trucks as among their job aspirations.

Other competencies gained included a Blue Card in general safety, using power tools and other equipment, measurements and calculations, and interpreting plans and specifications.

CSQ co-ordinated the project and the Careers Australia Institute of Training

in Cairns delivered the training.

As CSQ Indigenous training project manager, Merv Ah Kee's job is to encourage Indigenous people to consider a career in the building and construction industry.

"This project was a 'welfare to work' initiative of what is now the State Department of Employment, Training and the Arts, which provides money for special projects targeting disadvantaged people," he said.

"There's a story behind these ladies. You'd see them at the training course and they were always there on time.

"Even though one had four kids and another had six kids, they never missed a beat."

Mr Ah Kee said several of the women would be going on to jobs building a hostel for women travelling down from Cape York to give birth in Cairns.

He said that with considerable infrastructure work going on in Indigenous communities, the industry presented real opportunities for Indigenous people.

Anyone interested in doing the course should contact their Job Network member.

CSQ is seeking local employers and contractors in the building and construction industry who can provide one week of work experience placements for participants. The placements are an important component of the course.

For further information, contact Merv Ah Kee at CSQ in Cairns on 0488 771 132.

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Position descriptions & selection criteria are available on our website at [www.breakthru.org.au](http://www.breakthru.org.au) (please note you will not need to respond to the selection criteria).



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

### DIETITIAN

Community Access  
Metro North Region  
Parramatta  
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-20044

Total remuneration package valued up to \$76,605 per annum (Salary: \$50,069 pa - \$69,420 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

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- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary team.
- A current Driver's Licence and requirement to drive as part of employment.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Collette Renneberg (02) 9841 9345

**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 10 July 2009

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## Senior Manager Community Care Services

(Aboriginal Identified Position)

**Very Attractive Salary Package including Salary Sacrifice Full Time contract, initially 3 years**

The Senior Manager Community Care Services will provide high level strategic management for the SCMSAC Community Programs and Social and Emotional Wellbeing teams. This will include direct supervision of managers, team leaders and administrative staff on the team. The Senior Manager will develop plans, priorities and projects in collaboration with other sections of SCMSAC and local stakeholders, develop annual work plans and submissions for additional funding for the Community Care Service to meet agreed priorities, support the implementation and monitoring of new projects and ensure and report on the delivery of outcomes against agreed priorities and plans. Three Year Renewable Contract, with very attractive Salary Package, access to Salary Sacrifice and Vehicle.

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Anne Greenaway - 02 4428 6666

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**To discuss this position contact:**

Anne Greenaway - 02 4428 6666

## Mental Health Nurse

Full Time or Part Time or Contract

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**To discuss this position contact:**

Beverly Hansell - 02 4428 6666

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**Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria:** The Selection Criteria is available in the Information pack which can be obtained from Mark King on 4428 6666 or by email [recruitment@southcoastams.org.au](mailto:recruitment@southcoastams.org.au).

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To apply for these vacancies a full application package is available from reception on 07 40614477 Applications close 5.00pm Thursday 9th July 2009. Please note only Personal applications will be accepted.

Please submit your resume and written answers to the selection criteria to:

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Or by mail to:

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The Human Resource Manager  
Mamu Health Service Limited  
PO Box 1537  
INNISFAIL QLD 4860

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)



## Senior Aboriginal Planning Officer

North and West Metropolitan Region  
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If this opportunity appeals to you please contact Daryl Glynn on (03) 9412-2768.

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GPO Box 553  
Canberra ACT 2601

**Closing Date: COB 17th July 2009.**

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How to Apply

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For further information, please contact Associate Professor Michele Simons on (08) 8302 6427 or email: [michele.simons@unisa.edu.au](mailto:michele.simons@unisa.edu.au)

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### Allied Health/Clinical Support

**Health Worker Senior** – Mental Health Tobacco and Other Drugs Service (MHATODS), Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS), Spring Hill, Children's Health Services District. Remuneration value up to \$71 140 p.a., comprising salary between \$59 131 - \$62 351 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09RCH06198. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide high level Indigenous mental health input to service delivery and coordinate the work of advanced health workers (004/005) in the MHATODS team to optimise their effectiveness in providing services to young people in Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and in community settings on their release. Provide approved manualised services and treatment programs to young people in detention. Provide MHATODS clinicians with cultural insights to help them assess and treat indigenous young people who have a mental health or substance use problem. Co-work with the MHATODS or Child Youth Forensic Outreach Service (CYFOS) clinicians as required to ensure the best and most appropriate interventions for this group of young people. Assist Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS) clinicians to engage with indigenous young people in a range of settings including the Brisbane Youth Detention and the community in both Central and Southern Areas. Provide cultural supervision to Advanced Health Workers (004/005) in the Royal Children's Hospital and Health Service District CYMHS as delegated, and liaise with relevant other Indigenous positions to ensure coordinated staff support for cultural issues. Provide support and advice and assistance to Royal Children's Hospital CYMHS teams and specialist projects on indigenous issues and their impact on service provision. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Enquiries:** Paul Letters (07) 3310 9444. **Application Kit:** (07) 3636 0380 or (07) 3636 1646 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Monday, 13 July 2009.

**Health Worker Advanced** – Indigenous and Homeless Outreach Community Team, Alcohol and Drug Service, "Biala" City Community Health Service, Primary and Community Health Service, Brisbane, Metro North Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$56 983 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 403 - \$49 943 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09PCH06338. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide advice, support and education/training to primary health care workers in the provision of primary health care and information to homeless people and their families, who are experiencing problems related to alcohol and other drug use, with a focus on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander homeless persons. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. **Enquiries:** Benita Pope (07) 3837 5633. **Application Kit:** (07) 3139 4004 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Monday, 13 July 2009.

### Mental Health

**Health Worker Advanced (Adult Mental Health Services)** – Cultural Healing Program, Division of Mental Health Services and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Gold Coast area, Gold Coast Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$64 546 p.a., comprising salary between \$51 305 - \$56 572 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09GC06270. **Duties/Abilities:** Advance the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and their families living in the Gold Coast Health Service District. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

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To apply for the positions grouped above:

Enquires: Melissa Browning (07) 5525 5707.  
Application Kit: (07) 5537 0394 or  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)  
Closing Date: Monday, 13 July 2009.

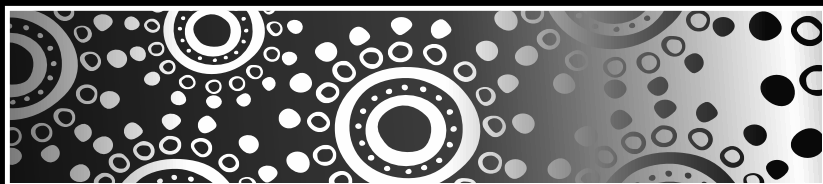
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You can apply online at  
[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.



Australian Government  
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



## Registered Nurse

### Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged  
APS Level 5  
\$770.91 - \$918.15 per week, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Part time 30.40 hours per week
- Under the direction of the Clinical Nursing Coordinator, lead a team and be responsible for the delivery of quality, holistic care to the residents

### Want to know more?

Contact Deb Lyons on 08 8952 5811.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Tresna Appo on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, Alice Springs NT 0871.

### Closing date

By 5pm 17 July 2009.

This is an Aged Care Home.

### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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### Strategic Community Project Officer – Aboriginal Inclusion

• Part Time, 28 hpw

Ref No: SR9043

**Salary:** \$68K to \$74K pro rata plus Car Allowance, Super and Bonus.

As a recognised member of the Aboriginal community, you will provide advice and assistance on a broad range of matters relating to Aboriginal culture and heritage. You will plan, develop and implement social policy and community programs in Aboriginal services.

**Enquiries:** Sharyn Coughlan on (02) 9335 2154.

**HOW TO APPLY:** For a Job Info Pack, visit [www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au](http://www.marrickville.nsw.gov.au) or call 9335 2157. Apply by 10 July 2009 and follow the instructions in your Pack.



Government of  
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Department of the Attorney General

## Policy Officer

Executive

**Web Search No:** 003739

**Level/Salary:** 4 PSGA \$60,006 - \$63,418 pa

Are you interested in the big picture? And do you enjoy: analysing why things are the way they are, working out possible ways to improve outcomes for Aboriginal people in the WA justice system, and; Drafting written advice to inform decision-makers?

If your answer is yes, and you'd like to develop your policy skills in a supportive team setting then the Policy Directorate would like to hear from you.

**To Access Detailed Information:** [jobs.wa.gov.au](http://jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9476 0011 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Patricia Dodson on (08) 9264 1616.

**Location:** Perth CBD

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 July 2009 at 4.30pm.



OFFICE OF THE LEGAL AID COMMISSION

## Legal Support Officer

Aboriginal Identified, Clerk Grade 1/2,  
Legal Services Division,  
Tamworth Regional Office, Various,  
Job Reference No: RA09/056.

**Total remuneration package valued to \$57,790 pa including salary (\$48,173 - \$52,370), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.**

Provide quality secretarial, clerical and administrative services to Legal Officers and clients across the key program areas in the Commission's legal practices.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Good organisational and priority setting skills and ability to cope with a high volume workload.
- Ability to provide effective administrative and clerical support in a legal practice; good computer, word processing and secretarial skills.
- High level interpersonal and communication skills including ability to deal with sensitive issues.
- Commitment and capacity to provide high-level customer service in an efficient and understanding manner to people from socially and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- Ability to adapt to change and work in a team environment with minimal supervision.
- Capacity to type legal documents and to acquire knowledge of legal terminology.
- Ability to quickly acquire an understanding of legal environment, court operations and local support agencies.

**Job Notes:** This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. An eligibility list will be created to fill future permanent and temporary Legal Support Officer vacancies as they arise at the Tamworth Office. Currently one temporary full-time vacancy exists.

**Inquiries:** Katrina Ellefsen (02) 6766 6322

**Packages:** [www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au](http://www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications to:** Human Resource Management, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket, NSW, 1238; by email to [employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au](mailto:employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date:** Friday, 17 July 2009

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## Home and Community Care (HACC) ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER LIAISON OFFICER (HALO)

- \$70,000 p.a. plus 9% Super (Band 7)
- Permanent Full-Time
- Option of RDO per month

The HACC Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Officer (HALO) position aims to increase access to Local Government HACC services by Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander HACC target populations (Elders, people with a disability and their carers) within the Hume Community. To achieve this, the Officer will work with staff servicing the Hume municipality, Aboriginal assessment officers and allied health staff, to facilitate access into appropriate services such as home care, meals on wheels and personal care. The position has a strong client focus with emphasis on supporting client needs through priority access, care monitoring and advocacy as well as development and implementation of community support programs such as planned activity groups to increase positive outcomes for people from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities.

Another HALO position has previously been developed through a partnership of six organisations – the Victorian Aboriginal Community Elders Service, the Aborigines Advancement League, the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and the Cities of Hume, Whittlesea and Darebin. The Hume HALO will work closely with this position. Strategic direction for the position is provided through the HACC Metro Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) Network and the Hume Indigenous Advisory Committee.

Hume City Council is seeking to appoint an individual who has significant experience working within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities and organisations related to aged and disability community care services. Demonstrated experience in working independently to deliver service outcomes for clients is a key selection criterion. Respect and understanding of the diversity within Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander communities along with the ability to develop service links between mainstream and Aboriginal sectors is a key requirement.

Only applicants from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background need apply.

**EEO Exemption No:** A67/2009

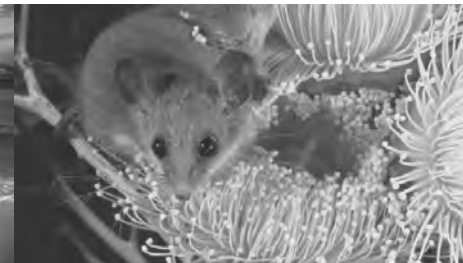
**For further information regarding this position contact Travis Heeney, Manager Aged Services and Health on 9205 2816.**

*Applications, which must address the selection criteria and include the reference number 4FS972 will be received by closing date 20 July 2009 via email to: [careers@hume.vic.gov.au](mailto:careers@hume.vic.gov.au) or addressed to: Manager Human Resources, Hume City Council, P.O. Box 119, Dallas, 3047*



## Australian Government

### Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts



#### Indigenous Policy Branch / Australian Government Land and Coast Division

### Policy and Program Officer APS Level 6

**Location:** Canberra

**Reference:** Various

**Salary range \$64,156 – \$72,587 pa**

The Indigenous Policy Branch is seeking to fill several on-going APS 6 positions. You will be responsible for contributing to the implementation of Government policies and programs such as the Working on Country program and for the development and management of program funding agreements. You will build relationships with government, industry, community and other stakeholders.

### Project Officer APS Level 4

**Location:** Canberra

**Reference:** Various

**Salary range \$53,731 - \$57,003 pa**

The Indigenous Policy Branch is seeking to fill several on-going APS 4 positions. You will assist in the implementation of Government policies and programs such as the Working on Country program through the provision of administrative support and the preparation of policy advice. You will work closely with government, industry, community and other stakeholders.

These are identified positions. Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

### Project and Administration Officer APS Level 6

**Location:** Alice Springs

**Reference:** 23777

**Salary range \$64,156 – \$72,587 pa**

The Indigenous Policy Branch is seeking to fill an on-going APS 6 position in Alice Springs. You will be responsible for working closely with Indigenous people in the implementation of Government policies and programs such as the Working on Country program and for the management of program funding agreements, contracts and budgets. You will build relationships with government, industry, community and other stakeholders.

### Project Officer APS Level 5

**Location:** Canberra

**Reference:** Various

**Salary range \$58,713 - \$62,285 pa**

The Indigenous Policy Branch is seeking to fill several on-going APS 5 positions. You will be responsible for contributing to the implementation of Government policies and programs such as the Working on Country program through the provision of policy advice, administrative support and the management of program funding agreements. You will work closely with government, industry, community and other stakeholders.

Position descriptions and selection criteria can be found at <http://www.environment.gov.au/jobs/index.html>

#### Applications are to be submitted online by 13 July 2009.

Please note: To be eligible for employment with the Department, applicants must be Australian citizens.

A merit list may be used to fill positions over the next 12 months. All positions are based in Canberra unless stated otherwise. Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

Additional Information about the Department may be accessed via the Internet address: [www.environment.gov.au](http://www.environment.gov.au)

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Government of  
**Western Australia**  
Department for Child Protection

## Aboriginal Practice Leader

Web Search No: CP9206

Level/Salary: Level 6, \$77,679 - \$86,017 pa

*Do you have the energy, passion and knowledge  
to create a better future for Aboriginal children?*

*If this is you, step up and make the call...*

The Aboriginal Practice Leader is responsible for leading consistent and high standards of services to Aboriginal children by contributing to the implementation of effective practices. The position also develops and implements cultural learning strategies and provides high level advice to the District Director and Leadership Team on issues relating to Aboriginal services that is proactive and solution focussed.

**To Access Detailed Information:** visit jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 08 9222 2889 to be mailed an information pack.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Jenni Collard on Ph: 08 9222 2889.

**Location:** Various metro and country locations (19 positions)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 13 July 2009 at 5.00pm.

Aboriginal Corporation (QLD)

**Link-Up**



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## Office Administration Assistant (3 days per week - part time)

This position includes general office duties, cash handling, accounts payable, typing, provide professional assistance to other staff members and must have experience in running a small office. The position will be in Link-Up's Brisbane office, located at West End.

If you have the above skills, please send your current resume and covering letter, marked "Private and Confidential" to Mr B Jameson, PO Box 106, LISMORE NSW 2480 or by email (barry.jameson@tnr.com.au) by **COB on Wednesday, 8 July 2009**.

*Aboriginal applicants preferred.*



## Opportunities for Indigenous Australians to care for Country

Parks Victoria is committed to maintaining the health of the natural and cultural values of our parks and reserves through engagement with Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities.

A number of opportunities exist to employ Aboriginal persons in a range of roles at various locations throughout metropolitan and regional Victoria including:

**Rangers, Field Service Officers, Business Development Officer, Tourism Officer, Business Support Officer, Planning Officer, Research Officer, Project Officer Positions.**

Applications are sought from Aboriginal people to work with Parks Victoria for the management of parks and reserves. Depending on the role, experience in planning, research, tourism, business, park management, maintenance, construction and good customer service skills are desirable.

Positions are on-going and will be located across the state at Wilsons Promontory, Mt Eccles / Portland, Wail, Mullum Mullum / Westerfolds, Williamstown / Rosebud, Geelong, Alps, Bairnsdale, East and West Coast. A number of positions will also be established in state wide roles based in Melbourne.

Parks Victoria is a family friendly organisation and aims to offer flexibility in employment conditions to support Aboriginal people. Parks Victoria offers an environment that is supportive and recognises and respects the roles and aspirations of Aboriginal people.

For further information please contact Wendy Berick by calling the **Parks Victoria Information Centre** on **13 1963**. To apply, please email your application, addressing the selection criteria including a resume to **applications@parks.vic.gov.au**

**Applications for all positions close 15 July 2009**

*Parks Victoria holds an exemption from the Equal Opportunity Board to enable the recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders only to identified positions (Nos: **A127 of 2007 & A119 of 2009**). Parks Victoria is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to merit, equity and diversity in the workplace.*

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## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE



### SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER FAMILY VIOLENCE INITIATIVES

*Programs & Strategy Branch, Courts & Tribunals Unit*

**Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716**

**Position No : DJ7442, Fixed Term 6 months**

- Supportive team environment
- Passionate work culture
- Innovative & strategic focus

The Courts and Tribunals Unit works to deliver an efficient, responsive and integrated system of courts and tribunals. The Programs and Strategy Branch of the Unit aims to promote an accessible, equitable and responsive justice system by helping our courts more effectively deal with the needs of our communities. The Branch manages or supports court-based Family Violence Projects, the Court Integrated Services Program, the Sexual Assault Reform Package, Koori Courts, the Drug Court, the Neighbourhood Justice Centre and other Indigenous justice initiatives and restorative justice projects.

**Male Adolescents at Risk Project (MARP GRIPP):**

This innovative family violence prevention pilot project provides early intervention programs to adolescent males who have come to the attention of the justice system as a result of exhibiting aggressive or violent behaviours. The Program is designed to prevent these behaviours continuing and reduce the chance of participants using violence in their future intimate personal relationships.

**Male Adolescents at Risk Project (Koori- specific program)**

The Senior Project Officer will oversee and undertake specific tasks in the development and implementation of the MARP Koori-specific strategy, which will provide a culturally appropriate response to young Koori males. The role will work with Koori communities to develop a program model, research program locations and assist in identifying contractors, as well as associated procurement activities.

The position reports to the Project Manager, Male Adolescents at Risk Project (MARP).

**To obtain a position description and apply online visit**

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

**Closing date for applications is 8 July 2009**

**[www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)**

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## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT  
OF JUSTICE



### EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WESTERN REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAJAC)

*Koori Justice Unit*

**Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716**

**Position No : DJ7438**

The Koori Justice Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

This is a new position and we are seeking an Executive Officer for the Western Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) to provide secretariat services to the committee. The occupant will provide leadership and assist in the development and implementation of the Regional Justice Plan.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

The Department encourages applications from Koories and other Indigenous Australians.

For specific enquiries please contact Antoinette Gentile on 8684 1742.

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## Project Manager - Pilbara Early Childhood Project

- **Newman, Western Australia**
- **Salary packaging benefits**
- **Accommodation, relocation and remote living allowance**

World Vision is Australia's largest charitable group. World Vision helps over 20 million people every year, thanks to the support of more than 400,000 Australians. Our mission is to engage Australians in the effort to eliminate poverty and its causes.

World Vision's Australia Program works to alleviate disadvantage among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. Owing to rapid growth of the Australia Program and a strategic partnership between World Vision Australia and BHP Billiton, an outstanding opportunity now exists for an experienced Project Manager to develop our Pilbara Early Childhood, Care & Development Project.

Working in remote Indigenous communities in the Pilbara, you will lead a small team in project design and implementation. Your skills in project management, knowledge of community development practices and ability to develop strategic partnerships in cross-cultural settings will facilitate your success in this role.

You have:

- Relevant qualifications & experience in Community Development, Early Childhood Development, Education or Health
- Knowledge of program management including design, appraisal, monitoring and evaluation
- An excellent understanding of the cultural, political, economic and social issues affecting Aboriginal people in remote Western Australia
- Team management experience

We strongly encourage people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to apply. To obtain a copy of the position description, visit the employment page of our website: [www.worldvision.com.au](http://www.worldvision.com.au)

To express your interest or apply, please send a resume to Nathan Callaghan at: [careers@worldvision.com.au](mailto:careers@worldvision.com.au)

Applications close: 3rd July, 2009

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Casino Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated

## ABORIGINAL CO-ORDINATOR

Casino Neighbourhood Centre Incorporated is seeking to employ a Aboriginal Co-ordinator for 28 hours per week with the newly established Aboriginal Social Support Service.

Total package \$37,772 (salary \$34,231) includes superannuation and annual leave loading.

Salary Sacrifice is also offered.

**Applications close 10 July 2009.**

**For Application Packages:** email [ncni.noeline@bigpond.com](mailto:ncni.noeline@bigpond.com) or phone 02 6662 2898.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act NSW 1977*



## Community Facilitator

**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 Community Facilitator which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales.

**The Community Facilitator 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 positions involves extensive travel. A driver's licence is required.

*An essential criteria for this position is Aboriginality.*

The salary range is \$41,000 to \$55,000 (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:  
3 July, 2009.**



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## CORPORATE SKILLING LOGISTICS - INFORMATION CO-ORDINATOR APS 6 – PENRITH \$66,800 - \$76,736 (plus superannuation)

- Familiar with information systems?
- Are you a people person?
- Do you have communication skills?

Providing specialist technical advice and guidance, you'll analyse data including reporting requirements, while designing, developing and building databases to meet client needs. Liaising with stakeholders responsible for technical support systems including SAP, iLearn and iKnow, you'll develop solutions to manage internal processes as well as preparing quality user documentation.

As a strong communicator who negotiates persuasively, you'll use your sound leadership skills and knowledge of the Microsoft Access and Microsoft Office suites. If you're a strategic thinker who can harness information and opportunities, plus guide, mentor and develop staff to implement change, we'd love to hear from you.

Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively. Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees. Applicants to submit detailed applications as their primary claim to the position. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

### To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting [www.ato.gov.au/careers](http://www.ato.gov.au/careers) You must submit your application by 9 July 2009.

### More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Dean Schembri on (02) 4724 0175.

## CORPORATE SKILLING SENIOR LOGISTICS CO-ORDINATOR APS 6 – BRISBANE \$66,800 – \$76,736 (plus superannuation)

- Do you inspire people to perform?
- Are you strategically focussed?
- Can you research and analyse trends?

In this role you will negotiate and coordinate schedules of learning programs, manage participation and evaluation data, maintain quality assurance and effectively monitor team performance. You'll also provide feedback to clients, team leaders and facilitators in the design and development of training packages, including advice regarding online assessments and evaluations.

The ideal candidate will have experience in the provision of logistics on a large scale basis, be able to set priorities, monitor workflows and make decisions under pressure. If you have leadership qualities, a sound knowledge of Microsoft Office suite, can implement change and deliver on intended results we'd love to hear from you.

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## LEARNING CONSULTANT APS 6 – ADELAIDE, CANBERRA, PERTH – SEVERAL POSITIONS \$66,800 – \$76,736 (plus superannuation)

- Design learning solutions
- Develop capability assessments
- Build and maintain productive relationships

Responsible for the design, development and evaluation of learning programs in face-to-face or virtual environments, you'll coordinate and conduct capability assessments and conduct learning programs. In addition you'll undertake research and coaching services as well as provide advice to clients on more complex policies, systems and practices.

The successful applicants will have the capacity to present to a wide range of audiences as well as expertise in designing and developing training and other learning interventions. If you are an excellent communicator, can implement and report on evaluations of training and nurture relationships, we'd love to hear from you.

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### More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Sandra Mutch on (08) 9268 5321.

## PROJECT TEAM MEMBER MULTIMEDIA SOLUTIONS APS 5 – BRISBANE OR MOONEE PONDS \$61,851 – \$65,584 (plus superannuation)

- Do you work well in a dynamic team environment?
- Ready to apply your technical know how?
- Can you communicate and negotiate with influence?

As a member of the project team you'll contribute to the development, delivery, evaluation and maintenance of multimedia learning products, including liaising with subject matter experts to produce accurate products. You'll also undertake research, provide advice to clients on policies, systems and practices as well as support the development of skills and expertise of our staff.

To be a strong contender you will have experience in the use of various multimedia programs, including Adobe Authorware, Captivate, Flash along with experience in applying good screen design principles. If you have the ability to critically evaluate learning products, can harness information and opportunities as well as deliver on intended results we would like to hear from you.

Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively. Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees. Applicants to submit detailed applications as their primary claim to the position. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

### To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting [www.ato.gov.au/careers](http://www.ato.gov.au/careers) You must submit your application by 9 July 2009.

### More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Claire Hocking on (03) 9275 5071.



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## McAuley Community Services for Women

### RESIDENTIAL CARE WORKERS OVERNIGHT AND WEEKEND Casual

McAuley Community Services for Women is a new organization under the Sisters of Mercy Melbourne Congregation formed from the re-structuring of two organizations, Regina Coeli Community Inc. and Mercy Care. Mercy Care was established in 1988 and has provided overnight emergency accommodation for women and their accompanying children experiencing family violence.

We are seeking to employ experienced residential care workers for casual work. The successful applicants will have; a commitment to the mission and vision of McAuley Community Services for Women, an ability to work independently, good communication skills, high professional standards of care and dedication to the provision of quality and compassionate services for homeless women.

The Residential Worker provides support to the women and accompanying children who have been subject to family violence and ensures the residential environment is safe and secure for them. The Residential Worker also receives and processes referrals and attends to other house management duties.

*McAuley Community Services for Women values diversity and encourages applications from all back grounds*

If you are looking for an exciting career opportunity and would like to work as part of a dynamic, professional team, please e-mail your application addressing the key selection criteria to Renee Davis rdavis@mcauleycsw.org.au. For a confidential discussion please call Marita Manski at 0419 896 090

**Applications addressing key selection criteria close on Friday 10th July 2009.**



### Xsite Building Services Pty Ltd Senior Office Administrator

Matraville, Sydney  
Permanent Full-Time  
Salary Package \$50,391.00  
Salary Start T.B.C Salary End T.B.C

**Salary Notes:** Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

**Job Description:** Works to develop and lead in the administration of an expanding building company.

**Inquiries:** Gavin phone 1300 36 25 20  
Email info@xsite.net.au

**Information Packages:** info@xsite.net.au

**Closing Date:** 2 pm Wednesday 8th July 2009

#### Selection Criteria

- Accepted as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Demonstrated capacity to work co-operatively with Aboriginal people and organisations to achieve organisational goals.
- Demonstrated experience in a management administration role.
- Strong and effective written/oral communication, consultation and negotiation skills.
- Competent use in computer programs including Microsoft Word, Excel, Email, MYOB, Internet and Intranet.
- Ability to work within a team and with minimal supervision to meet deadlines.

#### Desirable Qualities

- Previous experience in the administrative sector of the building industry.

## 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.

### Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer

Vacancy Reference Number: 190154

Continuing 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.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE CAN ONLY APPLY

THIS IS AN IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSITION

**Please note:** Under Section 57 of the Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Act, this position has been identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Please ensure that you have written proof to support your claim.

**Applications Close: 6 July 2009**

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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### New England Division of General Practice

Executive Office – Aboriginal Health  
Armidale, NSW

The New England Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation based in Armidale, northern NSW. The Divisions role is to represent and support the General Practitioners of the New England Tablelands and assist them in addressing the health needs of the local community more effectively.

The Division invites applications for the following position:

#### Executive Officer - Aboriginal Health (full time position)

The New England Division of General Practice has been funded by OATSIH to provide health care services and population health programs to the Aboriginal community in Armidale and surrounding areas in addition to providing the 'Healthy for Life' (chronic disease and child & maternal health) program currently run throughout the Divisional area. We are seeking an enthusiastic and dynamic person to manage and coordinate these two exciting programs.

The successful candidate must possess the relevant tertiary qualifications, clinical qualifications and/or experience in the development, coordination and delivery of educational programs. They must also be experienced in overseeing work plans, budgets and meeting milestones and deadlines. Previous staff management experience is essential.

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.*

An application package outlining the essential criteria for the position is available by contacting Kerry Williams by phone: (02) 6771 1146 or email: [kwilliams@nedgp.org.au](mailto:kwilliams@nedgp.org.au)

**Applications close 5pm Wednesday the 22nd of July 2009  
(late applications will not be accepted)**

## Carer Recruitment and Support Worker: Get a career that matters.

### Full time (35 hours per week) Port Macquarie location

This position will conduct specialist carer recruitment, assessment, training and support within the Pathways Mid North Coast Out Of Home Care program. It will lead the recruitment, assessment and training of professional and generalist foster, kinship, relative and respite carers including recommendation of carers for approval. It will also develop in consultation with carers, staff and children/young people policies and procedures for supporting and supervising carers. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply.

#### Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in social sciences (or recognised prior learning)
- Experience working in a related community sector direct service delivery field.
- Experience in the direct care of children and young people.
- Demonstrated casework/ case management skills.

#### APPLICATIONS CLOSE

15 July 2009

[www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au](http://www.getacareerthatmatters.com.au)

Apply online or call Jessykah Miles on (02) 9768 6848

We will require a "Working with Children Check" under the Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998. It is illegal for Prohibited Persons to apply. We are accredited as an EOWA employer of choice for women. We are an EEO Employer and are committed to principles of Diversity.



## Chief Executive Officer (re-advertised)



### Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council Inc

Established in 1986, based in the picturesque and historic town of Broome WA and reporting directly to the KAMSC Governing Board, the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council Inc (KAMSC) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS). KAMSC Inc function includes both clinical service provision in six remote Aboriginal communities, as well as regional health resource support for a collective of six independent ACCHS across the Kimberley.

This position provides an exciting and challenging opportunity for a suitably experienced professional, with the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people.

#### Essential Criteria:

- Extensive high level experience in the area of Senior Management.
- Ability to provide strong leadership.
- Strategic planning experience.
- Exceptional oral and written interpersonal, communication skills.
- Respect for Aboriginal governance.
- National Police Clearance Certificate.

#### Desirable:

- Skills in representation in large and diverse organisations.
- Demonstrated experience in Aboriginal primary health care.
- High level of political acumen.
- Experience in accessing funding opportunities.
- Current "C" Class Driver License.
- Working with Children Certificate.

#### Special Requirement:

- Aboriginality as per Section 50 (d) of the Western Australian Equal Opportunity Act (1984).

Attractive salary package will be negotiated with the right candidate.

To access more information and/or apply, please contact:

Anne Morris, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Email: [annem@kamsc.org.au](mailto:annem@kamsc.org.au)

Phone: 0421525448

Fax: (08) 9192 2500

Post: PO Box 1377, Broome WA 6725

All applications are treated with the strictest confidence.

For an excellent overview of KAMSC we suggest that interested applicants view our website at [www.kamsc.org.au](http://www.kamsc.org.au)

**Application closing date has been extended to  
Friday, 03 July 2009 at 4.30 pm.**



## TEAM LEADER - CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

FULL TIME SACS Grade 5 with option of salary packaging  
Penrith, NSW

Do you enjoy working with community, but wish to further develop your supervisory skills? This position combines leadership of a small team of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal child & family workers, with a Community Development/direct service component- working with, and developing services for Aboriginal residents in Penrith. This is an exciting role for someone with child and family experience.

All candidates are required to obtain an information package to address the selection criteria.

Applications close Wed 15 July 2009.

Please contact Nancy on either (02)9218 2325 or e-mail recruit4@socialworks.org.au.

## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)

Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

### Administration Officer – NICU Secretary

John Hunter Children's Hospital, Kaleidoscope, New Lambton  
Perm Part Time, 32 hpw Position No: 63660

Experienced and qualified medical secretary required to provide quality health administrative, clerical and reception services to Kaleidoscope teams and primarily the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, whilst promoting a professional manner at all times and being a proactive member of the Kaleidoscope clerical team. Attend regular clerical meetings and other appropriate forums to promote communication, teamwork and quality improvement. Enquiries: Karen Dixon, (02) 4921 3671. Closing Date: 10 July 2009.

### Administrative Officer – Inventory & Equipment Support

Operating Theatre Suite, John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton  
Perm Full Time Position No: 63462

This position is responsible for providing administrative support to the Equipment Nursing Unit Manager of the John Hunter Hospital Operating Suite. Enquiries: Lorraine Peate, (02) 4921 4266.

#### FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

These are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander role. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. These positions have been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

### Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Aboriginal Maternity Service, Gunnedah Community Health  
Perm Part Time, 20 hpw Position No: 62490  
Enquiries: Symone Fuller, (02) 6741 8020.

### Vaccination Data and Liaison Officer

Population Health, Location negotiable  
Perm Part Time, 16 hpw Position No: 63573  
Enquiries: Chris Carr, (02) 4924 6479.

#### FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

These are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position 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. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

### Lactation Consultant

Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Service Maternity & Gynaecology, Wallsend

Perm Part Time, 20 hpw Position No: 63515  
Applicants must be female – exemption is claimed under Section 31(2)(h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper, (02) 4985 5201.

### Cancer Care Coordinator (CNC)

Oncology, Muswellbrook  
Perm Part Time, 16 hpw Position No: 63368  
Enquiries: Wendy Hordern, (02) 6542 2013.

### Child and Family Health Nurse

Birra-li Aboriginal Birthing Service, Newcastle  
Perm Full Time Position No: 63262  
Jobshare considered and creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions. Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper, (02) 4985 5199.

### Project Officer

Hunter New England Population Health  
Location Negotiable between Wallsend and Tamworth  
Various Temporary Full Time/Part Time positions (up until end June 2010) Position No: 63579  
Creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and casual positions. Enquiries: Melanie Kingsland, (02) 4924 6380.

Closing Date for all positions  
(unless specified): 17 July 2009

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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## Project Support Officer (Specified)

### Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

### Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM0975/09

**Key Duties:** To develop and maintain the regional budget, financial, HR, IT, information management and other administrative issues and processes, and provide high quality business advice on these to the management team within the office.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 13 July 2009

## Caseworker (Specified)

### Service Delivery

(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

### Communities

Salary: \$46 071 - \$67 647 p.a.

Location: Mount Isa

REF: QLD/COM0969/09

**Key Duties:** To provide quality professional casework services to young people subject to youth justice court orders and early intervention.

**Skills/Abilities:** Possession of a degree in social work, behavioural science or criminology from a recognised institution.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 13 July 2009

## Police Liaison Officer

### Mackay Division

### Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a. (\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Mackay

REF: P0207/09

Enquiries: David Murray (07) 4968 3460

Closing Date: Monday, 6 July 2009

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## CASE MANAGER LEVEL 2 (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Community Access

Metro North Region

Hornsby

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-20053

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 multi-disciplinary 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:** 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 this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

Enquiries: Hannah Barnes (02) 9841 9512

### 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 10 July 2009

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## New Graduate Nurse Recruitment for 2010

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Hunter New England Health Service boasts a range of facilities including tertiary referral hospitals, rural referral hospitals, district hospitals, community hospitals and community health centres. Exciting and challenging opportunities exist in new graduate nurse programs across Hunter New England Health (HNE).

There are a number of positions available in diverse settings across HNE in 2010. Applications opened on 15 June and close on the 27 July 2009. This is a wonderful opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurse OR Midwife new graduates to commence a unique career within Hunter New England Health.

Applications must be lodged via the NSW Health website and more information can be obtained at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/recruit.asp](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/employment/recruit.asp)

For more information about HNE positions, call Doreen Holm on 0434 603 089.



## WORK IN THE EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY

Sarina Russo Job Access, one of Australia's most successful employment agencies, has a strong commitment to creating employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians. Due to expansion, we currently have internal opportunities in Victoria for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for a variety of roles in administration, employment consulting and case management.

So... if you are interested in a career in Employment Services, have a strong desire and a passion to work and assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people into employment with an enthusiastic and energetic attitude and administration skills then we'd love to hear from you.

We offer an attractive salary package including incentives.

Please send your cover letter and resume, (no more than 4 pages) to [recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au](mailto:recruitment@sarinarusso.com.au). For any enquiries, please call the HR team on (07) 3001 8010 or visit our website [www.sarinarusso.com.au](http://www.sarinarusso.com.au)



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Violet Standen, Indigenous Services Coordinator, SRJA.

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You must be 17 years of age or older and hold a drivers' licence one month prior to starting.

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Enquiries to: (07) 3407 6604 or (07) 3407 6670.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: Monday 13th July 2009.

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# Public Notice

## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Section 36(5)(b)

### Proposed registration of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body

In accordance with section 36(5)(b) of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* submissions are invited in regard to the proposed registration of the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation as the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body for the area identified in the map.

The function of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body is to identify, pursuant to the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, the Aboriginal parties for the area or for a particular part of the area.

The Minister may register a corporation as an Aboriginal cultural heritage body for an area only if the Minister is satisfied that:

- (a) the corporation:
- (i) is an appropriate body to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
  - (ii) has the capacity to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
- (b) either:
- (i) Aboriginal parties for the area that are native title parties for the area agree the corporation should be registered; or
  - (ii) if there is no Aboriginal party for the area that is a native title party for the area, there is substantial agreement among the Aboriginal parties for the area that the corporation should be registered.

Examples of corporations that may be appropriate to be registered—  
a registered native title body corporate, a representative body that is a corporation, an Aboriginal body incorporated for furthering the interests of Aboriginal people in relation to land or cultural matters.

The area shown in the map below is indicative only. The exact location of the area and boundaries is held in digital electronic form by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and may be inspected at the departmental office in Brisbane.

Landcentre  
Level 5 Cnr Main and Vulture Streets  
Woolloongabba Brisbane QLD 4102

The area may also be inspected on the departmental website:-

[www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural\\_heritage/legislation/cultural\\_heritage\\_bodies.html](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural_heritage/legislation/cultural_heritage_bodies.html)

Alternatively, a copy of the map can be obtained by contacting the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3238 3838.

#### Submissions on the proposed registration must be provided:

- in writing, and
- by 30 July 2009 (30 days), and
- addressed to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Locked Bag 40 Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151

A decision on the proposed registration will be made after consideration of the submissions received by 30 July 2009.

**Please note:** a portion of the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation application is subject to a separate application made by the Ugarapul Aboriginal Corporation being advertised concurrently. For further information, contact the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3238 3838.



Queensland Government

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

# Manager Indigenous Business Development

Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources

Administrative Officer 7 (\$76 861- \$79 608)

Regional Development - Darwin

Permanent

An exciting career opportunity exists in the Indigenous Economic Development Unit as a Manager of the Indigenous Business Development Program.

The program is key to Indigenous business development in the Northern Territory and this position offers the opportunity to interact with a diverse range of people right across the Territory.

This position requires the ability to collaborate across all levels of Government and with Indigenous business organisations.

Providing guidance to individual Indigenous entrepreneurs and existing businesses, the successful applicant has the opportunity to deliver real results on the ground.

The successful applicant will have demonstrated leadership, strategic and collaborative skills and be results-driven. They will need to be a strong team player and possess superior cross cultural communication skills and highly developed analytical and facilitation skills.

The position reports to the Director Indigenous Economic Development. For further information contact Leeanne Caton on (08) 8999 7426 or Lorraine Corowa on (08) 8999 7006

Applications should address the Selection Criteria. Please refer to the contact details below for a copy of the Selection Criteria and Job Description.

Quote vacancy number: 23525

Closing date: 10 July 2009

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### 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(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

#### SCHEDULE

**LAND DESCRIPTION:** 1. Part Lot 203 on Deposited Plan 220594, being part of "Boodarie Station" Pastoral Lease 58/1967 Volume 3128 Folio 641 Area: 86.281 hectares; 2. Part Lot 115 on Deposited Plan 211769, being part of "Quarry" Reserve 33571 Volume 3145 Folio 935 Area: 4284 square metres; 3. Part Lot 325 on Deposited Plan 220768, being part of Road Volume 3116 Folio 935 Area: 689 square metres; 4. Part Lot 274 on Deposited Plan 219540, being part of "Pipeline" Reserve 33016 Volume 3109 Folio 391 Area: 555 square metres; 5. Part Lot 283 on Deposited Plan 193735, being part of "De Grey-Mullewa Stock Route" Reserve 9701 Volume 3109 Folio 951 Area: 1.213 hectares; 6. Part Lot 307 on Deposited Plan 193735, being part of "De Grey-Mullewa Stock Route" Reserve 9701 Volume 3112 Folio 386 Area: 2361 square metres; 7. Part Lot 500 on Deposited Plan 59880, being part of Road No. 14625 "Great Northern Highway" Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 2645 square metres; 8. Part Lot 308 on Deposited Plan 193736, being unallocated Crown land Volume 3112 Folio 387 Area: 1032 square metres; 9. Part Lot 265 on Deposited Plan 193736, being unallocated Crown land Volume 3106 Folio 96 Area: 3.1385 hectares; 10. Part Lot 376 on Deposited Plan 220768, being part of dedicated Road Volume 3150 Folio 759 Area: 837 square metres; 11. Part Lot 47 on Deposited Plan 241376, being part of Lease J998591 Volume 3060 Folio 718 Area: 2456 square metres; 12. Part Lot 556 on Deposited Plan 60836, being unallocated Crown land Volume 3156 Folio 352 Area: 8721 square metres; 13. Part Lot 370 on Deposited Plan 35619, being part of Port Hedland Port vested under Port Authorities Act 1999 Volume 3118 Folio 953 Area: 8079 square metres  
**PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 59879. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Town of Port Hedland. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "LAND DESCRIPTION" other than interests of the Crown. All rights created by the grant of existing Mining Tenements under the Mining Act are also excluded. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Easement for the purpose of Water Pipeline. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Easement for the purpose of Water Pipeline. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Pipeline already exists. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 June 2009 **DPI FILE:** 50341-2007-02RO **DPI REF.:** 071118

**PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** DPI, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yvette Bear, Department for Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5186. **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 8 October 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 8 July 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 8 October 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 4 June 2009.

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA  
MINISTER FOR LANDS



Australian Government  
Office of the Privacy Commissioner

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The Office of the Privacy Commissioner's purpose is to promote and protect privacy in Australia. In a climate of rapid technological and social change, our role of safeguarding individual privacy has never been more important or relevant. From conciliating privacy complaints to advising organisations of their responsibilities under the Privacy Act, the Office presents a clear and balanced voice on privacy.

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The Policy team assists individuals, business and government on privacy issues. It does this by commenting on proposed legislation and new policy proposals, consulting on and writing guidance materials and undertaking research into emerging technologies and international privacy developments. We are seeking people who enjoy a challenging and stimulating work environment, have strong analytical and problem solving skills, sound communication skills and are team players.

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For more details on the above positions which also outlines the full selection criteria required to be addressed with your application please visit the Office's website at <http://www.privacy.gov.au/about/employment/index.html>. For candidates without internet access please call the Office's Personnel Section on (02) 9284 9660 for an information package. Applicants who are hearing impaired can contact the TTY phone on 1800 620 241.

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To be successful in this position you will need experience teaching: Literacy and Numeracy to remote Aboriginal students or Adult Literacy or Numeracy or English as a Second Language.

The Lecturer's primary role is to teach, facilitate learning, assess and mentor students in accordance with relevant curriculum and/or training package requirements. Lecturers also undertake Professional Activities and Activities Related to Delivery. In order to maintain quality educational services, Lecturers are required to keep abreast of technological and other developments in their vocational field through professional development.

This is to provide up-to-date information and advice to the College and industry, where appropriate.

**Eligibility To Apply:** Subject to obtaining a satisfactory Department of Education & Training Criminal History Record Check.

**To Access Detailed Information:** Visit [www.jobs.wa.gov.au](http://www.jobs.wa.gov.au) and key in the Web Search No. Applicants are required to apply online.

**For Specific Inquiries:** Please contact Jodie Bedford on Ph: (08) 9168 9446.

**Closing Date:** Friday, 10 July 2009 at 4.30pm.



## Current Affairs Employment Opportunities

**NITV, a 24 hour television service established by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to improve the lives of our peoples, is seeking expressions of interest for roles in its new Current Affairs Department.**

### Series Producer (Short term contract. Renewable option)

As an experienced Series Producer, you will be responsible for the management and organisation of studio production, location production and post production editing. Reporting to the Exec. Producer, you will be required to coordinate story development, editorial and legal issues and ensure smooth delivery to on-air transmission.

You will have demonstrated relevant experience /qualifications ideally in factual programming and be able to work independently as part of a small team.

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An opportunity to work across both the Current Affairs and News Departments in a variety of functions including liaising and coordinating interviewees, coordinating and preparing crew call sheets, program transcripts and maintaining an archival database of vision records for both News and Current Affairs.

You must be able to demonstrate initiative, possess good data entry skills and work effectively with small teams. Previous industry experience preferred but not essential.

Submit your CV with a covering letter via email: [hr@nitv.org.au](mailto:hr@nitv.org.au) or post to the Human Resources Manager, NITV, Level 3, 1 James Place, North Sydney NSW 2060. Visit our website [www.nitv.org.au](http://www.nitv.org.au).

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CLOSE 10 JULY.**

*NITV is an equal opportunity employer. Indigenous Australians are invited to apply for this position.*

## Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



### EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NORTHERN REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RAJAC)

Koori Justice Unit

Grade 5, \$71,671 - \$86,716

Position No : DJ4937, Fixed Term 12 months

The Koori Justice Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and justice system.

We are seeking an Executive Officer for the Northern Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) to provide secretariat services to the committee. The occupant will provide leadership and coordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Justice Plan and establishment of the LAJAC network.

The successful candidate will need to have an understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it, and the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community and stakeholders.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy.

The Department encourages applications from Koories and other Indigenous Australians.

For specific enquiries please contact Antoinette Gentile on 8684 1742.

To obtain a position description and apply online please visit

**[www.careers.vic.gov.au](http://www.careers.vic.gov.au)**

Closing date for applications is 15 July 2009  
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## NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
53/152 Search for Groundwater	Redport Exploration Pty Ltd	116290ha	102km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°04' Long 121°07'	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: 1 July 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 **1 October 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. 1 November 2009**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

## Public Notice

### Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003

#### Section 36(5)(b)

#### Proposed registration of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body

In accordance with section 36(5)(b) of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* submissions are invited in regard to the proposed registration of the Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal Corporation as the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body for the area identified in the map.

The function of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body is to identify, pursuant to the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, the Aboriginal parties for the area or for a particular part of the area.

The Minister may register a corporation as an Aboriginal cultural heritage body for an area only if the Minister is satisfied that:

- (a) the corporation:
- (i) is an appropriate body to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
  - (ii) has the capacity to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
- (b) either:
- (i) Aboriginal parties for the area that are native title parties for the area agree the corporation should be registered; or
  - (ii) if there is no Aboriginal party for the area that is a native title party for the area, there is substantial agreement among the Aboriginal parties for the area that the corporation should be registered.

Examples of corporations that may be appropriate to be registered—  
a registered native title body corporate, a representative body that is a corporation, an Aboriginal body incorporated for furthering the interests of Aboriginal people in relation to land or cultural matters.

The area shown in the map below is indicative only. The exact location of the area and boundaries is held in digital electronic form by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and may be inspected at the departmental office in Cairns.

William McCormack Place  
Level 2 5B Sheridan Street  
Cairns QLD 4870

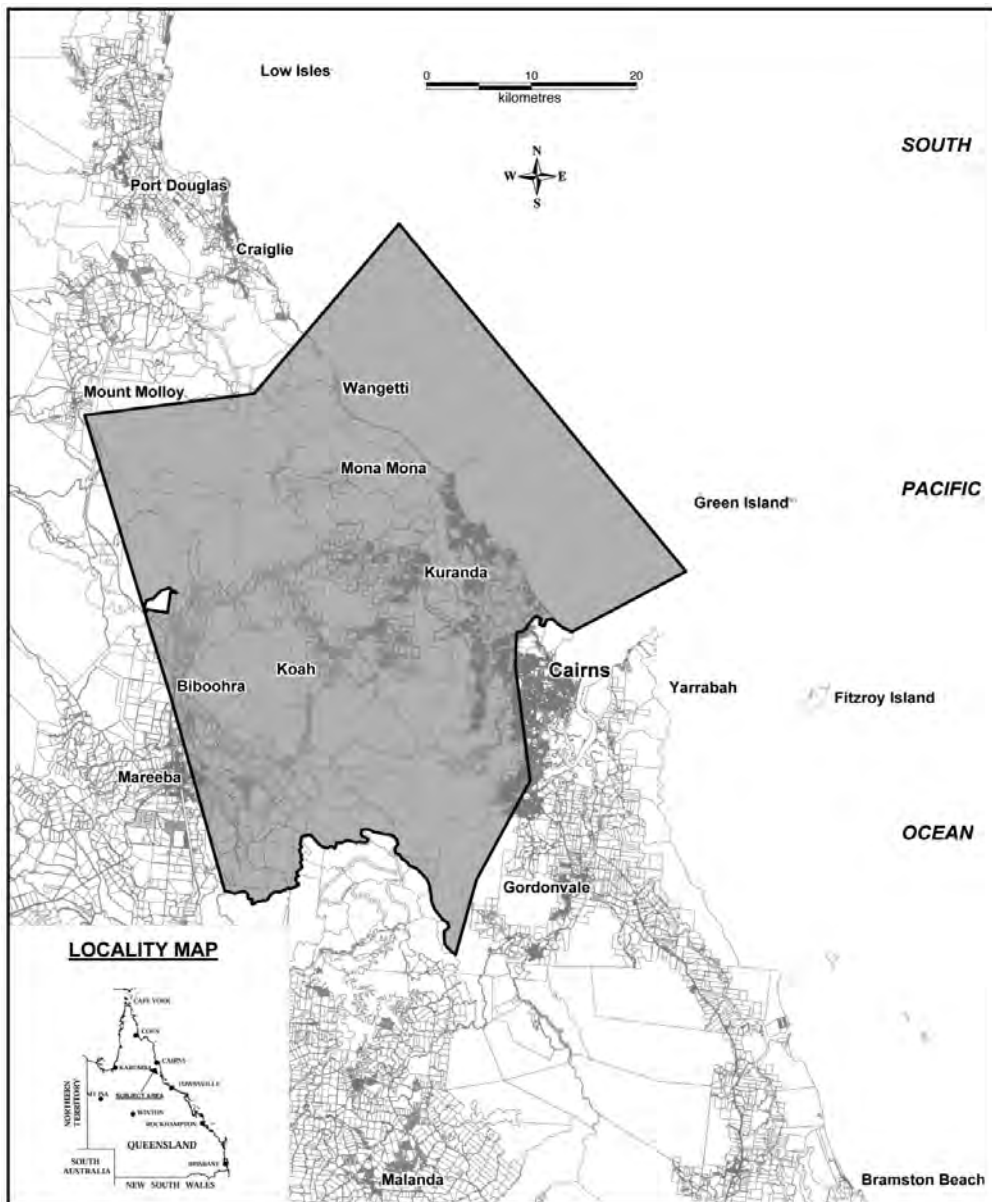
The area may also be inspected on the departmental website:-  
[www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural\\_heritage/legislation/cultural\\_heritage\\_bodies.html](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural_heritage/legislation/cultural_heritage_bodies.html)

Alternatively, a copy of the map can be obtained by contacting the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3406 2387.

Submissions on the proposed registration must be provided:

- in writing, and
- by 20 July 2009 (30 days), and
- addressed to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Locked Bag 40 Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151

A decision on the proposed registration will be made after consideration of the submissions received by 20 July 2009.



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## NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

EXPLORATION NO.	APPLICANT	AMALG NO	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
16/272	Mount Finnerty Pty Ltd	316714	99.57ha	60km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°33' Long 120°04'	Coolgardie
		316717	123.19ha	59km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30° Long 120°06'	
53/1082	Aragon Resources Ltd	320001	106.42ha	66km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°45' Long 120°51'	Wiluna
		320002	92.82ha	68km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°46' Long 120°52'	
		320003	28.27ha	64km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°44' Long 120°51'	
77/1173	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	315104	531.11ha	119km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°45' Long 119°28'	Menzies
		315107	105.41ha	118km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°45' Long 119°29'	
		315111	3.67ha	117km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°45' Long 119°29'	
		315115	149.3ha	119km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°44' Long 119°30'	
		315116	20.48ha	121km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°43' Long 119°31'	
		315119	174.53ha	124km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°41' Long 119°33'	
77/1268	Polaris Metals NL	315125	172.13ha	126km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°42' Long 119°32'	Menzies
77/1281	Radar Resources Pty Ltd	321488	208.78ha	138km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°37' Long 119°09'	Menzies

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day:** 1 July 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 **1 October 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. 1 November 2009**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO.	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/588	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	100.75ha	111km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°45' Long 116°42'	Ashburton
15/5251	Rodney Benjamin Wilson George Juris Petersons	8ha	3km SE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5272	Manorina Mining Pty Ltd	23.49ha	8km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5318-20	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	566.96ha	31km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°46' Long 121°32'	Coolgardie
15/5321-8	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	1572.33ha	19km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°39' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie
15/5329-30	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	366.27ha	32km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°46' Long 121°38'	Coolgardie
15/5331	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	146.66ha	32km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°45' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
15/5332-3	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	172.6ha	26km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°43' Long 121°39'	Coolgardie
15/5334	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	30.17ha	28km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°43' Long 121°41'	Coolgardie
15/5335	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	9ha	30km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°43' Long 121°45'	Coolgardie
15/5370-4	Yamarna Goldfields NL	905.92ha	13km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie
15/5377	Anthony Paterson Stehn	12ha	26km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 121°25'	Coolgardie
16/2592-6	Dolphin Resources Pty Ltd Lake Violet Pty Ltd Rosdarem Pty Ltd Tiger Investments Pty Ltd	879.22ha	31km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
24/4431	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd Western Resources Pty Ltd	195.41ha	29km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2031	Polymetals (WA) Pty Ltd	164.62ha	18km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°39'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3693	St Barbara Ltd	97.4ha	11km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3694	St Barbara Ltd	107.65ha	10km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1665	Western Resources & Exploration Pty Ltd	151.27ha	60km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°16' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1864-7 & 27/1915	Kesli Chemicals Pty Ltd	716.1ha	38km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1986	Carrick Gold Ltd	115.21ha	53km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1180	Rocky Reef Mining Pty Ltd	9.1ha	74km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1181	Rocky Reef Mining Pty Ltd	0.27ha	75km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
38/3835	Regis Resources Limited	48.24ha	135km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 26°56' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/3836	Regis Resources Limited	19.77ha	56km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°48' Long 122°21'	Laverton
38/3837	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd Regis Resources Limited	30.89ha	53km W'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°53' Long 122°21'	Laverton
39/5016-9	Glyn Thomas Morgan	40ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°32'	Menzies
39/5020-2	Bernard Peter Mazza	29.55ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°32'	Menzies
39/5023-4	Bernard Peter Mazza	20ha	95km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 122°32'	Menzies
39/5029	Rodney Morris Potter Trudy Maree Potter	73.76ha	53km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°52'	Leonora
39/5034	Trudy Maree Potter	72.67ha	54km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°53'	Leonora
45/2646-7	Gwalla Tantalum Pty Ltd	266.79ha	50km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°32' Long 119°01'	Port Hedland Town
47/1508	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	23.4ha	110km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°43' Long 116°43'	Ashburton
52/1264	Pilbara Chromite Pty Ltd	178.2ha	37km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 120°14'	East Pilbara
58/1473-4	Ralph Alexander McNab Duncraig Holdings Pty Ltd	269.65ha	5km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°06' Long 117°51'	Mount Magnet
58/1475	Ralph Alexander McNab Duncraig Holdings Pty Ltd	131.77ha	5km SE'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°05' Long 117°52'	Mount Magnet
63/1735-6	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	399.05ha	24km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°24' Long 121°50'	Dundas
63/1737-9	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	579.5ha	28km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 121°50'	Dundas
63/1750	Avoca Resources Ltd	124.31ha	9km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°10' Long 121°41'	Dundas
74/325	Sulphide Resource Pty Ltd	0.7ha	92km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°44' Long 119°49'	Kondinin
74/335	Billiton Nickel (Ravensthorpe) Pty Ltd QNI Western Australia Pty Ltd	1.38ha	25km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°35' Long 120°19'	Ravensthorpe
74/336	Galaxy Resources Ltd	134.89ha	17km SW'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°39' Long 119°53'	Ravensthorpe
77/3971-2	Heron Resources Ltd	245.86ha	32km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°43' Long 118°57'	Yilgarn

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day:** 1 July 2009

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## The Weigelli Centre

is an Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol rehabilitation facility just outside Cowra in the Central West of NSW. Exciting and challenging opportunities now exist following a complete restructuring of the Clinical area.

## Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

The worker in this newly created position will provide Mental Health input to the Weigelli Centre AOD programme. This worker will also provide Mental Health Prevention activities, Mental Health Promotion activities and will participate in building the Mental Health capacity of the local community.

Applicants will have completed training, or have completed a substantial amount of your course, or have extensive experience and the ability to complete the required training.

A very attractive package is available and the Centre will provide mentoring and support for the worker.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification S31(2)(H) of the Anti-discrimination Act NSW.*

**Closing Date: 10 July 2009**

The Weigelli Centre reserves the right not to fill any position.

**For Further Information, an Application Package and support submitting your Application contact:**

**Daniel Jeffries or Duncan McEvoy on 02 6345 1803**

## Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

**This is an identified position**

*An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*

Our client based in Albury is a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Mental Health Worker.

This position will promote the social and emotional wellbeing of Aboriginal people by ensuring that programs and services are delivered from a culturally sensitive holistic perspective, within the principles and goals of Primary Health care. The position will also be responsible for promoting and encouraging the local Aboriginal community to take responsibility for their own health and the health of their families and the health of the broader Aboriginal community. The position will build productive and meaningful relationships with mainstream health providers who deliver Mental Health Programs and Services.

It would be desirable for the successful candidate to have tertiary qualifications in the field of health/social or behavioural sciences or other relevant qualifications. A demonstrated knowledge of current health issues relevant to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner is essential. The ability to build good working relationships with public health services and private practitioners is also a requirement for this position.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

Please contact mp personnel and training:  
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285  
Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au  
Web: www.mppersonnel.com.au  
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640

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## Project Officer

**Position Number AHO09/185, Parramatta Location**  
**Permanent Full-Time, Clerk Grade 7/8**  
**Salary Package: \$88,249 per annum (\$72,247 - \$ 79,972)**

Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

The Project Officer collates and analyses housing related data and trends and engages in a range of projects to support the reporting, development, planning and implementation of housing programs and policies in the Aboriginal housing sector.

**Job Notes:** Applicants should obtain an information package for full job details and must address selection criteria as outlined within the information package in their application.

**Inquiries Name:** Vincent Ogu

**Inquiries Phone:** (02) 8836 9436

**Inquiries Email:** vincent.ogu@aho.nsw.gov.au

**Information Package:** Paul Baker on email: Paul.baker@aho.nsw.gov.au or phone: (02) 8836 9482

**Applications marked 'Confidential' To:** Human Resources Officer, Recruitment, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email [recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au)

Closing date: 10 July 2009

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Lead and /or contribute to data requirements for Policy Branch's policy development, strategic planning and performance monitoring and reporting.
- Key role in analysing dimensions of Aboriginal housing needs analysis.
- Contribute to modelling and development of analytical methodologies for a range of complex projects.
- Maintain and further develop Aboriginal community housing data bases with the aid of technical skills in Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Access or SPSS.
- Engage in consultation with internal and external stakeholders, including AHO staff, Aboriginal community housing providers and consultants as required.
- Provide advice to and support the Manager, Planning and Reporting in research, data analysis and modelling methodologies.
- Liaise and negotiate with Housing Analysis and Research, Housing NSW and other Departments and non-governmental agencies in data development, analysis, project and policy development.

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## Medical Receptionist (part-time)

The Gurgun Aboriginal Health Service is a service located in Lismore, NSW. The service provides a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the Aboriginal community in Lismore and surrounding areas. The Gurgun Aboriginal Health Service operates under the auspice of the Northern Rivers General Practice Network (NRGPN) in partnership with the NCAHS.

The position will enhance the present service team in delivering effective and culturally appropriate Primary Health Care to the Aboriginal Community.

**Please contact** Chris Clark if you have specific queries about the vacancy on (02) 6622 4453 or for a Position description, please email: [manager@nrgpn.org.au](mailto:manager@nrgpn.org.au)

**Closing date and submission details:** The closing date for application is close of business Friday 10th July 2009.

**Please submit your resume and application addressing the selection criteria to:**  
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Manager-Northern Rivers General Practice Network  
PO Box 519, Lismore NSW 2480

*NRGPN is an equal opportunity employer and applies merit-based selection techniques to ensure that the best person for the position is selected. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply for vacant positions.*



The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

## Local Facilitator, Schools as Community Centres

Clerk Grade 7  
Temporary Full-time position - Position Number: 139983  
Coonamble Public School

Total remuneration package valued up to \$82,109 (salary \$72,247 to \$74,408) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Implementing and facilitating the Schools as community Centres Program.

**Selection Criteria:** Demonstrated experience in community development, consultation, project management and evaluation. Demonstrated ability working with families in disadvantaged communities in an interagency approach. High level oral, written and negotiation skills and good computer skills. Sound knowledge of early childhood development, parenting issues and services available to families from the participating departments. Demonstrated ability to coordinate resources. Experience working with Aboriginal and NESB communities. Current NSW Drivers licence or willingness to obtain one. Knowledge of and commitment to the Department's Aboriginal Education policies.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment for a period up to 30 June 2011. 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.

**Inquiries:** Julie Killiby (02) 9266 8728  
**Email:** [Julie.killiby@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Julie.killiby@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Ava Shrestha (02) 9244 5660  
**Email:** [ava.shrestha@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ava.shrestha@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:** Ms Christine Clarke, Principal, Coonamble Public School, Bertram Street, COONAMBLE NSW 2829  
Fax Number: (02) 6822 1294

You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website:  
[www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs)

**Closing Date:** 17 July 2009.

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The Department is a non-smoking workplace. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunities, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and Ethical Practices.

## Community Information Officer, Non English Speaking Background Community Liaison Officer (CLO)

Temporary Part-Time position - Position Number: 123577  
Grafton or Toormina

Total remuneration package valued to: \$ 58,847 pro-rata p.a. (Salary \$ 53,328 pro-rata p.a.) including employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Providing information and strengthening links between NESB communities and the Department of Education and Training (DET) at school, regional and state levels.

**Selection Criteria:** Highly developed communication, interpersonal and negotiation skills suitable for working within a linguistically and culturally diverse context. Oral and written fluency in English. Demonstrated understanding of public education and NSW government schools. Ability to work interactively with schools and linguistically and culturally diverse communities. Demonstrated ability to implement community education programs, work independently and as part of a team. Knowledge of community organisations and service providers. Current driver's licence or willingness to obtain one.

**Notes:** This is a temporary part-time at 14 hours per week appointment for a period up to 30 June 2012. 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.

**Inquiries:** Lynne-Maree Hugginson (02) 6652 0509  
**Email:** [lynne-maree.hugginson@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lynne-maree.hugginson@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Information Packages:** Susan Hedges (02) 6652 0506  
**Email:** [susan.hedges@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:susan.hedges@det.nsw.edu.au)

**Applications Marked 'Confidential' to:**  
Lynne-Maree Hugginson, Relieving PEO  
Department of Education and Training,  
PO Box 1565  
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450

You may also apply for this position online. To apply online please visit our website:  
[www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au/jobs)

**Closing Date:** 17 July 2009.

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## NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/1178	Mining Resources (WA) Pty Ltd	20.6ha	42km N'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°49' Long 121°53'	Coolgardie
37/1064	St Barbara Ltd	45.55ha	56km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°25' Long 121°06'	Leonora
37/1287	Peter Bryce Catoi	203.31ha	10km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°47' Long 121°18'	Leonora
38/515	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	467.05ha	56km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°44' Long 122°23'	Laverton
38/547	Regis Resources Pty Ltd	3.85ha	5km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°34' Long 122°24'	Laverton
38/1096	John Robert Venn Money	22.2ha	53km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°45' Long 122°25'	Laverton
45/1172	Regis Resources Limited	230.05ha	62km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°51' Long 118°40'	Port Hedland Town
46/514	Cyclone Resources Pty Ltd	955.95ha	44km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°39' Long 120°27'	East Pilbara
53/1090	Big Hill Resources Limited.	2323.99ha	17km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°42' Long 120°20'	Wiluna
63/366	Nova Energy Pty Ltd	54.14ha	26km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°26' Long 121°46'	Dundas
	Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd				
77/1244	Polaris Metals NL	999.25ha	61km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°27' Long 119°59'	Coolgardie/Yilgarn

**Nature Of The Act:** Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

**Notification Day: 1 July 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 **1 October 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. 1 November 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



## NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

### NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
04/1852	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	229.78km <sup>2</sup>	113km NE'ly of Derby	Lat 16°23' Long 124°05'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1868	State Resources Pty Ltd	22.92km <sup>2</sup>	86km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°31' Long 125°09'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1883	Milford Resources Pty Ltd	13.02km <sup>2</sup>	88km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°00' Long 124°47'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1884	Milford Resources Pty Ltd	13.02km <sup>2</sup>	83km W'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°00' Long 124°50'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1924	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	3.17km <sup>2</sup>	74km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°09' Long 115°52'	Ashburton
15/964	Destra Corporation Ltd	8.83km <sup>2</sup>	16km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°17'	Coolgardie
15/965	GKL Resources Pty Ltd	53.04km <sup>2</sup>	18km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°48' Long 121°15'	Coolgardie
	La Mancha Resources Australia Pty Ltd				
15/1130	Mincor Resources NL	5.84km <sup>2</sup>	6km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°31' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
15/1131	Mincor Resources NL	5.84km <sup>2</sup>	6km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°32' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
15/1132	Avoca Resources Ltd	32.05km <sup>2</sup>	44km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°52' Long 121°24'	Coolgardie/Dundas
15/1135	Avoca Resources Ltd	20.42km <sup>2</sup>	29km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°45' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
15/1136	International Exploration Ltd	5.83km <sup>2</sup>	114km S'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°50' Long 120°17'	Coolgardie
36/667	Echo Resources Ltd	45.64km <sup>2</sup>	59km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°28' Long 121°01'	Leonora
36/699	Kimba Resources Pty Ltd	18.13km <sup>2</sup>	45km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°11' Long 121°03'	Leonora
37/998	PGM Resources Pty Ltd	120.99km <sup>2</sup>	51km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°07' Long 121°10'	Leonora
38/1775	Helix Resources Ltd	33.27km <sup>2</sup>	61km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°02' Long 123°30'	Laverton
38/2245	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	11.99km <sup>2</sup>	44km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°36'	Laverton
38/2246	A1 Minerals Ltd	5.99km <sup>2</sup>	44km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°59' Long 122°35'	Laverton
38/2253	Sparkling Tenements Pty Ltd	45.28km <sup>2</sup>	43km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°14' Long 122°26'	Laverton
38/2261	Alamar Resources Ltd	102.49km <sup>2</sup>	44km S'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°23' Long 122°48'	Laverton
38/2262	Alamar Resources Ltd	140.25km <sup>2</sup>	105km NE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°08' Long 123°22'	Laverton
38/2263	Psilomelane Australia Pty Ltd	3.02km <sup>2</sup>	23km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°44' Long 122°35'	Laverton
39/1445	Rubicon Resources Ltd	74.99km <sup>2</sup>	114km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°39' Long 122°31'	Menzies
45/3320-4	Gondwana Resources Ltd	624.88km <sup>2</sup>	49km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°36' Long 119°41'	East Pilbara
45/3326	Gondwana Resources Ltd	217.16km <sup>2</sup>	51km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°31' Long 120°24'	East Pilbara
45/3327	Gondwana Resources Ltd	156.09km <sup>2</sup>	79km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°56' Long 119°21'	East Pilbara
45/3388	Bolgart Rise Pty Ltd	112.19km <sup>2</sup>	33km S'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°49' Long 120°10'	East Pilbara
46/606	Witx Pty Ltd	114.53km <sup>2</sup>	11km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°58' Long 120°02'	East Pilbara
46/739	Pilbara Manganese Pty Ltd	251.09km <sup>2</sup>	95km W'ly of Telfer	Lat 21°50' Long 121°19'	East Pilbara
47/1845	Brockman Iron Pty Ltd	57km <sup>2</sup>	81km SE'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°18' Long 116°38'	Ashburton
47/1850	Brockman Iron Pty Ltd	28.48km <sup>2</sup>	93km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°25' Long 116°40'	Ashburton
47/2048	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	25.61km <sup>2</sup>	56km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°44' Long 118°19'	Port Hedland Town
47/2051	Atlas Iron Ltd	107.36km <sup>2</sup>	42km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22°59' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
47/2052	Atlas Iron Ltd	41.02km <sup>2</sup>	32km N'ly of Newman	Lat 23°04' Long 119°43'	East Pilbara
47/2053	Atlas Iron Ltd	9.46km <sup>2</sup>	28km N'ly of Newman	Lat 23°06' Long 119°47'	East Pilbara
47/2054	Atlas Iron Ltd	9.46km <sup>2</sup>	30km NE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°07' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara
51/1201	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	89.27km <sup>2</sup>	78km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°02' Long 118°01'	Meekatharra
52/2359	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	138.5km <sup>2</sup>	74km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°39' Long 119°05'	Meekatharra
53/1373	Linger & Die Pty Ltd	91.48km <sup>2</sup>	83km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°13' Long 121°01'	Leonora/Wiluna
53/1467	JML Resources Pty Ltd	48.89km <sup>2</sup>	143km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 26°55' Long 121°37'	Wiluna
59/1562	Baracus Pty Ltd	27.22km <sup>2</sup>	57km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 28°03' Long 115°43'	Mullewa
59/1571	Vale Australia EA Pty Ltd	112.5km <sup>2</sup>	118km NW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 27°28' Long 115°59'	Murchison
63/1234	Great Southern Gold Pty Ltd	571.38km <sup>2</sup>	47km W'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°37' Long 121°24'	Esperance
63/1245	Whinnen Resources Ltd	154.47km <sup>2</sup>	73km E'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°29' Long 122°38'	Esperance
63/1249	Whinnen Resources Ltd	129.38km <sup>2</sup>	22km N'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°30' Long 121°59'	Esperance
63/1250	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	194.62km <sup>2</sup>	49km NW'ly of Esperance	Lat 33°30' Long 121°25'	Esperance
63/1255	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	124.16km <sup>2</sup>	46km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 121°16'	Esperance
63/1256	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	23.06km <sup>2</sup>	32km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°50' Long 121°20'	Esperance
77/1583	Bronze View Pty Ltd	20.85km <sup>2</sup>	111km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°04' Long 118°38'	Yilgarn
77/1603	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	86.19km <sup>2</sup>	122km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 29°57' Long 118°40'	Yilgarn
77/1621	Heron Resources Ltd	2.95km <sup>2</sup>	57km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°31' Long 120°00'	Coolgardie/Yilgarn
77/1630	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	44.32km <sup>2</sup>	21km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°50' Long 118°58'	Yilgarn
77/1656	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	5.93km <sup>2</sup>	58km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°30' Long 118°52'	Yilgarn
77/1657	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	11.88km <sup>2</sup>	94km NW'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°03' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn
77/1658	Southern Cross Goldfields Ltd	2.97km <sup>2</sup>	96km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°00' Long 119°10'	Yilgarn
77/1660	Fleet Street Holdings Pty Ltd	53.18km <sup>2</sup>	57km NW'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°32' Long 118°49'	Yilgarn
77/1662	Brendon Chevely Deshon	47.09km <sup>2</sup>	9km E'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°12'	Yilgarn
77/1665	Brendon Chevely Deshon	23.75km <sup>2</sup>	114km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°02' Long 118°40'	Yilgarn
80/4220	Legacy Iron Ore Ltd	32.49km <sup>2</sup>	20km SE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°18' Long 127°50'	Halls Creek
80/4221	Legacy Iron Ore Ltd	110.43km <sup>2</sup>	24km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°24' Long 127°32'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

**Notification day: 1 July 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 **1 October 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. 1 November 2009**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.









# Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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\* 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 & Energy (The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the Acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines & Energy (The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration 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.

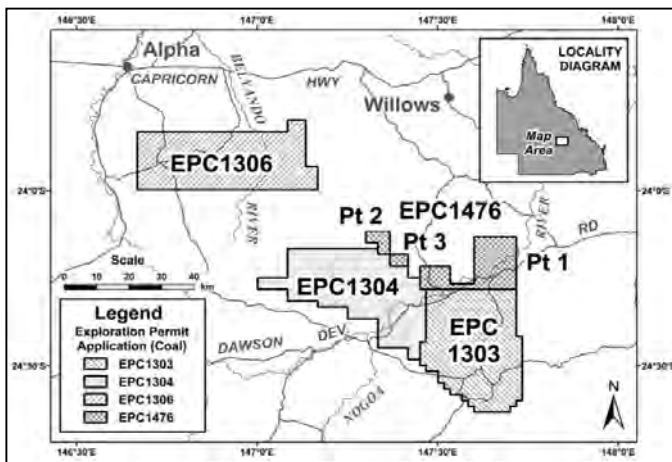
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 22 July 2009**



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water

# Notice of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

## 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 Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

**Mining Leases to which this notice applies:**

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicants ACN
<b>ML20572 Pisolite Hills 1</b>	Approx. 50 Km North East from Weipa Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 4 on DLH4 – Pastoral Holding 43/4190 (mining and access) Road Reserve – (access only)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 12311.3994 Ha	<b>Cape Alumina Ltd</b> <b>107 817 694</b>
<b>ML20573 Pisolite Hills 2</b>	Approx. 50 Km North East from Weipa Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b> <b>Mapoon Shire Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 6 on WP53 – Freehold - Mapoon DOGIT (mining and access) Lot 4 on DLH4 – Pastoral Holding 43/4190 (access only) Road Reserve – (access only)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 3207.8898 Ha	<b>Cape Alumina Ltd</b> <b>107 817 694</b>
<b>ML20574 Pisolite Hills 3</b>	Approx. 50 Km North East from Weipa Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 1 on WP53 – Freehold - Mapoon DOGIT (mining and access) Lot 4 on DLH4 – Pastoral Holding 43/4190 (access only) Road Reserve – (access only)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 3885.5034 Ha	<b>Cape Alumina Ltd</b> <b>107 817 694</b>
<b>ML20612 Port Musgrave</b>	Approx. 70 Km North East from Weipa Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b> <b>Mapoon Shire Council</b>	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 4 on WP53 – Freehold - Mapoon DOGIT (mining only) Ducie River – Unallocated State Land (mining and access) Lot 4 on DLH4 – Pastoral Holding 43/4190 (access only) Lot 7024 on MP41159 – ML 7024 (access only) Lot 8 on MP14466 – ML7031 (access only) Road Reserve – (access only)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1050.2893 Ha	<b>Cape Alumina Ltd</b> <b>107 817 694</b>

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Leases be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

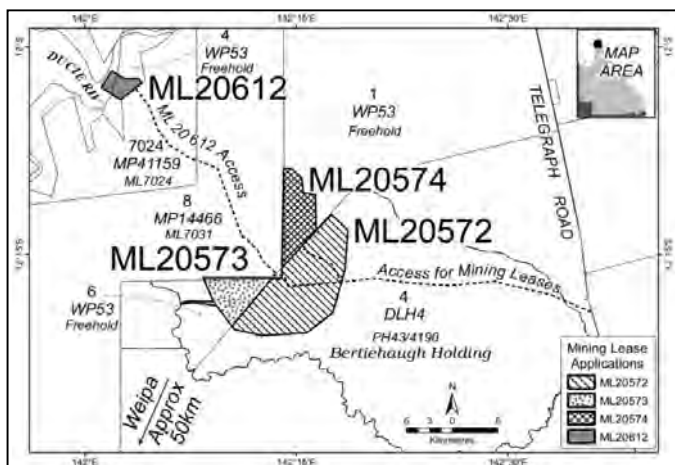
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Leases, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Mareeba Mining District, 28 Peters Street, Mareeba, Qld 4880. Telephone (07) 4048 4785.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Leases. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: 22 July 2009**



**Queensland Government**  
Natural Resources and Water



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

## DIETITIAN

Community Access

Metro South Region

Fairfield

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DADHC-09-20039

Total remuneration package valued up to \$76,605 per annum (Salary: \$50,069 pa - \$69,420 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Job Description:** To provide nutrition/dietetic services to DADHC clients and their carers to enable health maintenance and encourage the prevention of adverse health outcomes.

**Selection Criteria:**

- An understanding of how to assess the nutritional status and dietary requirements of individuals with complex physical and medical needs.
- An understanding of the provision of dietary intervention plans for individuals with complex physical and medical needs.
- Proven experience working as a Dietitian.
- Knowledge of and capacity to apply all relevant legislation, policies and procedures impacting on the delivery of services to people with a disability (including the Disability Services Act, 1993).
- Effective verbal and written communication, interpersonal and relationship building skills to work effectively with and convey information to clients, client families and health care professionals.
- Tertiary qualifications that lead to eligibility for membership of the Dietitian's Association of Australia (DAA) and Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) status with a demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of a multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary team.
- A current Driver's Licence and requirement to drive as part of employment.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms.

**Inquiries:** Alison Sweep 0409 394 004

**Information package:** www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or 1800 185 466

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package.

**Closing date:** Friday 10 July 2009

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CARING FOR CHILDREN - SUPPORTING FAMILIES -  
STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

## Indigenous Children's Program

Marymead's Indigenous Children's Program has a number of positions to fill in our new Supported Playgroup Program, as well as our Indigenous Children's Program. We are seeking the services of energetic and enthusiastic workers, both male and female, with early childhood experience and/or experience working with families and children. The successful applicants must have a commitment to supporting Indigenous families to improve the quality of their family relationships, and their access to the community. The playgroup caseworker will also support parents to enhance their play and interactional skills with their children.

## Supported Playgroup Caseworker

22.8 hours per week

The caseworker position involves:

- working with Indigenous families in their own homes
- participating in supported playgroup sessions

Relevant Tertiary qualifications (or willingness to obtain them), and experience working with Indigenous children and families, is essential.

**\$48,608 - \$51,901 per annum (pro rata).**

## Indigenous Children's Program Caseworker

**1 full time position at 38 hours per week and 2 part time positions at 30.4 hours per week**

The caseworker position involves:

- working with Indigenous families in their own homes
- working collaboratively with other services

Relevant Tertiary qualifications (or willingness to obtain them), and experience working with Indigenous families, is essential.

**\$48,608 - \$51,901 per annum (pro rata).**

*Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.*

Successful applicants must have a commitment to working from a strengths based perspective. An advisory group, including local Indigenous people, will be available for ongoing peer support for workers, together with day to day support from the Team Leader.

For more information and application packages including selection criteria and duty statements for these positions, contact Janelle Duncan Team Leader, Indigenous Children's Program (02) 62955989. **Closing date: 10th July 2009**

*Police and departmental database clearance are a requirement for all Marymead staff.*

Marymead has a commitment to providing a culturally aware and supportive working environment, and is a family and lifestyle friendly employer. Marymead also provides extensive support and opportunities for workers to access ongoing staff development and training. Marymead Child & Family Centre is a flexible family friendly organisation committed to high quality, innovative services for families. Marymead is located at Narrabundah ACT, in pleasant grounds with free parking.



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## Koorie Heritage Trust

'Gakka Danna Mulla Kai-Ki'

The Koorie Heritage Trust is a leading arts and cultural organisation that protects, preserves and promotes the living culture of the Indigenous peoples of South-East Australia (Victoria).

We are seeking a dynamic individual to support our Executive Team and lead some exciting new projects.

### Executive Assistant / Senior Project Officer

Full-time

\$55,000 - \$65,000 plus superannuation

**Enquiries:** Jason Eades, CEO on 8622 2600  
To obtain a position description please contact reception on 8622 2600

**Applications should be addressed to:**

Private and Confidential  
Jason Eades  
Koorie Heritage Trust  
295 King Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JULY 2009**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply



### THE ROYAL WOMEN'S HOSPITAL

#### ABORIGINAL WOMEN'S HEALTH BUSINESS UNIT

### Aboriginal Women's Support Worker

Permanent part-time position (30.4 hours per fortnight, 2 days a week)

The Aboriginal Women's Health Business Unit (AWHBU), at the Royal Women's Hospital was established in 1997. The primary function of the AWHBU is to improve access to hospital services for Aboriginal women and their families through the availability of culturally sensitive support, advocacy and information. The AWHBU is seeking to appoint an Aboriginal Women's Support Worker to provide a range of support services to Aboriginal women and their families attending the Hospital.

The successful candidate will have:

- Knowledge and understanding of Victorian Aboriginal culture, communities and agencies
- An understanding of health issues faced by Aboriginal women and their families
- Appropriate experience working in the area of support and advocacy with Aboriginal families
- Strong advocacy skills
- Excellent interpersonal, liaison and negotiation skills
- Relevant Human Services or other appropriate qualifications

**For inquiries contact:** Helen Makregiorgos on 8345 3071.

**Applications to:** Executive Director, Human Resources, Royal Women's Hospital C/O HR Department, Locked Bag 300 Parkville 3052. **Closing Date:** July 5, 2009.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.



### POSITIONS VACANT

#### COOKTOWN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

### Playgroup Leader

#### Mobile Playgroup Children's Activities Services

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants for this opportunity to work with families and children in the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown the Playgroup Leader will work with the Mobile Playgroup team to deliver mobile playgroup activities to 0-5 year olds and their families. Core goals are to promote healthy development in children, to promote strong, functional and well-supported families and to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect in participating families.

This position is permanent full time SACS level 4-5 and is funded by Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

### Playgroup Assistant

#### Mobile Playgroup

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably experienced applicants for this opportunity to work with families and children in the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown the Playgroup Assistant will work with the programs Playgroup Leader to assist in the delivery of mobile playgroup activities to 0-5 year olds and their families. Core goals are to promote healthy development in children, to promote strong, functional and well-supported families and to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect in participating families.

This position is permanent part time (20 hours per week) SACS level 4 and is funded by Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

**For more information and a position description please contact:**

Alison Ward - Coordinator  
Cooktown District Community Centre  
13 Charles St, PO Box 763, COOKTOWN  
T: (07) 4069 6098 F: (07) 4069 6934  
E: reception@cooktowndcc.org.au

All applicants must address the selection criteria to be considered.

**Applications close:** 5pm 17th July 2009.

### WELLINGTON ABORIGINAL CORPORATION HEALTH SERVICE

### AUSTRALIAN NURSE FAMILY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (Funded by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing)

The Australian NFP Program was launched by the Health Minister, Nicola Roxon in February 2008. The program is part of the 'Health@ Home Plus' package announced in the 2007/08 Budget which aims to provide support to Indigenous children aged 0-2 in targeted areas.

The Australian NFP Program is based on the Nurse-Family Partnership model of home-visiting developed over the last 30 years by Professor David Olds, Director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health, University of Colorado, USA.

The Australian NFP Program will initially be established in up to seven (7) sites across Australia and will provide support to pregnant Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and women pregnant with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander child until the child reaches 2 years of age.

Each home visiting team will be nurse-led and accompanied by a Family Partnership Worker, and will support up to 25 families. Teams will be supported in their role by the Australian NFP Support Service who will provide training, professional development and ongoing support including clinical supervision.

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service has been selected to participate in this program in 2010 and will include support for families from Wellington and Dubbo.

**WACHS are currently recruiting to the following positions:**

### NURSE SUPERVISOR PROJECT OFFICER

- The **Nurse Supervisor** will be a registered nurse and will lead the Home Visiting Team. Experience in a supervisory role will be highly regarded as will experience across a broad range of nursing environments.
- The **Project Officer** will be appointed for 6 months to assist with the initial start up of this program.

An attractive salary package will be negotiated with the successful applicants which may include the opportunity for salary packaging after the completion of a compulsory probation period.

Applicants are to contact Darren Ah See, Chief Executive Officer on telephone (02) 6845 3545 for an information package or for further information relating to the advertised positions.

**Applications close: Friday 10 July 2009.**

## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Sales Permit

### *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29*

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Sales Permit shown below under the *Forestry Act (1959)* (Qld).

**Sales Permit to which this notice applies:**

Sales Permit number and name	Location of Sales Permit (Refer to map)	Description of area of application	Current applicant ABN
<b>20081313 Surbiton South Quarry</b>	Approx. 55 km north from Alpha Local government area: <b>Barcaldine Regional Council</b>	<b>Current land tenures:</b> Lot 3533 on Plan PH56 – Pastoral Holding 12/3533 (quarry and access)  <b>Area of land applied for in Sales Permit</b> 30.0 hectares plus Access Roads	<b>AC &amp; DL Donaldson T/A ACR &amp; DL Donaldson 67 148 314 512</b>

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Sales Permit under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) authorises the holder to get quarry material and carry out associated activities subject to the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld), for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of subsequent extensions each not exceeding five (5) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Sales Permit be granted under the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) by the Chief Executive, Department of Environment and Resource Management, GPO Box 2454, Brisbane, Qld 4001.

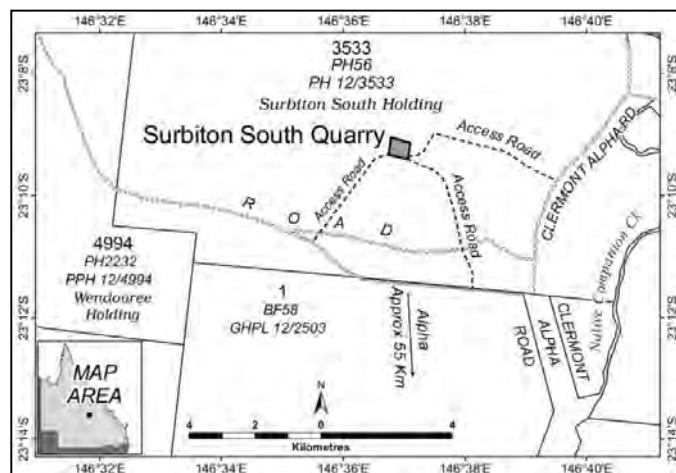
**Further information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Sales Permit, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Sales Permit application, may be obtained from the Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) Forest Products, Western Forest Management Area, 13 Rutherford St, Monto, Qld 4630, telephone (07) 4166 1433 or DERM Forest Products Central Office, Floor 10 Forestry House, 160 Mary St, Brisbane, Qld 4000, telephone (07) 3234 0120.

**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 Sales 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, Qld 4000, telephone (07) 3248 1100 or email [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au).

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

**Notification Day: Friday 17 July 2009**



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## Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

### *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29*

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

**Mining Lease to which this notice applies:**

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant
<b>ML95573 Kens</b>	Approx. 34 Km South West from Kynuna Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council McKinlay Shire Council	<b>Current Land Tenures:</b> Lot 6 on KN43 – Pastoral Holding 45/5359 (mining and access) Lot 373 on PH2077 – Pastoral Holding 45/373 (access only)  Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 1.3637 Ha	<b>Kenneth Michael JACKSON</b>

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

**Name and address of person doing acts:** It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

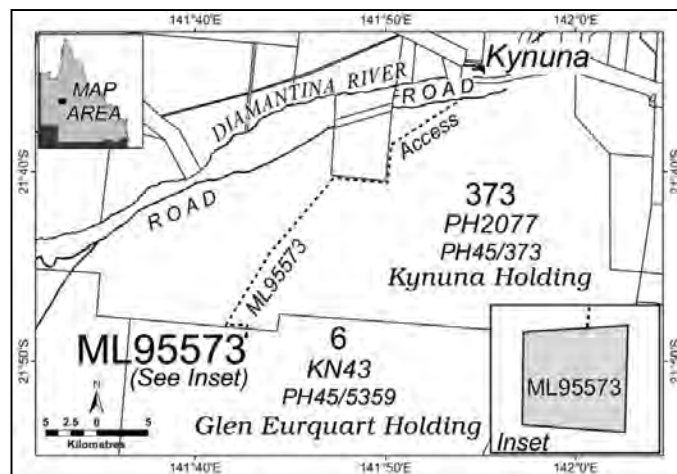
**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Mines and Energy (DME) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, (DME), Court House, Vindex Street, Winton, Qld 4735, Telephone: 07 4657 1727.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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**Notification Day: 22 July 2009**



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# Public Notice

## Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Section 36(5)(b)

### Proposed registration of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body

In accordance with section 36(5)(b) of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* submissions are invited in regard to the proposed registration of the Ugarapul Aboriginal Corporation as the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body for the area identified in the map.

The function of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Body is to identify, pursuant to the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003*, the Aboriginal parties for the area or for a particular part of the area.

The Minister may register a corporation as an Aboriginal cultural heritage body for an area only if the Minister is satisfied that:

- the corporation:
  - is an appropriate body to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
  - has the capacity to identify Aboriginal parties for the area; and
- either:
  - Aboriginal parties for the area that are native title parties for the area agree the corporation should be registered; or
  - if there is no Aboriginal party for the area that is a native title party for the area, there is substantial agreement among the Aboriginal parties for the area that the corporation should be registered.

Examples of corporations that may be appropriate to be registered – a registered native title body corporate, a representative body that is a corporation, an Aboriginal body incorporated for furthering the interests of Aboriginal people in relation to land or cultural matters.

The area shown in the map below is indicative only. The exact location of the area and boundaries is held in digital electronic form by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and may be inspected at the departmental office in Brisbane.

Landcentre  
Level 5 Cnr Main and Vulture Streets  
Woolloongabba Brisbane QLD 4102

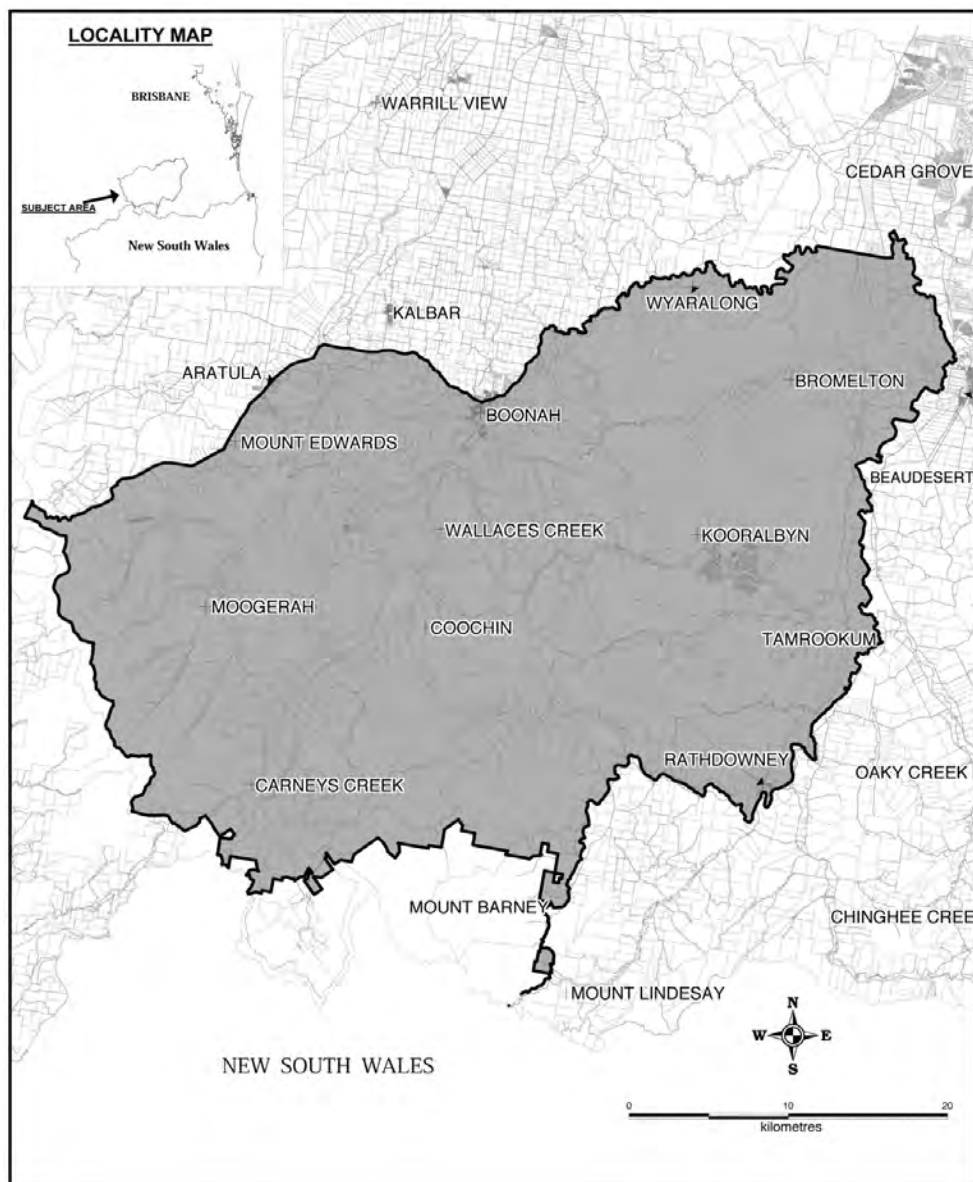
The area may also be inspected on the departmental website:-  
[www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural\\_heritage/legislation/cultural\\_heritage\\_bodies.html](http://www.nrw.qld.gov.au/cultural_heritage/legislation/cultural_heritage_bodies.html)

Alternatively, a copy of the map can be obtained by contacting the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3238 3838.

Submissions on the proposed registration must be provided:

- in writing, and
- by 30 July 2009 (30 days), and
- addressed to the Director, Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit, Locked Bag 40 Coorparoo Delivery Centre Q 4151

A decision on the proposed registration will be made after consideration of the submissions received by 30 July 2009.



**Please note:** a portion of the Ugarapul Aboriginal Corporation application is subject to a separate application made by the Githabul Nation Aboriginal Corporation being advertised concurrently. For further information, contact the Cultural Heritage Coordination Unit on (07) 3238 3838.



**Queensland Government**

ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



ABORIGINAL HEALTH COLLEGE

## Administration Support Officer

The Aboriginal Health College (AHC) is the education unit of the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of New South Wales (AH&MRC) and provides education services focused on, and driven by, the needs of Aboriginal communities in NSW. The AHC is based in a brand new state of the art purpose built building at Little Bay, NSW

This is a permanent full-time position requiring the incumbent to have knowledge of and understanding of Aboriginal cultures and issues, advanced administration skills and high quality customer service skills.

Applicants must address the selection criteria. Any Enquiries and to obtain a position description and selection criteria please call Katia Chehade 02 9019 0730 or email [kchehade@ahc.edu.au](mailto:kchehade@ahc.edu.au)

**Applications close 5pm Friday 10/7/09.**

**Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

## SENIOR PROGRAM SUPPORT OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

'Balund a Facility', Tabulam, Permanent Full-Time

**Vacancy Number: 09226.** Total remuneration package valued at \$77,406 pa including salary of \$63,573 pa to \$70,146 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Supervision of staff and oversight of resident Program activities to contribute to the safety, security, welfare, development and rehabilitation of residents in compliance with the direction of the Courts and Departmental policies and procedures.

**Selection Criteria:** Knowledge of Aboriginal issues and commitment to work with Aboriginal communities to be able to positively influence the outcomes of this Facility. The ability to lead and manage staff and residents in an innovative correctional setting. Well developed communication, negotiation, influence and conflict resolution skills. Ability to work collaboratively and effectively with resident management staff in program delivery and case management. Demonstrated ability to apply a fair, equitable and defensible approach to conflict resolution. Well developed personal, written and oral communication skills. Current Driver's licence and have a willingness/ability to drive within NSW.

**Notes:** All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application and are also requested to provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees; at least one should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future positions within the area. Applicants must obtain an information package and address each point of the selection criteria as part of the application.

**Inquiries:** Shaun Grace ph: (02) 6660 8614 / 6661 3648

Email: [shaun.grace@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shaun.grace@dcs.nsw.gov.au)

**Information Packages:** Helen Butcher ph: (02) 6660 8616

Email: [helen.butcher@dcs.nsw.gov.au](mailto:helen.butcher@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:** 10 July, 2009

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW

## TECHNICAL OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Greater Western Sydney Division

Mid Western Sydney

Bankstown

Permanent Full-Time

Position No: DOH-09-20046

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,406 per annum (Salary: \$63,573 pa - \$70,146 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Job Description:** This role is to improve the technical standards, responsiveness and understanding of client needs by Housing NSW contractors through the timely identification and resolution by contractors of service delivery or asset related issues.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Demonstrated capacity to deliver outcomes that meet client expectations within budget and contract parameters with experience in dealing proactively with contractors.
- Understanding of Local Council planning requirements and objectives.
- Ability to identify, interpret and resolve technical issues with demonstrated practical application in an asset services environment/domestic building industry.
- Post Trade Certificate IV or equivalent qualifications or sound work experience in an asset related field (i.e. construction, skilled trades, project management).
- Demonstrated technological capability and computer literacy in standard PC software packages.
- Ability to work effectively and collaboratively in a multi-disciplinary team.
- Problem solving and issues resolution take place within the Team environment and in accordance with social housing policies and frameworks.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** An eligibility list may be created as part of this recruitment and used to fill other permanent and temporary vacancies for this role within the Greater Western Sydney Division. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

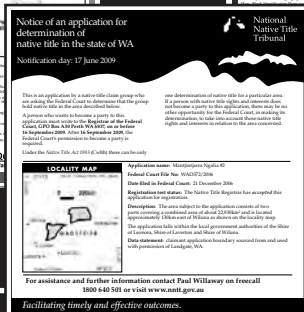
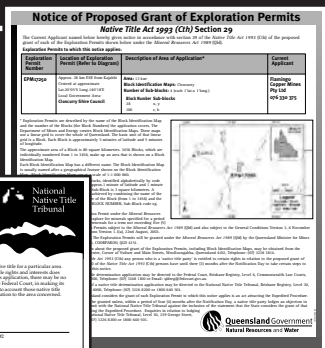
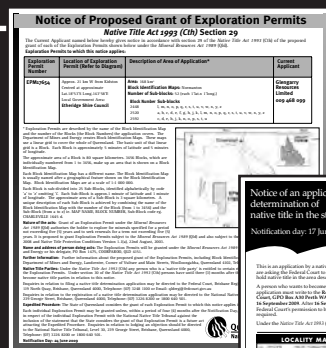
**Inquiries:** Robert Dick (02) 8713 4601 or mobile 0411137445

**Information Packages:** [www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers)

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package

**Closing Date:** Friday 10 July 2009

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**All Native Title ads that appear in the Koori Mail newspaper are also available to view online at our website**  
**[www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)**



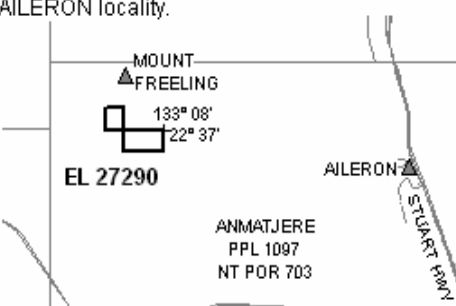
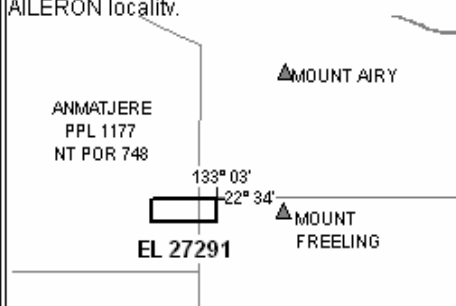
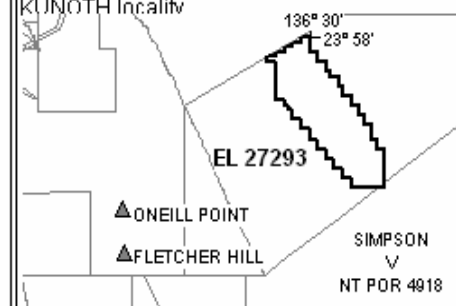
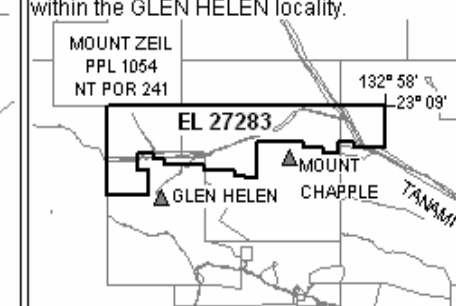
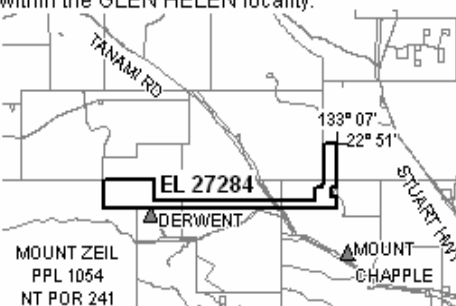
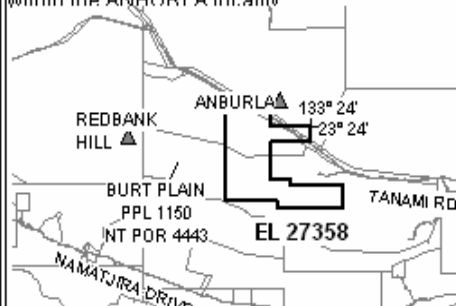

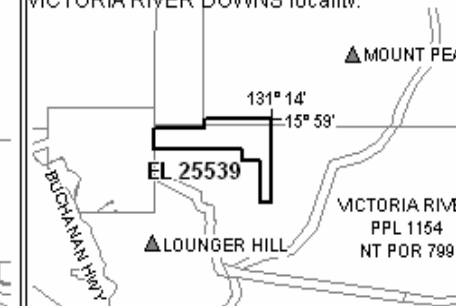
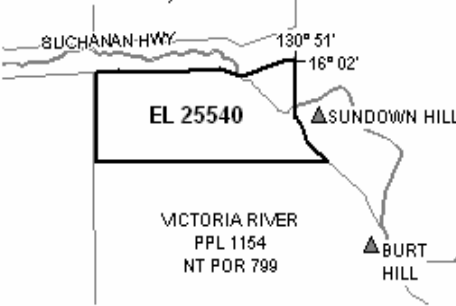
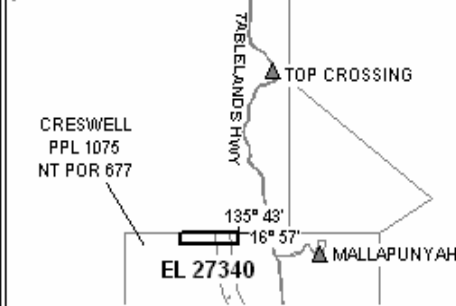


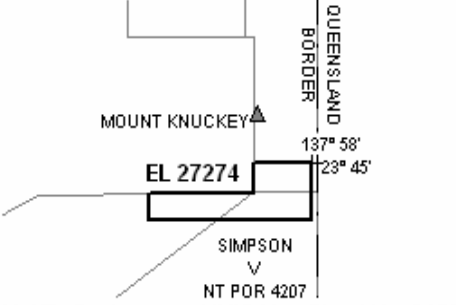
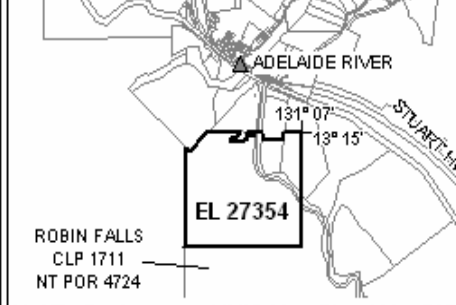
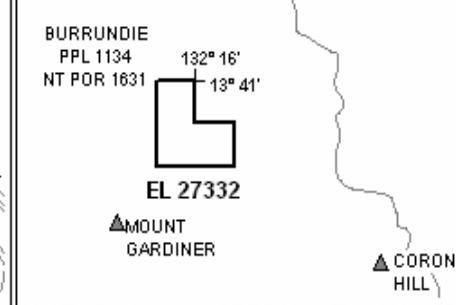
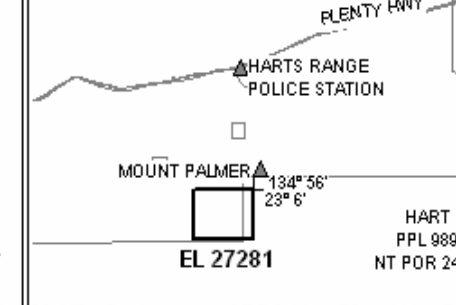


# NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

## 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:

<p>Exploration Licence 27290 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 3 Blocks (9.51 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5552</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27291 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 3 Blocks (9.51 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5552</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27293 sought by AUSQUEST LIMITED, ACN 091 542 451 over an area of 395 Blocks (1237.09 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KIJNOOTH locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6249</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27283 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 500 Blocks (1560.67 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLEN HELEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5351</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 27284 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 313 Blocks (983.72 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the GLEN HELEN locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5351</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27358 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 131 Blocks (412.67 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANBURLA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5551</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27359 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 39 Blocks (122.99 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ANBURLA locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5551</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 25539 sought by KETTLE ROSE PTY LTD, ACN 119 016 330 over an area of 40 Blocks (126.83 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5165</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 25540 sought by KETTLE ROSE PTY LTD, ACN 119 016 330 over an area of 22 Blocks (61.18 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the HUMBERT locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5065</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27340 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 4 Blocks (10.19 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MAI I APUNYAH locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6064</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27342 sought by LEGEND INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC., ARBN 120 855 352 over an area of 15 Blocks (47.99 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the KILGOUR locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6063</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27329 sought by REDBANK OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 109 362 165 over an area of 49 Blocks (140.7 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the SFIGAL locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6462</p>
<p>Exploration Licence 27274 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 472 Blocks (1484.18 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FIELD RIVER locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 6450</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27354 sought by ROYAL RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 108 102 432 over an area of 2 Blocks (3.59 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BATCHELOR locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5171</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27332 sought by SEGUE RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 112 609 846 over an area of 3 Blocks (10.01 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RANFORD HILL locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5370</p>	<p>Exploration Licence 27281 sought by SILEX EXPLORATION AUSTRALIA PTY LTD, ACN 127 161 693 over an area of 12 Blocks (37.9 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the RINDOCH locality.</p>  <p>Not To Scale NMIG Map Sheet No: 5851</p>

**Nature of act(s):** The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or 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:** 01 July 2009



NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES  
MINING ACT 1971 (SA) SECTION 63M

Take notice that LOST SANDS PTY LTD (ACN 101 269 747) of Level 2, 87 Wickham Terrace, Spring Hill Queensland 4000, exploration operator, proposes to carry out drilling operations on the following land:

DESCRIPTION OF AREA (EL 4170)

The land is located in the state of South Australia, approximately 130 km NW of Ceduna, referred to as the Yalata tenement of the Fowlers Bay Project and is the land bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 31°27'S and longitude 132°25'E, thence east to longitude 132°30'E, south to latitude 31°40'S, east to longitude 132°39'E, south to latitude 31°46'S, west to longitude 132°37'E, south to latitude 31°50'S, west to longitude 132°33'E, south to latitude 31°55'S, west to longitude 132°20'E, north to latitude 31°48'S, east to longitude 132°22'E, north to latitude 31°35'S, west to longitude 132°21'E, north to latitude 31°31'S, east to longitude 132°23'E, north to latitude 31°29'S, east to longitude 132°25'E, and north to the point of commencement. All the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p. 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD 66).

AREA of the land: approximately 979 square kilometres.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the land are as follows:

Exploratory drilling operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of mineralisation. The proposed operations are authorised by exploration authority EL 4170 under the *Mining Act 1971* (SA).

If, two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the *Mining Act 1971* (SA), there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, LOST SANDS PTY LTD may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land. Such a determination may be made on conditions the Court considers appropriate.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent LOST SANDS PTY LTD as follows:

LOST SANDS PTY LTD  
Level 2, 87 Wickham Terrace,  
Spring Hill, Qld 4000  
  
Telephone: (07) 3832 5666  
Facsimile: (07) 3832 5300  
**Contact:** Mr David Jelley  
**Alternative Contact:** Mrs Judy Osborne

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 Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1293	Approx. 104 km SSE from Pentland Centred at approximate Lat.21°25'S Long.145°43'E Local Government Area: <b>Charters Towers Regional Council, Flinders Shire Council and Barcaldine Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> 956 km² <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 300 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1029 a, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 1100 e, k, p, u, z 1101 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1102 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 1172 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 1173 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1174 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1244 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1245 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1246 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1316 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1317 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1318 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1388 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1389 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1390 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	<b>South Queensland Thermal Coal Pty Ltd</b> <b>130 485 817</b>

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

**Nature of the acts:** Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

**Name and address of person doing Acts:** The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

**Further Information:** Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines & Energy (The Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

**Native Title Parties:** Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration 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.

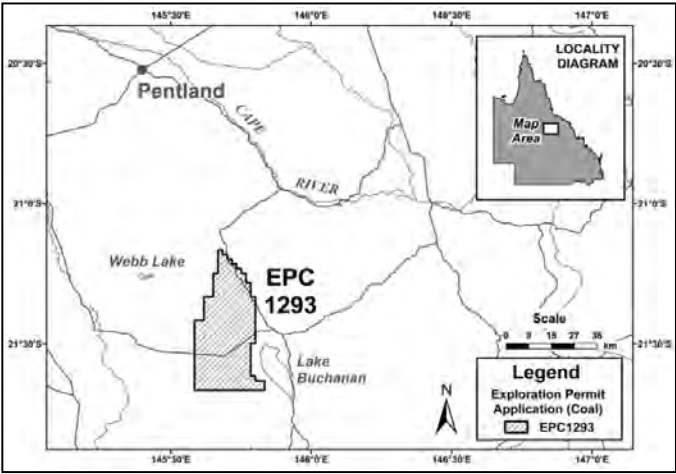
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 22 July 2009



Queensland Government  
Natural Resources and Water

Sport

Coach has faith in 'raw' Laurie

DESPITE some embarrassing mistakes by Daine Laurie in West Tigers' 14-12 National Rugby League (NRL) loss to Melbourne Storm, coach Tim Sheens believes the Indigenous forward will become a representative player.

Sheens also has plans to turn the prop into a second-rower.

Sheens was furious with the 24-year-old after he dropped the ball just 10 metres short of the tryline when under no pressure and then conceded the penalty that led to the Storm's match-winning try.

Despite his strong words following the 14-12 defeat at Olympic Park, Sheens said Laurie would become a better player following the mistake.

"In a career that is going to happen to you, you are going to jag one you should never have jagged and you are going to drop one you should never have dropped, it is just part of his learning curve," said Sheens.

"Daine was upset with himself and that's what I am concerned about... although he is going on 25 he is still a rookie and you have to understand he will have ups and downs in his game and confidence."

Sheens also revealed plans to turn Laurie into a second-rower and earmarked him as a future representative player.

"This is his first full year in grade and this time next year he will be a huge asset to the club and a representative player," said Sheens.

"I see Daine as a wide-running second-rower in the future and that is where I am hoping to play him next season, I reckon he will be devastating."



EXPLORATION LICENCE  
No 6996 - (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

**Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land**

An area of 150 units situated approximately 20.09 kilometres west-south-west of Mudgee, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

Hill End Gold Limited (ACN 072 692 365) is the holder of Exploration Licence No. 6996 for Group 1minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

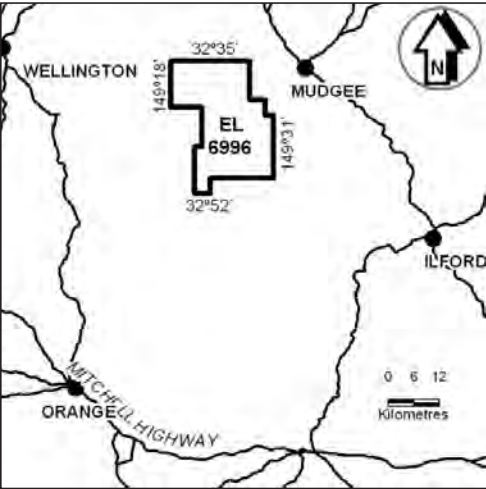
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

**How further information about the act can be obtained**

Further information may be obtained from Wayne D. McDonald; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, telephone (02) 6360 5341 fax (02) 6360 5363.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is **16 July 2009**. 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.





# Another rising star

**NT** NORTHERN Territory Thunder defender Damien Roe has been rewarded for a travel log of more than 30,000km over the past two months with a nomination for the NAB AFLQ Rising Star Award. Roe continued the Thunder's brilliant entry to the Velocity Sports Cup when he became our third nomination for the prestigious award, joining James Puautjimi and Deon Gordon.

He was nominated for an outstanding performance in the NT's thumping win over Broadbeach in Darwin in what, as much as anything else, was a show of real mental strength.

Only a week earlier Roe had enjoyed an enormous career highlight when he had made the long trip with the Queensland under 21 side to Melbourne for a six-goal win over the Victorian Amateur under 21s.

He had formed a stoic half-back link with Aspley's Shaun Tapp, winner of the Sam Gilbert Medal as Queensland's best player, and

Morningside's Alistair Nash. But there was no drop-off in his intensity as he returned to the Thunder.

In eight weeks he travelled away from home to play six times – to Brisbane once, the Gold Coast twice, Alice Springs twice and then to Melbourne via Brisbane with the Queensland under 21 side, clocking up more than 30,000km in the air.

A relative of Brisbane Lions defender Jason Roe, his Rising Star nomination was part of a stellar weekend for the family after his uncle, in his return to the Lions side after a seven-week absence,

did a superb shut-down job on Hawthorn superstar Lance Franklin.

The dashing 20-year-old defender is continuing a rich family tradition with his stellar form for the Thunder.

Born in Katanning, four hours out of Perth, Damien Roe played in the junior grades until 2006. In 2007 he moved to South Fremantle Colts before returning to Katanning in 2008.

At the end of the 2008 season he moved to Darwin with Subiaco premiership player and NT Thunder team-mate Marty Smith, and made his

AFLQ debut alongside Smith against Mt Gravatt at TIO Stadium in round three.

The quietly spoken dasher hasn't missed a game since, and has been a regular standout for the competition newcomers.

His grandfather Willy Roe Snr and and father Willy Roe are living legends with St Mary's Football Club in Darwin and South Fremantle in Perth, and both played representative football with Western Australia and the NT.

Now there's another State jumper in the Roe family – albeit a Queensland one.



## NAIDOC focus on touch football

TOUCH football will play a big part in NAIDOC Week celebrations in Canberra on Wednesday 8 July.

The Indigenous Australian Public Service Employees Network is organising the touch football carnival in conjunction with the Australian Public Service Commission and Touch Football ACT.

It will be held at the Deakin Touch Fields between 10am and 4pm and will include speeches and entertainment and the Indigenous All Stars 'State of Origin' game, which is a highlight every year.

The carnival attracts teams from more than 20 Commonwealth Government departments and agencies.

The competition will be a round-robin consisting of four pools of up to six teams. Teams at the top of each pool will progress to the semi-finals.

Teams must consist of six on-field players. There can be up to eight reserves per team (total 14 players per team throughout the day). Each team can have a maximum of three males on the field at any one time.

## Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

### Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

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EPM12375	Approx. 26 km SSE from Lakeland Centred at approximate Lat.16°04'S Long.144°56'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 76 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 23 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 11 e, k, p, u, z 12 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 83 e, k 84 a, b, f, g, l, m	<b>Graham William Byrne (50%)</b> <b>Terence David Edwards (50%)</b>
EPM17673	Approx. 35 km SE from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.16°13'S Long.144°19'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 30 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Townsville <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 148 h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z	<b>Max Henry Fisher (70%)</b> <b>Lachlan Keith Stewart (30%)</b>
EPM17747	Approx. 74 km W from Palmerville Centred at approximate Lat.15°55'S Long.143°23'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council	<b>Area:</b> 86 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 26 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 3377 r, s, t, u, w, x 3378 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 3448 d, e, j, k, o, p, t 3449 a, b, f	<b>Palmer Gold NQ Pty Ltd</b> <b>124 046 144</b>

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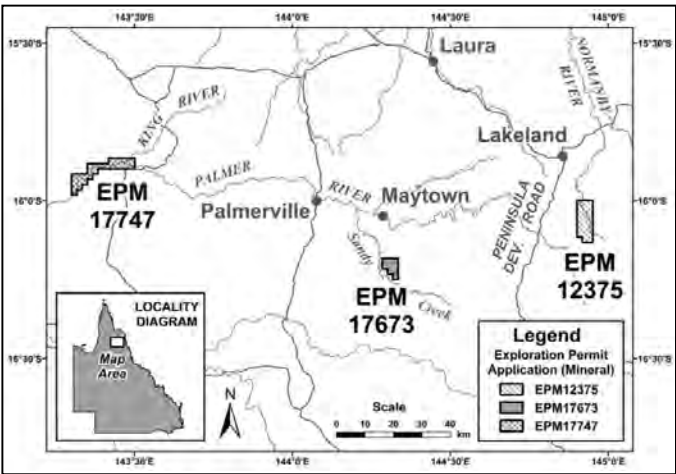
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**Notification Day: 22 July 2009**





# A big journey...

By PETER ARGENT



LIAM Jurrah's arrival on the Australian Football League (AFL) landscape is a remarkable journey. The 20-year-old Warlpiri man from lands 300km out of Alice Springs made his debut for the oldest and most traditional Australian football club – Melbourne – in their Friday night round-12 clash on 19 June against Essendon at the home of Aussie rules – the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

While the Demons endured their 11th defeat of the season, Jurrah displayed signs which would have heartened the Melbourne faithful.

The initial selection in the AFL

pre-season draft, Jurrah had developed quickly.

“There is no doubt Liam forced his way into the team with strong performances with the Casey Scorpions in the VFL,” Kelly O'Donnell, a development coach of the Melbourne football club, told *The Koori Mail*.

**Earned promotion**

“He had played consistent football and then earned his promotion into the senior team with two four-goal hauls. Overall, Liam's skill level is high, but he needed to come to terms with the defensive side of his game.

“Things like his ball handling and football knowledge was never in doubt, but where the big improvement has come is in his tackling, defensive pressure and chasing.

“Actually, the pressure in this area has created goal opportunities.”

O'Donnell believes that being 188cm (6ft 2in), quick, agile and versatile, Jurrah will start his career as a forward, but could develop into a midfield and wingman type.

“He needs to spend a lot more time in the gym, getting stuck into a weights program,” O'Donnell said.

“Liam will have to also come to terms with the day-to-day grind of AFL football, but he has plenty of pride in his performance.

“He has been well accepted by the players group and has received guidance from the Indigenous boys, Austin Wonaeamirri, Matthew Whelan and especially Aaron Davey.”

His first kick in AFL football

was touched on the line by Essendon veteran Dustin Fletcher, and he finished his initial game with 11 possessions and a goal, despite the Demons' eight-goal loss to the Bombers.

O'Donnell said the main issue with the Northern Territory-born man, who played four games for Collingwood in the reserves last year, was that English wasn't his first language.

Difficult transition

Jurrah also had to deal with the transition of coming from a small, remote community to a city of millions of people.

“Liam had dealt with all the problems of a first-year player coming from a small country community, along with the cultural differences,” Ian Flack, the Melbourne Football Club Player Development Manager, said.

“He is a proud, intelligent and driven young man who wants to learn and really was pretty easy to help.

“We had a couple of hiccups

early on with punctuality, and the language barrier was interesting at the start, but Aaron (Davey) has had a great impact in terms of his transition.

“Liam, who worked as a youth leader at Yuendumu, has a fantastic support network.

“This included Brett Badger from Jurrah's home district, football team-mate Shaun Cusack (who himself was drafted into the AFL system over a decade ago) and Bruce Hearn-McKinnon, the person he lived with in Melbourne.

“We also understand he's the first fully initiated Aboriginal footballer to play in the AFL.

“He explains himself as a trainee Elder in his community.”

Flack also noted Jurrah sees himself as a ground-breaker, being the first from his community to play at this level, and is proud of his association with his foundation club, the Yuendumu Magpies.

He also said the whole community watched this young leader's first match on a big screen at the local basketball courts.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permit

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

Queensland Gold & Minerals Ltd, on behalf of the Current Applicants named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Exploration Permit shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

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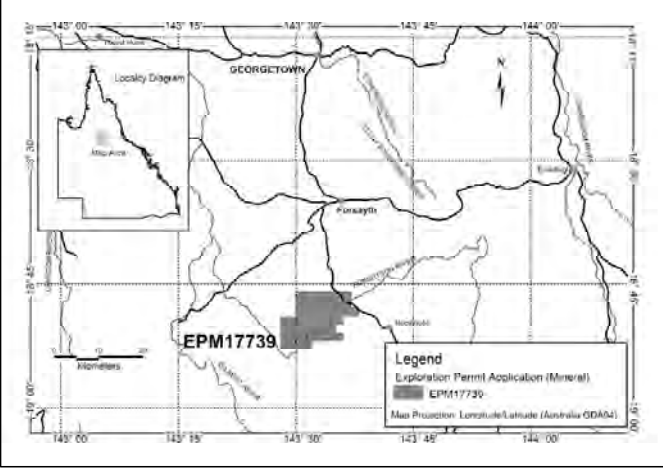
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EPM 17739	Approx. 60 km South from Georgetown	<b>Area:</b> 159 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Map:</b> Normanton <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 49 (each 1° lat. X 1° long)	<b>Simon Brosnan TERRY (50%)</b>  <b>Frederick Hugh SKERRITT (50%)</b>
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Liam Jurrah, playing for the Yuendumu Magpies, soars for a mark in front of Pioneer Eagle Graeme Smith in the grand final of the 2008 Central Australia Australian football competition at Traeger Park, Alice Springs. The Magpies won 15-11 (101) to 11-11(77).





# Cusack calls it quits

## ... But he takes on coaching role



CENTRAL Australian football icon Shaun Cusack has taken on a new coaching role with the NT Thunder following his recent retirement as a player

and a quite staggering effort just to get himself into the Thunder team this year.

According to a Thunder media statement, Cusack had begun his own personal training regime last October in an attempt to prepare himself for his first chance to represent his home Territory since under 18 level.

And when the Thunder visited his home town of Alice Springs for the first time to host the Western Magpies in round seven of the Velocity Sports Cup, there he was proudly wearing the yellow, ochre and black, having lost an amazing 30kg.

Cusack kicked one of the first goals of the game and provided a good option up forward in a 126-point win.

But after the game, Cusack confided in NTFC Programs



SHAUN CUSACK

Co-ordinator for Central Australia Tim Lawrence that despite his efforts, the game at this level had gone past him and that he was 'hanging up the boots'.

"What Shaun has done, and the commitment and training ethic he has shown, has been a great lesson for many of our younger players and the football public here in Alice," Lawrence said.

"He has shown what is required and needed to play for the Territory Thunder and it is an amazing example of personal sacrifice and dedication for what was, ultimately, one game of football".

— AFLQ web page

## Inglis cleared of broken jaw



QUEENSLAND rugby league centre Greg Inglis has been cleared of a broken jaw from Trent

Barrett's swinging arm during the Maroons' series-clinching State of Origin win in Sydney.

It was feared a concussed Inglis had suffered a small fracture following a late hit from Blues five-eighth Barrett that forced the Melbourne star from the field midway through the first half last Wednesday night.

However scans on Thursday showed only bruising.

Barrett was slapped with a grade-one reckless high tackle charge and on Thursday was banned for two games after entering an early guilty plea.

"It's a massive relief," Inglis said of the injury.

"I'll be the first to admit that I was concerned about the results. It's a big weight off my shoulders."

Inglis scored an early try as

Queensland – with four Indigenous players – beat NSW 24-14 at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, to secure a record fourth straight series.

And for the fourth year in a row, the never-say-die Maroons secured the trophy in foreign territory.

The Maroons led 18-0 after 23 minutes thanks to several NSW mistakes, then held tight as the Blues regained composure to fight their way back into the contest.

The Blues reduced the deficit to 18-14, but couldn't deliver a killer punch.

The win gave the Maroons an unbeatable 2-0 lead and the longest series winning streak in the 30-year history of Origin football.

The Maroons lost star centre Inglis (concussion) to foul play in the 22nd minute from a Trent Barrett swinging arm while Ashley Harrison (ribs), Ben Hannant (knee) and Sam Thaiday (knee) battled bravely despite collecting injuries. — AAP



GREG INGLIS

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Queensland  
Notification day: 15 July 2009



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal



### Q12008/029 Portland Roads ILUA

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to the agreement is located over a number of islands and a portion of the mainland at Portland Roads as shown on the locality map. The agreement covers about 1296 hectares and is located approximately 160km west of Weipa on Cape York Peninsula.

The agreement falls within the local government authority of the Cook Shire.

### Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Mr Albert Doctor, Ms Deborah Hobson, Mr Donald Hobson, Cook Shire Council, C/o Preston Law  
Ms Ivy Hobson, Ms Lorraine Clairmont and Ms Lucy Hobson PO Box 707N  
C/o Principal Legal Officer, Cape York Land Council, PO Box 2496 NORTH CAIRNS QLD 4870  
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### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.4 Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Native Title Parties have given consent under this Deed.

7.1 If any area of land and water comprising the ILUA Area no longer forms part of the local government area of the Shire of Cook, the ILUA Area will be reduced to the extent of the area removed from the Shire of Cook.

8.2 The Native Title Parties consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of:-

- (a) the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure including the things identified in Schedule 4;
- (b) the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and
- (c) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

9.1 The Native Title Parties consent to:-

- (a) the operation and maintenance by, or on behalf of the Council;
- (b) the use by the public; and
- (c) the dedication by the Minister;

of that area of land described in clause 8.2 as indicated on the map in Schedule 4 as roads for public use to a width of sixty (60) metres.

9.3 The Native Title Parties consent to:-

- (a) the operation and maintenance by or on behalf of the Council;
- (b) the use by the public; and
- (c) to the extent that the off-alignment roads are constructed outside of the area of land dedicated, declared, notified or taken for public use as a road, the dedication by the Minister;

of the area of land over which the off-alignment roads are constructed to a width of sixty (60) metres.

10.2 A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:

- (a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the Native Title Parties; and
- (b) either:-
  - i) the Native Title Parties have given a Concurrence Notice; or
  - ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2.

10.4 The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts.

11.1 The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 3.

13.1 The Native Title Parties agree to the dedication, management and use (including the construction of infrastructure that is consistent with the dedicated purpose or will have no greater impact than any act that could have been done under or in accordance with the reserve purpose) of the Reserves.

DEFINITIONS: Clause 1.1

"Council" means the Cook Shire Council constituted pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993 (QLD)* with jurisdiction over the local government area of the Shire of Cook.

"Minister" means the Minister from time to time administering the *Land Act 1994 (QLD)*

"Works or Activities" means any Council Infrastructure or the grant of an Occupancy Interest that Council may provide or undertake as a local government after the Commencement Date other than Minor Works or Activities.

[The terms 'Council Infrastructure', 'Extinguishing Infrastructure', 'Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure' and 'Reserves' are also defined in the agreement. Schedule 3 of the agreement describes the future acts (consisting of minor works or activities) for which the parties have given their consent. Full details of these defined terms and Schedule 3 can be obtained upon request by contacting Michelle Mann of the National Native Title Tribunal on freecall 1800 640 501]

### Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **15 October 2009**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, PO Box 9973, Cairns QLD 4870** by **15 October 2009**.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about this application, contact Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)

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# Yarning with Dan Christian



Dan Christian in action for South Australia.

**C**aptain of the 2009 Australian Indigenous cricket tour of England is South Australian Redbacks all-rounder Dan Christian. **The Koori Mail's PETER ARGENT** asked Christian about the tour, what it meant to him, and his future in the game.

*Dan, where do you place this honour of captaining the Australian Indigenous side in your list of cricket achievements?*

It is definitely one of my proudest cricketing moments.

*Tell me a bit about the tour: When, where, why etc.*

Our tour is the 141st anniversary of the first ever Indigenous touring team. They toured England and played a marathon tour. We return to Australia on 19 July. Our first tour match is against a Kent League XI in Kent on 24 June.

*Do you know much about the history of the Aboriginal Australian cricketers – and what impact has that had on you?*

It took them three months to get there by boat – which is pretty hard to imagine these days. I think they are also recognised as the first sporting team to compete as a national Australian team overseas.

I have a lot of respect for the guys on that tour – they achieved something very impressive given the conditions they would've faced as Aboriginal people in 1868.

When you look at the NRL and AFL, Indigenous players are some of the most talented sportspeople in the nation – so I think it's only a matter of time before Indigenous people make their mark in first-class cricket, particularly with the popularity of Twenty/20.

It's a great opportunity for myself and the rest of the touring squad to raise awareness of the sport amongst the Indigenous community.

*Are there many other first-class cricketers in the squad?*

Not at the moment. There are a couple of guys in the squad with State contracts though. It is essentially a development tour, so it will be a great opportunity for the guys who have never been overseas before to learn more about their games, and obtain some pretty valuable life experience along the way. Hopefully, we'll get the opportunity to catch up with the Australian team and also we'll be at Lord's

for the Second Ashes Test, which will be a great experience.

*Take us through your cricket history and your Indigenous heritage.*

My Aboriginal heritage is through my father Clem, who hails from the Wiradjuri people in central NSW.

I played my junior cricket in Sydney, coming through the NSW U/17 and U/19 teams, the Australian U/19s and was a Commonwealth Bank Cricket Academy Graduate in 2003. I've played in the United Kingdom a few times, so hopefully I can impart some of that experience on the other guys.

I played one-day cricket for NSW in the 2006/07 season before making my first-class debut for the Redbacks in January 2008 against Victoria.

The move to South Australia has been fruitful for me. My cricket has improved markedly and I'm really enjoying living in Adelaide.

*Can you give us an indication of your cricketing/sporting heroes as a youngster and any important mentors along the way?*

Growing up, I loved watching Michael Slater bat, and was lucky enough to play grade cricket with him in Sydney at the back end of his career. I was a big rugby league fan as well, so had a few St George posters on my walls. After moving to Sydney from Narrandera, I developed a great relationship with former Test cricketer and coach Geoff Lawson, who to date has easily had the most influence on my career.

*What are your future ambitions at first-class level?*

To keep improving personally as a player and to bring home some silverware for the Redbacks.

We've got a great young team at the moment and our performances towards the end of last season really showed that we've got what it takes to compete with the likes of Victoria, who have been the benchmark in recent seasons.

*Have you any advice for aspiring Aboriginal cricketers?*

Take advantage of your opportunities, and work hard to achieve what you want. But most importantly, enjoy playing the game.

● Footnote: Having played under 19 cricket for his country, Christian has over

the past two summers played nine first-class matches for South Australia. His highest score was 72 against Queensland at the Adelaide Oval in the 2007/08 season and his best effort with the ball was 5-62 against the Victorians last January in a game where he took seven wickets.

In the 50-over form of the game, his batting best was a six-laden 94, while his best bowling figures were 3-50 in his 23

matches so far. Playing in the newest form of the game, Twenty/20 cricket, Christian in 17 appearances, has made one 50 and his best haul was 4-23.

Dan Christian was a professional for the 2007 northern summer, playing with Haslingden in the Lancashire League. He was Haslingden's 13th Australian professional, the first being the great Dennis Lillee back in 1971.

## Tour schedule

● Wednesday 24 June v Kent (Twenty/20)

● Thursday 25 June v Middlesex XI (One-day)

● Monday 29 June v Home Counties (Twenty/20)

● Tuesday 30 June-Wednesday 1 July v MCC Combined Universities (Two-day)

● Thursday 2 July v East Anglia (One-day)

● Friday 3 July v Essex (One-day)

● Tuesday 7 July v Richmond

(One-day)

● Wednesday 8 July v Surrey (Twenty/20)

● Thursday 9 July v Southern (Twenty/20)

● Monday 13 July v Sussex (Twenty/20)

● Tuesday 14 July v Club Cricket Australia (One-day)

Scores and news throughout the tour can be followed through MyCricket on the Cricket Australia website at <http://mycricket.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/draw.aspx?save=1&id=DRAW&entityid=15545&gradeid=3630>



# Raising the profile

## 11 matches in a month for touring cricketers



A GROUP of Aboriginal cricketers hope their re-tracing of the famous 1868 tour of Britain will raise the sport's profile in Indigenous Australia.

A squad of 14 players aged 16-26 left Brisbane on 20 June and will play 11 matches inside a month against county and club sides, some at the grounds where the tourists of 141 years ago visited.

The 2009 tourists, whose visit coincides with the Test side's Ashes defence, are only the third tour party of Indigenous players to visit England since the 1868 squad became the first sports team to represent Australia overseas.

That squad, led by star all-rounder Johnny Mullagh, won 14, lost 14 and drew 19 of their 47 games over six months and were a curiosity in England, embraced by many, but also mocked by some.

Despite the achievements of those players, cricket took a long time to take off among Indigenous Australians, and it has only been in the past few years that participation has grown steadily.

### 13,000 cricketers

There are 13,000 registered Indigenous cricketers across the country, but that figure is small compared with the many thousands of Indigenous footballers in Australian rules or rugby league.

At the highest level, the ratio is even more skewed.

Indigenous stars comprise about 11 per cent of the total number of players in the AFL and NRL, whereas Aborigines make up 2.5 per cent of the national population.

Boxing, athletics and even basketball are other sports where Aborigines have reached the top.

Yet in the 132 years since the first Test match was played, Jason Gillespie is the only Indigenous player to have represented Australia at cricket, although Eddie Gilbert was a bowler of such talent in a short career for Queensland in the 1930s that he dismissed Don Bradman.

### Matter of time

South Australian all-rounder Dan Christian, who is captaining the squad in England, believes it will be sooner rather than later that more Indigenous players earn selection in state sides.

"When you look at the NRL and AFL, Indigenous players are some of the most talented sportspeople in the nation," said Christian, who is a Wiradjuri man.

"I think it's only a matter of time before Indigenous people make their mark in first-class cricket, particularly with the popularity of Twenty/20.

"It's a great opportunity for me and the rest of the touring team to raise awareness of the sport amongst the Indigenous community."

Christian is one of three State-aligned players in the development squad, but the only one who has played first-class cricket, as Josh Lalor and Worrin Williams were rookies with NSW and Queensland respectively last season.

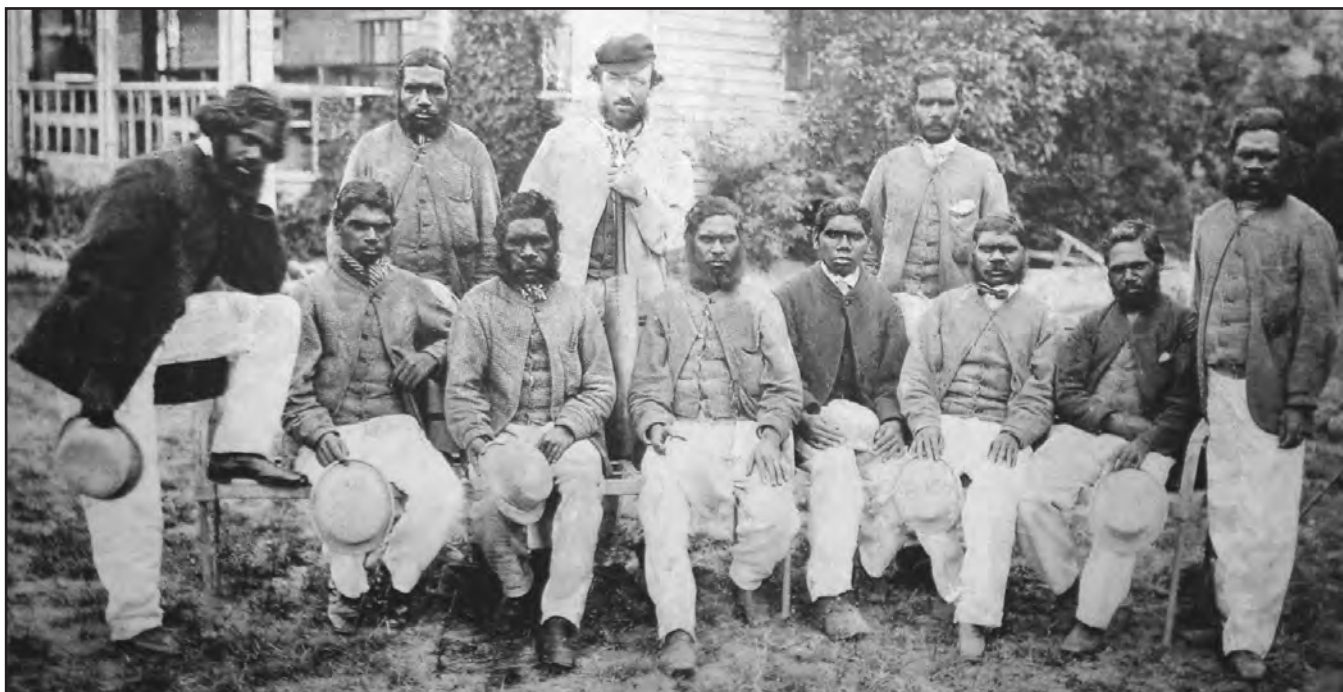
Christian, 26, rates leading the young side as one of the proudest moments of his career, given the respect he has for the original tourists, who spent three months at sea getting to England.

"It is essentially a development tour, so it will be a great opportunity for the guys who have never been overseas before to learn more about their game and obtain some pretty valuable life experience along the way," he said.

"Hopefully, we'll get the opportunity to catch up with the Australian team and also we'll be at Cardiff for the First Test, which will be a great experience."

Coach Michael Mainhardt told *The Koori Mail* the team had come together well on and off the field.

"I was very impressed with all of them, especially the bowlers", he said after the team's early training sessions on English soil. — *With AAP*



● ABOVE: The 1868 Aboriginal cricket team that toured England. It played 47 games over six months, winning 14, losing 14 and drawing 19.

● BELOW: The 2009 Australian Indigenous touring team with Indigenous cricket leader Vince Copely (rear, second from right), Matthew Hayden (rear, right) and coach Michael Mainhardt (front, right). It will play 11 matches in a month.



● LEFT: Queensland cricketer Cameron Trask, 20, at the Indigenous team's first training session at the Ealing Cricket Club, London.



● RIGHT: Queensland all-rounder Preston White, 18, during the first training session at Ealing. White was one of the stars at this year's Imparja Cup carnival in Alice Springs, scoring a century in the final against Tasmania.



# It's the ultimate sport

By GRAHAM HUNT



A GUNDITJMARA man from Victoria plays what he reckons is the ultimate sport – and it just happens to be called ultimate.

Rueben Berg also happens to be very good at it – so good that he has represented his country in the sport and this month will head off to Taiwan as the Assistant Coach of the Australian team competing in the World Games, an international multi-sport event for sports not contested in the Olympic Games.

Berg explained that the World Games were governed by the International World Games Association (IWGA) under the patronage of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Between 25 and 35 sports are expected to be played in Taiwan.

## Combination

Ultimate is played with a frisbee. Berg, 29, told *The Koori Mail* that ultimate was 'a combination of netball, Aussie rules AFL American football'.

It is a non-contact team sport played on a field the same length as a soccer field, but half as wide, with end-zones at each end.

Players are not allowed to run with the frisbee – they must pivot like in netball.

The aim is to pass it to team-mates who make leads up and down the field.

If a pass is incomplete, goes out of bounds, or is intercepted by the defence, it is a turnover. The defence now becomes the offence and tries to score in their endzone.

To score, the disc must be caught in the end-zone, like American football.

Berg explained that there are no 'umpires' in ultimate, or rather, every player is an umpire.

"Decisions about any illegal play are made by the players involved – this idea is called 'The Spirit of the Game'," he said.

He said games were played single gender or mixed.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Rueben Berg in action when he captained Australia at the Asia Oceanic ultimate championships in 2007.



## Nathan Jawai the 'senior statesman' in new-look Aust Boomers squad



BAMAGA Indigenous star Nathan Jawai headlined a new-look and inexperienced Australian men's basketball team

announced last week by new coach Brett Brown.

Brown, an assistant coach with the San Antonio Spurs who has taken over the Boomers from Brian Goorjian, had spent five days running his eyes over a 27-strong squad at a camp in Canberra.

With the likes of regulars Andrew Bogut, Brad Newley, Indigenous star Patrick Mills, Mark Worthington and Matt Nielsen

absent, the camp offered some fringe players an opportunity to impress the new coach.

Brown and his assistants Andrej Lemanis and Shane Heal picked 12 players to take on the Chinese national team in China on 28 and 30 June.

Jawai, 22, who has just completed his rookie year with the Toronto Raptors in the NBA, was the biggest name in the squad.

Fellow big man Aleks Maric, from Spanish club CB Granada, was the only other overseas-based player in a squad made up mostly of players from the Australian NBL.

"The players selected displayed a combination of physical grunt and skill on a daily basis during the camp," Brown said.

"And I'm looking forward to getting on the road with the team and seeing the same effort and intensity in a game situation."

Following the tour to China, another squad will undergo a second training camp in Sydney before tours of Argentina and Brazil.

A third and final camp for 2009 will then be held before Australia take on New Zealand in the Oceania Championship in Sydney on 23 August. – AAP



# Carnivals to clash

## Three events on at the same time

By ALF WILSON



THREE major north Queensland All Blacks rugby league carnivals are scheduled for the same weekend in October – with two in Townsville and the other on Thursday Island.

The Zenadth Kes Cup to be held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island on 9-11 October will clash with the Daisy Cup and Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnivals in Townsville.

The Vern and Frank Daisy Cup has been confirmed by organiser Obe Geia as being held in Townsville on 11-12 October at the local Sports Reserve.

A Bindal spokeswoman told *The Koori Mail* that Sharks United carnival had also been scheduled for 11-12 October in Townsville at Shark Park.

There will be a cavalcade of rugby league for Indigenous players during October.

It is understood, but not yet confirmed by organisers, that the popular Dan Ropeyarn Memorial carnival at Bamaga will be on the first weekend in October – a week before the three carnivals.

Cairns All Blacks carnival organiser Sarah Addo told *The Koori Mail* that their event would be on 17-18 October.

Last year 24 teams played at Cairns, 16 contested the Bindal carnival, while

nine battled it out in the Daisy Cup, and six teams in the Zenadth Kes.

In 2008 the Bindal carnival was in early October – a week before the Daisy Cup and the Cairns carnival.

The Zenadth Kes was held on 31 October and 1-2 November and was won by the Thursday Island Stingers from Kubin side Arkai Brothers.

Before the dates were announced, many quality players, including footballers like Billo Mosby and Bruce Joseph, were going to compete in Townsville and on Thursday Island.

Kaiwalagal Rugby League secretary L J Shibasaki said the Zenadth Kes carnival would definitely be held on Thursday Island from 9-11 October.

### No impact

“We have checked with the development officers and other rugby league bodies and the Vern Daisy Carnival wasn’t going to affect any of our players from the TSI, NPA and Cape York,” Ms Shibasaki said.

“Our proposed prizemoney for this carnival should be very inviting anyway. We can’t get our referees any other weekends either.”

The clashes are sure to impact on the standard of play in the Thursday Island event. For example, six A-grade Townsville players had indicated they would line up for a Mabuag side.



Kaiwalagal Rugby League secretary L J Shibasaki, right, at the presentation of the Origin series with player Sarah Tom.

However, they will now compete in the Bindal carnival.

Aboriginal communities Cherbourg and Woorabinda are considering sending two sides to Townsville, with each community being represented in the Bindal carnival and the Daisy Cup.

Some Cairns-based players may opt to compete in successive weeks at the Dan Ropeyarn, Zenadth Kes and Cairns events.

Women’s games will be held at all carnivals, with the exception of the Bamaga carnival, which had yet to confirm any.

KRL President Harry Cook said the committee didn’t think clashing with the Townsville carnivals would affect the Zenadth Kes.

“We have given players the option to play on Thursday Island or travel to Townsville,” he said.



David Bosun, left, with young Arkai player Moses Neliman.

## Arkai Brothers snare top Mareeba player

By ALF WILSON



ARKAI Brothers from Kubin have shown just how serious they are about winning the coming Zenadth Kes Cup rugby league carnival on Thursday Island by announcing they have snared the services of champion Innisfail/Eacham Foley Shield back Steve Sheppard.

The dust didn’t even have time to settle on the Island of Origin series on Thursday Island over the Queen’s Birthday long weekend when Arkai Brothers stalwart David Bosun told *The Koori Mail* that Sheppard would be in the colours of the Kubin team come October.

“Sheppard is the captain of the Mareeba side in the Cairns competition and two of our boys, Leon and Edward Namai, play for them and Sheppard has agreed to come up and play for us,” Bosun said.

Sheppard played a leading role in the 32-22 Foley Shield grand final win by Innisfail/Eacham over Torres/Cape at the Townsville Sports Reserve on Easter Sunday.

He is a crafty try-scoring five-eighth and a

deadly accurate goal kicker and an on-field general.

Another player looking likely to turn out in Arkai colours is former star Townsville Foley Shield utility Glenn Butler.

Butler told *The Koori Mail* he had always wanted to compete in a carnival in the Torres Strait.

Last November, Arkai Brothers reached the final before going down to the powerful Thursday Island Stingers 36-6.

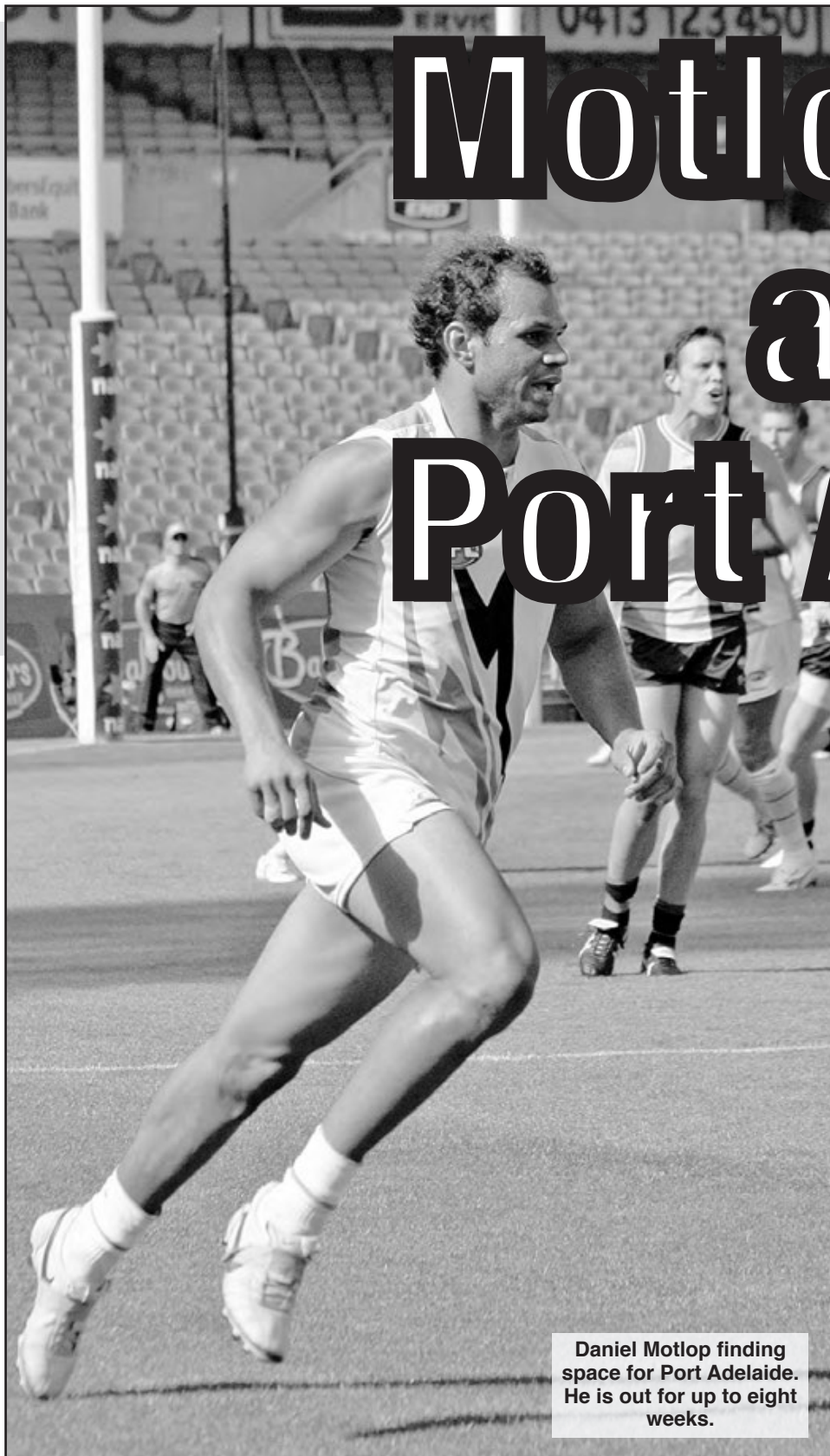
Arkai Brothers were considered one of the early favourites for the 2009 Origin series in which Mulga United from Badu defeated Western Bears 42-22 in the decider.

But Bosun said Arkai Brothers had considered the costs and decided to put their resources towards the Zenadth Kes carnival.

“It was too expensive to come to Thursday Island for the Origin, considering the nomination fee, accommodation and plane fares, so we are now looking forward to the Torres Cup,” he said.

It is early days yet, however a team from Badu, another from Mabuag, and Arkai Brothers are amongst the favourites, along with TI Stingers – if they enter.





# Motlop injury a blow to Port Adelaide

By PETER ARGENT



INJURED Port Adelaide forward Daniel Motlop has had surgery to insert a pin into his fractured left ankle.

After X-rays revealed a fracture on the inside of Motlop's ankle, the Power management felt it was prudent to act straight away. The injury was sustained early in the round-12 game against the Bulldogs at TIO stadium in Motlop's home city of Darwin.

"Daniel got a kick in the ankle and broke a bone," Port Adelaide football operations manager Peter Rohde said.

"Up into round eight or nine, he was arguably our best player, so Daniel is a significant loss to our squad.

"Adding to the injuries to Shaun (Burgoyne) and Chad (Cornes), this is another blow for the group.

"He was on crutches and is now in a moon boot.

"Hopefully he will play finals, and depending upon his rehabilitation we'd be looking for him to be available for the last three games of the regular season."

Motlop is expected to be sidelined for between seven and eight weeks.

The Power leading goal kicker in 2008 and known for his freakish goal kicking, Motlop has played 107 AFL games. His 57 goals last season was a career high and this year he has slotted through 20 goals from the 10 games he has played.

Now 27, his best efforts this year were four-goal hauls in the opening two fixtures against Essendon and West Coast.

The news was equally poor for club vice-captain and Indigenous star Shaun Burgoyne, who has been sidelined since the round-three game against Melbourne, after receiving bruising to the bottom of his knee.

"Shaun has received another setback in his rehabilitation and is at least four weeks away," Rohde said.

"He is still in pain when he runs and once he gets past that, he'll need a couple of weeks to get match ready."

Port Adelaide, which has a large Aboriginal contingent within their squad, has sorely missed the drive of Burgoyne through the middle and will certainly miss Motlop's lead-up marking and goal-kicking ability.

The Power are in the middle of the pack.

**Daniel Motlop finding space for Port Adelaide. He is out for up to eight weeks.**

## Thunder on course for semi-final appearance



THE Northern Territory Thunder were expected to return to the winner's list last Saturday when they took on last-placed Western Magpies in the Australian Football League Queensland (AFLQ) competition.

Before that game, the Thunder were in fourth place on the ladder with 24 points.

Leading the competition before last weekend were Morningside, with 32 points, followed by Redland (32) and Southport (28).

The Brisbane Lions and Mt Gravatt had the same win-loss record as the Thunder, but the Thunder's healthy percentage kept them clear of the Lions and Mt Gravatt.

The Thunder remained in fourth place with six wins and four losses after beaten 17.18 (110) to 13.11 (89) by the competition leaders Morningside at Cazalys Stadium, Cairns.

The Thunder were able to stay with the competition leaders for the majority of the

game but were unable to capitalise on scoring opportunities in the second half.

Even a six-goal haul by power forward Darren Ewing could not get the Thunder over the line.

The game proved costly in more ways than one. The injury list looked more like a war-time casualty list: Dylan Kent (groin) 2-3 weeks, Christian Schild (knee) 8-9 weeks, Relton Roberts (hamstring) 2-3 weeks, John Anstess (knee) 2-3 weeks, A Motlop (knee) season, Jayden Kickett (shoulder) 1 week, Marty Smith (ankle) 5-6 weeks, Kevin Tandogac (broken jaw) 6-8 weeks, Charlie Maher (knee) indefinite, and Shannon Rusca (knee) indefinite.

A week earlier, the Thunder had an outstanding win over the Broadbeach Cats at TIO Stadium, Darwin. Scores: Thunder 24.9 (153) Broadbeach 11.5 (71).

It was a sluggish start for Thunder after the QAFL break the previous week, but after the first break the squad found form.

## Marngrook Footy Show is coming to Sydney

FOR the first time, *The Marngrook Footy Show* will present their Australian football program live to Sydney audiences on Thursday 9 July at 7.30pm.

The show will come from Foxtel studios in North Ryde.

*The Marngrook Show* will be in Sydney to join in NAIDOC celebrations, which includes the game between the Sydney Swans and Essendon on Saturday 11 July, where teams vie for the Marngrook Trophy.

The annual clash between the Swans and the Essendon Bombers has been played for the spectacular Marngrook Trophy since 2002.

Hosted by Grant Hansen and Gilbert McAdam, with regulars Ronnie Burns, Alan Thorpe and Chris Johnson, *Marngrook* is quoted as being AFL CEO Andrew Demetrius' favourite footy program and the one he regularly watches.

Guests at the *Marngrook* Sydney program special will include Sydney Swans favourites Adam Goodes and Michael O'Loughlin, Indigenous performer Vic Simms, Rockpile Jones from OL'55, along with Sydney band *On the Prowl*.

In a collaboration of the codes, Brad Cooke, host of NITV's *Barefoot Rugby League Show*, will also make a guest appearance.

All the regular segments with the girls Leila Gurruwiwi and Sandy Greenwood will feature, as well as Tiddas Tips with former Sydney Swans Star Steve Taubert, who is now the assistant Sydney ruck coach.

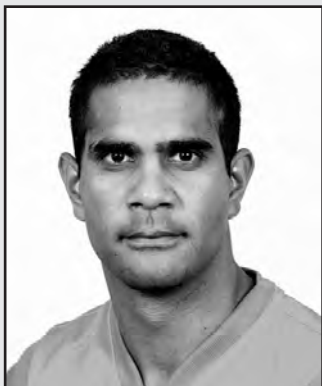
*The Marngrook Footy Show* publicists say their show is fast becoming the number one football show with AFL fans across the country.

To be a part of the studio audience, go to [www.marngrookfootyshow.com.au](http://www.marngrookfootyshow.com.au) for further information and tickets.



# On my terms

## Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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gave the kid the courage and the inspiration to dream that he could one day play at the highest level.

In many respects, that young boy still lives inside me and I hope that – although older and in some respects wiser – I am still the same person that I was when I started my AFL journey.

**O'Loughlin:** *I want to come home.*

**His mum:** *There's nothing here for you. Stay there.*

**O'Loughlin:** *No, I'm getting on a plane.*

**His mum:** *Well, you haven't got a bed. I gave it to your cousin.*



**Another milestone:** Michael O'Loughlin (top left) is congratulated by team-mate Adam Goodes (top right) as they are carried from the field after O'Loughlin's record-breaking 261st game at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Sunday 8 June 2007. The Swans defeated the Fremantle Dockers 11.23 (89) to 9.7 (61) in that match. – AAP image

**L**AST week, when I announced my decision to retire at the end of the season, there were two people who were continually at the front of my mind.

One was a scrawny kid growing up in Salisbury who discovered a love of AFL like any other kid kicking a ball around the park or on the roads with his brothers and cousins.

The other was a mother who

But there is one thing I am certain of – that my mother is that same person who not only inspired me then, but continues to inspire me now.

She has been the one constant in my life and, along with my partner and children, sits at the centre of my universe.

I remember representing Central Districts as a youngster and that allowed me to start to think that I might play at the

AFL level.

Like many kids of that age, it was a simple dream but one that inspired me to work harder.

I was fortunate, however, to have a mother who was determined to keep her son's head out of the clouds and my mum (Muriel) made certain that school came first – or there was no footy.

Mum made certain I had my priorities in the right order and I would like to think that the values she gave me as a kid are still central to my life today.

They are certainly the values I will try to pass on to my own children.

By ensuring that I stuck it out at school, she not only taught me the value of a good education, but also the rewards that come through perseverance and effort.

These are the things you do not always appreciate at the time, but always value greatly when you look back over your life.

This did not mean that she did not encourage me in my footy pursuits.

She was – and is – my greatest fan.

Along with my grandparents – Glenn and Cecilia O'Loughlin – she continually not only encouraged me to follow my dreams, but also gave me a great deal of physical support.

My Uncle Wilbur Wilson and the great Gilbert McAdam also had a special influence on me, but Mum was my rock.

That was why I got so emotional at the press conference when I recalled all the sacrifices she made over the years.

As I said at the press conference, when I first came to Sydney, I didn't think I'd stay for

that long and I'd ring mum and say 'I want to come home, I want to come home'.

But Mum had enough strength for both of us.

She'd say 'There's nothing here for you. Stay there', and I said 'No, I'm getting on a plane', and she said 'Well, you haven't got a bed. I gave it to your cousin'.

There's not much use going home if there isn't a bed for you! But that was just Mum showing her tough love.

When I was a kid, we didn't have much, but she made sure we were clothed and fed... and loved.

So I stayed at the Swans because I wanted to make her feel proud.

Some guys come to play to be recognised and some guys play for money, but I came, with the opportunity that the Swans gave me, to play and help my family to live a better life.

Hopefully, I've done that.

As for the decision itself, I knew in the back of my mind in pre-season, when I was coming back from my ankle operation and started running, that it was going to be tough to go on next year.

I probably knew then that this was going to be my last year.

I just had to make sure I didn't make the call too early.

It is hard to admit to people that you have lost a step or two and it is even harder when you can't do the things you were always able to do that just came naturally.

I think that is called old age!

Even though people would say 'you look sharp and you look good', deep down I knew I was struggling.

Other people – with all the good intentions in the world – will

often tell you what they think you want to hear

I am very honest with myself about how I am going and I would rather go out and not battle away.

Making the decision felt like a weight had been lifted off my shoulders.

I can now focus on enjoying every moment that is made available to me and hopefully help the Swans make the finals.

The hardest part was talking to my coach and friend Paul Roos, who for 15 years, has been there right when I needed him, as well as the players, in particular the older blokes who I have shared the good and bad times with over the many years.

But all that being said, I knew I was doing the right thing.

Although my focus will be on finishing the season on a high and – with good form and good luck – hopefully reaching that 300-game mark, I can also turn my mind to the future.

It has always been my 'other dream' to be able to spend more time helping our people improve their lot in life.

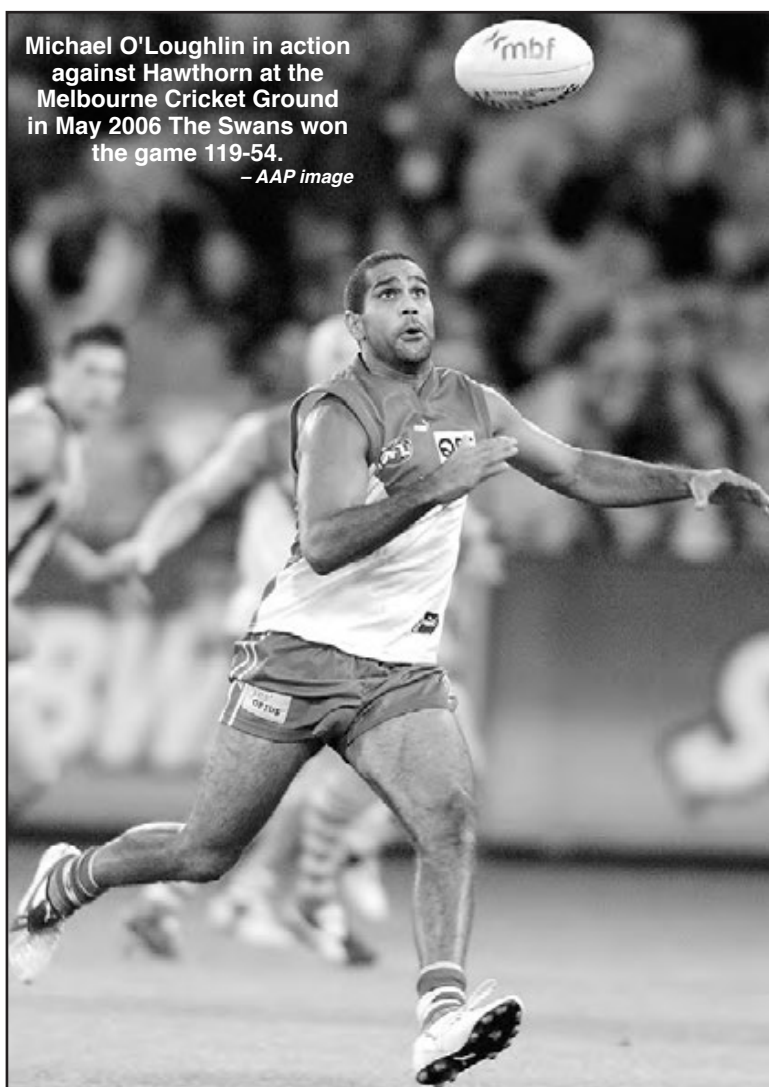
Whether it be with the Swans or another organisation, I hope to remain in Sydney to continue my work with programs to improve Indigenous health and education.

There are causes that I have helped, but have been unable to devote my full energies to.

It's something that I'm very passionate about and feel that it's my duty and my role to help the Indigenous people of this country lead better lives.

It is something I owe them and it is something that I owe to my mum.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



**Michael O'Loughlin in action against Hawthorn at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in May 2006. The Swans won the game 119-54.**

– AAP image



# NSW selection blues

## RUGBY LEAGUE

By a Special Correspondent

THE rugby league selectors have rightly been under fire due to their failure to pick a winning combination for the past four series.

But their dilemma goes back far further than just recent times and can be sourced to an unwritten policy that puts many Indigenous players at a disadvantage.

This is not to say that the matter is one based on race or overt discrimination because the 'policy' that I refer to is one based on size and perceived experience rather than race or background.

It is a policy that would discriminate against Billy Slater and Alfie Langer as much as it would Matt Bowen or Preston Campbell if they came from south of the border.

Unfortunately, in Preston's case, he was born in Tingha, and he remains the perfect example of the misguided NSW policy.

Preston this year has been in vintage form, but as was the case when he was Dally M Player of the Year at Cronulla and was a key part of the Panthers' premiership winning season in 2003, there was little chance that he would be picked for Origin this year.

Form alone will never be enough to convince the NSW selectors despite the continued success of Queensland who are more unorthodox in their approach.

This is despite the public support of his coach John Cartwright who has experienced Origin success as players and as part of the coaching structure.

While Origin is a different type of game, Queensland has never worried about picking size, they go for a type of player.

### Support 'flair'

While commitment is a common factor for both sides, Queensland has always been willing to support flair while NSW go for the 'big man versus the little man' theory.

Age is another factor – at both ends of the scale – that does not seem to worry the Queenslanders as much as it does NSW.

So while the defence of Lockyer has always been questioned, the Queensland selectors have always shown him faith.

Preston, on the other hand, has never been

given the chance.

The same has applied to the likes of Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston, Sam Thaiday, Justin Hodges, Carl Webb and Willie Tonga.

Tonga and Inglis – both Indigenous – are good cases to look at.

Despite the fact that Inglis is an exceptional talent, there is little doubt that he would not have got his chance at Origin football as early as he did if he had declared his loyalty to the Blues.

There is also little doubt that his career would not have blossomed as early as it has if he had not been given that opportunity.

Tonga was the same early in his career but, after an horrendous run with injuries, the selectors showed faith in him by recalling him to duty following the injury to Justin Hodges.

Many of the NSW critics questioned his defensive capabilities, particularly when it was revealed that he would be playing on the right side of the field.

But faith has a habit of being repaid and one of the highlights of the game were Tonga's bone-crushing tackles on David Williams which dislodged the ball and set the Maroons on their path to victory.

### Outstanding game

Thurston was again outstanding and probably could have claimed the 'man of the match award' won by Sam Thaiday.

Let's not forget that the 'slight' Thurston had to move to North Queensland – a club with more than 30 per cent of its players proudly Indigenous – to get his chance in first grade.

Again, many southerners saw him as 'too small' to succeed.

Yet he was probably the toughest player on the field last week.

The recurring 'too small' argument has proven the most misguided line of reasoning in Origin history.

You need only to look at the success of the likes of Allan Langer, Trevor Gillmeister and 2005 Origin hero Matt Bowen to disprove the theory.

Where does all this lead?

There is a perception among young Indigenous players that you need to qualify to play for Queensland if you are to be an Indigenous NRL player and play Origin.

The National junior teams are full of players who want to play their first senior football for Queensland to give themselves this opportunity.

The fact that nearly 40 per cent of Indigenous players across the NRL play for the three Queensland clubs – Titans, Broncos and Cowboys – just reinforced this perception.

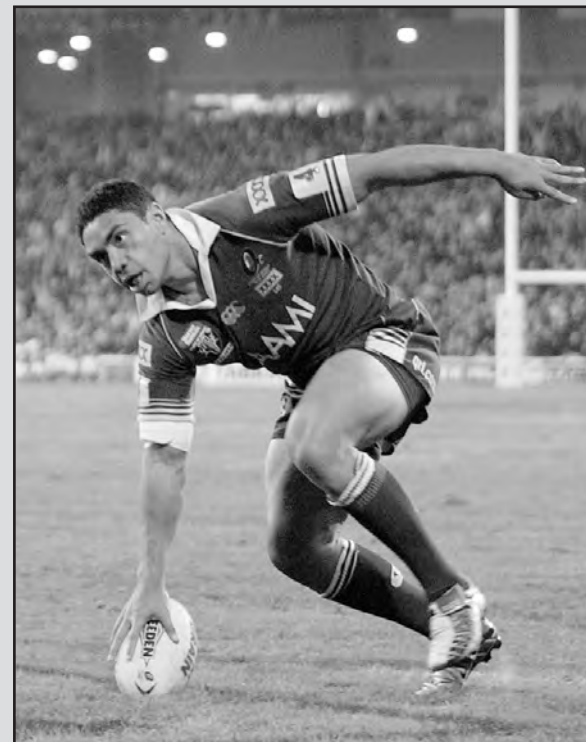
It is a matter that needs to be addressed for the future health of Indigenous development.



● LEFT: Gold Coast Titans fullback Preston Campbell. When it comes to the question of a player's size in rugby league, Campbell had this to say: "If I listened to that stuff, I would never have played footy. Even my old man thought I was too small to play. Unless they throw you in, they're not going to know. I've been lucky to play at clubs that did have faith in me. All you ask for is your team and coach to show faith. You want to repay them."

New South Wales Origin selectors should take note.

● BELOW LEFT and BELOW: Queensland stars Johnathan Thurston and Willie Tonga. Our Special Correspondent argues that these players would not have been given the opportunities had they been eligible for selection in the NSW Origin team.



Players will make wrong choices based on this perception.

There needs to be a clear development pathway for these kids to see that each State provides them with equal opportunity.

We need to encourage creativity and flair as opposed to sheer size and physical dominance.

Not only do we need to do this for the sake of the kids

coming through, but also for the health of Origin and the game itself.

The game needs the excitement that is embodied by the likes of Thurston and Inglis.

NSW needs to realise that one size does not fit all.

The NSW selectors need to listen to Preston Campbell's matter-of-fact approach.

"If I listened to that stuff, I would never have played footy, even my old man thought I was

too small to play," Campbell said.

"Unless they throw you in, they're not going to know.

"I've been lucky to play at clubs that did have faith in me. All you ask for is your team and coach to show faith. You want to repay them."

NSW have got to show our next crop of young Indigenous players that faith.

Otherwise we might all as well move to Queensland.



# Davina takes on the world



**TOOWOOMBA** Indigenous weightlifter Davina Hughes just keeps on reaching new

heights.

Hughes, who won three gold medals at the Arafura Games in Darwin in May, has just returned from the World Junior weightlifting championships in Bucharest, Romania.

She lifted at the World Junior Championships in Bucharest and she snatched 67kg – 1kg above her personal best.

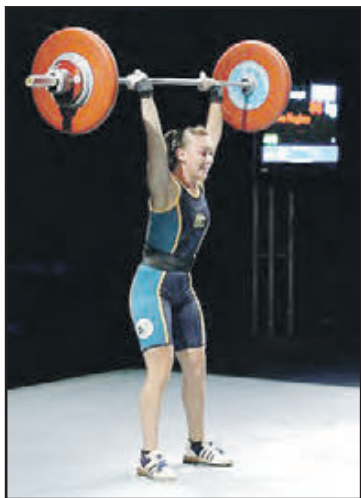
She then clean and jerked 79kg but twice missed 84kg. This put her in third place in the B grade division.

Hughes missed out on second place by body weight.

She was 12th in the overall championships.

Her next competition is the Australian Open championships in Sydney on 18 July.

Hughes has been named in the Australian Junior Commonwealth Games squad and has qualified to lift at the Commonwealth championships in Kuala Lumpur in August. She is hoping to qualify to lift at the Commonwealth Games Trials next year and be the first Indigenous woman to lift at the Commonwealth Games.



● **ABOVE and BELOW:** Davina Hughes competing in the Arafura Games last May in Darwin.



# Townsville takes lead from Cairns

By ALF WILSON



A MIDNIGHT basketball competition is set to start in Townsville this month, with one major aim being for a representative game to be played against Cairns as a curtain-raiser to a Crocodiles versus Taipans NBL game.

More than 20 people attended a meeting at the Townsville Basketball Stadium in June, with representatives from the police, Cleveland Youth Detention and community groups.

The chairman of the committee is former champion rugby league player Robbie Cedar, whose son Michael Cedar, an NBL Townsville Crocodiles star, was also there to support it.

Michael Cedar and his brother Chris will help co-ordinate the roll-out and logistics of the program.

"It was good to see so many people at the meeting and I have spoken to Joel Khalu, who is involved with Midnight Basketball in Cairns and we hope to organise a game between the centres as a curtain-raiser to a Townsville Crocs and Cairns Taipans NBL game," Robbie Cedar said.



From left, Police Liaison Officer Patrick Whap, Midnight Basketball CEO Tess White and Townsville Crocs player Michael Cedar.

Midnight Basketball is a community development program for at-risk youth. Dinner, life skills workshops and tournament basketball games are run in basketball stadiums from 7.30pm until midnight on Saturdays, when players are most at risk of harm, including self-harm, or anti-social behaviour and when other community services are not available.

It targets young people aged 12-18, with the assistance of local youth organisations, government agencies, police and community partners.

Its slogan 'no workshop no jumpshot' embodies a philosophy of combining learning with fun and requires participants to attend compulsory life skills

workshops to play in the basketball tournament until midnight, when a bus takes everyone home.

Midnight Basketball Australia CEO Tess White attended the Townsville meeting and was enthusiastic.

"It was very exciting to see such a great turnout for the Midnight Basketball Townsville community meeting," she said.

It was attended by a wide representation of sporting, youth and government services, police and many other great community individuals as well as a representative of local youth.

Ms White said it was vital for the program to support the basketball, compulsory life skills workshops, bus delivery home at

midnight as well as a structure to support engagement with the wider community.

"While Midnight Basketball Australia provides a lot of support, it is the local community committee that sets up and drives the program locally to positively influence the youth of Townsville and achieve great outcomes through a fun, active and positive Saturday night activity," she said.

Midnight Basketball Australia Ltd is a not-for-profit, charitable organisation with DGR status (for receipt of tax deductible donations) that relies on support from government, corporate partners and, most importantly, people, to provide valuable life lessons to vulnerable youth.

# They're allowed to stand!

By GRAHAM HUNT



A SMALL group of Indigenous far north Queenslanders have been introduced to cricket umpiring.

The group has just completed an introductory session for level-one umpires – the game's entry level.

The co-ordinator for the course at Innisfail was Cairns-based Queensland Cricket recruitment officer Ian Beattie. He was joined by the Chairman of the Queensland Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee, Larry Budd, from Brisbane.

Budd also undertook the course and is now a level-one cricket umpire. Budd was accompanied from Brisbane by course participant Josh Henry.

Unfortunately, poor weather meant course numbers were halved, but organisers were more than pleased with the program. They say the Innisfail course was just the beginning of a push to involve Indigenous people in all aspects of cricket.

The Innisfail course was an Australian-first for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander umpires.

Budd told *The Koori Mail* it was hoped that some of the Innisfail course participants would officiate in community games during next year's Imparja Cup cricket tournament in Alice Springs.

Ultimately, it was hoped Indigenous umpires would reach a level where they



could officiate in the interstate Imparja Cup competition.

Innisfail course participant Stay Lenoy said he now was aiming to obtain his level-two umpire's certificate and hoped to eventually make it to Alice Springs for the Imparja Cup carnival.

The course graduates will officiate in the

Rainforest Cup cricket tournament at Tully in late October-early November.

● **Pictured at the Innisfail course are, back row, from left, Stan Lenoy, Herb Walsh, Arthur Murray, Michael Sands, Dennis McAllister and Josh Henry and, front row, Margaret Roberts, Larry Budd and Ian Beattie.**



# She's only 12, but Amanda is *so* talented

Amanda Fowler pictured at the Sydney Maritime Museum at the Department of Housing Youth Achievement Awards. Amanda was named Sportsperson of the Year. With her are Michael West, from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council, and who gave the welcome to country, and NSW Governor Marie Bashir.



By GRAHAM HUNT



IF there's a more multi-skilled young Indigenous sportswoman than 12-year-old Amanda Fowler, of Blaxland in the NSW Blue Mountains, we would like to know about her.

Amanda's achievements are amazing and they cover a range of sports – swimming, athletics, triathlon, water polo and soccer.

Her diversity spreads itself across more than one discipline in some of those sports.

For example, in swimming, she has a crack at all of the strokes, but admits breaststroke, butterfly and the individual medley are her favourites.

That leaves freestyle and backstroke as her less-favoured strokes – but she still competes in them and has plenty of trophies and medals to show that she's no slouch.

Then there's athletics.

Amanda has competed in long jump, shot put, discus and 100m and 200m sprints.

She's also a cross-country runner.

In soccer, she plays for the Blue Mountains Redbacks in the local competition.

In water polo, Amanda was a member

of this year's Blue Mountains representative team that won the under 14 Metropolitan championships in Sydney.

Her mum Katherine must be run off her feet just trying to keep up with Amanda.

Amanda is in Year 7 at the Wycliffe Christian School at Warrimoo, near Blaxland.

She and her brother Anthony, who is legally blind, are Aboriginal from both parents. Anthony was also involved in many sports, holding numerous state and national titles/records in his disability classification. He lives with his father while Amanda lives with her mum.

Amanda competes in able-bodied and disability (multi-disability – MD) events.

In the Pacific School Games in Canberra last December, Amanda competed in two sports – swimming and athletics.

She came home with a total of five medals after competing in the long jump, shot put, discus and 100m and 200m sprints in athletics, and the 50m butterfly, 200m individual medley and the medley and freestyle relays in swimming. She won gold, silver and bronze in the pool and two bronze medals in athletics.

At the State Little Athletics championships this year, she won three medals.

Then it was back to the pool for her water polo triumph at the Metropolitan championships.

At her school swimming carnival, she won her age division and then won her age division at the zone championships.

Then she was off to the State Christian School carnival at Homebush, Sydney, where she was the MD age champion.

The national Christian School titles in Perth followed. There, Amanda found herself in the pool in the 12-19-year age group. Normally, she competes in the 12-15-year age group.

She collected two silver and two bronze medals.

Even against more senior competition, she was the reserve champion.

## Slashed record

Back home, she took about four seconds off the 50m breaststroke record at the Combined Independent Schools State (CIS) titles at Homebush.

She also collected gold in the freestyle relay and picked up bronze medals in freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events.

At the All-Schools State titles, Amanda finished second in the 50m breaststroke (MD) and third in the 100m butterfly, 100m and 50m freestyle.

Her Combined Independent School

(CIS) relay team finished second.

At the Special Olympic State championships in Narooma, on the NSW far south coast, Amanda won gold medals in all four stroke disciplines.

At her local Springwood Swimming Club, she is the club's 12 years champion and was runner-up in the open championship – even though she's still just 12.

She was first in the MD championship.

Amanda also put on her cross-country shoes for the State Christian Schools titles at Eastern Creek, where she finished third in the MD event.

Then came the CIS State titles, where she came fourth.

She competed in the teams event at the All-Schools triathlon titles at Penrith.

She also has won medals at NSW Country swimming titles and has even competed at the Telstra National swimming championships, swimming in the 200m individual medley.

She is off to Perth in September for the All-Schools National swimming titles, where she will swim in the breaststroke event.

Her achievements have been recognised – she has been named the NSW Department of Housing Sportsperson of the Year. The award is for people living in Housing Department accommodation.

# Jamal Idris sidelined with injury to elbow



BULLDOGS sensation Jamal Idris (pictured right) is unlikely to play again until just before the National Rugby League (NRL) finals after scans revealed two tears in his dislocated elbow.

Idris' left arm will be put in a brace for two to three weeks after he hyperextended the joint when he attempted to fend away at Penrith centre Maurice Blair late in the Dogs' 19 June win over Panthers.

Another three weeks of rehabilitation and some time in the lower grades to get back up to speed, and the 18-year-old Idris could find it tough to get back into the NRL squad

before the round 24 encounter against the Sydney Roosters.

"The scans show that he's got a tear in his medial ligament, it's not a complete tear but it's a tear nonetheless. He's also got an anterior capsular tear," Bulldogs physio Tony Ayoub said.

"The medial ligament and the bone bruising are the two main concerns.

"He'll be in a brace for two to three weeks and that will help tighten up the joint and then we just try and rehab him after that.

"He'll be a bit restricted in his range... we'll hope to get him back on the field in two or three weeks after he gets out of the brace." – AAP





# Go-getter Josie Janz runs hot with Fever

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



WEST Coast Fever netballer Josie Janz has always been strong-willed to get ahead in life and that is continuing as she emerges as one of Australia's exciting young defenders.

After getting on to the court in just two games in the 2008 ANZ championship season with the Perth-based Fever, Janz has received greater opportunities as goal defence this season and has improved along with the team, which is still in the finals race.

Janz has started most games and is beginning to form a strong defensive combination with Susan Fuhrmann and playing internationally for Australia is the goal of the 21-year-old, who came to Perth from Derby back in her school days because she wanted to make something of herself.

After being born on Thursday Island, Janz and family moved to Derby, but she saw the writing on the wall that she might not get the education or development she hoped up north, so moved to Perth and it's turned out tremendously positively.

"I was in Year 9 and knew that to do TEE (HSC), I didn't have much chance to succeed unless I moved. The success rate at our school for graduating was one in five, and I didn't want that for me so I got on the internet and looked up schools," Janz said.

"I originally wanted to go to Aranmore Catholic College because of their netball program, but then did some research and found Iona, but wasn't that happy with them when I went to see them. Eventually, I went to PLC and it was good.

"When I first came down it was just for education, but it worked out for the best that netball was a second side to that and I ended up at a State League side, made the State team and it's all worked out well."

## Vastly improved season

After the Fever struggled with just two wins in the inaugural trans-Tasman netball season, it has been a vastly better 2009, highlighted by a run of three straight wins early on, including an overtime thriller against last year's champions NSW Swifts.

For Janz, that has overtaken the under-21s national championships victory in 2005 that ended WA's 33-year drought as a career highlight.

"My highlight before the Swifts game was when we played 21s nationals in Canberra and WA finished fourth and Victoria first, and we had to play them in the semi-final. We ended up coming a draw at the end of time, and then we beat them in overtime," she said.

"We all cried because it was the first time WA had won the nationals in 30 years, and that game was the first time we had beaten Victoria. We still bring that up because some of the Victorian girls play in our team now."

Not only is Janz enjoying the current season much more because the Fever has won more games, but she is thriving under the tutelage of new coach Jane Searle and in the environment of a young, all-Australian team.

"I'm definitely enjoying it compared with last year where we had a slow start and a brand new team, but now we have a very young team, have got rid of our international imports which stopped us developing our WA talent a little," she said.

"Jane is a bit more laid back and knows more about the game, and even how to fire us

up. Having Jane is really good and she especially knows how to develop younger players coming through, and how you should think about games rather than just focus on the physical side.

"At the start of the season we didn't know each other too well, but it didn't take too long to jell and it was just one catch-up or barbecue that got us all together. From then on we have a bit of a sisterhood going and it's really good because we all act around the same age. We play very much for each other."

## Play for Australia

Like every netballer in the country, Janz's goal is to play for Australia and she actually feels she could be closer to the mark already if she worked harder when younger when in the Australian under-17 and 19 teams.

"It's everyone's goal and to make it to the ultimate level would be amazing, but it's very hard work to get there," she said.

"At the time I breezed through it and it came very easily at that time, just by being fit and knowing the game. If I hadn't have cruised so much when I was younger, I'd be where I wanted to be now, but taking a few steps back has helped me to see where I want to get to now.

"It is a progression for me compared with last year, where I only played 15 and eight minutes in two different games, and playing more consistently would be good.

"Looking at this season, I'd say I would need to be fitter and to run faster, especially against other training partners so there's no hesitation to put me on longer."

Not only does Janz do good work on the court with the Fever, but off it as well by being a mentor with the David Wirrpanda Foundation, along with West Coast team-mates Bianca Franklin and Kirby Bentley.

She loves the role and believes it would have benefited her and others greatly if it was running when she was growing up.

## Visit schools

"I like working with all the girls and we go out to schools a lot. There are two that we go to all the time – Yule Brook College and Balga Senior High School – and that's really good because you see them progress. The schools come here and we take them out to do sport and stuff. Some of them you hardly see again so you try to impact them on the hour you get," she said.

"Because I'm from a small country town, we didn't have very many role models and the biggest person we knew of was Cathy Freeman, and anyone before that would have been great to come up and speak to us.

"We were really excited when Michael Jordan's mum and sister came up once, though.

"It would have helped us to have a program like this. I was fortunate enough to have parents from a good education who wanted me to focus on that over sport, but it would have been beneficial to other girls at school that I've seen have fallen into wrong paths."



● ABOVE and BELOW: Josie Janz in action on the netball court.





# Townsville set for round ball



**SOCCER'S** first serious attempt to get Indigenous Australians to embrace the

sport will take the first steps this week and next week when the inaugural Indigenous Football Festival will be held at Brolga Park, Townsville.

It will run from this Saturday to the following Wednesday.

Eight boys' teams and four girls' teams, with players aged 13-16, have been chosen to represent their communities following visits from Program Ambassadors John Moriarty and Warren Mundine and coach mentors such as Adelaide United captain Travis Dodd, Qantas Futsalroo captain Lachlan Wright and Central Coast Mariners/Westfield Matilda Kyah Simon.

The teams have been nominated from across Australia, with teams travelling from each state. All up, there will be 180 Indigenous players.

The festival will have football matches, coaching clinics and team-building activities.

It forms a part of the FFA Indigenous Football Development Plan which aims to increase participation with a focus on children and youth.

FFA said the Indigenous Football Festival provided a great opportunity for Indigenous children to play football in an organised environment and give them the experience of being involved in a tournament atmosphere with the focus being on fun and participation.

Officials said the festival opening ceremony would be from 10am at Brolga Park.

A closing ceremony is planned for 8 July at 4pm.

## Boys' teams

**Giralang Galang** (from the Wiradjuri language which mean 'The Stars').

Team colour: Yellow.  
Location: Mainly Dubbo (NSW).

Squad: Jaidan Biles, Kyle Fuller, Keiran Shipp, Lesley Usher, Gareth Williams, Joshua Ferguson, Jake Ferguson, Nicholas James, Alex Richardson-Bell, Cody Hannelly, Nicholas Forrest, Ethan Coyle, Corey Cox, Nathan Piras, Alex Croft.

Team Officials: Craig Biles, Trevor Kennedy, Joseph Flick.

**Tarrabah** (from the Bruny Island tribe meaning Tasmanian Devil).

Team colour: Orange.  
Location: Hobart and Launceston (Tasmania).

Squad: Brent Cooney, Jacob Corcoran, Leroy Hart, Tjumul Hart, Nic Lovell, Cody Lowe, Bradley Mabb, Shai Maynard, Luke Oates, Andrew Richards, Aaron Smith-Richardson, Alex Towns, Nick Towns, Daniel Wheatley, Braedyn Whiteroad.

Team Officials: Dane Hudson, Lyndy Bowden, Garry Maynard.

**Maali** (from the Nyoongar language meaning Black Swan).

Team colour: Sky blue.  
Location: Mainly Perth (WA).

Squad: Maxwell Jetta, Brandon Jetta, Drew Jenke, Jacob Collard, Nicholas Fabriziani, Kurtlee Kelly, Rakeem Pickett, Benjamin Gobel, Kim Farmer, Keanu Whitby, Jerome Councillor

Tsakiridis, Jason Dare Ryan.  
Team Officials: Andrew Bateman, Chris 'Jimmy' Perry, John Mundy.

**Yallorin of the North** (Yallorin comes from the Birri Gubba language which means 'Children' of the North).

Team colour: Dark Green.  
Location: Mainly Townsville (Qld).

Squad: Jabid Bowen, Chris Sullivan, Newie Cobbo, Hodrick Mudu, Gibson Pearson, Paul Savo, Toshio Surha, Jaedyn Petersen-Cahmere, Kevin Gustin, Zebedee Allan, Travis Schwarz, Jesse Solomon, Jalen Pedro, Jack Rasmussen, Frank Gibson.

Team Officials: Paul Lonton, Gordon Cashmere, Melissa Pedro.

**Marngrook Meenteel** (Marngrook is a Gundiitjmarra

word translated to 'Football'.  
Meenteel is a Kirrae Wurrung word translated to 'Stars').

Team colour: White.  
Location: Mainly Shepparton (Victoria).

Squad: Aaron Brooke, Joel Sloan, Daniel Cooper, Shaun Vidler, Matthew Vidler, Jayden Kinces, Edward Bryant, Daen Winmar-Briggs, Jesse Beckhurst, Casey Beckhurst, Rowan Dalton-Love, Aaron Dalton-Love, Peter Atkinson, Athan Grizos, Dylan Clarke.

Team Officials: Atila Kerestes, Rob Hyatt.

**Borroloola Cyclones** (from the Yanyuwa language meaning the original billabong where the township of Borroloola is situated).

Team colour: Red.  
Location: Borroloola (NT).

Squad: Shane Anderson, Joe Joe Mulhalland, Philip O'Keefe, Kenny Larsen, Zoeathan Hunter, Colin Douglas, Hugh Ahwon, Chris Pluto, Dwane Ellis, Tristan Miller, Peter Noble, Chris Shadforth, Troy Gillette, Quinton

Ellis, Dylan Reilly.  
Team Officials: Glenn Thompson, Alistair Evans, Dion Lansen.

## Girls' teams

**Miyay Yulu-gi** (from the Gamilaraay language which means 'Girl to Play').

Team colour: Yellow.  
Location: Mainly Moree (NSW).

Squad: Shannon Prince, Helen Ralph, Chantelle Fernando, Tahleigh Fuller, Merinda Smith, Anisha Newman, Kiah Picker, Phylcia Madden, Yvonne French, Aimee Connors, Emma Mumbulla, Hanna Ranby, Bianca McGrady, Melinda McGrady, Shamara Duncan.

Team Officials: Darrel Smith, Denise Ranby, Sandra Duley.

**Wakala** (from the Arabana language meaning Crow).

Team colour: Dark Blue.  
Location: Mainly Adelaide (SA).

Squad: Jemicia Kemba, Betina Laughton, Tiyantha Mastrosavas, Louise Dodd Roxanne Dodd, Reanna Sumner, Mariam Lilla Berry, Kayla Lindsay, Dimi Jade Groth-Ross, Karii O'Loughlin, Cerrin Karpany, Amara Tyson, Vanessa Riessen, Nikki Lane, Ashleigh Karpany.

Team Officials: Tracey Jenkins, Caroline Tuhoro, Belichia Saunders.

**Yallorin of the North** (Yallorin comes from the Birri Gubba language which means 'Children' of the North).

Team colour: Dark Green.  
Location: Mainly Townsville (Queensland).

Squad: Samara Naylor, Rebecca Salafia, Meagan Oliver, Richelle Wyles Samara Luta, Jameekah Howard, Tinikka Perkins, Kiane Martin, Shaquille Chong, Marjirita Lingen, Gemma Mundraby, Karmara-Lee O'Sullivan, Sheniece Lee.

Team Officials: Ric Floyd, Carol Chong, Margeret Major.

## Borroloola Cyclones.

Team colour: Red.  
Location: Alice Springs and Borroloola (NT).

Squad: Cecilena Mungatopi, Marika Bonney, Phelicia Watson, Charlene Dirdi, Jeanita Roy, Chriselle Kidd, Leshay Cutta-Jones, Renee Anderson, Alexia Thompson, Sheyanne Anderson, Rishinda Pluto, Belinda Daniels, Ronald Walker, Jaslyn Puy Marika, Lorraine Gurruwiwi.

Team Officials: Mark Wakeling, Rhian Davies, Patsy Shadforth.

## Territory to get its own Aussie rules Hall of Fame



AN Australian football Hall of Fame is to be established in the Northern Territory, and Indigenous footballers are expected to figure prominently.

A host of Northern Territory Indigenous footballers – from the Tiwi Islands to the Red Centre – have gone on to reach pinnacles in the sport.

The Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) Football Hall of Fame will recognise and enshrine players, coaches, umpires, administrators, volunteers, media representatives, memorable games, great teams and clubs who have made a significant contribution to Australian football in the Territory since its inception in 1917.

"A Hall of Fame is the most appropriate and effective way to preserve and promote the culture, history and tradition of the game in the NT," said AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley.

The location of the Hall of Fame still is to be confirmed, but will be accessible to all Territorians and other fans of the NT and its sporting history. It will be a place that celebrates and records NT's rich football heritage.

"The Hall of Fame will become an educational opportunity for all Territorians and we envisage it will be one that all schools will undertake as part of their educational experience and this will be promoted by AFLNT to all Territory schools," Frawley said.

A Hall of Fame committee has been formed, led by Chairman Bryan Moroney, who has had more than 30 years' involvement with Australian football in the Northern Territory, including as a former NTFL board member and vice-president.

"He has the experience and knowledge of NT Football to get this project off the ground," Frawley said.

## Board members

Moroney's committee will be:

● Darryl Window – AFLNT / NTFL Secretary and board member for 25 years.

● Peter Atkinson – former State Director of Coaching and AFLNT/NTFL employee for 25 years.

● Michael Barfoot – AFLNT/NTFL's longest serving employee and AFLNT historian.

● Grey Morris – NT News Sports Chief of Staff and football correspondent

● Andy Gray – Current AFLNT and NTFC board member, former Katherine Football League player and NT businessman.

Committee representatives are also being sought from all affiliated leagues in the Northern Territory.

The AFLNT said the Hall of Fame would be a place for the NT football family of participants and supporters to gather regularly to view the historic displays. The community would be able to see the induction of their local heroes, teams, clubs and the ongoing recognition of their achievements.

Nomination forms, along with the selection criteria and charter, are now available through AFLNT for those people wanting to make a nomination. The inaugural Hall of Fame dinner and announcement of the first inductees is expected to be held late next year.

Townsville – home to Australia's first national Indigenous youth soccer carnival.



McDonald.

Team Officials: William Devlin, Adrian Bartlett.

**Eritja** (from the Western Aranda language meaning Wedgetail Eagle)

Team colour: Purple.  
Location: Alice Springs (NT).

Squad: Dylan Miller, Zeron Wayne, Cecil Kingsley, Adrian Shaw, Jake Peters, John Lolas, Carl Dank, Wayne Coulthard, Jessie Tilmouth, Kynan Barnes, Jordan Layne, Don Woody, Albert Neal, Wally Fejong.

Team Officials: Steve Lolas, Chris Meyers, Realene Peters.

**Wakala** (from the Arabana language meaning Crow).

Team colour: Dark Blue.  
Location: Mainly Adelaide (SA).

Squad: Luke Lavender, Jordan Perry, Liam Warren, Matthew Johncock, Timothy Eldridge, Tye Treloar Starkey, Kingsley Brown, Jason Bendessi, Kym Sumner, Steven Pepper, Michael Helmons, Reggie Unmeopa, Shaquille Likouresis, Thimostenis



## Indigenous Australian cricket team's tour of the UK:

# Mixed success

By DONALD JOHANNESSEN, who is covering the Indigenous cricket team's tour of Britain for *The Koori Mail*



THE Indigenous Australian cricket team had mixed results in the early stages of its tour of the United Kingdom, losing the first game and winning the next.

In the opening game of the tour – against a Sheperd Neame Kent Premiere League XI – the Indigenous team was beaten in a Twenty/20 at the Hayes (Kent) Cricket Club.

But the next day, in a 50-over one-dayer against a Middlesex XI at Stanmore Cricket Club, the tourists were victors.

Against Sheperd Neame on 24 June, after winning the toss, the Indigenous XI chose to bat on the hard pitch.

Openers Queenslanders Worrin Williams and ACT's Peter O'Callaghan didn't disappoint fans with an impressive display.

Williams reached 58 and O'Callaghan continued to trouble the Kent side and scored 61.

The Indigenous XI then hit a rough patch, with Preston White, Daniel Christian and Darcy Short going cheaply.

They reached 6/183.

### Coasted to victory

The Kent team chased down the Australian total for the loss of just two wickets.

Indigenous XI captain Daniel Christian said it was a good hit-out for the boys.

"We were confident reaching 183, but our bowling needs some work," he said.

Coach Michael Mainhardt said it was only a matter of time before the team worked out how to play on the English pitches.

Kent Premier League Chairman Nigel Kees presented National Indigenous Cricket Co-Chair Vince Copley with a plaque to remember the team's visit.

### Injury concerns

There were some injury concerns with Cameron Trask and Josh Walmsley after the game. Walmsley's left hand had flared up again after some light training before the Stanmore Cricket Club match.

Team manager Michael McGregor thought Walmsley may be out of action for a couple of matches.

McGregor said Trask had a knee problem.



- ABOVE: The Indigenous players in a huddle after the dismissal of a Middlesex batsman at Stanmore in the second game of their British tour.
- BELOW: Players Danny Tye, Cameron Trask and Lewis Upton watch last Wednesday's rugby league State of Origin match on a computer in the team hotel.

A MORE settled Indigenous team took on the Middlesex XI in a 50-over match at the Stanmore Cricket Club on 25 June.

Middlesex won the toss and batted and lost some early wickets.

The Indigenous XI's Danny Tye took 3-18, while Queenslanders Preston White chipped in with an impressive 4-34.

The tailenders for Middlesex plundered some late runs to give the home side a respectable total of 210.

The Indigenous openers went cheaply, but a great captain's knock by South Australian Dan Christian (102 not out) won the game for the visitors.

Man of the match Preston White also helped out in the batting department, scoring 57.

Coach Mainhardt said the team looked so much better in the second game.

"I think the boys are finding their feet here in the UK," he said.

The team's next match was to be against Home Counties in Slough last Monday.



● See Pages 80-81 for more on the Indigenous team's British tour





# Mills joins NBA



IT CAME much later than predicted, but Australian point guard

Patty Mills was finally selected, by the Portland Trailblazers, last Friday with the 55th overall pick in the 2009 NBA Draft.

The 20-year-old basketballer with an Aboriginal mum and Torres Strait Islander dad had been tabbed as a likely late first-round or early second-round pick, but he slid all the way to No 55 in a draft that features just 60 picks at New York's Madison Square Garden.

Best known for his exploits at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, the lightning-quick guard had his draft chances hurt by a broken hand during his recently-completed second season at St Mary's College in California.

Unlike first-round picks, players drafted in the second round don't receive guaranteed contracts. But Mills will be given every opportunity to join compatriots Andrew Bogut and Nathan Jawai in the world's premier basketball league.

### Jawai first

The 183cm guard is the second Indigenous Australian to be drafted after Jawai, who was also a second-round pick by Indiana last year before being traded to Toronto.

Former college stand-out and current ESPN basketball analyst Jay Bilas was surprised Mills slipped so low.

"He can be a solid back-up point guard in the NBA and honestly I'm surprised that he didn't go a lot higher in this draft," he said.

"I thought he would be a

late first-round pick or pretty early in the second round.

"But I think this young man can play in the NBA."

Despite his diminutive frame, Mills turned heads at the Olympics, most notably with his 20-point performance in a quarter-final loss to the United States.

He played two years at St Mary's, averaging a team-high 18.4 points per game, as well as 3.8 assists and 2.2 steals last season.

Compatriots Joe Ingles, Luke Nevill and Aron Baynes also nominated for the draft, but failed to be selected.

Luc Longley was the first Australian drafted, when he was pick No 7 by Minnesota back in 1991. There have been a slow trickle of Australians drafted since, including Chris Anstey, Paul Rogers, C J Bruton and David Andersen, although of that group only Anstey ended up playing in the league.

But Australians are now making their presence felt in the NBA, with Mills set to join 2005 No 1 pick Bogut and Jawai in the US.

All 30 players picked in the first round get guaranteed two-year contracts, plus options for their third and fourth seasons.

The 30th pick will get \$US824,200 (\$A1.03 million) as a rookie, \$US886,000 (\$A1.11 million) in his second year and \$US947,800 (\$A1.19 million) in the third.

Mills has been working out with a number of NBA teams and drawing plenty of praise.

New Orleans coach Byron Scott, whose team had the 21st pick in the draft, is one unabashed fan of the fleet-footed Aussie.

"He's a competitor," Scott said. "He can flat out put it up. He can score. He's a hell of a player." Scott thought Mills was in 'unbelievable condition'. - *With AAP*



Saint Mary's Patrick Mills, right, drives past Pepperdine's Jon Reed during a college basketball game in Malibu, California.

Mills last week was chosen at No 55 in the National Basketball Association (NBA) draft. He was the 55th overall pick in the draft and will join Portland Trailblazers - *AAP image*

## O'Loughlin to call it a day at end of season

**R**ETIRING Swan Michael O'Loughlin plans to attack in the last part of his Australian Football League (AFL) career, with colleagues believing his decision could ignite the Swans' stuttering season.

Full forward O'Loughlin, 32, announced last Tuesday that he would finish his 15-year career at the end of the current campaign.

The South Australian is Sydney's all-time games record-holder with 293 and should reach the 300 milestone before his retirement provided he avoids injury.

Initially a half-forward flanker, O'Loughlin was converted to full-forward half-way through

his career after suffering injury problems.

His glittering career gleaned two All-Australian honours, a club best and fairest in 1998 and twice finishing Sydney's leading goal-kicker.

O'Loughlin picked up a serious ankle injury in round 16 last year that required surgery and during his rehabilitation, he realised 2009 was likely to be his last year in the AFL.

● "Why I quit." *Koori Mail* columnist Michael O'Loughlin gives readers an insight into his decision to retire from the game he loves - and speaks about the people who supported him.

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