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Housing stalls



So little, so scary



Well, perhaps not to Gertie Richardson (pictured here) who is actually quite fond of the little green frogs she sometimes encounters in her job as a CDEP maintenance worker on Queensland's Palm Island.

But to the big, burly fellas on her work gang? Now that's another story. *Photo by ALF WILSON*
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And questions asked about how much govt funding is really getting through



THE Federal and Northern Territory Governments were in damage control mode last week after it was suggested that a \$672 million Indigenous remote housing program was seriously off-track and being eaten up by indirect costs, prompting an influential NT Government minister to threaten resignation.

NT Government ministers were reportedly warned by Territory bureaucrats mid-month that less than half the 700 new homes originally promised under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) – a flagship of joint Federal and NT Government efforts to Close the Gap – were likely to be delivered, and that up to 70 per cent of the money would be spent on indirect costs such as contractor and government administration fees.

The advice prompted NT Indigenous Affairs Minister Alison Anderson, mostly a strong proponent of the NT intervention, to threaten resignation from the Labor Party.

If Ms Anderson had followed through, it would have placed the NT Government in a precarious position – forcing it to rely even more heavily than it currently does on the support of independents.

However, on Thursday, Federal Housing and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said information provided to Ms Anderson and her colleagues was 'completely wrong', and that the 'vast majority' of the SIHIP funds would go towards

building new homes and upgrading existing ones.

NT Housing Minister Rob Knight also said the 70 per cent figure was 'ludicrous'.

Both ministers insisted that SIHIP, which also provided for 2500 housing rebuilds or upgrades, was on track despite the fact that not a single new house had been built under the program since the NT intervention.



An abandoned house at Ampilatwatja, NT.

The Northern Land Council has called for a detailed breakdown of all expenditure under the program.

And the housing dramas didn't end there. At Ampilatwatja, 350kms north-east of Alice Springs, about 30 Elders and other residents last week walked off the community to protest loss of control over their community store, and poor housing, sanitation and other services.

They said they'd rather camp in the bush with no shelter or running water than live in town where houses were rundown and overcrowded, sewage regularly overflowed from septic systems and rubbish blew around the streets. – *With AAP*

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My FAMILY

JOHN MATTHEWS – Muswellbrook, NSW

PICTURED here are just some members of my family – the Matthews of Muswellbrook, on Wanaruah country in the Hunter Valley area of New South Wales.

I'm a Gomaroi man, and my wife Margaret is a Wanaruah woman and a traditional owner of this country.

All my children and grandchildren are also Wanaruah, and we have a very close connection with this country.

The people pictured here are deeply involved in Wanaruah culture and heritage and want to see the very best for our country and people.

My granddaughters Briana and Kaylee know all about their culture and are happy to share it at school and in the community.

The same goes for my brother Clifford, his wife – my sister-in-law – Cheryl and their son Michael, my nephew.

We all get involved in traditional matters and are happy to take part in welcomes to country and other ceremonial matters.

My wife Margaret is one of the Stolen Generations. She was taken from her family and country when she was just six-years-old and was then separated from other members of her family.

It's taken a terrible toll on her and all of us.

We have spent years looking for her family, but to no avail. It angers us very much that the Government was happy to take Margaret as a little girl and separate her family, but now refuses to do anything to help in reuniting them.

There's something very wrong about that.

One of the big issues on our country is mining, and how some benefit more than others from this.

Wanaruah country is blessed with natural wealth, especially coal, and miners are quick to take it from the ground.

It really gets up my nose that some families who aren't even traditional



Members of the Matthews family of Muswellbrook, back from left, Briana, 11, Kaylee, 10, Clifford and Michael and, front, Cheryl, Margaret and John.

owners here benefit from these miners. We believe the mining companies should be sharing their wealth fairly with the people whose country this originally was.

That simply isn't happening here.

These are matters that must be addressed and settled in a fair way according to traditional rights.

As you can see, our family is very keen on seeing justice for all Aboriginal people – not just our own.

But despite all these problems, Muswellbrook remains a great place to live.

There are many respected Aboriginal people here.

It may not be my country, but it's my family's, and I'm happy to call this area my home.

Share your family with our readers

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 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



Janna Martin Cooley enjoyed the rides – and the face painting – at a family fun day held by the Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation at Sydney's Yarra Bay during NAIDOC Week. The fun day has become a popular annual event with local Indigenous and non-Indigenous families. | Our NAIDOC coverage starts on page 37.

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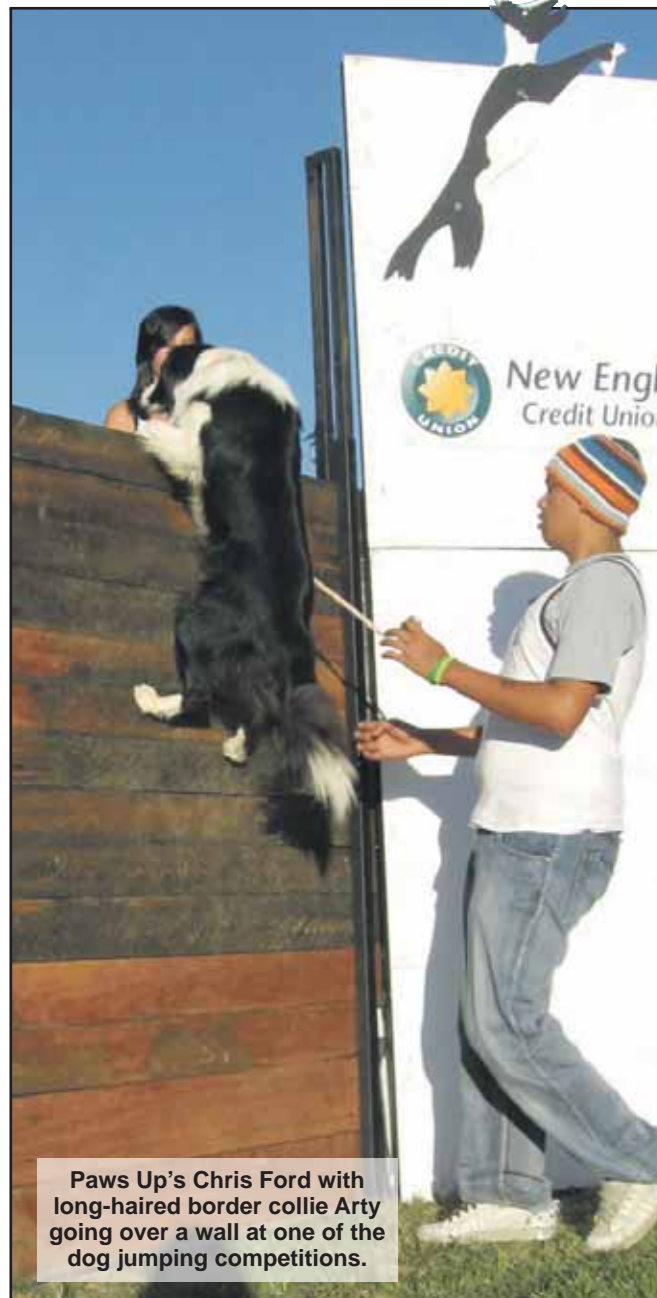
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Nathan Bliss, left, and Chris Ford with two of the champion border collies.



Thumbs up for Paws Up



Paws Up's Chris Ford with long-haired border collie Arty going over a wall at one of the dog jumping competitions.



CAN dogs help young Aboriginal men lead better and more fulfilling lives? You bet they can.

Just ask some of the 20 fellas involved in Paws Up, a project where young Indigenous males learn practical life skills through working with dogs.

Under the Armidale-based Paws Up, which has been operating for almost three years, the young men are paired with border collie breed dogs and put through their paces – literally.

The young participants raise and care for the dogs, learning skills and responsibilities along the way.

And there's been a huge added bonus. The boys and their border collies have become national champions in dog jumping, a sport where the animals are trained to scale high walls.

Project manager and dog breeder Bernie Shakeshaft, a 20-year veteran youth worker and the man behind Paws Up, says he's never seen anything like it.

"I've been involved in a lot of youth projects before, but this is by far the most successful," he told *The Koori Mail* in Armidale.

"We've got young Aboriginal fellas facing plenty of problems in their lives, we've paired them up with dogs and now they've gone on against all the odds to be national champions.

"Along the way they've learned a lot about themselves, their dogs, responsibilities and team work.

"They've won the respect and support of their community, and several have gone on to get work thanks to what they've learned."

Mr Shakeshaft says entering dog jumping

competitions was never really going to be part of the project.

"About two years ago we saw a local competition was on and entered just for fun. The fellas loved it and it grew from there.

"Out of the 20 events we've entered across NSW and Victoria we've lost just once – in Singleton last year. We went back this year and corrected that, taking first, second, third and fourth places."

But by far Paws Up's greatest triumph was earlier this year at the Casterton Elite Dog Jumping Championships, in Victoria.

"Now Casterton, you have to understand, is the home of the Kelpie dog breed. They're very proud of that, and they've always been the dog jumping champions," Mr Shakeshaft said.

"Until now, that is. We went down there this

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Paws Up participants, from left, Sean Waters with border collie Badger, Joel Griffiths with Jack Frost, David Boney with Zorro, Michael Boney with Turbo, Nathan Bliss with Flash, Chris Ford with Lou, Brandon Waters with Girl, and Pete Brennan with Lilly. Project manager Bernie Shakeshaft is at the back.

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Thumbs up for Paws Up

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year and our dogs took out first and second for the highest jump by a dog. And weren't the boys proud."

Chris Ford is one of the young Aboriginal fellas involved in Paws Up. He reckons it's about the best thing that's ever happened to him and his mates.

"Sure, people say it keeps us off the streets and out of trouble, but it's much more than that," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"We learn a lot, and our dogs are great. It's not just winning titles, either. We go and visit people like the elderly with our dogs. They're really interested, and we get heaps of support from the community."

Local organisations to lend Paws Up a hand include the New England Credit Union, Purkiss Rural for the all-important dog food, Thomas Cook who gave shirts and caps and Jobs Australia.

Paws Up, which is supported by the Foundation for Young Australians, came about through a grant from the University of Western Sydney.

Mr Shakeshaft said funding for what was originally to be a one-year project will soon end.

"But we simply can't let Paws Up end," he said.

"We're working on other ways to attract funding and support.

"People here know the value of the project. I know we'll continue."

No mean feat ... or feet



STUDENTS at the National Aboriginal and Islander Skills Development Association (NAISDA) dance college strike a pose somewhat reminiscent of a buddha during recent rehearsals. The talented bunch will soon share their campus on the New South Wales central coast with other up-and-coming dancers, with auditions for entry into the college scheduled for early October. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 18 to 30 years are eligible to audition, with the costs of travel, accommodation and meals covered by Abstudy.

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Anger over girl's death



A FOUR-YEAR-OLD girl who died after being turned away from a north-west Queensland hospital had

tested negative to swine flu and the normal flu strain.

The little girl's grandfather, Athol Walden, said on Friday that his grand-daughter was turned away from the hospital because she was Aboriginal.

The girl, from Doomadgee, had been ill for days and was turned away from the Doomadgee Hospital several times in the past week before being admitted on Wednesday.

She died on Thursday before her family could get her transferred to the larger Mount Isa Hospital.

Queensland Health Chief Officer Jeannette Young said on Saturday that the girl had tested negative to human swine influenza and flu.

Dr Young said the Health Department would conduct a 'root cause analysis into the death' and the case would be reviewed by the coroner.

"I extend my deepest sympathy to the little girl's family at this sad time," Dr

Doomadgee Hospital accused of turning away child because she was Aboriginal



Qld Health is supplying the antiviral drug Tamiflu to Indigenous communities.

Young said in a statement.

"My thoughts are with her family and all who knew and loved her."

Dr Young said Queensland Health would be supplying as much of the antiviral drug Tamiflu as needed to Indigenous communities.

Tamiflu stocks had been sent to cover 20 per cent of Indigenous community populations, she said.

"However that is just the starting point. We will send as much as is needed," she said.

Mr Walden said on Friday that some doctors and nurses had 'a bit of attitude towards Aboriginal people'.

"If my little granddaughter was a white child she would have been flown out the first day she went to the hospital," Mr Walden told the ABC.

He said his granddaughter had loved school, fishing and the bush. – AAP

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Town camp offer

By DARREN COYNE



TANGENTYERE Council has made a last-ditch offer in an effort to prevent a Federal Government takeover of town camps in Alice Springs.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has threatened to compulsorily acquire the camps after 4 August unless Tangentyere Council signs a 40-year lease deal in exchange for \$100 million to upgrade 16 camps.

Tangentyere Council has written to the Minister to say that while town camp residents remain opposed to becoming public housing tenants, they might

accept the deal if Territory Housing contracted the council to continue providing some tenancy services.

Council Chairman Walter Shaw told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that Tangentyere still wanted to enter into a partnership with the Government, and had put forward proposals based around community housing models.

He said, however, that the Minister had made 'perfectly clear that the window for negotiations has closed'.

The executive of Tangentyere was due to meet on Monday, and Mr Shaw remained hopeful that a deal could still be reached.

The council has maintained throughout, that while the town camp houses were in poor

Council in last-ditch bid to halt takeover

condition, residents doubted that Territory Housing would do a better job, and feared evictions could follow.

Backing that position, an audit in 2007 of town camp housing by the Healthabitat group, showed

that houses under the control of Tangentyere Council were in better shape than those managed by Territory Housing.

Healthabitat Director Paul Pholeros told *The Koori Mail* that Minister Macklin was wrong to use the state of housing as a reason to take over the town camp leases.

He spoke out because he did not want to see the good work of many in Tangentyere Council devalued.

"I'm not pretending that town camps are perfect places, but this (the audit) is hard evidence that maybe Tangentyere should be supported by the Government rather than be dismantled," Mr Pholeros said.

"In a number of categories the

Tangentyere houses were not worse than the NT average, and not worse than the national average before we did any work."

The audit in 1997 found that at the start of the project, before any 'fix work' was started under the Federally-funded Fixing Houses for Better Health program, the 187 houses were generally in poor condition, but performed better than the national average in six of the 10 critical safety and health criteria and being equal in a seventh (working shower).

"After fix works were completed the final results of the program showed the Tangentyere-managed houses outperforming the national average in eight of the critical safety and health criteria," Mr Pholeros said.

Scared of frogs? Men on Palm Island? Surely not!

By ALF WILSON



AS far as stereotypes go, many women are afraid of frogs – unlike the men. But the positions are reversed amongst a CDEP maintenance work gang on the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island.

The Koori Mail was visiting the island last week and came across the gang comprising Priscilla Geia, Gertie Richardson, Jason Poynter, Joshua Fullerton, Troy Smith, Reginald Boyd, Cecil Huddy, Robert Thompson, Caleb Geia, Onslow Tanner, Jais Geia and Esrom Geia.

Hard at work on a local yard, they were armed with mowers, cutters, clippers and other equipment to make the property spick and span.

As they toiled away, this reporter asked them the fairly obvious question about which insects, rodents and maybe reptiles they encountered on the job. But they all remained coy, and the reason soon became obvious.

Caleb is a star Palm Island footballer who has played at many rugby league carnivals and doesn't shrink from confrontation.

But it's a different story when it comes to little green amphibians.

The two gals in the team don't mind frogs, whilst several of the blokes, including Caleb, have something of a phobia about them.

"I really do dislike green frogs and if we come across one, Gertie makes sure I see it," Caleb admitted, although he added the ribbing was all in good fun.

The identities of the other lads who are scared stiff of frogs shall remain anonymous – but they know who they are. And so does Gertie.

"These lads aren't scared of snakes or spiders, but they hate frogs," she smiled.



The Palm Island maintenance gang, from left, Priscilla Geia, Gertie Richardson, Jason Poynter, Joshua Fullerton, Troy Smith, Reginald Boyd, Cecil Huddy, Robert Thompson, Caleb Geia, Onslow Tanner, Jais Geia and Esrom Geia.

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Vigilance urged on swine flu menace

Medical experts worried worst is not over



NORTHERN Territory Australian Medical Association (AMA) President Dr Paul Bauert has urged Aboriginal

communities to remain vigilant as the spread of swine flu continues.

The call came despite suggestions by Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon that, while swine flu could be expected to persist for months, the worst was over.

Just weeks after predicting serious effects on remote Aboriginal communities, Dr Bauert told *The Koori Mail* that Indigenous Australians were, in fact, amongst the worst affected in the country.

"The H1N1 virus does seem to be affecting Indigenous people more frequently, and with more severe effects, than in the general population," he said.

"But the worst isn't over yet, we can't breathe a sigh of relief, especially for the more remote Indigenous communities."

Dr Bauert said Federal AMA President Dr Andrew Pesce had outlined the three priority groups to receive immediate immunisation when available, including Indigenous people living in remote communities, health workers in these communities and pregnant women.

He said two Australian companies were undertaking vaccine trials, with a vaccine expected to be available in the coming months.

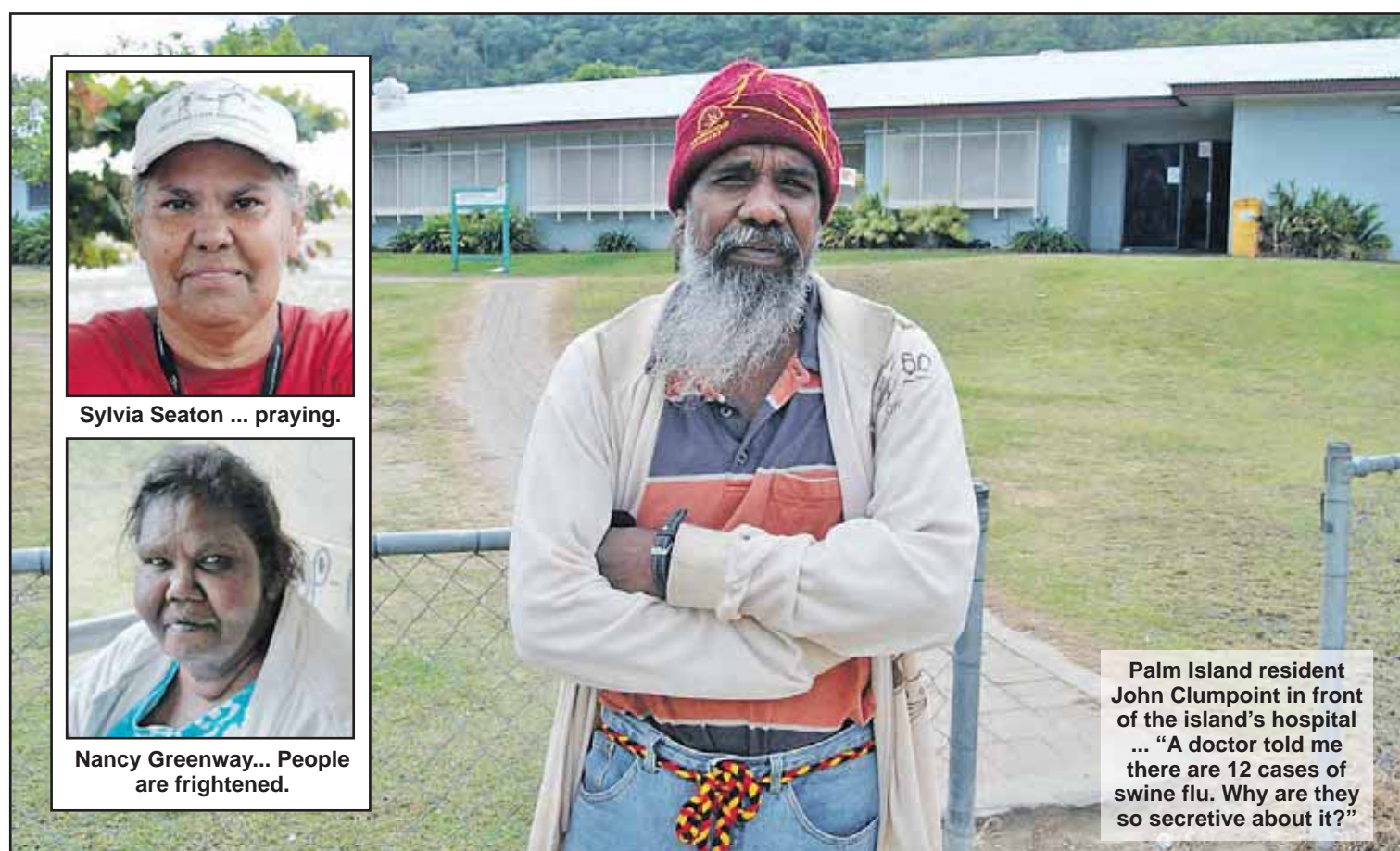
But this is too late for one young Palm Island resident.

Last week a 19-year-old Aboriginal woman remained in intensive care in Townsville hospital after having lost her unborn baby to complications related to the virus.

Queensland Health reopened a swine flu clinic on the island, amid fears of a surge of reported cases.

Around the country, states and territories announced measures to help hospitals cope with the expected increase in cases.

Queensland Health opened a swine flu clinic in Cherbourg last week, and Tasmania's Director of Public Health, Chrissie Pickin, said 1000 additional hospital admissions could be expected over the next eight weeks across



Sylvia Seaton ... praying.

Nancy Greenway... People are frightened.

Palm Island resident John Clumpoint in front of the island's hospital ... "A doctor told me there are 12 cases of swine flu. Why are they so secretive about it?"

Fear, prayers on Palm

By Townsville Correspondent ALF WILSON



FEAR spread through the north Queensland Aboriginal community of Palm Island last week as news spread that an unborn baby had died due to swine flu.

The 19-year-old Palm Island mother of the near-full-term unborn baby had been transferred from Palm Island to Townsville and was still in intensive care at Townsville General Hospital late last week.

It was believed to be the first swine flu-related death of a baby in Australia.

On 21 July, Queensland Health advised Palm Island Shire Council there were 12 cases of swine flu on the island, prompting the re-opening of a flu clinic at the Palm Island Hospital and calls for the island to be quarantined.

On Friday, the island's child-minding centre closed, but not schools, and Deputy Premier Paul Lucas and Chief Medical Officer Dr Jeannette Young were due to fly in to meet with shire councillors and medical staff.

The Koori Mail visited Palm Island on 20 July, a day before the unborn baby's death was confirmed, but the community's 'bush telegraph' was in full-swing.

Deanne Dempsey and Nancy Greenway, were at their home and said they wouldn't



Josephine Nallajar with her children Christopher and Akivia.

go out because of the danger.

"It is frightening. There are many older people who have conditions which could make this flu deadly," Ms Greenway said.

Ms Dempsey said she and her family and friends were all washing their hands regularly and were scared about the dangers posed by swine flu.

Trade was well down at the local Palm

Island supermarket, with one checkout operator commenting 'our people are all feeling they could get swine flu and die'.

At the hospital, about 20 people were waiting to be tested for the flu.

Resident John Clumpoint, 45, was critical of authorities whom he claimed were 'leaving us to die'. "A doctor told me there are 12 cases of swine flu. Why are they so secretive about it?" he asked.

Anxious mum Sandy Kerr, 37, was taking her children Jada Kerr, 7, and Yolanda Kerr, 16, into the clinic.

"I am taking Jada for a test as she has had headaches and vomiting and a bad cough," Mrs Kerr said. "Swine flu is a big worry for all of Palm Island."

Palm workers Bryan Conway, Stephen Lowatta, Raoul Miller and Brian Murray expressed a view that the situation was something of a mainstream media beat-up.

Josephine Nallajar, 25, was emotional when she left the flu clinic after having her children Christopher, 2, and Akivia, 9 months, tested.

Sitting on a seat at the end of the Palm jetty was Sylvia Seaton, who said she was praying for flu victims.

"I am a Christian and will be visiting swine flu sufferers tonight at the hospital," she said. "I pray that it doesn't become an epidemic. It puzzles me that those with flu are not isolated from others."

the state and 'unfortunately at least 20 deaths may occur'.

The NSW Government is sending specialist mobile emergency teams equipped with breathing apparatus to the homes of critically ill swine flu patients.

Queensland Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young said Indigenous communities needed

to take extra precautions. She said vulnerable Indigenous communities like Palm Island would receive the assistance they needed.

The Qld Government has also released information targeted at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on the spread of and protection from swine flu in

communities.

As part of a statewide plan, the Government is working on three major areas of limiting the spread of swine flu to Indigenous communities, including monitoring each community closely for new cases. Furthermore, local health professionals are being provided with additional resources,

including masks and medicines.

An Indigenous-specific campaign has been launched in communities to further educate people.

More than 46 swine flu-related deaths have been recorded, including those of a teenage boy and 25-year-old man.

— By MAHALA STROHFELDT, with AAP

Fed-up Ampilatwatja people walk out, demanding action

By KIRSTIE PARKER



EVEN if it looked a little like one, the broken-down garbage truck planted for months in the municipal works yard at Ampilatwatja was no white elephant.

Rather than a symbol of good fortune and prosperity, to locals it was an indicator of what little regard governments and service providers had for them.

Mid-month, about 30 Elders and other residents walked off the community 350kms north-east of Alice Springs in protest at losing control over their community store, and poor housing, sanitation and other services provided by the Barkly Shire Council on contract from the Federal Government.

They set up a make-shift camp several kilometres away, beyond the boundary of a five-year government lease compulsorily acquired over the community under the Northern Territory intervention.

Despite having no proper shelter in single-digit night temperatures and no access to running water, the expanding group say the camp is still better than life in town where anywhere up to 15 people live in each tin shack or better-block house, sewage regularly overflows from septic systems and on to the floors, and rubbish blows around the streets.

And where, nearly two years after the NT intervention promised them 'mainstream' standard



The garbage truck which broke down at Ampilatwatja at the start of the year.

services, things have gotten worse.

The protestors had called on Federal Indigenous Affairs Manager Jenny Macklin to come and see the conditions for herself, and hear what the 400-500 Ampilatwatja residents want.

However, after Friday when the Minister ruled out any new

housing at Ampilatwatja, they said they weren't fussed whether she came or not.

"Bugger it, we're going to stay out there," a spokesperson for the group, Richard Downs, told *The Koori Mail* from Alice Springs.

"Whether (the Minister) comes or not, it won't achieve anything. We're pushing for an abolishment

of the intervention and we would like her to resign.

"On the Labor Government's line about Closing the Gap, it's starting to show there's cracks and lies there."

Mid-last week, an NT Government-contracted plumber travelled to Ampilatwatja to try to fix overflowing septic tanks at a

cost of \$70,000, but Mr Downs said the issue was bigger than that.

"We have seen no progress in our community over the last three years. The place is a mess," he said.

"Our leaders have no say or involvement in what's happening
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NT housing doubts

NLC calls on Government to please explain



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has come under fire following reports that no houses have been built in two years under a \$672 million housing program.

Northern Territory Government ministers were allegedly warned at a recent meeting that the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) – which is jointly run by the Commonwealth and Territory governments – was behind schedule and off-track.

They allegedly were told that fewer than half of the 700 homes originally promised were likely to be delivered, and that up to 70 per cent of the money would be spent on 'indirect costs' such as contractor and government administration fees.



KIM HILL

Ms Macklin rejected the report, saying 15 per cent of the funding, or about \$100 million, was going towards administration, while NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the briefing to his ministers had been wrong.

The reports sparked calls by anti-intervention activists for Ms Macklin to resign, and a 'please explain' from the Northern Land Council.

NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill said the Government needed to provide a detailed breakdown of expenditure.

"The Federal Government must respond



JENNY MACKLIN

to these allegations so we are all clear on how this money is being spent," he said.

In response, Ms Macklin and Mr Henderson issued a statement saying the Federal and Territory governments were determined to deliver the long-overdue housing.

They announced the appointment of two senior government officials who will work with the SIHIP team to make sure housing construction, rebuilds and upgrades are delivered as quickly as possible.

Amanda Cattermole, a senior executive in the Department of Families, Housing,



DAVID COOPER

Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, and Ken Davies, a senior officer with the Territory Government, will direct and manage the project at a local level.

Despite those assurances, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) said Indigenous people had every right to be disgusted by the lack of progress.

Spokesman David Cooper, who is based in Darwin, said the \$672 million program was plagued with problems.

"The whole thing is a shemozzle, it's absolutely appalling policy process," he said.

"The proliferation of bureaucrats in communities and those travelling backwards and forwards to communities is just extraordinary.

"And we know the more you take Aboriginal control away from communities – in terms of managing their affairs – the less likely you are to get positive outcomes."

Meanwhile, the Stop the Intervention Collective Sydney (STICS) called for Ms Macklin's resignation.

"For almost two years Minister Macklin has been building a culture of deceit instead of building new houses," STICS spokesman Paddy Gibson said.

– By Darren Coyne, with AAP

Taser case sparks doubt

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A 36-YEAR-OLD Aboriginal man from the central West Australian community of Warburton

remained in a serious but stable condition in hospital at the weekend, after catching alight while being tasered by a police officer.

The man is understood to have suffered third-degree burns to his face, arms and legs in the incident last Monday.

Police said officers were responding to a complaint at a Warburton house when the man ran at them carrying a cigarette lighter and a container believed to contain fuel.

"Police asked the man to stop. The man failed to stop and continued running towards police. An officer then deployed his taser," a police statement said.

"The man caught alight and the officer immediately went to the man's aid, putting him on the ground and smothering the fire with his bare hands."

Police said that, while the officer rendered assistance, he was struck on the head by rocks thrown by an 18-year-old woman, who they later charged with assault. The officer required five stitches in his head.

Police Internal Affairs is investigating the taser incident but, with the tasered man still under sedation in Royal Perth Hospital, had been unable to speak to him about it.

It is unclear whether the taser, the fuel container or the lighter was the source of ignition that led to his burns.

However, WA Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan has defended the officer's use of the taser.

"The police officers felt that they could have been set alight so the only choices were to either use the taser or a

firearm," he told a media conference.

"Now, the firearm would have had much more serious and grave consequences so they had to make a decision so that's what they did at the time."

While the Aboriginal Legal Service of WA said it would be premature to comment on whether taser use was warranted in the Warburton matter, it has called for an urgent review of policy and procedure relating to taser use in Western Australia.

ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington said he was concerned about the impact of the weapons on Aboriginal people, many of whom were already vulnerable due to serious medical conditions.

"There are major health issues affecting many of our people across the country, from diabetes to heart health," he said.

"When you couple that fact with the reality that our people are over-policed

and disproportionately imprisoned, there is clearly an increased risk of serious harm or death by taser to somebody who is already in a poor state of health."

Mr Eggington said that, if used at all, tasers should only be handled by specialist police – not general duty officers – and as a last resort.

Two boys aged 12 and 13 who were also at the Warburton house have been charged with possession of a harmful substance.

The Australian Council for Civil Liberties has said previously that tasers are too powerful for general use.

In June, a 39-year-old alleged offender died at Brandon, south of Townsville in Queensland, after being tasered by police.

Police said originally that the officer involved only deployed the weapon three times but data downloaded from it showed the deceased was hit more than 20 times.



ALSWA's DENNIS EGGINGTON



An abandoned house at Ampilatwatja – boiling hot in the summer, freezing cold in winter.

Ampilatwatja mob walk out

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on ground... We are an outcast on our own community." Ampilatwatja health clinic CEO Kim Morrish told *The Koori Mail* the issues were

multiple and things were getting worse. "The contracts for municipal and housing services have been given to the Barkly Shire and they're not performing on that contract," he said bluntly.

Mr Morrish said that since the garbage truck broke down at the beginning of the year, the council's rubbish collection involved two men manually lifting wheelie bins on to the back of a flatbed truck. While residents waited for the irregular service, donkeys often knocked bins over, joined by dogs in rummaging through the rubbish.

"As a result the place is awash with rubbish and there are problems with communicable diseases," Mr Morrish said. "We certainly have an increase in gastro-intestinal ailments, especially when the septic systems overflow."

"And then we get the usual health problems associated with overcrowding in houses – lice, scabies and things like that."

"People would be up in arms if it happened in an urban area."

Mr Morrish said the Barkly Shire Council appeared to be relying on locals employed on CDEP wages to prop up its budgets, and the different levels of government didn't seem to talk to each other.

"The Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) is the funding body and holds the purse strings, but the way they're spending it is not in consultation with the community," he said.

"And if Barkly Shire says they have not got enough money to



Rubbish strewn around municipal open space at Ampilatwatja.

provide the services, why did they take it on? They should have said to FaHCSIA 'if you want us to do it properly, this is what it will take'."

A community health worker at the clinic, Eileen Bonney, told *The Koori Mail* residents were sick and tired of poor services.

"It makes the people feel sad. That's why they walked out but they have no water out there," she said. "I work here so that's why I stayed."

Housing lobby group NT Shelter called on the Federal and NT governments to undertake an urgent, full and transparent review of current housing policies and practices.

"The actions by Ampilatwatja residents places serious questions over the ability of government agencies to manage housing for Aboriginal communities and people, including the action to forcibly acquire Alice Springs town camp community housing in favour of management by Territory Housing," said executive officer Toni Vine Bromley.

NT Opposition spokesman on

Indigenous policy Adam Giles said the 'snail's pace' of the roll-out of the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) highlighted the NT Government's inability to fulfil the promises made to Aboriginal people.

"While the Henderson Government fiddles, Aboriginal people are walking in ankle deep sewage," he said in a statement.

The Koori Mail sought an interview with Minister Macklin on Thursday but received no response. However, on Friday the Minister told ABC Radio that, while the Government would be upgrading houses, Ampilatwatja was not one of 15 communities earmarked for new housing in the Territory.

"We're concentrating the new housing in the 15 communities where we have large numbers of people and severe overcrowding and very high population growth," she said. "It is a hard decision to take to concentrate the housing in this way but it's really to address the very, very large need in those big communities."

Petitions to seek justice for Mr Ward

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



THE Deaths in Custody Watch Committee (DICWC) in Western Australia is circulating two petitions and will make its own recommendations over the death of Ngaanyatjarra Elder Mr Ward while in custody last year.

Mr Ward, whose first name is not used for cultural reasons, died of heatstroke in January last year after being transported 350km in the back of a commercially operated prison van from Laverton to Kalgoorlie for a court appearance.

A petition to be presented to State Parliament demands the full implementation of Coroner Alistair Hope's recommendations, the cancellation of security firm G4S's prisoner transport contract and that charges be laid against those responsible for the Elder's death.

The petition also calls for prisoner transport responsibility to be returned to the Government, a complete overhaul of bail hearing procedures and the use of air transport for prisoners in remote locations.

Another petition to be presented to the Federal Parliament calls for a review of Australia's international human rights obligations, an issue referred to by Mr Hope in his 150-page report handed down last month.

Both petitions demand a review of Indigenous incarceration rates in



MARC NEWHOUSE

Australia, which DICWC Chairman Marc Newhouse said were higher than those of South Africa under its oppressive apartheid regime in the latter half of the 20th century.

"The statistics speak for themselves about the rate at which we imprison Aboriginal people, which is the highest of any developed country," Mr Newhouse said.

"Our rates are even higher than South Africa's at the peak of apartheid."

The DICWC has also formed its own review panel to make recommendations to the WA Government alongside Mr Hope's recommendations which the Committee says don't go nearly far enough.

Panel member Craig Somerville



CRAIG SOMERVILLE

said the Aboriginal community was fed up with hearing recommendations from inquiries and coronial inquests that were never implemented.

"We are going to very quickly put a series of actions, not long-winded recommendations, actions and they (WA Govt) then will have to be accountable if they don't implement them," he said.

"We've had coroner's inquests, Royal Commissions (but) public servants just come up with a list of excuses not to do anything."

The WA Attorney-General has agreed to consider the committee's list of actions.

The petition, which must be returned by 30 September, is available at www.deathsincustody.org.au in the take action section.

Government ratifies UN torture ban

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE Australian Government has ratified the United Nations Optional Protocol on the

Convention Against Torture, heralding the country's first independent watchdog on the human rights of prisoners, and ramped up national and international reporting on the treatment of people in detention.

The ratification beckons the first legally binding change of significance in making improvements to the human rights and living conditions of Australian inmates and detainees.

And it comes hot on the heels of the human rights consultations, set to inform Australia's first human rights act. In

announcing the ratification, Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland said freedom from fear or want underpinned traditional international human rights frameworks, and the Universal Declaration on Human Rights acknowledged an agreed set of values adopted by co-signatories which included the not-negotiable prohibition on all forms of torture.

He said that amid a climate fuelled with fears about terrorism and national security, the Government's stance on the prohibition of torture formed part of a re-engagement on human rights with the international community.

The outlawing of torture and monitoring of human rights conditions of detainees in Australia would reinforce the democratic functioning of government, he said, adding that torture was an 'extreme expression of violence' that could not be condoned and destroyed human dignity and freedom.

The Optional Protocol obliges places of detention to allow periodic international inspections and to establish formal mechanisms to enable prompt checks on conditions and practices.

The states supported the ratification and will be consulted on the establishment of mechanisms to regularly examine the treatment of prisoners.

A spokesperson for the Attorney-General's Department said that although

the functions of the reporting body did not extend to conducting investigations of specific deaths in custody, they must undertake regular, systematic reviews of places of detention and make recommendations to the relevant authorities aimed at improving the treatment of those detained.

The spokesperson said the Government took custodial deaths seriously and, as the inspection mechanism would strengthen protection of detainees and prevent torture and other cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment, it would improve the prevention of custodial deaths.

Mr McClelland said legislation was being planned to make torture a criminal offence, punishable under Commonwealth law.



ROBERT MCCLELLAND

However, the departmental spokesperson was at a loss to explain exactly how acts of torture or mistreatment could be effectively investigated and prosecuted by what he described as 'systematic reviews'.

"The Optional Protocol does not expressly provide that the

inspection mechanism shall have the power to refer corruption or other systemic failures to a relevant enforcement body and that it is intended to complement existing arrangements," he said.

But he said the mechanism 'would certainly consider issues raised by other inquiry bodies that are relevant to the conditions in detention'.

However, reports from regular ongoing checks will not be made public, with monitors working with detention centres that needed to achieve better outcomes.

The spokesperson would not be drawn on how the inspection team, comprised of a variety of experts, would confront the taboo issue of sexual abuse of detainees, which has been identified as a catalyst for self-harm among inmates and is currently a focus of new research in Western Australia.

In the case of private prisons, he said the recommendations for improvements would likely be addressed to the private operators as well as the government agency or authority which had contracted them.

Amnesty tells Govt to honour its obligations



AMNESTY International has called on the Federal Government to honour its human rights obligations following the death in custody of Mr Ward in Western Australia.

In a letter to Attorney-General Robert McClelland, Amnesty National Director Claire Mallinson said 'Amnesty International believes the death of Mr Ward was a shameful instance of preventable death'.

She said that under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) the Federal Government must ensure no one is tortured, and that all persons detained must be treated with humanity.

"The Coroner found that the

treatment of Mr Ward violated the ICCPR," she said.

"Where a person's rights have been violated, the ICCPR requires the State Party to ensure an 'effective remedy' is provided to the aggrieved person, or in this case, to Mr Ward's family."

Ms Mallinson said Australia's obligations concerning the treatment of prisoners applied even if the work was contracted out to private companies, such as the one responsible for transporting Mr Ward.

She said the circumstances surrounding his death were all the more tragic in light of many outstanding recommendations from the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, which could have helped prevent his death.

"Amnesty International believes that the death of Mr Ward was a shameful instance of a preventable death. It represents a serious and grave breach of our human rights obligations," she said.

"Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma called some years ago for a systematic review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Royal Commission.

"Sadly, that call went unheeded, with the result that Indigenous Australians such as Mr Ward are still more likely than non-Indigenous Australians to be held in custody rather than offered bail, and to be subjected to conditions that, as the former WA Inspector of Custodial Services remarked, would probably not be tolerated if imposed on non-Indigenous prisoners."

Alcohol fuelling assault increase



ASSAULTS in the Northern Territory are still on the rise, most involving booze and about half regarded as domestic violence, according to new

figures. Justice Minister Delia Lawrie has welcomed a reduction in the number of sexual assaults, but says there are still too many general assaults.

There were 348 sexual assaults in the NT in the last year, down from 413 the previous year.

But the crime and justice statistics, released on Thursday, found there had been 5619 assaults in the NT in the 12 months to March.

It represents a three per cent decrease from the previous quarter, but a three per cent increase from last year.

"Overall, the trend is increasing," Ms Lawrie said in a statement. "While a reduction in the number of sexual assaults recorded is important to note, the rate of assaults generally continues to be too high."

Alcohol continues to play a significant role in most assaults, with 59 per cent of attacks over the past 12 months involving grog.

The proportion of assaults that were domestic violence-related remained unchanged on last year, at 49 per cent.

"The level of alcohol-related crimes remains unacceptable," Ms Lawrie said.

"(And) we will also work with communities to help combat domestic violence."

Education

Assistant Commissioner Grahame Kelly said police had focused on repeat offenders and public education.

Stronger anti-alcohol measures have also been in place as part of the Federal intervention into remote communities.

"There's been a stronger focus on reducing the availability of alcohol across the board," Mr Kelly told reporters in Darwin.

"The reductions of alcohol sales in Alice Springs have been really significant.

"That lower availability and more difficulties of obtaining alcohol have been probably one of the drivers behind commercial break-ins with people seeking alcohol."

Despite this, Alice Springs recorded a one per cent increase in assaults for the March quarter, and there was a four per cent increase in crimes against the person.

Sixty-seven per cent of assaults reported to police in the desert town were alcohol-related, with 56 per cent of them domestic violence-related.

NT Opposition Leader Terry Mills said the figures showed the Government's efforts to reduce violence were 'failing dismally'.

"The Henderson Government just hasn't got the mindset or the mettle to make the reforms necessary to tackle crime," he said in a statement.

"...Violent crime is a millstone around the neck of all Northern Territorians." - AAP

Family appealing for help to bury Paralympian son

By DARREN COYNE



KARL FEIFAR



A WEST Australian Aboriginal family has appealed for help to put a headstone on the grave of their son Karl Feifar, who was a highly decorated Australian athlete.

Karl died on 9 June after a heart attack, and was laid to rest on 24 June at the age of just 35.

His sudden death meant that his parents were forced to turn to a welfare group to bury their son.

Family friend Marli Nichols said

Karl was a noted Paralympian.

With an artificial leg, Karl represented Australia in Holland, Japan and Spain, and won numerous gold and silver medals.

He won gold in the 4 x 100m relay and silver in the long jump at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona. He also competed in the pentathlon, various running events, long jump, high jump, shot put, discus and javelin.

During his career, Karl received many awards including his Order of Australia, and he worked for Australia Post as a driver.

Ms Nichols had appealed for

help to cover the costs of a headstone, and although the Australian Sports Commission had asked for a quote, the Fremantle Cemetery said the family first needed to buy the plot for \$1400.

Anyone who can help the family meet the cost of the burial plot and headstone should contact Marli Nichols at pickmefatcat2006_wireless@dodo.com.au

Karl's father Peter told *The Koori Mail* it was sad that an Aboriginal man had to pay for land to be buried, considering the dispossession of Aboriginal people that had taken place in Australia.

ILC angry over critical paper



THE Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) and Indigenous Land Fund (ILF) should be reviewed and their policy-making made more transparent and inclusive of

Indigenous people, according to a Canberra-based researcher.

A discussion paper 'Policy Change and the Indigenous Land Corporation' released earlier this month is critical of many aspects of the organisation.

Prepared by political anthropologist and research fellow with the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) Dr Patrick Sullivan, it has raised the ire of ILC Chairperson Shirley McPherson.

The ILC was established by the Keating Government in 1995 in response to the High Court Mabo judgment and followed the passage of the *Native Title Act 1993*, which validated past grants of land to settlers and set up a process for claiming and registering surviving rights of native title.

The ILF was established at the same time, to acquire and grant land for the social and economic benefit of Indigenous people who could not claim their traditional lands under native title.

But Dr Sullivan argues in his paper that, particularly since 2001, the ILC has moved away from its original charter as a vehicle for dispossession.

The ILC now buys fewer properties and often retains them as enterprises to fund its own operations, the paper said.

The paper states the ILC has faced considerable challenges since 2004 when it began funding itself entirely from the earnings of the Land Fund and its own investments.

"The deliberations of the Board are not transparent, and the internal operations and financial strategies of the ILC itself are not easily understood from its annual reports," the paper said.

"The Board appears to make its own decisions on Indigenous needs, possibly in consultation with public servants and ministerial advisers, without wide public scrutiny.

"This is not a robust way of ensuring the maximum benefit for Indigenous people from the considerable resources that the Government has invested."

Dr Sullivan, who is also an Adjunct



ILC Chairperson Shirley McPherson ... 'To question the ILC Board's internal governance without facts or evidence is naïve in the extreme'.

Associate Professor of the National Centre for Indigenous Studies (ANU), said the ILC benefits from the Indigenous Land Fund, established with public money worth just over \$1.5 billion in 2007.

"The ILC was established, not by the Government of the day alone, but by considerable involvement of the entire Parliament involving widespread consultation with Indigenous people," he said.

"It would be timely for Parliament to reconsider the aims of the ILC nearly 15 years after the passage of its enabling legislation, and to reconsider both its internal governance and its external relations with Indigenous clients, Indigenous public sector agencies, and the private sector."

However, ILC Chairperson Shirley McPherson has criticised Dr Sullivan's

paper for not identifying its sources, which she calls 'anathema to academic rigour and professionalism'.

The paper reports the experiences of Kimberley Aboriginal groups who were consulted for the study, outlining a range of disagreements they had with ILC processes and policy.

But those groups are not identified, except for one reference to the traditional owners of Myroodah/Lulugui and Udialla. The paper reports that these traditional owners had explained they had been unable to meet ILC divestment requirements because of lack of resources to produce business plans, lack of training and inadequate consultation of ILC benchmarks.

In a statement, Ms McPherson said the ILC consulted directly with Indigenous people and organisations and has held more than 3200 meetings with Indigenous groups over the past five years.

She also said it was 'an outrageous claim' that the ILC did not divest land acquired for Indigenous people.

"Since its inception, the ILC has acquired 221 properties in urban, rural and regional Australia and 125 of these have been divested to Indigenous groups," she said.

"Forty further divestments are scheduled in the next two years."

She also said that Dr Sullivan's 'self-confessed inability to understand ILC accounts', was not a reflection on the quality of the accounts which 'are audited every year and have always been unqualified'.

She suggested the researcher should have accepted the ILC's offers to meet with him to 'correct' earlier drafts of his paper.

"To question the ILC Board's internal governance without facts or evidence is naïve in the extreme," she said.

"Particularly as the ILC Board's governance arrangements were reviewed in 2006 and were found to present 'a model of best practice governance, not only amongst Indigenous statutory authorities, but across the Commonwealth sector more broadly'."

Ms McPherson said she was disappointed the paper had been issued under the banner of AIATSIS 'given its reputation to date for quality research and publications'. - By RACHEL SCOLLAY

Dr Sullivan's discussion paper is available at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/publications/discussion_papers

Gurrumul heading home after successful British concerts

ABORIGINAL singer Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, pictured right, is on his way home to Australia from England after achieving yet another musical milestone.

After two sold-out concerts in the United Kingdom, his self-titled album has shot to number one on the official EU World Music Chart.

The magazine *Songlines*, which is

considered the bible of World Music, has also featured the Elcho Island singer on its front cover.

Public relations manager Penelope Arrow said Gurrumul had captivated media and audiences in the United Kingdom. He was also proving extremely popular in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The European and British success

follows a massive year for the song man. Before departing for Britain he received the prestigious APRA Award (Australian Performing Rights Association) for Breakthrough Songwriter of the Year.

Since the release of his album, which went double platinum in Australia, Gurrumul has received 19 awards.



Minister silent on jail death

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE case of the death in custody of an Aboriginal transgender woman, detained for six days in a Sydney men's remand centre is being referred for independent inquiry after the NSW Corrective Services Minister failed to respond to questions before Parliament.

Veronica Baxter was found hanging in her single cell at Silverwater Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre on 16 March but, four months on, there are still few answers about who sent her there, what happened to her and why she was not in segregation in accordance with departmental transgender policy.

NSW Greens MP and Corrective Services spokesperson Sylvia Hale said she raised the matter with Minister John Robertson in Parliament last month 'because of the very disturbing circumstances surrounding Ms Baxter's death'.

"I am very concerned that more than a month

later the Minister has not fulfilled the undertaking he gave both to me and to the Parliament to provide full details of the investigation," she said.

"Given the Minister's failure to provide any response to my question, I am now calling for a thorough and independent investigation of the circumstances surrounding Ms Baxter's death to be



VERONICA BAXTER

undertaken as a matter of urgency and for the results of that investigation to be made public."

Under parliamentary standing orders, the Minister is obliged to reply within 35 days of taking a question on notice. In this instance, the question was lodged on 17 June but Mr Robinson did not respond within the given timeframe and his office suggested that a coronial inquest would take place into the future.

Ms Hale said waiting an average of 18 months for an inquest was 'not a satisfactory way of addressing the issues surrounding Ms Baxter's death'.

NSW Police Media said Ms Baxter was arrested on 10 March after Redfern police raided her Elizabeth Street home, and was subsequently charged and remanded.

Further inquiries to NSW Police about the dates Ms Baxter was moved from lock-up to court have been met with silence.

Ms Baxter's brother Geoffrey Drury said his sister had previously coped well with prison in Queensland for two years and he had not considered her to have ever shown any signs of suicidal tendencies.

According to MRRC records, the psychiatric assessment team at the remand centre shared Mr Drury's view, with his sister not being classified as at risk of self-harm.

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A DAMAGING report suppressed by the NSW Government and finally released last fortnight has shown a litany of failures

in fulfilling basic human rights expectations for kids including juvenile detainees, whose numbers have leapt.

The report from the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research lists a 32 per cent increase in kids on remand in prison, 70 per cent of whom had been remanded simply for breaching bail conditions, and juvenile detention costs rose by almost 30 per cent.

More than 56 per cent of children in NSW juvenile corrections facilities are Indigenous – more than double the muster of Aboriginal men in jails, at 22 per cent.

The NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research attributes the growth in remand numbers to an increase in the rate at which police are arresting juveniles for breach of bail, and an increase in the length of time juveniles are spending on remand.

The bureau estimates the number of juveniles arrested for breach of bail has risen steadily, from about 100 a month in 2000 to around 300 a month late last year.

"The most common conditions breached were not complying with a curfew order (35 out of 50 cases) and not being in the company of a parent (29 out of 50 cases)," said contributing author Don Weatherburn.

According to the bureau, new laws introduced by State Parliament in December 2007 to stop defendants 'bail shopping' – going from magistrate to magistrate in the hope of getting bail – have increased the remand issue by increasing the length of time juveniles are spending on remand.

Before the introduction of the new law, the average time spent on remand by a juvenile defendant was about 10 to



'The NSW Labor Government has not only shown little commitment to implementing policies aimed at reducing the disproportionate rate of Aboriginal detention, it has actively introduced and pursued policies that entrench Aboriginal disadvantage'

– NSW Greens MP Sylvia Hale

15 days. However, the current average period on remand for juveniles is now approaching 35 days.

Greens MP Sylvia Hale said the Government's punitive law-and-order policies systemically discriminated against Aboriginal young people and entrenched Aboriginal disadvantage.

Juvenile justice report details failings

She said the figures also showed the total number of juveniles on remand because they could not meet their bail conditions increased from 479 to 928 in the same five-year period and 'front-line staff numbers have not kept pace with increases in inmate numbers'.

Acting Chief Legal Officer of ALS NSW/ACT Caleb Franklin said the increase in children on remand was a great concern and the result of the 2007 changes to the Bail Act, and 'a step up in police enforcement of bail conditions'.

He said the experience of the ALS was that the impact of the Bail Act on children was very unfair, particularly the 'welfare-type conditions such as the curfews, not being out unless it is in the company of a parent, and those types of conditions are not always necessary and often bear no connection with the offence for which the person is on bail'.

Mr Franklin said the one-size-fits-all bail conditions were not always appropriate, in circumstances such as in regional areas where lifestyles could differ according to the seasons or weather, or differing family dynamics.

Emu Plains, formerly an adult jail, is currently being used for juvenile detention, and 'the conditions there are inadequate and inappropriate for young children', he said.

"They don't have drinking water and if they wish to drink water they have to knock on the cell door and wait for a staff member to bring them water to drink. If they need to go to the toilet they have to do the same thing," he said.

Mr Franklin said the lack of

running water and toilet facilities was the equivalent of a punishment cell in the detention units at maximum-security men's prisons, and that 50 juveniles were detained in 'one-out' cells.

The NSW Government has announced that it will review the juvenile justice system to explore how it can cut re-offending rates, especially amongst Indigenous young offenders. It is the first such review for 16 years.

Govt 'not ready' on Wild Rivers



THE Queensland Government has no money allocated to fight a possible legal challenge against its contentious

wild rivers legislation, a budget estimates hearing has heard.

Former head of the Cape York Institute Noel Pearson said on 16 July that the Government's gazetting of the Archer, Lockhart and Stewart rivers in the *Wild Rivers Act* denied Aborigines the chance for employment in tourism and other industries.

Mr Pearson said he planned to revive a 1996 Cape York agreement, which, in his opinion, better balanced the rights of Indigenous people, pastoralists and conservationists.

In a budget estimates hearing, Opposition natural resources spokesman Jeff Seeney asked the Minister, Stephen Robertson, whether money had been set aside for a possible legal defence.

Development

Mr Robertson rejected the view the wild rivers laws would deny Aborigines the opportunity for economic development. "In terms of the general provision of funds to the department, any legal action that may be launched by whoever, if additional money is required for that, that's a matter that gets taken back to Cabinet Budget Review Committee during the year," the Minister said.

"But I don't foresee any significant change to the estimates that are before this committee to meet any such challenge because if the challenge is about protecting Aborigines', Indigenous people's aspirations for economic development, then we agree with those aspirations and they are hard-wired into the wild rivers declarations."

Mr Robertson said he had offered to meet Mr Pearson and his brother Gerhardt since taking the portfolio, an offer that hadn't been taken up, but still stood.

He said he had met with the Cape York Land Council, and was in Lockhart River three weeks earlier, but no one raised concerns about the declaration during that visit.

Mr Robertson said the wild rivers laws did not ban activities like tourism and aquaculture, but governed how they could be developed in a sensitive environment.

He described as offensive a suggestion from Mr Seeney that the protection of the rivers was merely 'a political pay-off to conservation groups in the south-east corner'.

The Wilderness Society and other conservation groups are strong supporters of the legislation. —AAP



With the friendship treaty are, on the left at back, Rod Duroux (Moombahlene LALC) and Charles Lynch (NSWALC); centre, Chris Lynch, Jeffrey Ho (Guyra), Elva Taylor (Armidale), Malcolm Talbot (Ashford), Gordon Nean (Nungaroo) and Tom Briggs (NSWALC State Councillor) and, front, Amaroo's Shirley Davison and Syrene Kitchener. On the right are, standing at back, Greg Livermore (Anaiwan) and Des Hickey (Wanaruah) and, front, Maureen Salter (Coonabarabran), Karen Potter (Glen Innes), Greg Griffiths (Red Chief) and Eddie Briggs (Dorrigo).

Land councils support treaty



FOURTEEN Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALCs) from across northern NSW have signed a friendship treaty that could spread across the

state. Under the treaty, signed at a ceremony last week in Armidale, the signatories have pledged their mutual recognition of the distinct identities, rights, needs and aspirations of each LALC while respecting each other's right to govern themselves in the best interests of members.

But the over-arching goal — and one recognised by all at the signing — is to see all councils working for the betterment of Aboriginal people across the region.

LALCs to join the treaty — Amaroo, Anaiwan, Armidale, Ashford,

Coonabarabran, Dorrigo Plateau, Glen Innes, Guyra, Moombahlene, Nungaroo, Red Chief, Tamworth, Walhallow and Wanaruah — cover a large area in the north of NSW.

The *Koori Mail* understands many of the other 108 LALCs across NSW are examining the treaty with a view to making similar alliances.

NSWALC support

Speaking at the Armidale signing, NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chair Bev Manton gave her support, saying it was 'something every land council might want to copy'.

The driving force behind the treaty, NSWALC Northern Region representative Tom Briggs, hailed it as a major step

forward. He said the treaty, which had been many years in the making, 'enshrined the concept of working together'.

"It gives us greater clout and influence," he told the Armidale gathering.

"I fervently believe that what the treaty achieves will, over time, bring significant benefits for the Aboriginal people in our region.

"It's taken time to put it together, but that time has been well spent in getting it right.

"It gives a very clear message — our message — about where we stand."

Issues covered in the treaty include principles of self-governance, caring for country, human rights, justice, dealing with government at all levels and economic development.

Injustices acknowledged



THE Uniting Church (logo shown at right) has officially recognised what Aboriginal people have always known ... God did not come to Australia on a boat with Europeans.

In a new preamble to its constitution, the Uniting Church has also acknowledged that some of its members had acted in ways that were racist and paternalistic towards Indigenous Australians.

"They were complicit in the injustice that resulted in many of the First Peoples being dispossessed from their land, their language, their culture and spirituality, becoming strangers

in their own land," the preamble now says.

The new wording was voted on and approved at the Church's 12th Triennial Assembly, held last week at the University of NSW in Sydney.

"The new preamble tells what it means to be in Australia," said Reverend Dr Chris Budden, who chaired the group tasked with drafting the language used.

Dr Budden said the new preamble was developed over two years, in consultation with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and drawing on extensive

theological research.

It was the first time the Uniting Church has reviewed its constitution since it was set up in 1977.

"We have started to talk about ourselves and our history in a more honest way," Dr Budden said. "In owning your history you own your relationships more hopefully and helpfully."

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has said he will honour a Labor promise to conduct a referendum aimed at constitutional reform.

But he has also said the

Government is currently focused on practical challenges, rather than having Indigenous people recognised in the Australian Constitution.

In addition to recognising Aboriginal people as the first people to settle in Australia, the preamble also acknowledges that the church did not bring God to Australia's Indigenous people.

Reverend Murray Muirhead, from the Aboriginal wing of the Uniting Church in Alice Springs, said Aboriginal people knew that God had been here for millennia.

"They're saying it's not Europeans who brought God to this land on a boat," he said.



Remains return a first for Victoria

By TODD CONDIE
in Melbourne



TRADITIONAL owners in Victoria have renewed calls for all Indigenous ancestral remains and cultural materials held in overseas institutions to be returned to country in Australia.

This follows the return of the remains of four Aborigines from Victoria – three from the Gunditjmara people, and one from Dja Dja Wurrung people – held in storage at the University College of London since the late 1870s.

Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation Chairman Graham Atkinson said the repatriation was a first for Victoria.

"This is the first time Indigenous groups from Victoria have actually taken possession of remains that have been held in institutions in England, and perhaps other parts of the world, so it is a historical moment," he said.

Ken Saunders, along with Tom Day, represented the Gunditjmara traditional owner group and travelled with Mr Atkinson to London to bring their ancestors home.

Mr Saunders said the historic repatriation came as a result of repeated requests by traditional owner groups and government lobbying, and he renewed calls for the return of all remains.

"I think a line has been drawn in the sand by Indigenous peoples on this issue whereby a right of passage to bring the old people home and rebury them is long overdue, and it is a long, long, time coming," he said.

"This return will help our mob today, but will also allay all the bad spirits left wandering around our traditional country, and finally they can rest in peace."

Mr Saunders said it was 'very sad and horrific to see our people in little boxes on the other side of the world'.

Mr Atkinson said he



Dja Dja Wurrung representative Graham Atkinson, centre, with members of his family Rebecca Phillips, Drew Berick, Aunty Fay Carter, Wendy Berick, Ricky Kerr and Maria Isgro.



Gunditjmara representatives Ken Saunders, centre, and Tom Day, far right, with family members Keicha Day, Uncle Tom Day and Joanne Day-Atkinson. In front is Aunty Phemia Day (nee Lovett).

encouraged other Indigenous traditional owners in Victoria, and Australia generally, to lobby for the return of their ancestors, and 'acquaint themselves with the

Australian Government's Repatriation of Remains Policy', under which the Federal Government funds the repatriation of ancestral remains

and sacred objects from overseas institutions.

Head of the Indigenous Cultures Department at Museum Victoria Mike Green agreed,

saying state and territory museums in Australia had universally decided that it is not appropriate to hold ancestral remains, unless expressly asked to do so by traditional owner groups.

"We are in the process of working with governments in Australia to encourage colleagues overseas to consider the same thing, and luckily enough in Britain there is a change in sentiment," Mr Green said.

"It seems more and more museums are willing to consider returning ancestral remains to country in Australia which is fantastic, and this repatriation has been part of that."

Mr Atkinson said that in their discussions with senior staff from the University College of London, the delegates queried why Indigenous remains were taken in the first place, but they did not receive satisfactory answers.

"I think there still exists pockets of resistance from certain sections of the scientific community, but I think that will change over time," he said.

Mr Atkinson said that after more than 130 years of possession of Indigenous cultural material in overseas institutions, further scientific testing and information gathering had gone as far as it could.

He said rare 150-year-old bark etchings – at the centre of a legal battle in 2004 – were also being sought from the British Museum, as well as other important cultural material.

"As a result of this trip, a relationship has now been established with the British Museum and the Natural History Museum, and we have received a commitment from them to continue a discussion and dialogue in relation to the repatriation of remains and cultural artefacts," he said.

Museum Victoria will keep the remains until the Gunditjmara and Dja Dja Wurrung are ready to have them returned for burial ceremonies on country.

Italian PM praised for agreement



REPATRIATION campaigner Bob Weatherall has congratulated Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi for agreeing to step up the return of Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander ancestral remains to Australia.

Earlier this month, Mr Berlusconi and Australian PM Kevin Rudd signed a joint declaration of understanding on the return of such remains from Italian cultural institutions.

The joint declaration establishes the principles for co-operation between the two countries and came just days after Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin

announced an overhaul of international repatriations to Australia, in part to better reflect Indigenous aspirations.

The Government has called for expressions of interest in membership of a

(CICP), said Italy had joined a growing list of countries that had recognised the significance of returning remains to Aboriginal people.

"Most people can relate to the need to

our ancestors have been shipped overseas to museums and laboratories where they have been prodded and poked."

Mr Weatherall urged the Federal Government to ensure Indigenous communities were aware of the current process to invite possible members of the new committee.

"Through this committee we have the chance to right some wrongs," he said.

"With the support of government, a co-ordinated approach and with the appropriate representation on the committee, our ancestors may finally rest in peace." – By KIRSTIE PARKER

'Most people can relate to the need to give their loved ones a proper burial. It is no different for Aboriginal people' – Repatriation campaigner Bob Weatherall

new international advisory committee to steer the review.

Mr Weatherall, who is head of the Centre for Indigenous Cultural Policy

give their loved ones a proper burial. It is no different for Aboriginal people," he said.

"It's just that in years gone past we have been deprived of this opportunity –

Calma set to stay on until January



THE Federal Government has extended by six months Tom Calma's term as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commissioner with the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC).

Mr Calma was due to finish up in the role at the end of this month but will now stay on until the end of January.

Since last year, the Kungarakman man has overseen consultations in relation to the establishment of a new national Indigenous representative body.

The AHRC welcomed Mr Calma's extension, saying he would continue to make a big contribution to the 'challenging task' to establish the representative body process as well as lead the national campaign to close health and life-expectancy gaps.

Other key priorities for the remainder of Mr Calma's term include identifying the key elements of the reform agenda for native title laws and advocating for the introduction of more progressive criminal justice programs for Indigenous people.

Mr Calma told *The Koori Mail* he was pleased to be staying on, although he had hoped for an 18-month extension.

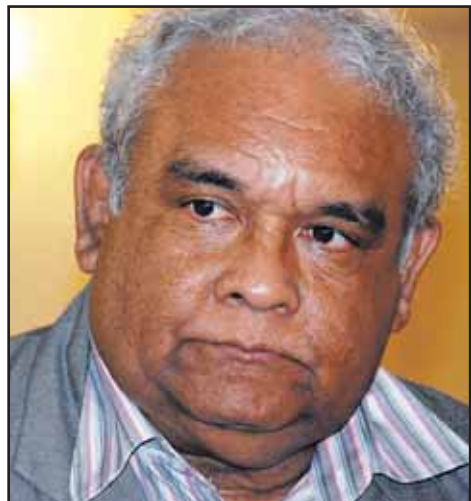
"During the past five years and still now we haven't had ATSIC or any other representative body, so a lot has fallen on the shoulders of the Social Justice Commissioner by default, in terms of keeping Indigenous issues at the forefront of government," he said.

Mr Calma said he had no doubt that good people would form the new representative body.

An advisory group is currently preparing the final report from Indigenous consultations conducted around the country, including community forums, a national summit held in Adelaide in March and via written submissions.

While the method for deciding membership of the new representative body – elected, appointed, a mix of both or a phased approach – has yet to be determined, it won't deliver services and it will reflect a better gender balance than ATSIC, in which women were heavily under-represented.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has indicated she'd like to see the body, or an interim version of it, in place by the end of the year.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

The site of the approved Four Mile uranium mine in South Australia. AAP Image



Mine all-clear sparks anger

By KIRSTIE PARKER



FEDERAL Environment Minister Peter Garrett's go-ahead for Australia's fourth uranium mine has angered Aboriginal traditional owners.

On 14 July, Mr Garrett – a former vehement anti-nuclear campaigner – announced approval for the Four Mile Mine near the existing Beverley uranium mine in South Australia, about 550kms north of Adelaide.

The former *Midnight Oil* frontman said it was a difficult decision to make and he made it only after a rigorous and comprehensive assessment process, including two independent reviews.

"Following this thorough assessment and careful consideration, I am certain this operation poses no credible risk to the environment," he said in a statement.

Mr Garrett said the mine, to be operated by Quasar Resources, represented world best practice in uranium mining and would be subject to strict conditions and monitoring.

However, environmental lobbyists – who maintain that uranium is unsafe and nuclear power ineffective and unnecessary – weren't placated. They said Mr

Traditional owners hit out at Garrett's uranium decision

Garrett's decision was hypocritical given his stance on mining before he entered politics.

Midnight Oil songs such as *Short Memory*, *Dead Heart* and *Blue Sky Mine* have morphed into something of a soundtrack for the stoush.

Some Aboriginal Elders want the Government to hold off on the mine until an independent Aboriginal heritage investigation, which they say was promised by SA Aboriginal Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill, is completed.

"Adnyamathanha Elders wrote to Minister Weatherill weeks ago raising our concerns, and he promised to do an investigation into the Four Mile proposal," said Adnyamathanha woman Enice Marsh.

"His job is to make sure heritage laws are followed. If he won't use his powers he should be sacked."

Ms Marsh said native title offered Adnyamathanha people

no rights when it came to protecting their heritage.

"What more can we do to protect our land from being raped by mining companies that are allowed to pollute the water and carve up the waterways, even contaminate the soil with radioactive waste?" she said.

Opposed

Adnyamathanha Traditional Lands Association Chairman Vince Coulthard said that while a lot of his people were opposed to any sort of mining, ultimately they couldn't stop it.

"We have entered into an agreement with Quasar that gives some positive outcomes for the Adnyamathanha community and this has not been the case in the past with other developments," he said in a statement.

"Leigh Creek mine, for example, has had an enormous detrimental effect on our culture. They have dug up a very sacred site and made a

huge environmental disaster and we have had no benefits at all from that mine.

"There's a lot of misinformation about this issue, but in reality Aboriginal people are very disempowered in this country and native title does not give us the right of veto of any mine.

"Therefore, we have to go into negotiations to get the best possible outcomes for our people."

Ahead of the opening of a uranium industry conference in Fremantle, Western Australia, last Wednesday, the Australian Nuclear Free Alliance (ANFA) called for an inquiry or royal commission into uranium mining and its impacts on people and country.

Meanwhile, the Central Land Council, environmental and public health groups have called on the Rudd Government to honour a pre-election commitment and legislate to rule out forcing a nuclear waste dump on the Northern Territory.

Four years ago, the Howard Government announced it was considering three NT sites for such a dump.

However, CLC Director David Ross said a Senate inquiry had recommended that enabling legislation be repealed.

"And it's about time Labor's promises to do so were honoured," he said.

Fresh food concern

By DESIREE BISSETT SUTHERLAND



A FEDERAL parliamentary inquiry into remote community stores has heard that Aboriginal people in Western Australia's Kimberley region struggled to source, freight and deliver nutritional foods.

About 30 people from throughout the region attended the day-long hearing earlier this month, with many speaking passionately about how high freight costs made it difficult for Aboriginal councils to keep food at affordable prices.

Nindilingarri Cultural Health Service Environmental Coordinator for the Djugarri Community Harry Yungabun said communities faced many hurdles.

"Our community is around 112 kilometres outside of Fitzroy Crossing and people have difficulties getting cash to buy goods as we don't have EFTPOS in the shop," he said.

"We are trying to get help to get that system because people travel to Fitzroy Crossing to buy and that keeps little money in the community.

"We have trouble getting fresh foods and I don't think people are eating three healthy meals a day.

"We keep our culture by hunting and we bring food back to families. If you can't buy an apple from the shop, go see what bush fruit you can get."

Mr Yungabun said the hearing gave people in isolated areas the chance to share information and work towards solutions.

"We've come here to listen to what people say, it's good to come together, share and get ideas and give them back to the community," he said.

There were several references to people's freedom of choice to obtain sweets, illustrating an ongoing dilemma considering the high rate of diabetes throughout the region's Indigenous population.

The committee heard about a positive approach being taken by not-for-profit group Foodbank Western Australia, which is expanding its work in the state's north.

Foodbank WA obtains donations, scoops up surplus fresh produce previously



Members of the House of Representatives Standing Committee with community members who attended the Broome hearing.

ploughed into the ground and draws upon corporate and community support to provide foodstuffs to community organisations.

Through Foodbank WA and a coalition with Unity of First People Australia, half a million breakfasts are delivered to school children a year.

The organisation's WA chief executive officer Doug Paling said the coalition saw physical and academic improvements for youth.

"Foodbank is able to source and deliver breakfasts daily to 310 schools. In the Kimberley, we work closely with the Unity of

First People of Australia Ernie Bridge who specialises in decreasing the risks of diabetes amongst the young," Mr Paling said.

"We believe positive changes are occurring and we're considering offering carrots and apples to remote communities, gifted to stores to give people for free.

"We would like to know more about what Kimberley people need, and are dedicated to increasing the support to people living in the remote areas."

The House of Representatives committee is identifying key areas such as the supply chain, community store models

of ordering, and promoting healthy, fresh and affordable options.

Committee member MP Kerry Rea said wellbeing outcomes were linked to a whole community approach.

"A community store's success is linked to the wider community who govern the stores," she said. "Community members are pivotal in providing wellbeing and the role of the community stores to promote overall health."

The committee's report will be finalised in about three months time and presented to the Federal Parliament and the Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

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Warru new-borns doing well



THE first joeys born in captivity as part of the Warru Recovery Project have been welcomed at South Australia's Monarto Zoo and are doing well. The warru, also known as the black-footed rock wallaby, is considered SA's most endangered mammal.

Environment and Conservation Minister Jay Weatherill said that with less than 100 warru left in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands, the birth of the first two joeys in captivity was an exciting milestone for the program.

The program, started in 2006, aims to produce enough offspring to re-introduce the species to the APY Lands. Young warru removed from the wild colonies in the far north of the State have been raised in



I LEFT: Monarto Zoo senior keeper Mick Post, left, and SA Environment Minister Jay Weatherill with 'Maureen'.

I RIGHT: A baby warru in the pouch



captivity in Adelaide by foster parent yellow-footed rock-wallabies.

"These wallabies are now old enough to start their own families, enabling the program to build up captive populations of warru and helping to ensure their long-term survival," Mr Weatherill said.

"So now we're pleased to announce that the first two joeys are doing well. They are still in the pouch, but have undergone some health checks in recent weeks. We

have one male and one joey that is still too small to determine the sex."

Some adult wallabies in the wild have been fitted with radio-tracking collars with GPS recorders, allowing project partners to see how far the animals move within the rocky landscape and where they get water.

The project is a collaboration between the traditional owners of the APY Lands, APY Land Management, Zoos SA, the

University of Adelaide and the Department for Environment and Heritage, and is supported by the federal Working on Country Aboriginal employment program.

Zoos SA CEO Professor Chris West said the warru work was an example of Zoos SA's Conservation Ark program, which brings endangered species back from the brink of extinction through science and field work.



Dora Haggy, of the APY Lands, with a warru on an earlier visit to Monarto.

Photos courtesy of Zoos SA

Hope for homeless



THE Salvation Army has welcomed the release of state and territory 'Counting The Homeless' reports based on

2006 Census data, saying they provide the benchmark for what's needed to address the issue.

It also noted that over the past ten years some 30,000 units of public housing were lost and real funding for homelessness services steadily decreased. The organisation is particularly concerned about the growing number of homeless families.

"These Census figures assist us to confront these challenges," the Salvation Army said in a statement.

The reports by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) show the Northern Territory had the highest rate of homelessness, with 248 people per 10,000 of the population, or 4785.

Queensland ranked second in

OVERALL homeless population and percentage who were Indigenous as recorded in the 2006 Census (brackets show percentage of the general population who identified as Indigenous)

I NSW: 27,374 or 42 per 10,000 overall. 7.2 per cent Indigenous (2.2 per cent)

I Victoria: 20,511 or 42 per 10,000 overall. 3.8 per cent Indigenous (0.6 per cent)

I Queensland: 26,782 or 69 per 10,000 overall. 8.1 per cent Indigenous (3.5 per cent)

I Western Australia: 13,391 or 68 per 10,000 overall. 11.2 per cent Indigenous (3.2 per cent)

I South Australia: 7962 or 53 per 10,000 overall. 10.9 per cent Indigenous (1.8 per cent)

I Tasmania: 2507 or 53 per 10,000. 8.3 per cent Indigenous (3.7 per cent)

I Northern Territory: 4785 or 248 per 10,000. 34.6 per cent Indigenous (30 per cent)

I ACT: 1364 or 42 per 10,000. 11 per cent Indigenous (1.25 per cent)

the homeless stakes with 69 per 10,000 of the population or nearly 27,000 people homeless (up from 24,500 in 2001).

Indigenous people were over-represented amongst the homeless population in all states and territories.

Thirty per cent of Northern Territorians on Census night identified themselves as Indigenous, yet they made up nearly 35 per cent of the overall NT homeless population, and were over-represented in all sections

except the category of those staying with friends and relatives. The other categories were those in improvised dwellings such as sheds, tents and humpies (including people 'sleeping rough' on park benches), those staying in boarding houses and those in Supported Accommodation Assistance Programs (SAAP) such as homeless shelters and women's and youth refuges.

The report noted there was a risk that Indigenous people staying temporarily with other households

were undercounted, as often Indigenous people – with their strong attachment to traditional lands and extended kinship networks – did not think of 'home' as a particular dwelling.

"When Indigenous people leave home to escape domestic violence or other family problems, they usually move in with households that are related to them. In these circumstances, it is not culturally appropriate to record 'no usual address' on Census night because 'home' is understood in

a different way," the report states.

In the Salvation Army statement it was noted that in the past decade little priority had been given to addressing the issue of homelessness. At a time when government revenues were recording unprecedented surpluses and unemployment reached a 15-year low, homeless people were not able to benefit nor was public money invested in the issue," the statement said.

Meanwhile, the Qld Council of Social Service said the rate of homelessness in the Sunshine State was on the rise, even before the tough times hit, and the figures from the 2006 Census under-represented the current situation.

"There are without doubt more homeless people looking for help than these figures show," said QCOSS President Karyn Walsh.

Go to www.aihw.gov.au to download the 'Counting the Homeless' reports.

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Youth are looking to future

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE National Indigenous Youth Movement of Australia (NIYMA) has a plan – to be at the forefront of the country's

Indigenous issues.

That's the word from Deputy Chair Eugenia Flynn as she contemplates changes in store for the not-for-profit organisation founded and run by young Indigenous people.

Recent changes to the executive saw chairperson Adele Cox, who has been with the organisation since 2006, as well as founder and executive member Billy Gordon, finish up with NIYMA.

However, despite the two having filled a vital leadership role, setting a strategic vision for NIYMA, Ms Flynn believes the future will be an exciting time of growth.

"Our plan over the next few months is to engage with and hear from other young deadly Indigenous people," she said. "The main things we offer our members are opportunities; we are not the type of organisation that does stuff to and for young Indigenous people, but rather we are about young people themselves stepping up and taking the lead."

Ms Flynn said NIYMA's

philosophy was 'respecting those before us, inspiring those here today and believing in those to come', and they hoped to attract similarly minded Indigenous young people.

"NIYMA have created some good core values and philosophy in the way we do business and engage with community. The main thing is we keep travelling along with integrity," she said.

Ms Flynn said that NIYMA's long-term goal was to 'capture the groundswell of momentum that

young Indigenous people had in the country and try to harness it for real change and growth'.

"We are an organic organisation and the most exciting thing has been to discover the inspiring and deadly blackfellas out there doing amazing stuff," she said.

"Young Indigenous people really want to be at the forefront and play a role, we are really excited about our future, we want to move forward

and change with the times."

In other key changes, Tim Goodwin will be chair and, along with Ms Flynn and existing executive member Peter Beath (who'll serve in this role until otherwise filled), will pull together a new board to undertake further planning.

For more information, see www.niyma.org



EUGENIA FLYNN

Life story book for kids in care



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney marked NAIDOC Week by launching a life story

book, designed for Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care.

My Life Story Book, developed by the NSW Department of Community Services, is designed to assist Aboriginal children maintain a sense of identity after being placed in care, and was launched in conjunction with the official opening of the new premises for the out-of-home care service operated by Link-Up (NSW) in Western Sydney.

Ms Burney said the book was all the more important given the over-representation of Aboriginal children in the out-of-home care system.

"This is a keepsake that these young people can use to record memories and special steps in their childhood and as they grow up," she said. "There is space for photos and stories of their achievements so they

have a document of their early years.

"We need to remember that children in out-of-home care don't often have the same opportunity as other kids do to reminisce about milestones with their parents – when they took their first step, losing their first tooth and visits to grandparents and the places where their parents were from.

"This book will ensure they grow up with a sense of connectedness to family, kinship and community."

In addition to personal activities, the book includes information about Aboriginal culture and provides a list of important resources, services, websites and literature.

Link-UP CEO Glendra Stubbs agreed that Aboriginal children in out-of-home care needed to grow up with knowledge of their heritage.

My Life Story Book was developed in collaboration with the Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) and the CREATE Foundation.

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For further information on the proposed deregistrations or information on how to lodge a corporation's outstanding general returns please call 1800 622 431 or email info@oric.gov.au.

Anthony Beven
Registrar of Indigenous Corporations

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3424	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for the National Indigenous Cultural Heritage Officers Network	4073	Doomadgee Barras Softball Aboriginal Corporation	2312	Kulla Marra Community Aboriginal Corporation	3755	Piarkoo Aboriginal Corporation
4230	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Gold and Gloves Sports & Recreation Club	3908	Dorge-Zageth Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	2173	Kullilla Welfare and Housing Aboriginal Corporation	1016	Pilbara Aboriginal and Islander Women's Taskforce Aboriginal Corporation
4149	Aboriginal Group Holdings Aboriginal Corporation	3880	Dungalun Store Aboriginal Corporation	3745	Kullilli Aboriginal Corporation	3368	Pilbara Resource and Development Aboriginal Corporation
292	Aboriginal Outreach Programme (Aboriginal Corporation)	3852	Earth Dreaming Aboriginal Corporation	2897	Kun nanj Aboriginal Corporation	1566	Pilikura Cultural Aboriginal Corporation
4320	Adolphus Island Management Authority Aboriginal Corporation	4134	Elizabeth Downs Aboriginal Corporation	2894	Kunbohwinjgu (Fresh Water) Aboriginal Corporation	2025	Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Education Committee Aboriginal Corporation
905	Aileron Aboriginal Corporation	3786	Emu Creek Bar-Barrum Aboriginal Corporation	4082	Kuyk Kirim Torres Strait Islander Corporation: Perth Circle of Elders	682	Pulardi Aboriginal Corporation
3926	Akarruleny Health Council Aboriginal Corporation	2895	Erre Aboriginal Corporation	3678	Kwalye Kwalye Aboriginal Corporation	1071	Pulkurru Aboriginal Corporation
2291	Akaye Aboriginal Corporation	3217	Errupmynia Aboriginal Corporation	3682	Lake Tyers Aboriginal Corporation for Elders	465	Purrukwarra Aboriginal Corporation
3126	Altjerra Aboriginal Corporation	3130	Erub Traditional Land Owners Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	3592	Larrakia Aboriginal Corporation	2110	Queensland South Representative Body Aboriginal Corporation
2360	Amangal Aboriginal Corporation	4211	Far North Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal and Advocacy Service Aboriginal Corporation	2040	Limbla Outstation Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation	4253	River Bend Aboriginal Corporation
188	Anangu Winkiku Stores (Aboriginal Corporation)	1388	Fitzroy Aboriginal Corporation	740	Lingarra - Ngarinman Aboriginal Corporation	1764	Roebourne Workers Aboriginal Corporation
2072	Angatyepe Aboriginal Corporation	4108	Friends of Buallum Jarl-Bah Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	3927	Mac-Banga Aboriginal Corporation	4249	Rratye Netyeke Aboriginal Corporation
1752	Angpungijba Aboriginal Corporation	1247	Gamilaroi CDEP Aboriginal Corporation	4093	Madawonga Bunah Weyan Aboriginal Corporation	965	Rumbul Aboriginal Corporation
353	Antere Aboriginal Corporation	3695	Garagara Aboriginal Corporation	2956	Maku Basketball Association (Aboriginal Corporation)	3989	Sandy Point Aboriginal Corporation
4126	Aquaculture, Fisheries and Sustainable Industries Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	921	Garawa 1 Camp Aboriginal Corporation	1125	Malangan Resource Agency Aboriginal Corporation	3888	Sarina CDEP Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
3212	Aremierle-Irkowene Aboriginal Corporation	771	Garawa No. 2 Housing Aboriginal Corporation	1002	Malinja Aboriginal Corporation	4044	South East Advancement & Development Aboriginal Corporation (SEADAC)
133	Armidale Aboriginal Corporation Youth Club	4291	Garraway Crossing Outstation Aboriginal Corporation	3127	Mandandanji Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	3850	Southern Evangelical Aboriginal Corporation Armadale - Ministries (S.E.A.C.A. Ministries)
4020	Aroonba Aboriginal Corporation	3818	Geikie Aboriginal Corporation	2698	Mangardi Kilangu Aboriginal Corporation	1794	Swan Legal Aid Aboriginal Corporation
1119	Arrillhjera Aboriginal Corporation	3406	Gladstone Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation for Child Care	4083	Mara Gutharra Aboriginal Corporation	1351	Talanji Aboriginal Corporation
3965	Arunba Healing Place Aboriginal Corporation	1843	Gnarlamumu Aboriginal Corporation	2170	Maralwengk Aboriginal Corporation	1829	Tempe Downs Aboriginal Corporation
3562	Aruwarri Aboriginal Corporation	4080	Gnow Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation	4012	Marloo Yonga Aboriginal Corporation	1350	Tjaliri Aboriginal Corporation
2224	ATJI Creek Aboriginal Corporation	1444	Gnulla Employment Centre Aboriginal Corporation	388	Marmanya Aboriginal Corporation	4087	Tjanpanba Yidindji Aboriginal Corporation (Goldsborough Valley Group)
3646	Aulperenge Aboriginal Corporation	1750	Goondburoon Aboriginal Corporation	3404	Martikwinnup Aboriginal Corporation	4278	Tjukurpa Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Law and Culture Aboriginal Corporation
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1436	Baljakurukun Aboriginal Corporation	1085	Gudumul Aboriginal Corporation	925	Mayamumbin Aboriginal Corporation	4229	Tolland Aboriginal Corporation
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4114	Bgwcolman Warriors Aboriginal Corporation for Junior Rugby League	3680	Gundaragin Aboriginal Corporation	4256	Mibrong Aboriginal Corporation	1710	Ulaypi Aboriginal Corporation
3740	Bibra Aboriginal Corporation	2489	Gurdanji Aboriginal Corporation	3747	Middabugganoo Aboriginal Corporation	1172	Umpila Aboriginal Corporation
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3108	Bindal Elders and Reference Group (Aboriginal Corporation)	3118	Guruma Mali Wartu Aboriginal Corporation	2759	Minthmagoo Aboriginal Corporation	3919	Uralia Theatre Aboriginal Corporation
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1335	Bongoi Aboriginal Corporation	4333	Hume Booja Aboriginal Corporation	4284	Moorditj Mia Mia Aboriginal Corporation	2640	Wadja Aboriginal Corporation for Land and Culture
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3207	Bugarrigarra Nyurdany Aboriginal Corporation	1500	Inwemanthwererre Aboriginal Corporation	2832	Mundud Aboriginal Corporation	4127	Warrego/Paroo Aboriginal Corporation for Housing and Land
2352	Buia Yumbah Yebah Yebah Rockhampton and District Naidoc Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	4161	Irrulangwale Aboriginal Corporation	1221	Mundulla Aboriginal Corporation	981	Wawulum Valley Aboriginal Corporation
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3867	Bundaberg District Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders Corporation Medical Centre	1907	Jandimi Aboriginal Corporation	2896	Namarrkon Aboriginal Corporation	2260	Wondunna Aboriginal Corporation
2430	Bungacalla Ruby Aboriginal Corporation	4131	Jarlalru Aboriginal Corporation	3322	Nannagup Aboriginal Corporation	1633	Wonmurri Aboriginal Corporation
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3994	Cairns Meriam Kab Le (Torres Strait Islander) Corporation	2823	Jimbilum Aboriginal Corporation	2269	Ned Mippy Scholarship Aboriginal Corporation	1267	Wugular Aboriginal Corporation
2668	Camfield Mudbura Aboriginal Corporation	4129	Ji-randali Justice Group Aboriginal Corporation	1904	Ngaarrkinaba/Mildiji Aboriginal Corporation	3807	Wulliberri Aboriginal Corporation
4056	Canberra Foster Care Aboriginal Corporation	1802	John Holland Aboriginal Corporation	820	Ngadunggay Homeland Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation	3803	Wungkungkunya Aboriginal Corporation
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4328	Chitty Chitt Aboriginal Corporation	4096	Jumping Creek Environmental Aboriginal Corporation	3779	Ngarda Wirrart Aboriginal Corporation	3248	Wuurk Gnru Aboriginal Corporation
1793	Cloncurry Aboriginal Womens Issues Aboriginal Corporation	880	Jundah Aboriginal Corporation	2378	Ngarlatji Aboriginal Corporation	2199	Yadhiauda Aboriginal Corporation
3873	Consultative Body Aboriginal Corporation on Indigenous Land and Artefacts in the Nggunawal Area	1726	Jungalina Aboriginal Corporation	1099	Ngarraana CDEP Aboriginal Corporation	4033	Yalanji Ang-Narra Yimidhiir Peoples Council Aboriginal Corporation
3535	COOLCDEP Aboriginal Corporation	2756	Jurnkurakurr Aboriginal Corporation Stores Service	686	Ngiling Anjaru Aboriginal Corporation	437	Yallambee Aboriginal Corporation
4053	Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation For Community Justice	1937	Jutarangi Aboriginal Corporation	3464	Ngilphan-Lug Torres Strait Islander Corporation - West Kimberley Region - Derby	3597	Yaluning Aboriginal Corporation
3268	Cunnamulla Dreaming Aboriginal Corporation	3206	Kabalbarada Aboriginal Corporation	3353	Nguddabooglin Aboriginal Corporation	2996	Yamatji Nyarlru Aboriginal Corporation
4147	Curra Yanco Dance Aboriginal Corporation	3917	Kabul-Gambuwal Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	3197	Nidgella Moondah Aboriginal Corporation	865	Yangulinyina Aboriginal Corporation
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2050	Derrandee Aboriginal Corporation	2481	Kalla Boodja Aboriginal Corporation	1371	Northern Suburbs Community Development Aboriginal Corporation	1485	Yeium Cooknoeah Aboriginal Corporation
1304	Dilduwam Majangdaburru Aboriginal Corporation	950	Kaltukatjara Association (Aboriginal Corporation)	2504	Nturiya Community Store Aboriginal Corporation	2330	Yilka Services Aboriginal Corporation
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3753	Djakunda Wakka Wakka Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	3012	Kambuwal Aboriginal Corporation for Culture, Heritage and Land	2496	Nungali Aboriginal Corporation	3172	Yirra Badoo Aboriginal Corporation
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3648	Djumbulun Aboriginal Corporation	805	Katanning Aboriginal Corporation	2450	Nyilakurr Aboriginal Corporation	1939	Yumulyum Aboriginal Corporation
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		4233	Kenba Yadayl Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	4157	Oompanagnapa Aboriginal Corporation	3152	Yuturminyini Aboriginal Corporation
		1878	Ker-Kar Titue Torres Strait Islanders Corporation	4221	Peel Aboriginal Corporation	418	Zeuberr Erkep (Townsville) Torres Strait Islanders Corporation
		4331	Kimberley Students Accommodation Aboriginal Corporation	1322	Penapere Aboriginal Corporation		
		4192	Kodja Enterprises Aboriginal Corporation	561	Pender Aboriginal Pastoral Community Aboriginal Corporation		
		1944	Koorie Meeting-Place Aboriginal Corporation	1406	Perte Rratenge Aboriginal Corporation		
		3603	Kulin Nation Cultural Heritage (Aboriginal Corporation)	2085	Petyale Community Aboriginal Corporation		
		3705	Kulkuwalatja Aboriginal Corporation				

This list was last updated on 15 July 2009.

NSW funds boost for languages



TWELVE Aboriginal language revitalisation initiatives across NSW have received a share of \$200,000 in grant money.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch announced the recipients earlier this month, saying NSW had a proud record of teaching Aboriginal languages.

"For Aboriginal people, language is a direct link to their identity, land and country and reflects their unique cultural concepts, spirituality and way of looking at the world," he said. "You can't have a strong culture without language – it is the cornerstone of identity and pride."

Grant recipients were:

I Guringai Tribal Link Aboriginal Corporation, Central Coast – \$5500 to revitalise, teach and promote the Guringai language

I Western Heritage Group, Cobar – \$6000 to produce a book on the history, culture and language of the Keewong Mob of the Ngiyampaa People

I Guwaalmiya Aboriginal Corporation, Coonabarabran – \$10,000 for a Gamilaraay Yuwaalaraay dictionary

I Coomealla Aboriginal Consultative Group and Coomealla High School, Dareton – \$10,000 to collect all known sources of the Barkindji language

I Red Chief Local Aboriginal Land Council, Gunnedah – \$22,900 to revive language through workshops, recording Elders speaking Gamilaraay language and teaching traditional songs and language skills to children

I Narromine Local Aboriginal Land Council – \$10,000 to produce resources to teach and revitalise Wiradjuri language

I 3rd Space Mob Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation, Wollongbar – \$20,000 to produce and direct films depicting original Gumbaynggirr stories: How the rivers were made; Yuludaria, Gawnggan and Birrugan; The tree of life; The making of the sea; and Wijirjagi

I Orange Local Aboriginal Land Council – \$24,300 to produce resources to help 20 students in Orange,

Bathurst and Cowra finish TAFE-accredited courses allowing them to teach Wiradjuri in the Central West

I Port Stephens Family Support Service – \$3000 to teach Gadhang language to Worimi children in Raymond Terrace, Karuah and Irrawong

I Dharriwaa Elders Group, Walgett – \$12,000 to produce classroom resources for Yuwaalaraay Aboriginal language teachers to be used in Walgett, Lightning Ridge and Goodooga

I Projects to the value of \$54,000 will be conducted in Sydney including a summer school in Gumbaynggirr at Sydney University (\$20,000), a Dharawal language program at La Perouse and Wiradjuri language project at Tempe High School

Before 1788 there were at least 70 Aboriginal languages and dialects spoken in the area now called NSW. Now there are only about 20 distinct languages still in use.



PAUL LYNCH

Microwave Jenny performing at The Dreaming Festival earlier this year.



Breakthrough for five music groups

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FIVE Indigenous music groups have been given the green light to record and promote their music, thanks to funding through the Breakthrough program.

The recipients have a wide range of musical styles, from Queensland's alternative country band Busby Marou to hip hop crew Street Warriors from NSW.

Country folk duo the Stiff Gins were also successful, along with the Leah Flanagan Band, a country folk get-up from the Northern Territory.

Microwave Jenny duo Tessa Nuku and Brendan Boney were also successful, and said the funding would be a welcome boost for their music.

"This will give us the opportunity to produce a mini-album, made up of about seven songs," Boney said.

"The sound will definitely be Microwave Jenny, but it will be a bigger sound, more radio friendly and polished."

The duo have been together for three years now, performing an alternative blend of folk and jazz for the past two. They're a popular act at music and cultural festivals like The Dreaming.

"Even though we've been together for three years and have gained a lot of experience in the music industry, we feel we're going to learn a lot from this opportunity," said Boney.

Microwave Jenny have given themselves six months to finish their album so they can launch it in Sydney next February.

"This opportunity also means we will have the time and resources to do everything properly. We are trying to shape the sound we have and we want this album to be something that is of a high standard, and memorable," Boney said.

Arts Minister Peter Garret said the funding would help bring new Indigenous music talent to the attention of the Australian music industry, giving artists the opportunity to make high-quality recordings of their work.

"Breakthrough funding is a terrific opportunity for these up and coming musicians, because a high-quality recording can greatly assist acts get airplay and reach new listening audiences," Mr Garrett said.

The funding of up to \$25,000 for each group will give musicians the kind of budget high-quality recording demands.



Government of South Australia

(SPECIAL) PUBLIC NOTICE

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The Review will include consultations in metropolitan and regional centres. The following meetings are scheduled for the West Coast region.

Ceduna
Monday 27th July, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Far West Aboriginal Sporting Complex
39 McKenzie Street, Ceduna

Yalata
Tuesday 28th July, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Yalata Community

Port Lincoln
Thursday 30th July, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Mallee Park Football Club
Port Lincoln

The purpose of the consultation is to provide opportunity for Aboriginal and interested non-Aboriginal people of the West Coast Region to express opinions about the proposed review and to hear your thoughts and views about the future of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

The Discussion Paper and other information can be downloaded from www.aboriginalaffairs.sa.gov.au

Alternatively, copies can be requested either by email aboriginalheritagereview@saugov.sa.gov.au or by telephoning 8226 3184 or Freecall 1800 127 001.

Submissions from all parties and interested people are welcome. The closing date for submissions has been extended to 30 September 2009.

Please RSVP to Sharokh McKitterick on the numbers above to register your attendance.

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Tuesday 18th August, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Aboriginal Community Centre
370 The Terrace
Risdon Park

Wednesday 19th August, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Moonta Bay Patio Motel
196 Bay Road, Moonta
Moonta

Thursday 20th August, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Point Pearce Community
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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Yaitmathang Indigenous Lands Incorporated

Date received: 22 May 2009

Public comments due: 4 September 2009

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Yaitmathang Indigenous Lands Incorporated 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: vhac@dpcd.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9208 3243

Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Kalchiri Jacobs

Student, aged 17
Cherbourg, Qld

Favourite bush tucker?
Witchetty Grub.

Favourite other food?
Subway.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
R'n'B.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Touch, netball and basketball.

Favourite holiday destination?
Townsville.

What do you like in life?
Being around my family.

What don't you like?
Gossip and jealousy.

Who would you most like to meet and why?
Omarion – an R'n'B singer, actor and song writer.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Oprah Winfrey (of TV fame).

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I'd help my people to get the jobs we all need.

If there was one thing you would like to see happen, what would it be?
World Peace.

Quote



'We must all now work hard to ensure what happened under the Howard Government never happens again'

– *New Indigenous Business Australia Chair Dawn Casey*

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Unquote

Build houses, not distrust

It's an old trick but one that has served politicians well since...well...since there were politicians.

When the heat's on, fight back. Or at least distract your critics by announcing something.

New funds, a new program or – in the case of existing programs that are looking a bit like stinkers – new, more senior bureaucrats to oversee them.

The recent kaffuffle about the administrative quagmire threatening – or not, depending on who you listen to – the joint Federal and NT Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) will have a lot of people rolling their eyes.

Some people who, while uncomfortable with some elements of the NT intervention and other policies, have hung in there on the off-chance that the promised housing and better services will eventually materialise, will feel they've been had.

Even those who've been vocal supporters of such policies – Indigenous people amongst them – might start to wonder.

Federal Housing and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin is right when she says people don't really care what bucket of money pays for houses.

But that point really only comes into play once people receive houses. It is irrelevant to the thousands of people, hundreds of families, still months and probably years off getting one.

The inability so far to really advance



OUR SAY

housing under the joint Federal and Territory program will not inspire confidence, especially amongst the people of Alice Springs who will next week learn whether the Federal Government will compulsorily acquire the towns camps in order for Territory Housing – which appears not to have done the most sterling job elsewhere – to manage.

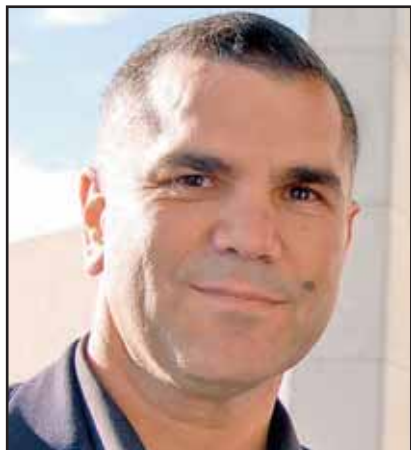
The actions of the Ampilatwatja residents who've voted with their feet and are camping in the bush outside their central Australian community – away from overcrowded houses with inadequate and overflowing septic systems and rubbish-strewn roads, will strike a chord with many.

The fact that people, including some in their eighties, would rather camp outside in the middle of winter than put up with what is on offer in town is telling and damning.

Cracks are beginning to appear in current housing policies. Just as with the actual houses they're designed to build or upgrade, those policies must be examined and fixed where necessary, not merely painted over.

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Our time now!



CHRIS SARRA

WHEN I was the principal at Cherbourg State School in Queensland, I remember on occasions saying to the staff there, 'This work is more than just getting children to read and write. Our work at school here can play a part in transforming the community, and who knows? Maybe our work will influence how other teachers have to work with Aboriginal children right across the country!'

It turns out that, in some ways, I was right. Under the 'Strong and Smart' philosophy, I have seen the efforts of the teachers, parents and children, and those solid Aboriginal men who worked alongside me as brothers. Among them were the legendary Frank Malone, Llew Conlon, Barry Fisher, Fred Cobbo, Kenny Day, and who could ever forget the late, great Richard 'Hooper' Coleman!

And who could also forget the tremendous efforts and presence of those older people like Pop John Stanley, Mum Rae Long and Mrs Beryl Langton. We all worked so hard there. We didn't know it at the time, but in many ways, our efforts caused teachers and school leaders across the country to have to re-examine their approaches to Aboriginal children in their schools, and in particular, their attitudes and expectations.

Eventually I left Cherbourg State School and as the founding Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute at QUT, I said I wanted my team of exceptional colleagues to set about changing the tide of low expectations of Aboriginal children in schools.

To do this, we have worked with school and community leaders across Australia, in leadership programs to arm them with the belief and the capacity to create high expectations – school cultures that are intent on developing and embracing a positive sense of Aboriginal identity, creating schools with which Aboriginal parents can connect.

From the outset I have refused to work with those in schools who have to be convinced that delivering better quality education outcomes for our children is a good thing. Instead we work only with those educators who deserve our respect and time.

The logic here is to work with those who are ready to be worked with, and create a critical mass of school leaders who believe that we really can deliver on the promise of a stronger, smarter future for Aboriginal children.

Those who work with us understand very well the need for our children to be stronger and smarter. It is a fundamental human right of our children to have an education that makes them stronger, in a way that enables them to develop a rich and positive sense of their own cultural identity; and smarter, in a way that enables them to participate in a modern society as any other Australian would.

If schools seek only to make Aboriginal children smart, without developing any positive sense of cultural identity, then we do little more than assimilate them into the mainstream. In this circumstance, we all lose.

As educators we can do much better than this. We can deliver on the promise of

notice the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister insisting that all Australian children have access to quality education outcomes regardless of where they are located and from what background they come.

The significant shift here is from educators being able to explain why Aboriginal children are so far behind, to having to say what they, as educators, are going to do about it.

This gives us all reason to be optimistic, but none of us reason to be complacent. The tide of low expectations is changing, but a lot of hard work remains to be done.

In his usual charismatic way, US President Barack Obama reminds us all of the challenges ahead when he says to his own people: *"Government programs alone won't get our children to the Promised Land. We need a new mindset, a new set of attitudes – because one of the most durable and destructive legacies of discrimination is the way that we have internalised a sense of limitation; how so many in our community have come to expect so little of ourselves. No one has written your destiny for you. Your destiny is in your hands – and don't you forget that."*

The message is no different for us. It is our time to assert our place in the nation.

'other' in Australian society so that we can all be the same.

This is not an Australian future to which we should aspire.

We must be content being an 'other' with no desire to be 'same' as mainstream Australia. We must prefer to be 'other', but only on the grounds that WE decide what kind of 'other' we will be.

We will triumph as Aboriginal Australians when we assert ourselves in Australia as the strong, smart, young, black and deadly Australians that we are.

In our triumph it is crucial that other Australians do not feel threatened or divided by this. Whilst it may be a different circumstance to the historical status quo in which we were often powerless, embracing our blackness and celebrating the notion that we are the only Australians who are connected to the oldest human existence on the planet, and the true descendants of the very first Australians, has never, ever been about putting white Australians down.

As a people, we have known what it is like to be put down. This is not something that is good to inflict upon other human beings.

Of course, we must never forget the sacrifices of our old people in the past who walked in the long grass to lay a solid platform upon which many of us as Aboriginal people could stand proudly.

We must also keep in our minds the times when some of us had to fight. The Redfern Riots, the courage of Lex Wotton and the Palm Island riots; whilst we never want to re-visit such times, they serve as reminders to all Aboriginal people that our children still have a journey to make into a stronger, smarter Australian future.

It is a journey they must be armed for. Not with rocks and sticks and petrol bombs, but with intellectual, psychological and spiritual integrity.

To appreciate where we can go we must never forget where we have come from. That is why I will never, ever forget the tenacity, courage and hard work of the team I worked with at Cherbourg, the parents and – most importantly – the children of Cherbourg School.

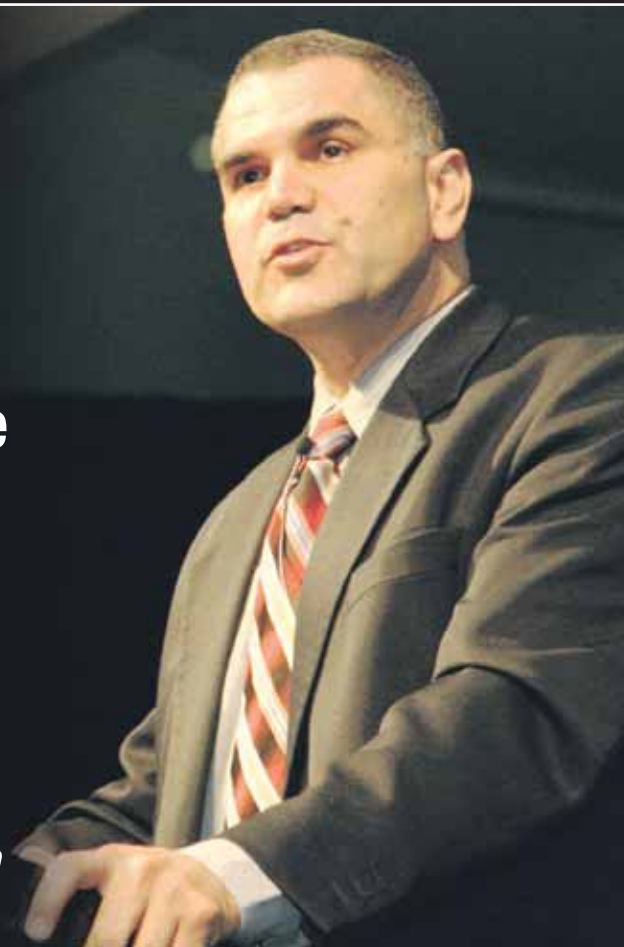
What a journey they started! Their efforts created a ripple that changed the tide of low expectations of Aboriginal children in schools throughout Australia.

I will never, ever forget that.

I Chris Sarra is Director of the Indigenous Education Leadership Institute at QUT in Brisbane. The youngest of ten children, he experienced first-hand many of the issues faced by Indigenous students throughout their schooling. Dr Sarra has a Bachelor of Education degree and a PhD in psychology. In the late 1990s he became Principal of Cherbourg State School where he drastically improved school attendance and increased community involvement in education. He is now widely regarded as one of Australia's leading educators.

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– Dr Chris Sarra



a stronger, smarter future to all of Australia's Aboriginal children.

This is not only something great for Aboriginal Australians; this is something great for all Australians. This projects us into an Australian future with honour and integrity.

I hate admitting this, but I have been in and around the game of education for quite a while now, and more recently I am feeling a shift in attitudes and expectations.

It is a bold statement, but I think in 2009 we will approach and move beyond the tipping point of low expectations of Aboriginal children in schools.

Clearly there are some very different conversations going on about Aboriginal education these days, particularly when we

For a long time we have been the 'other' in Australian society.

Historically, Australia has tried to engineer us as the kind of 'other' that is either useful only as little more than slaves or domestics, or as the kind of 'other' that is hopeless and despicable. They have even rounded up a few of our own to validate this belief and design policy to inflict punishment upon us.

However many of us have always known that we are more than this. A different truth has always existed about us, and it is our time to assert that truth in a way that should not threaten white Australia, but instead, set us all free.

Some Australians think the solutions lay in abandonment of this sense of being the

Being decisive about decisions

I HOPE you mob aren't freezing your bits off! It's so cold down my way I swear my freckles would have been frozen off if they weren't all joined up!

Last column I told you about my travels up to Coffs Harbour on the train, and I bet you are itching to hear the goss about how I went on my trip back to Sydney?

Well it wasn't as exciting as the trip up there. No good pervs for me as the train from Casino to Sydney was full of nannas, pops and kids.

If you are from the older generation and have a love of rail romance, get on track! I consoled

myself with the fact that I, too, will hopefully become long-in-the-tooth one day. Then, watch out boys.

Now on to the latest yarn I have for you.

I was yarning to my friend the other day, listening to their story about their partner. Their partner wouldn't commit to anything, agree to anything or make any decision unless my friend said it was okay.

Let me give you an example of what I mean. They would be out at the shops and when the assistant would ask 'would you like salt' my friend would ask their partner and

they'd be like 'what do you reckon', to which my friend said 'sure', and then their partner would say 'oh yeah, I don't mind salt'.

It was starting to get my friend down. Instead of being over the moon about getting their way every single time, it became annoying when my friend's partner started this cryin' around over salt.

It is great to get your own way, but after a while it gets annoying. After a few years you would be over it or completely loving it.

Sharing decision-making is about giving your pretty head a rest from all life's details. If you know someone like this, try this

little tip I came up with: Don't say a word.

When you are at that shop being asked if you want salt, don't say anything. Stand there in the silence! You may look a bit dookin but you'll get over it and help them out.

Some people would rather others make decisions for them. So how about you make the decision that they should make their own decisions!!

Decisions, decisions. Will you decide to get online and tell Ms Koori Love all about your dramas with decisions? Visit mskoorilove@koorimail.com.au



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Charting the way

Determination was 41st – and a first

FOR thousands of years the Kuuku Ya'u People of Far North Queensland have relied on the Coral Sea and its resources for their survival. They have hunted and fished and developed a deep respect for, and bond with, their traditional sea areas.

Their unwavering connection to their land on the east coast of Cape York Peninsula and surrounding sea areas was recognised under Australian law for the first time on 25 June.

Concluding a process that began 14 years ago, the Federal Court made a consent determination recognising the Kuuku Ya'u People's non-exclusive native title rights over 1970 sq km of sea and their exclusive native title rights over 10 sq km of land.

The determination area includes land near Portland Roads township, Rocky Island, Sandy Islet, Pigeon Island, Quoin Island National Park, Piper Islands National Park, part of Forbes Islands National Park and surrounding seas.

Although it was the 41st consent determination to be made in Queensland, it was also a first. The Kuuku Ya'u People broke new ground – they were the first group in Queensland to achieve recognition of their sea rights by agreement. In doing so they have charted the way for the 26 native title claims over areas of sea in Queensland that are yet to be settled.

Previously, in March 2004, the Lardil, Yangkaal, Gangalidda and Kaiadilt Peoples in the Gulf of Carpentaria won recognition of their non-exclusive rights over their traditional seas after court hearings spanning more than three years. The Federal Court ruled that they had maintained an unbroken connection to the sea around the Wellesley, South Wellesley, Forsyth and Bountiful Island groups.

In this case, the parties to the Kuuku Ya'u People's claim entered into negotiations in a spirit of goodwill and with a willingness to reach an agreed outcome.

The parties involved had to deal with complex matters and consider a wide range of rights and interests. They also had to address sustainability and conservation issues in the marine park area, access to national parks, and questions about township infrastructure.

This required a thorough process to ensure the resulting agreements would be durable and suit the parties' needs well into the future.

By undertaking this process, the parties not only agreed that the Kuuku Ya'u People are the native title holders in the determination area, but also developed three Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) that establish how their respective rights will be carried out on the ground.

The consent determination and accompanying ILUAs provide a solid foundation for the Kuuku Ya'u People's future role in government infrastructure development and land management, including

national parks and marine park management, in the Kuuku Ya'u People's country.

During negotiations the parties developed constructive relationships and now have certainty about their future and protection of their rights in this area.

Formal acknowledgment of native title is important.

Recognition of traditional laws and customs that are still practised today provides an ongoing basis for respect by the wider community that bodes well for our future.



Federal Court judge Justice Andrew Greenwood with local people, from left, Lorraine Clarmont, Ivy Hobson, Donald Hobson, Deborah Hobson, Lucy Hobson and Lloyd Hollingsworth at the recent Kuuku Ya'u determination.

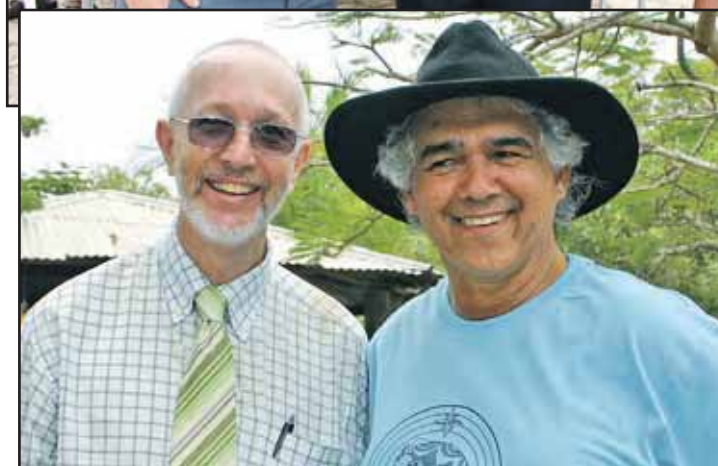


**NATIVE TITLE
AND YOU**

with National Native Title
Tribunal Member
GRAHAM FLETCHER



ABOVE: Cape York Land Council Chief Executive Michael Ross, centre, with Queensland Parks and Wildlife officers Pip Schroor and Ingkris.



LEFT: Column author Graham Fletcher (left) with Kuuku Ya'u claimant Lloyd Hollingsworth.



Fixing attitudes

SOMEONE I deem intelligent once told me 'never ever go about your life thinking everyone particularly likes or hates you; it's remarkably unhealthy. And don't try to get anyone to do neither'.

I am a non-Indigenous Perth resident who is part of a team that tries to achieve real native title outcomes for Indigenous Australians in the central desert area of Western Australia.

Native title matters have taught me a lot about Australia. From land rights to governance to the much-sought Australian history — aspects I can relate to.

I should mention I am African, but that's another story.

I have always wondered why I see Indigenous Australians in offices and learning institutions. Why don't they have the best of jobs?

I am not at all waving the racist card here but, really, why?

I have heard of how Indigenous Australians can only improve their living standards on their own accord and as a friend of mine puts it, 'They should try to like the system instead of trying to get the system to like them'.

Director of the Telethon

Institute for Child Health

Research Fiona Stanley once said we can't protect children without supporting and involving their community — 'I remember clearly a young Aboriginal boy who changed my life... We were so proud of how we brought him back from the brink of death from gastroenteritis. Then we sent him home. Within a year, he was dead. Our modern medical miracles were no match for the horrendous living conditions and lack of resources in his community'. And, no, Stanley was not contesting for Miss

Congeniality or Miss World.

Something is not being done right and solutions to the issues she highlighted are probably not that hard to attain, if we could lose certain attitudes; attitudes that isolate.

Wading through housing options online last month, I wasn't entirely surprised to come across one flatmate advertisement with 'Karawara is safe for students as there are no Aboriginals...' attached to it.

Thankfully I am not looking to share; at least not with this Karawara philosopher. Besides,

everyone is entitled to his or her own opinion. That's the number-one problem.

We, the non-Indigenous, are not getting our attitudes right. Before we flag Indigenous Australians — an entire society of vast languages at that — for every break-in next door, we should start by fixing our attitudes.

The rest should follow quite smoothly.

IRENE ASSUMPTER-SUMI
AKUMU
East Perth, WA

Our leaders and their big mouths

I TOTALLY agree with Roy Ah See.

All such comments do have an impact on everyday living for all low-income families, mostly Aboriginal families.

These so-called well-educated leaders just have big mouths and don't know when to use them.

AMANDA HALL
Sydney, NSW

(Ed: In reference to reported criticisms by former ATSIC chairperson Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue of some of her former, male colleagues, Mr Ah See wrote that he believed new Aboriginal leaders would rather focus on solutions than dwell on old problems and behaviours).



Evil cartoon published in another newspaper

I READ John Heath's letter in the last edition (*Koori Mail*, 15 July) about a racist cartoon published in a NSW Central Coast newspaper (shown at left).

We also had that same evil cartoon published in our local paper, the *Tumut & Adelong Times*, on 10 July — just in time for NAIDOC Week.

Our Brungle and Tumut Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) has asked for an apology to be published, but

I don't really expect it to happen.

What can we do to apply pressure? So many of our people are well-educated and active in the wider community.

Our Elders have had enough shame and we all thought we were past those bad times here.

JO ERSKINE
Loyal *Koori Mail* reader
Via email

Is car rally caring for country?

I WOULD like to encourage the Indigenous community in the Northern Rivers area of NSW to look closely at the event called Repco World Rally.

This rally is to be held in the Tweed and Kyogle shires every second year for the next 10 years, with another 10-year option.

It is not just one rally event;

there will be two other motor vehicle race events meeting up here at the same time using some of the same dirt roads — that is three race events.

Rally cars will be allowed to race at an average speed of 160kmh through parts of national parks and along dirt roads in the vicinity of these parks.

Australia's beautiful wildlife is at risk. There's enough senseless road kill now without allowing these vehicles this type of access through country. Is your totem at risk?

This event is an abuse of country. These two shires are well known for visitors coming here for nature-based appreciation, to be

grounded in country, to feel country under their feet, to be healed by country. This rally event is such a contradiction to that.

Please look closely at this event. I urge you to voice any objections you may have.

WENDY SIBLEY
Kyogle, NSW

Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

this will increase your chances of being published.

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

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

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

— EDITOR

Chicka has right idea

I AM writing in response to Chicka Dixon's suggestion about creation of a national Aboriginal lobby group.

I am really interested in this suggestion. As a 21-year-old Gamilaroi descendant, I believe we need such a body.

I'd like to hear how to get involved, or from anyone else who is interested.

I believe the Aboriginal youth of Australia need to stand up and make a change.

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Is this any way to

By JOHN D B WILLIAMS

It would be churlish to question the benefits of partnerships between Local Divisions of GPs and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHS), also known as Aboriginal Medical Services (AMSs), in the attempt to 'Close the Gap' in life expectancy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

In his press release on 'Closing the Gap', Chairperson of the Australian General Practice Network (AGPN) Dr Djakic mentions that 60 per cent of his membership have partnerships with AMSs.

He does not, however, comment on those that have not entered into partnerships and, more poignantly, whether existing relationships were entered into without duress as some of these partnerships resulted from bureaucratic direction or pecuniary funding strictures.

ACCHS program funds have even been transferred to Divisions of GPs, with AMSs forced to tender against their 'partners' for services to their own Aboriginal patients while experiencing de-funding with a blanket departmental rejection of the ACCH sector's offer, through experienced AMSs like the AMS Redfern, to auspice fledgling AMSs.

The Royal Australasian College of Practitioners supports ACCHS delivery as



the preferred method of primary health care to Aboriginal people and probably is unaware that funds are being transferred to local Divisions of GPs.

This is the current situation in Armidale, NSW, where – in a deliberate action to close the AMS – funds utilised by the community have been transferred to the Local Division of GPs, enabling future recruitment of 16 staff who'll also work within local GP practices.

This Commonwealth/State

bureaucratically-driven transition occurred despite consultation by local MP Tony Windsor, who confirmed unanimous support to retain the AMS with its purpose-built medical and dentist clinic.

It should be quite an interesting Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout this year in Armidale!

Similar to the scandalous 'Intervention' into the Northern Territory, where Army doctors pitched tents adjacent to operating AMSs – rejecting their expertise in a costly

counterproductive exercise – it is now confirmed by the AGPN that the 160 extra staff will operate solely through GP networks enamoured by announcements of additional programs that follow the same trajectory outside the ACCH sector.

The Productivity Commission's Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage report shamed politicians of all persuasions this month by highlighting the hollowness of an apology without substance. It would appear that the report's comments about appropriate access to health services through ACCHS are not within the radar of either the government or the AGPN.

Recognition that lack of self-esteem and control are major contributing factors that undermine well-being in Aboriginal health has no relevance for government officials whose mantra is to privatise Aboriginal health, despite the elected governments' intent to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities.

ACCHS general practitioners have laboured for decades under onerous conditions with inadequate funding.

Now private practitioners are the key players to rewrite the manual to ameliorate Aboriginal ill health, replacing ACCHS responsibility and their medical practitioners' commitment with the most primitive of all motivating incentives – to

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NAB Community Indigenous

It's all about the music

For 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, performing at The Dreaming Festival in June was a dream come true. These talented kids travelled from the Torres Strait, Cairns and Sydney to come together as the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir.

NAB assisted Gondwana Choirs to hold a series of musical workshops in schools and local communities throughout the first half of 2009, where their voices were discovered.

The Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir is helping to develop positive, self confident kids who love to perform and sing.

This was evident in the song the Choir wrote and performed at The Dreaming Festival "Many Voices One Dream" which celebrates each child, their talent and their culture.

NAB is proud to be founding partner of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir.

During the second half of 2009, workshops will be held in Shepparton, Vic and Bowraville, NSW and we look forward to welcoming more members to the Choir.

For more information please visit: nab.com.au/indigenous and www.gondwanachoirs.com.au



close the gap?

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quote Dr Djakic – ‘activity in Indigenous health, by the network and health professionals, is stimulated by targeted funding’.

In opposition to AMSs medical practitioners, Dr Djakic cites that within the top areas of their Indigenous health survey, 65 per cent of activity involves ‘Indigenous health checks’. He does not state that this is a lucrative item on the Medicare Schedule, with adult checks paying \$204.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert recently lambasted Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin for not justifying lack of consultations with Aboriginal communities in arbitrary actions in the compulsory acquisition of Alice Springs town camps. Her comment ‘There needs to be a full and open process of community consultation and discussion on these important issues’ should also be applied to lack of consultations and a departmental agenda of wedge politics in polarising the amelioration of Aboriginal ill-health responsibility between the mercantile wing of the medical fraternity and the ‘not-for-profit’ ACCH sector.

It is incongruous that it is only



five years since every government health minister in Australia agreed that the preferable method of health care to redress Aboriginal ill health is the preventative primary health care through ACCHS due to their cultural and holistic health-driven approach to community well-being.

It would appear that the current Government's accelerated ferment reflects an exercise in portraying tangible content to an otherwise hollow ‘National Apology’.

The quick fix by transferring, through financial incentives, responsibility for Aboriginal health from the not-for-profit ACCHS sector to a medical entrepreneurial model is as far removed from Chifley to Rudd as Karl Marx is from Mother Theresa.

The covert exclusion of the very people whose lot it is to be the sad statistics within the disparity gaps of life expectancy will be the salient factor that may well reduce this

initiative to be seen as an impotent activity.

John D B Williams is currently the Sydney Site Co-ordinator for the International Indigenous Resilience Research Project. Previously, he was a senior research officer with the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AHMRC) of NSW, executive officer for the Sydney Regional Council of ATSIC and senior research officer for the NSW Aboriginal Land Council.

Your Poetry

The Anzacs

The Anzacs left
Australia's shore
not knowing what was
in store
They came to a land
from far away
and stood upon
Gallipoli shore.
The bullets were like a
swarm of bees
And the Anzacs fell to
their knees
They heard the cry
from their mates
As they lay there and
died on that fatal day
Now the young people
went back to the land
That was far away
from their homeland
To see where their
great grandfathers lie
And heard love ones
cry
On that fatal day they
looked up in to the sky
They saw white doves
flying high
And saw faces in the
clouds
The tears in the
Anzacs' eyes fell
Like rain on that Fatal
day

DARRYL KNIGHT
by email

Linking People Thru Jobs

On Friday July 10th 2009, as part of NAIDOC week celebrations, a ‘message wall’ was unveiled at Yarra Bay House in La Perouse by Break Thru People Solutions, local Aboriginal Lands Council, Federal Environment Minister, Hon. Peter Garrett and the children of La Perouse Public School.

Minister Garrett joined the children of La Perouse, to place coloured hands on the message wall and following the event, the wall will be used by the children to leave messages, place their artwork and communicate with each other in a positive environment.

Local children and community members also enjoyed a BBQ lunch and were seen talking to players from South Sydney's Rugby League Club, elders from the community and representatives from a number of government organisations, including Centrelink and the NSW Police Service.

Break Thru is an Australian not-for-profit organisation that has been assisting job seekers and employers since 1992. Break Thru is known for its expertise in providing employment services to job seekers from diverse backgrounds including Indigenous Australians, people with a disability and those from a non-English speaking background.

This great community event was organised by Sharron Smith from Break Thru People Solutions in partnership with Ms Ros Fields, CEO at La Perouse Local Aboriginal Lands Council and also saw Break Thru launch the organisation's Charter of Service to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

The Charter of Service was developed by Break Thru's Indigenous Advisory Group, which is made up of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians in the organisation, who consulted



with communities to ensure “Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities have access to an inclusive service that is holistic in its approach and integrated with other support services and stakeholders that respects and acknowledges individual needs and cultural sensitivities” said Break Thru CEO, Ross Lewis.

Mr Lewis further outlined “our organisation's goal is to raise awareness within the community that people with barriers are valued, worthwhile and productive members of society. We understand we must create sustainable and meaningful partnerships with local communities to successfully ensure we help create better futures for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people”.

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Top advisers for NAB



INDIGENOUS educator Dr Chris Sarra will co-chair the National Australia Bank's newly-formed Indigenous Advisory Group.

The group will advise NAB on its engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and ensure its commitments are met under its Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP).

Dr Sarra commended NAB's approach to support Indigenous-led solutions to the problems faced by Indigenous Australians.

"Corporate Australia has a role to play in helping reduce Indigenous disadvantage, and I'm pleased that NAB's programs are addressing issues like employment, access to safe and affordable financial services and employee awareness," he said.

Dr Sarra said the first step for any organisation was committing to a RAP, but the action and governance of the plan was equally important.

"The formation of this Indigenous Advisory Group is a clear signal that NAB is taking an approach based on collaboration, respect and, most of all, a genuine willingness to listen," he said.

"Ultimately, an informed approach has more chance of succeeding."

NAB Community and Corporate Responsibility General Manager Tim O'Leary said while the bank had a good plan, the organisation was still learning about the issues Indigenous people faced and translating this into informed actions that would make a difference.

"NAB's Indigenous Advisory Group will help provide access to knowledge and advice that can guide the way we do things here," he said.

"We thank the members for their



NAB Director Danny Gilbert, 2009 Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson, NAB Group CEO Cameron Clyne and Dr Chris Sarra at NAB's Reconciliation Action Plan launch in December 2008.

involvement and their commitment to both review our progress as well as consider opportunities for our next Reconciliation Action Plan."

Members of the NAB Indigenous Advisory Group are:

I **Dr Chris Sarra** (Co-Chair) Director, Indigenous Education Leadership Institute

I **Danny Gilbert** (Co-Chair) Managing Partner Gilbert + Tobin Lawyers, NAB Director

I **June Oscar**, CEO Marninwarntikura Fitzroy Women's Resource Centre

I **Fred Chaney**, Desert Knowledge Australia Chair and Reconciliation Australia Board Member

I **Bev Manton**, NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chair

I **Michael Long**, Patron of the Long Walk, Essendon Football Club

I **Terri Janke**, Solicitor and Director, Terri Janke and Company

I **NAB** – Warren Shaw, Tim O'Leary, Spiro Pappas and Richard Peters.



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The Office of Correctional Services Review (Department of Justice) administers the Independent Prison Visitor Scheme on behalf of the Minister.

NEED TO FIND OUT MORE?

For more information please contact the Senior Indigenous Program Officer – Mick Harrison at OCSR on (03) 9947-1671 mobile: 0458 844 370 or e-mail mick.harrison@justice.vic.gov.au

Honorariums will be paid to successful applicants to cover expenses for the volunteering.

Conflict of interest issues may mean some people are ineligible to apply. Please visit the website for further information on the volunteer scheme and possible **exclusions**.

www.justice.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 29th July 2009.

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Public Announcement

Indigenous Community Consultations Healesville region

The Adult, Community and Further Education unit of the Victorian government has provided funding for a project to consult with the Indigenous Community of Healesville and surrounding districts.

The consultation project seeks Community feedback on key questions:

- How can this diverse Indigenous Community express and celebrate its identity, its knowledge and its many stories?
- How can this be done in an inclusive and sustainable way?
- How can this be done in a way that promotes learning?
- What model would suit this Community; for example: a place or building, community programs, a digital project, an annual event, or another model?

The consultation project is managed via a partnership between the Committee of the Indigenous Community Centre and Upper Yarra Community House.

Comments or feedback can be provided in writing to the email and mail addresses provided below, or you can give feedback in person either by private consultation, or by attending one of the group forums which will be held between August and December 2009. Please contact the project workers to arrange a suitable time for either of these options.

Comments given by Community members are private and confidential.

Contact:

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or mail to: Indigenous Community Consultation Project
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HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY Aboriginal Advisory Committee

Applications are sought from Aboriginal Community Members living within the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority (HNCMA) area, to apply for membership of the Hawkesbury-Nepean CMA Aboriginal Advisory Committee. The geographic area covered by the Hawkesbury-Nepean CMA extends from Goulburn to Putty and from Lithgow to Gosford.

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.



Rangers top guns in pig control



FERAL pig numbers across a large area of southern Cape York on the Gulf of Carpentaria have been greatly reduced thanks to the efforts of Aboriginal rangers.

More than 3700 pigs were shot by the Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's Wild River Rangers in the Staaten River catchment, north-east of Normanton, as part of what is hoped will be an ongoing eradication campaign.

The campaign, involving shooting the pigs from helicopters, was done in conjunction with the Cape York Weeds and Feral Animal Program.

Program spokesman Jamie Molyneaux said scientists had identified feral pigs as the most serious threat to the Staaten River catchment – a rich pastoral area.

"The pigs damage crops and pastures, spread weeds, carry diseases and parasites, destroy water sources and threaten endangered animals," he said.

The rangers were ideal for the eradication campaign because of their skills and knowledge of country.

Normanton Wild River Rangers Co-ordinator Mark Hogno told *The Koori Mail* the program had been a great success.

"All the country within the Wild



The Carpentaria Land Council Aboriginal Corporation's Normanton-based Wild River Rangers, from left, Lance Rapson, Mark Hogno, Paul Richardson and Phillip George.

Rivers declared area is private pastoral lease, so to carry out the objectives of the Wild Rivers program we worked in partnership with local landowners on programs that benefited both them and the environment," he said.

"For us, it's all about informing landowners who have pest and weed problems that we are here to help. In this case the area was one of the bigger holding

companies and it ended up being a great success."

Mick Hayes, who manages two stations covered by the pig program, said he could already see on-ground results and was looking forward to working again with the rangers.

"They're a dedicated, professional and efficient team," he said. "I was reluctant to jump into the program because the Wild

Rivers legislation in its original format ... was seen to have unrealistic guidelines.

"But I was relieved to find there were no hidden agendas with the program."

Mr Hogno said ongoing programs and funding would be essential to keep on top of feral pig numbers.

The Cape York Weeds and Feral Pests Program carries out

extensive feral pig control throughout the Cape region, including major projects such as the prevention of predation on marine turtle nests by feral pigs. More than 30,000 feral animals have been eradicated since the program started in 1999. The program is now under contract with Qld Wild Rivers to deliver training and mentoring to Indigenous rangers.



One of the pig-shooting operations being conducted by helicopter.

Wotjobaluk focus for joint winner



A BOOK which traces the life story of pastoralist Nathanael Pepper, of the Wotjobaluk people, and his conversion to Christianity in 1860 has been named the joint winner of the 2008 Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History.

The book *The Lamb Enters the Dreaming: Nathanael Pepper and the Ruptured World* by Robert Kenny has been described as offering an original way of exploring the hidden chapters (or an invisible world) of cultural encounters on the Australian frontier.

Pepper was born as the first pastoralists were driving cattle and sheep into Victoria's Wimmera region. In their wake came Christian missionaries, who were just as hostile to the settlers' violence as they were to the traditional beliefs of Aboriginal people.

According to publisher

Scribe Publications, the story of Nathanael Pepper's conversion, and his subsequent attempts to reconcile the apparently irreconcilable, reveals much about the deeper symbolic and moral forces at work in this collision of cultures.

In a statement, the prize's advisory committee said the book offers 'a profound reconsideration of how Indigenous people and Europeans thought about each other'.

'Startling'

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Rhys Isaac called it 'a startling new history'.

"(It is) an immense contribution to reconciliation consciousness in our 21st century Australia," the eminent academic said.

Kenny shares the \$100,000 prizemoney with joint-winner Tom Griffiths for his book *Slicing the Silence: Voyaging to Antarctica*.

The winners were chosen

from 62 writers, researchers and producers who were nominated for the prize, which rewards outstanding publications considered by judges to have contributed to the understanding of Australia's history.

Amongst the five nominations in the prize shortlist were Philip Jones for *Ochre and Rust: Artefacts and Encounters on Australian Frontiers* and the makers of the four-part documentary television series *Captain Cook: Obsession and Discovery*.

Ochre and Rust provides a reflection on cross-cultural encounters through material objects, mainly those now housed in the South Australian Museum, while *Captain Cook* uses archival material such as maps and journals, and interviews current leading Cook scholars along with Indigenous community leaders who draw out the 'conquest' side of the voyages.

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SCHOOL attendance is on the rise in Indigenous communities in Queensland, according to new figures.

State Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley Boyle said the data also revealed a number of positive changes relating to law and order.

The data is contained in the Qld Government's fifth Quarterly Report on Key Indicators in Queensland's Discrete Indigenous communities.

"School attendance rates in Term 1 this year have increased compared to Term 1 last year in many communities – a very positive sign," Ms Boyle said. "Coen, at 95.3 per cent attendance in Term 1 2009, has exceeded the Queensland school attendance average (91.1 per cent).

"And it would seem a friendly competition to reach or surpass that target is underway with Hope Vale, (88.2 per cent up from 80.6 per cent), Mapoon (86.5 per cent up from 83.9 per cent) and Kowanyama (85.9 per cent up from 85 per cent) not far behind. Even where school attendance rates fall short of the norm, considerable increases in attendance are being shown," she said.

"The largest increases were at Aurukun (56.1 per cent up from 46.1 per cent) and Wujal Wujal (80 per cent up from 72.3 per cent).

"Three communities – Doomadgee, Lockhart River and Northern Peninsula Area –

experienced declines of two to four per cent in attendance in Term 1 2009 compared to Term 1 2008. These communities will hopefully be encouraged by the success elsewhere to do better next term.

"Direct comparison isn't always valid without understanding what factors might have influenced the figures, but I hope all communities will begin to see the Queensland rate of school attendance as the rate to beat. The real winners will be the children and their communities in the long term."

Ms Boyle said the quarterly report generally showed positive changes in other areas including fewer reported offences against the person, hospitalisations from assault and fewer breaches of alcohol restrictions in a number of communities.

"Overall, the number of hospital admissions for assault across the communities has declined from 97 in the January-March 2008 quarter to 74 in the same quarter for 2009 and we want to see this continue to come down," the Minister said.

"Some of the more significant decreases were in Hope Vale (11 down to 1), Palm Island (20 to 12), and Yarrabah (8 to 2).

"Similar improvements have shown up across the communities in reported offences against the person (down from a total of 413 to 389) and charges for breaching alcohol carriage restrictions (down from a total of 158 to only 42) in communities where they are applicable."



ABOVE: Charcoal Lane apprentices, from left, Kinswell Lunga, Kara Burns, Barbara Belling, Sarai Muriwa and Robert McGuiness. BELOW: Essendon Football Club player Nathan Lovett-Murray with Charcoal Lane trainee Steven Thorpe.



Lane gives fresh start

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



For 23-year-old Darren Briggs, life looked dramatically different before he got his chance to work for Melbourne's new Indigenous social enterprise restaurant Charcoal Lane.

Suffering from depression, out of work for three years and becoming further socially isolated and disenfranchised from life, that all changed the day he walked into an office advertising the trainee program. He signed up, got fitted out for uniforms and started on his path back to his old self.

"It's been a massive change for me", Mr Briggs said. "I used to live alone and stay in my room, I really didn't like life. This has brought me back and made me appreciate everything."

But it hasn't all been smooth sailing. Imagine going from a life of social isolation to the chaos of a busy inner city kitchen.

"The first week was a bit daunting, but I got through it and gradually it's becoming easier," Mr Briggs said. "I think I surprised myself by how I got through it."

"It's been so good for me, my mood's up, I'm feeling happy and I have goals now."

Mr Briggs joins a group of Aboriginal and other disadvantaged and unemployed youth completing the Certificate III in Hospitality while gaining practical skills alongside professional chefs in the kitchen.

The Charcoal Lane program will enable 48 young people to develop the professional and life skills necessary for the transition into a career in hospitality.

Two 20-week training programs will be offered annually, based around developing work-ready skills and allow trainees to complete a Certificate II in Hospitality.

Local Koori community and other Aboriginal mentors will join youth support workers, specialist agencies and Mission Australia in supporting the trainees.

The restaurant and catering services, officially opened during NAIDOC week, will be open six days a week, offering Australian cuisine with a uniquely Indigenous influence.

Charcoal Lane, which derives its name from the well-known Archie Roach song, hopes to serve both as a social enterprise and training program by providing priority access for highly-disadvantaged, unemployed people who have limited employment prospects.

Victorian Premier John Brumby and Indigenous Affairs Minister Richard Wynne opened the restaurant during NAIDOC week celebrations in the state.

"This new café will be a welcome addition to the area, providing great food with a Koori twist and much-needed opportunities for local Aboriginal people to learn a trade," Mr Wynne said.

"Charcoal Lane will provide sustenance for the body and the mind and is a very welcome addition to our local community."



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In March 2008, the Prime Minister announced a National Binge Drinking Strategy which provides \$53.5 million to address binge drinking among young people. The Strategy comprises:

- \$14.4 million for community level initiatives to confront the culture of binge drinking, particularly in sporting organisations;
- \$19.1 million to intervene earlier to assist young people and ensure that they assume personal responsibility for their binge drinking; and
- \$20 million for advertising that confronts young people with the costs and consequences of binge drinking.

As part of the community level initiatives component of the National Binge Drinking Strategy, the Department of Health and Ageing is seeking applications from incorporated community groups or local government organisations for project proposals that aim to prevent and reduce binge drinking by young people aged 12-24 years.

Funding is available for organisations to provide programs in city, urban, regional, rural and remote Australia. Innovative projects and those representing partnerships between community organisations are encouraged.

An upper limit of \$150,000 plus GST per grant for up to two years will apply for individual project proposals. For organisations wishing to collaborate and submit a joint proposal, an upper limit of \$250,000 plus GST per grant for up to two years will apply.

Organisations interested in applying must address the selection criteria in the format outlined in the application form, which can be obtained by registering online at the Department of Health and Ageing's Tenders and Grants internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

For further information please contact the Department on 1800 209 312 or via email communitylevelinitiative@health.gov.au

The closing date is 21 September 2009.

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Nyoongar Idol wants to sing

By KEN BOASE



NYOONGARS
Jonathon Ford and Tina Hayden took out the top honours at the Noongaroke Idol grand final at the

Range View Hotel in Perth during NAIDOC Week, with organisers declaring the competition a great success.

Mr Ford won the \$1000 first prize and Ms Hayden \$500 as runner-up in the self-funded community event which began four years ago as an alternative to the official NAIDOC Ball.

The five finalists were Rachel Gibson, Josephine Colbung, Tamara Simpson, Tina Hayden and Jonathon Ford, each of whom received \$100 as winners in their heat.

Mr Ford, who sang *Johnny Be Good* as his winning song, said he didn't think about winning the competition when he entered, he was just there to have a good time. Those at the event said he stood out as a performer who engaged with the crowd.

Mr Ford said he spent the money helping family members return to their home in Kalgoorlie, as well as for a family



Noongaroke grand final winner Jonathon Ford and runner-up Tina Hayden.

party the following day. He also gave money and gifts to children.

Mr Ford, who said his style of music varies from country to rock 'n' roll, said he had been performing since he was 16 when he formed a band in high

school. He is now writing more of his own material, some of which has already had airplay on Noongar Radio in Perth.

"Now that I've got a bit of a name around the place because of the Noongaroke I want to use that to get my own stuff out

there," Mr Ford said. "I've performed a couple of my originals on Noongar Radio.

"I do a lot of gigs at my local footy club and so you sort of find your own style from what people want to listen to and that influences my song writing as

well. I'm thinking about doing an acoustic solo act with just me and my guitar and I'd like to perform at the major community events like NAIDOC Week."

Mr Ford said he was considering entering the national television show *Australian Idol* but in the end he wanted to keep performing at community events.

"With Indigenous artists we tend to stay in our circles and the only way we can make a name for ourselves is performing for the big events. The Yabu band is a good example of that," he said.

Runner-up Tina Hayden, who sang *Baby Let Go*, a 1970s hit for Brian Cadd, said she was considering a stand-alone Noongar Idol event in association with a Maori club at the Stirling Arms Hotel in the Perth suburb of Guildford. She performs at the hotel every Wednesday night.

Shades of Black Noongaroke Idol organiser Jim Morrison thanked the sponsors and the hundreds of people who supported the lead-up events and the grand final night.

"We are the original Idol competition in Australia and this year we have proved yet again that we are the best," he said.

Group out for justice



THE Dunghutti Aboriginal Community Justice Group and police

at Kempsey on the NSW mid-coast are working for better community links and to reduce re-offending.

Co-ordinator Debra Morris said the justice group had 30 Aboriginal volunteers keen to target crime and justice issues in Kempsey.

Group members will receive training to enable them to help police in the cautioning young offenders, and to participate in

youth justice conferencing where a victim can confront an offender about the impact of crime.

The conferences also allow suitable outcome plans to be discussed, such as repairing damage to property or community work.



Justice group members, front, Aunty Margaret Ridgeway. Second row, from left, Aunty Cecelia Flanders, Aunty Ruth Maruca, Aunty Mary-Lou Buck, Aunty Pauline McGuinness and Aunty Beverly Roberts. Third row, from left, Richard Pacey, Debra J Morris, Natalie Smee, NSW Police Aboriginal community liaison officer co-ordinator Cleonie Quayle, Iris Flanders, Norma Kelly, Paula Skinner, Vincent Cook and Terry Keighan. Back row, from left, Michael Foxwell, Allan Snowsill, Paul Fuller, Kevin Smith, Robert Silva, Gerald Hoskins, Madeline Donovan, Ruth Nolan and Wayne (Darcy) Budden. Absent: Mavis Davis, Ivy Brown, Fred Kelly, Colleen Campbell, Gary Morris, Aunty Eileen Button, Aunty Veronica Waters, Karen Rhodes and Aunty Mary Button.

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Dawn Casey gets down to business

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

THE timeline of Dawn Casey's life might read like the manifesto of an Aboriginal revolutionary, albeit a quietly-spoken one.

With her long history in the public sector, Dr Casey said she never sought, nor particularly enjoyed, the attention that often surrounded her work.

She was thrown into Aboriginal politics by the unstoppable force of genetics. Being her mother's daughter, she says she is naturally inclined towards being opinionated and cheeky, two qualities she concedes have served her well amidst the turbulence of Australian politics.

She has lived through five Prime Ministers – Whitlam, Fraser, Hawke, Howard and now Rudd – but says it was the Howard years that most significantly set the Aboriginal cause back immeasurably.

"We must all now work hard to ensure what happened under the Howard Government never happens again," Dr Casey said.

"It was in many ways like George Orwell's *1984*, history was rewritten, the Stolen Generations did not exist and we weren't allowed to acknowledge them."

One of the more notable of her appointments came as the Director of the National Museum of Australia. She oversaw the opening of the museum in 2001 and more than two million people passed through its doors during her time there.

But after four years at the helm, her contract wasn't renewed. Many questioned the decision, arguing it was politically motivated. Despite this, Dr Casey has continued along her own trajectory in the all-encompassing portfolio of Indigenous affairs. Her latest incarnation as the new Chairperson of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) is one that will keep her busy in the coming months.

She says she's interested in revisiting the way Indigenous people think about the future of business.

Dr Casey will also maintain her role as Director of Sydney's Powerhouse Museum, and juggling the two positions is a challenge she's looking forward to.

Born in Cairns, Queensland, in 1950, Dr Casey spent an idyllic but poverty-stricken childhood in the north, along with her younger sister and brothers.

She learned early on the necessary home-making skills, sewing her own clothes and helping out with her younger siblings.

This was later reinforced in high school when she was prevented from pursuing an interest in learning French, in favour of the more practical home economics.

When other girls her age were thinking about parties, clothes and friends, the 13-year-old was starting to realise the gross inequities between black and white Australians.



New Indigenous Business Australia Chairperson Dawn Casey.

"This was the beginning of what was to become a profound influence on my life, around the start of high school and especially with the kids from Yarrabah, the Aboriginal students were treated differently, all put into the one class," Dr Casey said.

"It was around this time that I was becoming aware of what it really meant to be Aboriginal."

The family lived in one of four shacks of Aboriginal people living close together, along with two other Torres Strait Islander families. It was undoubtedly the

swimmers fell out of a towel and the kids made fun of me because of the state of them."

Dr Casey says that when she got her first job in the public service, it was like a light bulb had gone off in her head. Once again she could see things happening all around her that 'just didn't seem right', and so she joined the union.

"As soon as I realise that something is happening, it's in my nature to speak out," Dr Casey said.

"I've got my youngest sister who went to an opportunity school and my second youngest brother with Down Syndrome, so in that way I speak out because I can."

Today, she is well-regarded for her work in museums, most notably her former position with the NMA, which brought as

much acclaim as it did controversy. But, she says, it remains one of her greatest achievements.

Apart from her museum work, her three decade-long career has also seen her have a strong hand in influencing Indigenous policies and programs, including the establishment of the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation and the initiation of the joint Commonwealth and State/Territory response to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

So it is probably little surprise that, even with all the work ahead of her, Dr Casey doesn't seem too fazed.

In fact, she relishes the challenge.

'As soon as I realise that something is happening, it's in my nature to speak out'

overwhelming poverty that left the biggest mark.

Dr Casey was 13 when she first became aware of the idea of poverty on the basis of race. It was even earlier that her experiences throughout primary school set her apart from the other kids at school. Everywhere around her, being black meant being poor.

"In primary school, my family were so poor that until Grade Two, three little dresses had to do for the whole two years," Dr Casey recalls.

"Another time when I was doing swimming lessons and we had to walk from school to the swimming pool my

Did we get here by way of India?



INDIAN scientists have unveiled a new theory about how the first Aboriginal people arrived in Australia.

Based on a series of genetic tests, they believe Aboriginal people travelled from Africa to Australia via India. Dr Raghavendra Rao and researchers from the Indian Government-backed Anthropological Survey of India project found unique genetic mutations were shared between modern-day Indians and Aboriginal people, suggesting Australia's Indigenous people had once spent time on the sub-continent.

The scientists carried out genetic tests on 966 individuals from 26 of India's so-called 'relic populations' and identified seven people from central Dravidian and Austro-Asiatic tribes who shared genetic traits found only in Aborigines.

"We found certain mutations in the DNA sequences of the Indian tribes we sampled that are specific to Australian Aborigines," Dr Rao said.

"This shared ancestry suggests that the Aboriginal population migrated to Australia via the so-called southern route."

Scientists believe the first modern humans began spreading around the world from Africa about 50,000 years ago.

However, little is known about which routes they took.

Some studies have suggested they used a single southern route stretching from the Horn of Africa, across the Red Sea into Arabia and southern Asia.

They were then believed to have moved along the coastlines of southern Asia, South-east Asia and Indonesia before arriving in Australia about 45,000 years ago.

Dr Rao said the new research, published by online scientific journal *BMC Evolutionary Biology*, indicated there was now direct DNA evidence about how modern humans spread from Africa 50,000 years ago.

"In this respect, populations in the Indian subcontinent harbour DNA footprints of the earliest expansion out of Africa," he said. – AAP

Program to aid troubled youth



A MENTOR program aimed at young Indigenous offenders has been launched at Mount Druitt in western Sydney. NSW Minister for Juvenile Justice Graham West announced \$200,000 funding for the Young Leaders Network program, a partnership between Police Community Youth Clubs (PCYC) and the NSW Government.

Mr West said the program would focus on young Indigenous offenders in years 10, 11 and 12, in order to reduce re-offending and increase school completion rates.

"The Young Leaders Network program will re-engage young people in education and help eliminate the risk of re-offending," he said.

PCYC NSW CEO Chris Gardiner said mentors would be recruited and trained later this year after consultation with Indigenous leaders.

He said the program would start in the first school term of 2010, and young offenders would participate in the program for a full school year.

The program will provide a network that rewards and reinforces achievements in fitness, education and job goals linked to good citizenship and long-term employment.

Mr West said the program would also give the young people the chance to establish positive relationships with local police.

Gore visit warning: 'Planet has a fever'

By MARGARET SMITH



INDIGENOUS Australians were amongst climate activists training with the Australian Conservation

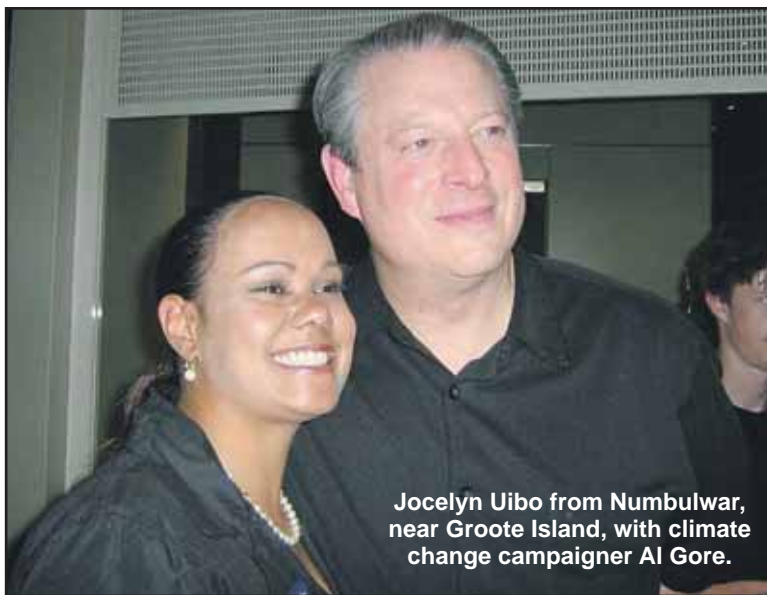
Foundation (ACF) who received advice from climate campaigner and former US Vice-President Al Gore on his recent Australian visit.

Mr Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* has helped to focus world attention on climate change threats.

In four crowded days earlier this month, Mr Gore managed to launch a Save Climate Australia campaign in Melbourne, address a Good Governance conference in Sydney, talk to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd about the myth of 'clean coal' and carbon capture and storage, and do in-depth interviews.

In America, Mr Gore has worked closely with President Barack Obama on the new legislation that has just been approved in the Congress, providing millions of dollars to renewable energies and a green jobs future.

In Sydney, he told the large audience that the current economic crisis presented an opportunity.



Jocelyn Uiho from Numbulwar, near Groote Island, with climate change campaigner Al Gore.

"We have to transition to a low carbon economy because global temperatures are rising and the planet has a fever," he said.

"Mother Nature is now entering the debate in Australia. There have been huge fires, five cyclones, the degradation of the Great Barrier Reef, and the changing level of acidity in the entire ocean."

Mr Gore warned that scientific calculations indicated that each metre the sea level rose could mean 100 million refugees

worldwide. Australia was particularly threatened because of its fragile ecosystem and the Murray Darling river system – an area which produces 40 per cent of Australia's food – drying up.

Melbourne ACF training workshops were attended by people from across the Pacific region, including Fiji, the Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

One Indigenous representative, Rebecca McGrath, from Parkes, has just completed a degree in International Studies in Sydney.

She told *The Koori Mail* it was inspiring 'because Al Gore truly believes in the power of people to make a difference'.

"I learnt how important and urgent the work is and the implications for Indigenous communities on the issue of rising sea levels, and how we might use traditional land for carbon sinks," she said.

"We can learn from our Elders, who had much less impact on the land."

Ms McGrath worries about youth today because 'there are a lot of people in my generation who just want to consume more'.

In the Northern Territory, Jocelyn Uiho completed an earlier Al Gore course and appears in an ACF documentary. She has been giving climate change talks in Indigenous communities, particularly in her own home of Numbulwar near Groote Island, where she works at the school.

"I've adapted the talk to suit Elders," she said.

"I think we should have more recycling of plastic bottles and cans, and more solar power."

"I've been speaking to the local shire council about this."

"I've also lobbied the NT Government to provide solar power rather than diesel which we have now."

But that push has been dealt another blow, with an outfit that has provided solar panels to many NT communities now struggling for funding.

Director of Bushlight in Alice Springs Hamilton Armstrong told *The Koori Mail* that since 2002, the organisation had been installing reliable, sustainable and cost-effective solar power systems in remote communities.

"For many community residents this has been the first time they have had access to basic energy services such as reliable refrigeration and lighting," he said.

"They have also been training Indigenous users to run their own systems, with great success."

Paul Turner, of Alateye, said the Bushlight system was 'the best thing that's ever happened to the community'.

"We're still getting used to the convenience of 24-hour power after having a generator for 15 years," he said.

However, the NT Government recently cancelled the Remote Renewable Power Generation Program (RRPGP), set up in 2002 to provide rebates of up to 50 per cent of the capital cost of off-grid renewable energy (such as solar) power supply systems.

Funding to give greater security



FIVE Indigenous community broadcasting groups, a Melbourne-based theatre

co-operative, and two language resource organisations are set to enjoy greater security with new triennial funding arrangements under the latest round of broadcasting, culture and language projects announced by Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett.

"Participation in culture, telling stories through music and dance, and the sheer enjoyment of culture all are critical to building successful communities and strong Indigenous identity," Mr Garrett said, saying that \$29.2 million had been allocated under the Indigenous Broadcasting Program.

The Indigenous Broadcasting Program will provide \$14.5 million to support 59 Indigenous community broadcasting projects across Australia.

Mr Garrett said he was pleased the Government had been able to extend the Indigenous Remote Radio Replacement Program to include additional RIBS (Remote Indigenous Broadcasting Service) sites following consultations with the Indigenous broadcasting sector. Fifty-two upgrades have been completed, and a further ten

are in progress, with 12 still to start. Up to 15 sites are being upgraded over and above the 74 that were supported under the first stage of the program.

There are 127 projects sharing almost \$7 million under the Indigenous Culture Support Program so they can engage in cultural activities and transmit knowledge and skills.

Mr Garrett said the Maintenance of Indigenous Languages and Records Program had continued helping to maintain and revive Indigenous languages.

"Many of the projects the program supports record and document the last remaining speakers, so that a language can be retained and passed on to future generations. Many others support the continued use of the languages in daily life," he said.

"For example, the Government is providing \$60,000 to encourage the practice, preservation and maintenance of Yolngu Matha and support the Key Forum at the Garma Festival of Traditional Culture at Gulkula."

The projects funded by the Maintenance of Indigenous Language and Records Program in 2009-10 to a total of \$8.9 million, include a network of regional Indigenous language centres across Australia.

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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
30th July, 2009

Phone enquiries are welcome during office hours
on 02 4627 8622.

Pre-Primary Bursary 2010

Northside Montessori School in Turrumurra would like to invite applications from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to apply for a Pre-Primary Bursary for 2010.

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The criteria for deciding the award include financial need, a strong commitment to the Montessori education system and Aboriginality.

Please contact 02 91442835 for an application form or write to The Chairman Bursary Committee, Northside Montessori School, PO Box 274 Turrumurra NSW 2074.

Applications close: 31st October.



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The Department of Human Services in Victoria is seeking suitably qualified and experienced parties to design, deliver and evaluate *all, or parts of the Building Aboriginal cultural competence suite of programs*. The closing date for the tender is **Thursday 27 August 2009**, with a public information session being held on **Wednesday 5 August** from 2.00pm to 3.30pm at 50 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne.

For all tender details, including tender summary checklist go to <http://www.tenders.vic.gov.au>

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With the signed Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation are CRS Australia General Manager Margaret Carmody, Centrelink CEO Carolyn Hogg, DHS Deputy Secretary Jeff Popple, DHS Deputy Secretary Kerri Hartland, DHS/CSA Deputy Secretary Jennifer Cooke, DHS Secretary Helen Williams, Reconciliation Australia CEO Paul O'Callaghan, Australian Hearing Managing Director Steven Grundy and Medicare Australia CEO Philippa Godwin.

Committed to reconciliation



Wiradjuri Echoes dancer Anthony Williams performs at the signing.



Wiradjuri Echoes dancers (left to right) Anthony Williams, Duncan Smith, Gerrit Wanganeen (background), Jakida Smith, Teaka Smith and Nakiya Smith perform the cleansing ceremony.



FEDERAL human services agencies signed a Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation on 14 July to show the

importance they place on improving economic, social and cultural outcomes for Indigenous Australians.

The human services portfolio consists of the Department of Human Services (DHS), including the Child Support Program and CRS Australia, along with portfolio agencies, Medicare Australia, Centrelink and Australian Hearing.

Human Services Minister Chris Bowen said the portfolio, which deals with millions of Australians, was well placed to help deliver the Government's agenda of closing the life-expectancy gap for Indigenous Australians.

'Real difference'

"As the service delivery arm of the Australian Government, the Human Services Portfolio is in a unique position to make a real difference through citizen-focused service options, particularly those which affect Indigenous Australians," Mr Bowen said.

The statement commits the human services portfolio to working collaboratively to improve services options and support for Indigenous people.

The agencies will also provide opportunities for employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, especially in areas responsible for developing policies and delivering services to Indigenous Australians.

The statement also commits the portfolio to developing agency-specific Reconciliation Action Plans by December 2009.

Help wanted to identify people in photographs



ABORIGINAL people are being asked to help identify people in a

series of photographs taken in Grafton, northern New South Wales, in 1873.

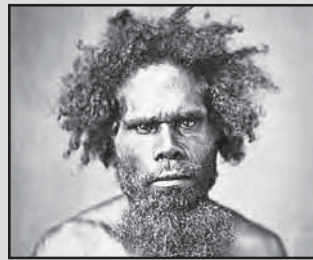
The photographs were taken by a German photographer, John William Lindt, and are held by the Grafton Regional Gallery.

Sam and Janet Cullen, of Sydney, bought them from an auction at Sotheby's in London.

There are 37 photographs in the series (six are shown at right), but only a few of the Aboriginal people in the prints are named. And although they have been on display a number of times, to date no further identifications have been made.

Mr Cullen told *The Koori Mail* he was keen to find out any information that could help identify the photographs, and also of any living descendants.

Debby Taylor, of the Gurehlgan Aboriginal Corporation in Grafton, said the photographs had been



well received at previous exhibitions.

"We've had a couple of days where people have come and looked at the photographs," she said.

"You can see local people in the faces but too much time has elapsed to say exactly you they are."

"When you are in the room with them they are beautiful to look at, but there's also a sense of sadness because they are posed."

Ms Taylor said Aboriginal communities appreciated that the Cullens had brought the photographs back to Grafton. Copies are available to be displayed at schools and other places, but the originals remain at the gallery because of their fragility.

Mr Cullen said the response of the Aboriginal community had been positive.

"While from an artistic and historical point of view the

collection is unique, to the Aboriginal people, the return of the images means their ancestors have come home to the Clarence Valley," he said. "This is by far the most important aspect of the return of the collection. The response and gratitude has been overwhelming."

The photographs can be viewed on the Grafton Regional Gallery website at www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

More \$\$\$\$ for deadly play



THE NSW Government has provided almost \$54,000 for a third season of the play *Deadly Dollars*, which aims to help

Indigenous Australians avoid financial woes. Fair Trading Minister Virginia Judge said *Deadly Dollars* was performed by Indigenous actors and had visited 64 Aboriginal communities and entertained more than 4500 people since October last year. She said it had received 'fantastic feedback' from Aboriginal and other community workers, school teachers and students.

The play is set in a small community and covers issues such as household spending, interest-free deals, mobile phone bills and other credit matters.

The central characters are faced with potentially disastrous financial situations because of purchasing decisions. Performers interact with the audience, working out solutions to financial dilemmas that are then acted out.

"*Deadly Dollars* has been an amazing success and proves that a little imagination and creativity goes a long way in helping to get the message across to consumers," Ms Judge said.

"Money management and debt control are issues of concern for many Indigenous Australians. This is why the Government is backing *Deadly Dollars* for a third season, to ensure that the message is spread far and wide."

Ms Judge said the new tour of *Deadly Dollars* would go to the far west and north of NSW in October and November,



A scene from *Deadly Dollars*. The play was developed by Newcastle-based Aboriginal production company Rod Smith Productions and uses Aboriginal actors to depict scenarios where the central characters face potentially disastrous financial situations because of purchasing decisions.

including the communities of Broken Hill, Wilcannia and Bourke.

She said the play was developed by the Newcastle-based Aboriginal production company Rod Smith

Productions, and Fair Trading was the first consumer protection agency in Australia to use interactive theatre to educate Aboriginal communities about managing money.

Statutory Instruments Act 1992

Regulatory Impact Statement for the Proposed Cooloola Recreation Area

A regulatory impact statement (RIS) for proposed changes to the Recreation Areas Management Regulation 2007 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992*.

All members of the community are invited to comment on the information presented in this RIS.

A copy of the RIS can be viewed immediately and downloaded from the DERM website at www.epa.qld.gov.au/cooloola

Copies of the RIS may also be inspected or obtained free of charge at the following departmental offices during normal business hours:

DERM Customer Service Centre

160 Ann Street
Brisbane QLD 4000
PO Box 15155
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Maroochydore Office

Floor 2, 29 The Esplanade
Cotton Tree QLD 4558
PO Box 168
COTTON TREE QLD 4558

Rainbow Beach Office

Rainbow Beach Road
Rainbow Beach QLD 4581
PO Box 30
RAINBOW BEACH QLD 4581

Great Sandy Information Centre

240 Moorindil Street
Tewantin QLD 4565
PO Box 818
TEWANTIN QLD 4565

Maryborough Office

Cnr Alice and Lennox Streets
Maryborough QLD 4650
PO Box 101
MARYBOROUGH QLD 4650

The closing date for submissions is 7 September 2009.

Submission can be made online at www.epa.qld.gov.au/cooloola or by post:

Project Officer
Cooloola Recreation Area RIS
Department of Environment and
Resource Management
PO Box 168
COTTON TREE QLD 4558

For further information please contact the Customer Service Centre on 1300 130 372.

Hon. Kate Jones MP

Minister for Climate Change and Sustainability



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Upgrading the Pacific Highway Ballina bypass

This project is jointly funded by the Federal and New South Wales governments

The NSW Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) has formed an alliance with Leighton Contractors, Maunsell AECOM, SMEC and Coffey Geotechnics to design and construct the Ballina bypass.

Progress update – August to October 2009

- Continue bulk earthworks between Ross Lane and the Bruxner Highway.
- Continue construction of the Ross Lane interchange and switch traffic onto the new Ross Lane bridge.
- Switch traffic onto the Pacific Highway diversion currently under construction north of Cumbalum.
- Undertake controlled blasting activities between Ross Lane and Cumbalum.
- Commence construction of retaining walls around the Sandy Flat area and the shared underpass north of Cumbalum.
- Commence placement of fill for the Bruxner Highway alignment.
- Complete construction of the underpasses at Sandy Flat.
- Commence installation of bridge beams at the Cumbalum flood relief bridges.
- Commence temporary works on the Emigrant Creek north bridge.
- Complete piling works for all piers of the Emigrant Creek central bridge.
- Complete installation of the Teven Road bridge beams and commence works on the bridge deck.
- Commence construction of the second span of the balanced cantilever bridge at Emigrant Creek south.

Traffic conditions

Where necessary for safety reasons, changes to traffic conditions and speed limits will be implemented along sections of the project as the works progress.

Safety

Please observe all project signage and traffic control directions during construction.

Construction hours

Monday to Friday from 7am until 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 1pm. Nearby residents will be advised of any construction works to occur outside normal working hours.

For more information contact the project information line on 1800 209 484 (toll free), email community.enquiries@ballina.incite.com.au or visit the website www.rta.nsw.gov.au/pacific (click on Ballina bypass).

Six charged after grog seized: Police



NORTHERN Territory Police have denounced grog runners as traders 'in the misery of others' after seizing a load of booze allegedly headed for a remote Aboriginal community.

Six people were arrested after officers stopped a Nissan Patrol on the Maningrida Road, near the Arnhem Land community of Ramingining, on 17 July.

A search allegedly uncovered 70kg of kava, a small quantity of cannabis and seven four-litre casks of white wine.

There were also two 1125ml bottles of whiskey, one 1125ml bottle and two 700ml bottles of rum, and two two-litre casks of port.

"This is just the latest in a series of arrests and seizures of illicit substances by police patrols in remote areas," said Superintendent Helen Braam on 20 July.

A 52-year-old woman and a 46-year-old man have been charged with possessing and bringing liquor into a prescribed area.

Two men, aged 55 and 49, have been charged with possessing and supplying kava without a licence.

Kava, which can cause weight loss, malnutrition, liver damage and hypertension, was banned from Aboriginal communities as part of the Federal Government intervention.

The 27-year-old male driver of the Nissan was charged with possessing and bringing liquor into a prescribed area, possession of cannabis, medium-range drink driving and driving while disqualified.

All five were bailed to appear in the Maningrida Magistrates Court on 29 September.

A 24-year-old man was issued with a

drug infringement notice for possession of a small quantity of cannabis and released without charge.

Supt Braam said the arrests sent a clear message to people trying to trade in illegal substances in communities.

"We will continue to target these offenders who trade in the misery of others by trying to bring in grog or drugs to prescribed areas," she said.

She said officers were grateful to people living in communities who supplied information about when and where illegal substances were being delivered. — AAP



Western Cape Centre won the Emerging Business Award. From left Katherine Fell, Vicki Leeson and Florence Changer.



Qantas won the Established Business Award. From left are human resources co-ordinator Deborah Lanham from Qantas subsidiary Snap Fresh, Qantas Indigenous program manager Traci Williams, and Snap Fresh co-ordinator Julie Fuller.

Businesses shine

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOUR businesses were recognised at the 2009 Reconciliation Awards held recently.

The annual awards highlight companies that incorporate the core values of reconciliation into their business.

State Community Services Minister Karen Struthers announced the winners in a ceremony at the Gallery of Modern Art during NAIDOC Week, and acknowledged the difficult task the judges had in choosing the winners.

The Emerging Business Award went to the Western Cape Centre, an accommodation, training and conference facility in the far north Queensland community of Weipa on Cape York.

Three western Cape York communities, Mapoon, Aurukun and Napranum, which represent 11 of the Cape's traditional owner groups, own the centre.

General Manager Vicki Leeson said there had been several significant changes since the centre's inception at the start of 2008, including the financial growth of a fledgling business to one of ever-increasing prosperity.

In conjunction with Rio Tinto Alcan, the Western Cape Centre provides cultural awareness training for people working in Cape York, as well as the operation of 46 casual accommodation rooms, eight office blocks and three



Partnerships Award winners, from left, Linda Biunaiwai, of Sea World Resort and Water Park, David Thompson, Cheyann Beard and Patryce Nona, of the Indigenous School-based Traineeship Program, and Duncan Kerslake, from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation.

conference room facilities.

Ms Leeson said Rio Tinto recently announced that, due to the level of success of the centre in less than two years, along with the traditional owner groups working to enhance cultural awareness, it would hand back a portion of the land and buildings to the traditional owners as freehold property.

"The main thing is that we are all working towards reconciliation, and we have enormous pride in our centre, we are all working together for something better," she said.

"This is especially apparent with the traditional owner groups. They're proud to be part of the centre and take great pride in

facilitating the cultural awareness program, and this shows in the positive feedback we get from the staff who attend."

The Community Organisation Award went to the Drumley Walk, an annual four-day walking pilgrimage from Beaudesert to Southport. The walk follows the footsteps of Beaudesert Aboriginal identity Billy Drumley, who regularly completed the journey in the early 1900s to visit his sister and her family.

The walk, which started in 2005 as a personal pilgrimage by two cousins to pay their respects to Billy Drumley, has grown significantly, with more than 400 people participating last year.

The Established Business

Award went to Qantas, which launched its Reconciliation Action Plan in 2007 and has since followed up with other initiatives including the establishment of an Indigenous Programs Unit, increasing the number of Indigenous staff by 25 per cent, promoting respect for Indigenous culture through in-flight entertainment programs, and acknowledgement of country on certain flights.

The Indigenous School-based Traineeship Program took out the Partnerships Award.

It has formed a partnership between Warner Village Theme Parks and Sea World Resort and Water Park and the Department of Employment, Economic

Development and Innovation. The program offers traineeships to Indigenous students from communities across south-east Queensland and as far north as Bundaberg.

The program started in 2006 with 14 trainees. It now has 33 students from rural and remote communities. The program gives students the opportunity to learn from each other in a supportive environment, while at the same time encouraging them to become role models in their families and communities.

Premier Anna Bligh congratulated the award winners for their achievements and contribution towards reconciliation in Queensland.



The Drumley Walk took out the Community Organisation Award. From left are volunteer Kathryn Huggard, Walk director Rory O'Connor, and Yugambah woman Sally Baisden.

Yolngu hits the web



THE language and culture of the Yolngu people is now accessible to a national and international audience, with the official launch of Yolngu Radio's web-streaming service earlier this month.

Aboriginal Resource and Development Service (ARDS) CEO Richard Trudgen said Yolngu Radio was established in August 2003 to meet the information needs of the Yolngu people of north-east Arnhem Land, broadcasting a large selection of educational programs in language.

Yolngu Radio broadcasts 24 hours a day, seven days a week and reaches nearly 40 communities and homeland centres, as well as Nhulunbuy, Darwin and Palmerston.

Mr Trudgen said with the radio station now web-streaming, Yolngu people would be able to stay connected to their culture and language wherever they are.

"Yolngu students studying on the east coast or down south can get really out of step with what's happening back home on their communities," he said.

"But (having access to Yolngu Radio) will also give them a chance to adjust to where they are, and not feel so isolated. They can switch off from the foreign culture they're studying in, and switch on to their own culture – be themselves for a while."

Mr Trudgen said Yolngu Radio had produced more than 1000 educational programs, all in language, dealing with a wide range of contemporary topics – from sexually transmitted diseases to diabetes, the economic crisis to swine flu.

'Pandemic-ready'

"We've been getting our listeners 'pandemic-ready'," he said.

"I doubt you would find another group in the country, for whom English is their fifth or sixth language, who know as much about (swine flu) as our listeners do."

Mr Trudgen said most media and education services targeting Yolngu failed because they did not communicate in their language, or start from where the people were at, or address the questions that the Yolngu themselves wanted answered.

Mr Trudgen said they were still getting the word out to the Yolngu community about the new web-streaming service. But several years ago, when they first increased their broadcasting services to include Darwin, it had made a big impact.

"When we first switched on, I got a phone call from a Yolngu lady in Darwin," he said.

"She told me she'd been sitting in tears, listening all morning because it was the first time she'd heard her own culture on the radio.

"She was just so happy and so joyful to be able to hear her culture and her language being spoken, that made sense to her."

Mr Trudgen said Yolngu people were also very proud of their culture and were excited by the idea of showcasing it to the world through the service.

"It gives the opportunity for people overseas to hear a real Indigenous flavour from Down Under," he said.

"To hear the songlines and the language."

Liaison officer for Rural Fire Service



THE NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) is appointing an Aboriginal liaison officer to help build closer ties with Aboriginal communities.

NSW Emergency Services Minister Steve Whan said the new officer would help the RFS develop initiatives to attract more Aboriginal people to its ranks, along with building more cultural awareness.

"This new position is a welcome initiative by the RFS, which is committed to developing and enhancing its relationships with Aboriginal communities around the State," he said.

"The liaison officer will also be able to provide support and advice to the RFS on how it can recruit and support members of the Aboriginal community as both staff members and volunteers."



ARDS CEO Richard Trudgen at the Yolngu Radio studio.



Richard Trudgen and Yothu Yindi founding member Witiyana Marika, who does sound work on Yolngu Radio.

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Business Tax Break

To help Australian businesses, a temporary tax break is available on plant and equipment you need to buy to keep your business running.

The tax break is not a refund, rebate or tax offset. It's a tax deduction to reduce the assessable income of your business. Deadlines apply.

50% tax break for businesses with turnover less than \$2 million.

If you own a small business that turns over less than \$2 million a year, you can claim an extra 50% tax deduction on the cost of eligible assets which cost \$1,000 or more.

To qualify, the asset must be bought between 13 December 2008 and 31 December 2009 and be installed by 31 December 2010.

30% or 10% tax break for businesses with turnover of \$2 million or more.

Larger businesses may qualify for an extra tax deduction on eligible assets which cost \$10,000 or more.

To qualify for the 30% tax deduction, the asset had to have been bought between 13 December 2008 and 30 June 2009. It will need to be installed by 30 June 2010. The 10% tax deduction is available depending on when the asset was bought. It needs to be installed by 31 December 2010.

What can I buy?

The tax break covers new, tangible, depreciating assets such as:

- cars, vans, trucks and other business vehicles
- computer hardware (but not software)
- tools
- furniture.

It also covers capital improvements to existing machinery and equipment.

Where do I find out more?

Contact your tax adviser, visit the website www.australia.gov.au/business/taxbreak or phone the business tax break info line on 1300 337 921.



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EDWARD OXENBRIDGE

Consumer protection new role for identity



EAST Kimberley identity Edward Oxenbridge has taken on a new role with Consumer Protection which will see him working with

Indigenous communities throughout Western Australia teaching people about their rights as consumers.

Mr Oxenbridge said it was important for Indigenous people to understand consumer issues such as warranties and to be aware of scams.

"I will be helping Indigenous people to understand their rights, and work with Indigenous community service providers and stores to ensure they explain consumer rights to their customers and clients," he said of his new role with the Consumer Protection Indigenous Community Education team at the WA Department of Commerce.

Critical

"We can't assume that Aboriginal people know their warranty rights, or appreciate that they should keep receipts. So it's critical that service providers explain consumer rights when they sell products to Indigenous people."

Mr Oxenbridge said crooks often targeted the strong Indigenous sense of family, so an understanding of scams was also essential.

He said vehicle repairs and mobile phones were another two areas where it was important to outline consumer rights to Indigenous communities.

Mr Oxenbridge has worked with the Wyndham Hospital, Kimberley Group Training and the Kununurra Regional Aboriginal Economic Corporation.

He has been with Job Futures as a personnel support co-ordinator in Wyndham, Kununurra and remote areas and as a team leader with Save the Children operations in East Kimberley. He was also CEO of the Joorook Ngarni Aboriginal Corporation and the Balgo Wirrimanu Aboriginal Corporation, and most recently worked for Argyle Mines in community liaison.

Mr Oxenbridge's new work will take him back to the Kimberley occasionally to liaise and work with Consumer Protection's office in Kununurra.

"My move to Perth is a way to broaden my experience and skills to benefit Indigenous communities in Western Australia," he said.

Playground a healthy idea



ABORIGINAL children receiving care at the La Perouse Aboriginal Community Health Centre now have a new place to play.

The area, called Uncle Chicka's Playground, was officially opened on 21 July.

It was built with the support of the South Eastern Sydney Illawarra Area Health Service (SESIAHS) and local people.

SESIAHS, Uncle Chicka Dixon (after whom the playground is named), *Woman's Day* magazine, the Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation and the Fouress Foundation all contributed towards the cost of building and installing the playground.

Sydney Children's Hospital community child health paediatrician Dr Karen Zwi, who holds regular health clinics at the centre, said the playground would allow children and families who attended the centre to interact as a community.

"Since the centre opened in 2005, we have seen a marked increase in the number of children accessing our services – and a growing need for activities that build a sense

of connectedness and support within the community," she said.

"In our first 19 months in operation, close to 60 per cent of 0-4-year-old Aboriginal children within the local area received some form of health screening and care.

"Parents getting to know one another



Elder Gloria Martin (left), and Sydney Children's Hospital Aboriginal health education officer Lola Callaghan open the playground.

while their children play has an important role in building safe and resilient communities and we believe this playground will help make the centre a more welcoming, fun and child friendly place to come to."

The outreach centre is the only one of its kind in the area and is staffed five days a week, with clinics held by health professionals from Prince of Wales Hospital, Sydney Children's Hospital and the Royal Hospital for Women. Clinic services include antenatal and postnatal care, general and

specialised child health clinics, drug and alcohol counselling and grandparent support groups.

SESIAHS area manager of Aboriginal health services Gail Daylight said the playground was a perfect example of the community coming together to support Aboriginal children and their families.

"The centre has always aimed to provide a culturally appropriate and accessible service to Aboriginal members of the community," she said.

"Support for the centre is evident in not only the growing number of people accessing its services, but

the community's excitement for this beautiful playground.

"However, without the generosity of our many benefactors, this playground would be nothing more than an idea."

Remembering Place opened



The gathering for the opening in Kempsey.



A SPECIAL remembering place has been officially opened at the East

Kempsey Cemetery, on the NSW mid-north coast.

It is called Barranbatayi (pronounced Burren-but-eye), which means 'Dreamtime' in the Dunghutti language, and was officially opened on 8 July by NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch, Deputy Mayor Dean Saul and Aunty Shirley Kelly as part of NAIDOC celebrations in Kempsey Shire.

Local resident Cyril Davis sang a rendition of Charlie Pride's *We're all God's Children*, as Uncle Bluey Smith and Aunty Marg Vale performed a smoking ceremony and water blessing walking along the Rainbow Serpent path, followed by Father Burnie and artists John Kelly and Richard Campbell Jun.

Artist John Kelly, who donated his time to paint the Rainbow Serpent path, presented Mr Lynch with a gift on one of his paintings.

The concept for the remembering place came when 80 unmarked graves were detected in 2006 using ground-penetrating radar.

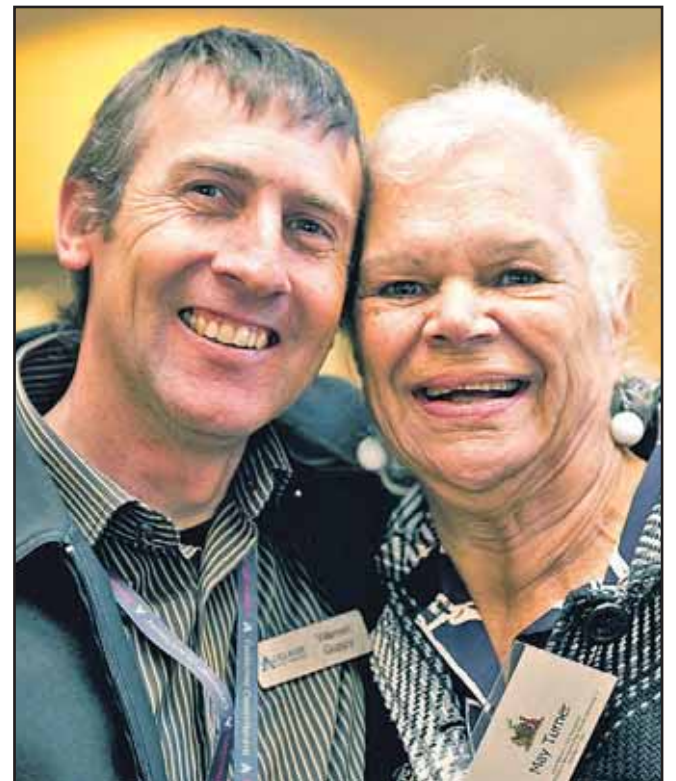
The Kempsey Shire Council then worked with the local Aboriginal community to complete the project.



The smoking ceremony and water blessing at the Remembering Place.



SA NAIDOC Ambassadors Roger Thomas (back, second from right) and Christine Egan (back, third from left) with Lord Mayor Michael Harbison and some of this year's award winners.



Ex-officio SA NAIDOC Committee member (and ACC Reconciliation Officer) Warren Guppy and NAIDOC Person of the Year May Turner.



Multi-tasking: Kurna man Karl Winder Telfer played the yidaki while shaking hands with Adelaide Lord Mayor Michael Harbison during the NAIDOC reception at Adelaide City Council.



From left, Neville Highfold, Freddy Buckskin and Pascoe Braun.



Zell Dodds and Sonia Waters.



Kim Petersen (right) congratulated Female Elder of the Year Coral Wilson.

Busy time in capital

Photos by BEN SEARCY



ADELAIDE'S NAIDOC celebrations officially started on Monday, 6 July, with the city's traditional flag-raising and Lord Mayor's Morning Tea at the Adelaide City Council Chambers in King William Street.

Elders, the SA NAIDOC Committee and others attended the event, hosted by Lord Mayor Michael Harbison, which involved an Aboriginal art exhibition and presentation of the 2009 SA NAIDOC Awards by SA NAIDOC Ambassadors Professor Roger Thomas and Christine Egan.

Throughout the week, Tandanya – National Aboriginal Cultural Institute hosted cultural activities including art-and-craft workshops, Torres Strait Islander dance and yidaki performances and film screenings.

On Friday, hundreds of people joined a NAIDOC march that started at Tarndanyangga (Victoria School) and proceeded down King William Street to Tarnda Kanya (Red Kangaroo Rock) at Elder Park in the city's northern parklands where a family fun day was held.

SA NAIDOC Chairman Richard King addressed the marchers, lamenting that Indigenous Australians had been unable to reap the rewards or recognition due from their efforts and sacrifice in 'shearing sheds, cattle stations and

Premier's Award to educator

ANGARRINDJERI woman who has dedicated more than 25 years to working towards improving the lives of Aboriginal children, families and communities was named winner of the South Australian Premier's NAIDOC 2009 Award.

Sharon Gollan is program director of the Unaipon School at the University Of South

Australia's College of Indigenous Education and Research.

Recognised as a leader in the Aboriginal community through her work in the public sector and her involvement in community organisations, Ms Gollan received her award from Premier Mike Rann at a ceremony at Parliament House on 7 July.

on the battlefields of Europe and Vietnam'.

While he spoke of advances in Indigenous education, he warned against apathy and said it would take an extraordinary effort to close the gaps between Indigenous and other Australians.

"If we look into our hearts and discover that we are not helping to create that lasting solution, then we – you and I – may well be part of the problem," Mr King said.

"We Australians must not allow the traditional custodians, the original Australians, the holders of this great country's secrets, to remain on the margins of our society. We must not remain silent. We must speak for those less able to articulate this circumstance to a mainstream audience."

Later that day, Kumangka Aboriginal Youth Service hosted a

NAIDOC disco for under-18s.

The SA NAIDOC Ball was held at the Adelaide Festival Centre on Saturday, 11 July.

2009 SA NAIDOC Award winners

- | **Young Male of the Year:** Gordon Wanganeen
- | **Young Female of the Year:** Kimberly Williams
- | **Female Elder of the Year:** Coral Wilson
- | **Male Elder of the Year:** Gilbert Coulthard
- | **Apprentice/Trainee/Cadet of the Year:** Elmore Enalanga
- | **Scholar of the Year:** Rosemarie Costa
- | **Artist of the Year:** The Shadows
- | **Sportsperson of the Year:** Tjimmari Sanderson-Milera
- | **Person of the Year:** Mary Graham.

There's more Adelaide NAIDOC coverage on the next two pages

At the NAIDOC Ball



Janette Milera, Letisha Ackland, Tinarra Toohey, Lynette Ackland and Daisy Saunders at the Adelaide NAIDOC Ball.



Monica Whitman, Loretta Sumner, Major Sumner and Kevin Kropinyeri.



Vic and Jovy Copley, with Mia and Ivan Copley.



Mandy Ahmat and Tandanya Director Phillip Watkins.



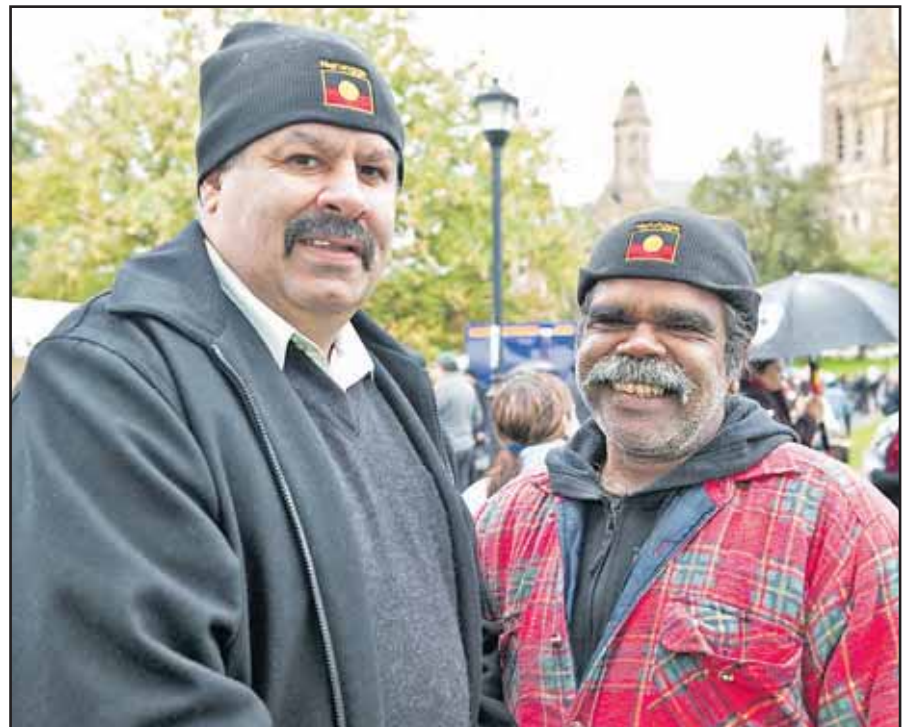
SA NAIDOC Ambassadors Professor Roger Thomas and Christine Egan.



Shirley Peisley, Sapna Dogra and SA Indigenous Affairs Minister Jay Weatherill at the Adelaide NAIDOC march.



Aunty Josie Agius and Chelsea Johnston at the march.



Commissioner for Aboriginal Engagement Klynton Wanganeen and performer Steven Goldsmith caught up.



Warren Milera on guitar.



SA NAIDOC Chair Richard King addressing the rally.

NAIDOC 2009 – Adelaide



Eddie Peters from The MERRg.



Musician Micah Wenitong and his son.



Jessica Gray performing.



Kurna Elder Lewis O'Brien.



Yidaki player Les Giles.



Wet weather didn't stop hundreds taking part in the 2009 Adelaide NAIDOC street march and rally.



Lorraine Merrick gets into the spirit of the Adelaide NAIDOC march.



Amy O'Donoghue, Dora Hunter and Josie Agius showed their colours.



A section of the street march on a wet Adelaide day.



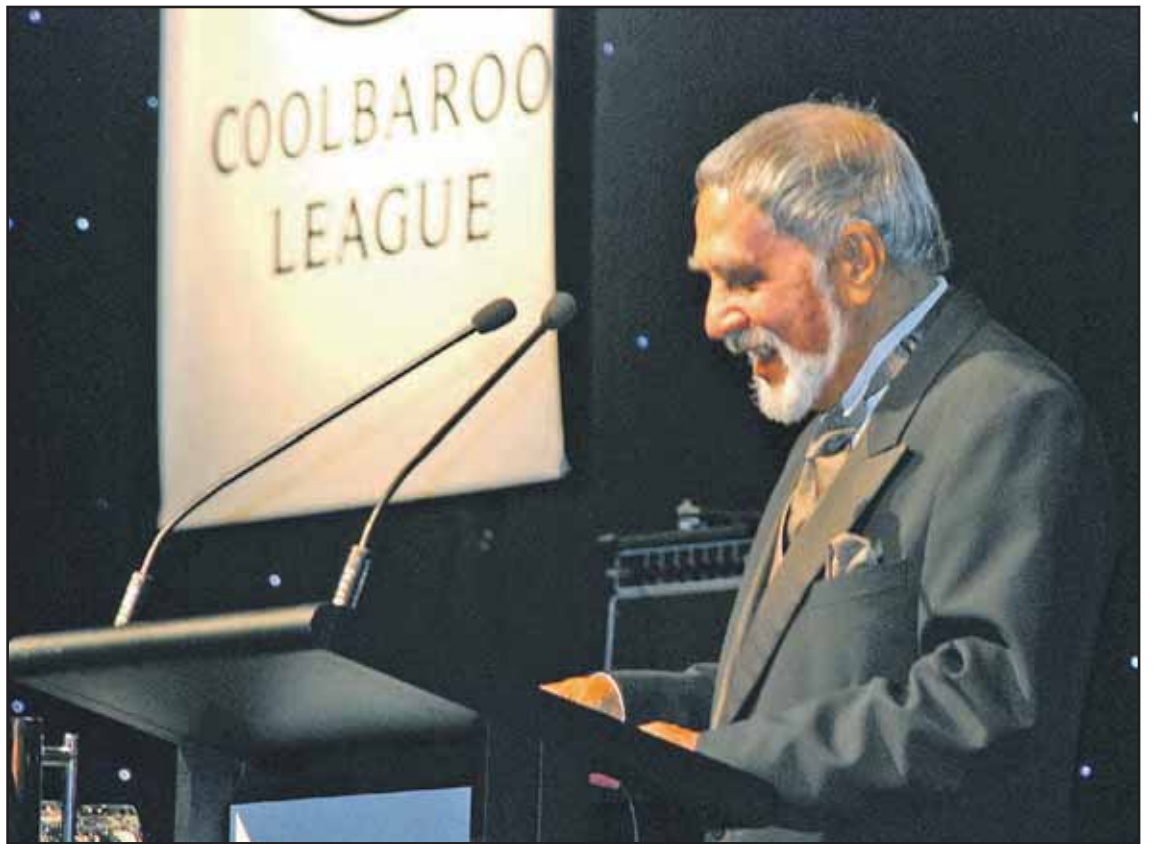
Comedian Josh Warrior channelled Michael Jackson in his performance.



Corinna Hall performed with her partner Tristram Watkins as Karnage and Darknis.



Unforgettable ... The great US singer Nat King Cole and his wife Maria at the Coolbaroo Club in Perth in the 1950s, pictured with Nyoongar Elder Bill Bodney who helped form the club after World War II.



Palyku/Nyoongar Elder Albert Corunna speaking at the NAIDOC Ball in Perth.

Coolbaroo is remembered



Belle of the Ball Kristie Ball with NAIDOC Perth Committee member Patrick Smith.

By **KEN BOASE**
Photos by **JOCELYN JONES**



THE NAIDOC Ball in Perth this year paid special tribute to the Coolbaroo Club, a special club for Aboriginal people that operated from the end of World War II until 1960 in East Perth.

With racial segregation beginning to break down after the horror of world war, the club was tolerated by authorities in Perth, which still operated under an unofficial apartheid system. Aboriginal people in Western Australia were required to carry a permit if they were on the streets of any town or city after 6pm, but the Coolbaroo Club was a temporary respite from more than 100 years of oppression.

The club was started as a ballroom dancing venue by Nyoongar Elders Bill Bodney and Tom Bropho. It attracted black musicians and celebrities from across Australia as well as international stars like the Harlem Globetrotters and Nat King Cole.

Palyku/Nyoongar Elder Albert Corunna, who arrived in Perth from the Pilbara soon after the war, said the club was a great influence on the Aboriginal population of the WA south-west.

"I think the club gave us immunity from the 6pm curfew in those days. Everyone dressed up for the dance and I never heard of anyone being pulled up for breaking curfew if they were going there," he said.

"My brother was involved in the club; he started out as treasurer and was later

chairman and he used to drive around the country in a Kombi van and hold the dances in towns like York and Narrogin and Katanning."

The club was closed by the police in the late 1940s but was reopened as the Coolbaroo League Dance Club in the early 1950s under a new constitution.

Community

"I remember there was a big community meeting in 1951 that I attended and that sort of got the club going again," Mr Corunna said. "It was an enjoyable thing and everyone looked forward to going there on a Friday or a Saturday night because, of course, there was no NAIDOC Week and they used to hold a ball during Royal Show week in September and on New Year's Eve as well.

"There were always big crowds there and it's remembered as an enjoyable place where everyone had a good time."

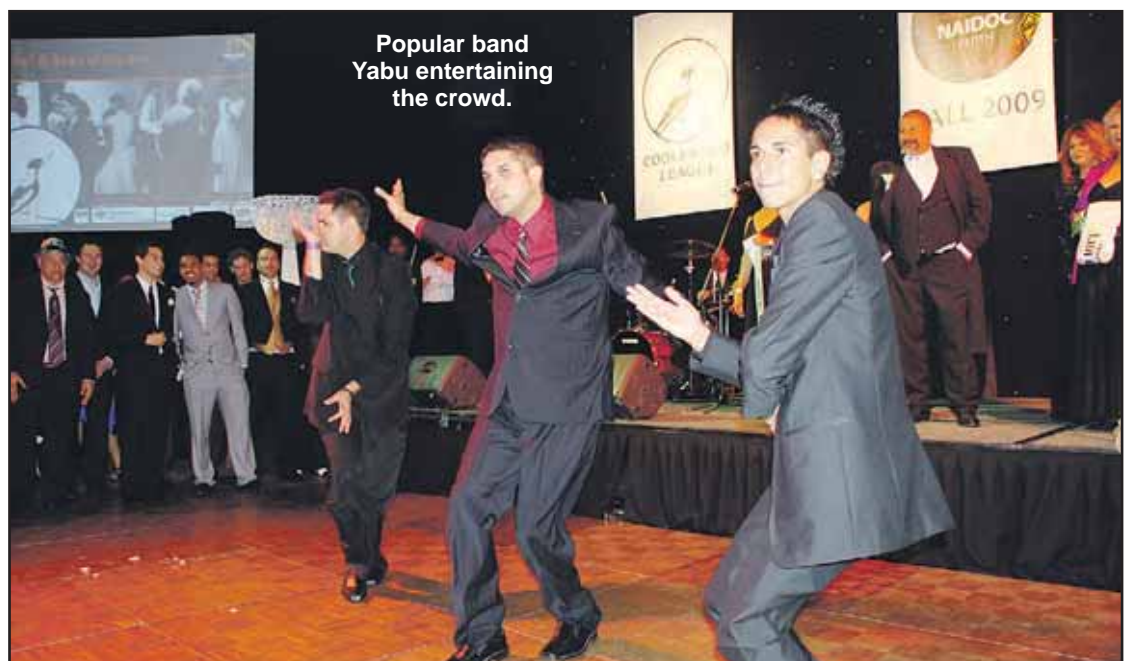
NAIDOC Ball organiser Gail Jones said last year she came up with the idea of paying tribute to the Coolbaroo League at this year's ball, to give due recognition to the Elders who pioneered the club.

The League finally disbanded in 1960 but was almost certainly the inspiration for later institutions like the Aboriginal Advancement Council, which was the nucleus of Nyoongar culture, and other organisations that began in the 1970s and 80s.

Ms Jones said this year's NAIDOC Ball was considered the most successful in recent years and was well attended by relatives of the original Coolbaroo club membership.



Tables at this year's NAIDOC Ball in Perth were adorned with memories of the Coolbaroo Club in Perth during the 1950s.



Popular band Yabu entertaining the crowd.

Family day a treat

By MARGARET SMITH



REDFERN celebrated NAIDOC week with the return of the family day on The Block, where 2000 people listened to singers and musicians, watched their children playing games, enjoyed a free barbecue and visited the many stalls on a sunny winter's day.

The event was run by a committee comprised of Koori employees of the Sydney City Council, local organisations and residents, all of whom were very pleased with the outcome.

Stallholder and bangle-maker Mary Daniel told *The Koori Mail*, 'you've got to smile for NAIDOC Week. It's been a hard road but you've got to stay focused'.

Local Koori artist Adam Hill, who has a studio in Redfern's main street, said the day was excellent. Visitors from Gippsland in Victoria Cambirra Illume and her daughters were very happy to be there too.

And Auntie Nancy Hill Wood, originally from Muli Muli in northern NSW, donned red and gold especially for the occasion, and also enjoyed the day.

Mike Mundine from Aboriginal Housing Company (AHC) said he'd long advocated for such celebrations at The Block.

Re-development

He was still buoyed from the launch of the company's plans for the re-development of The Block, with over 60 new houses to be created for Aboriginal families.

The new Minister for Redfern Waterloo Kristina Keneally had attended the launch.

"It's been a very long journey and it takes a lot of energy to stay the course", he told *The Koori Mail*.

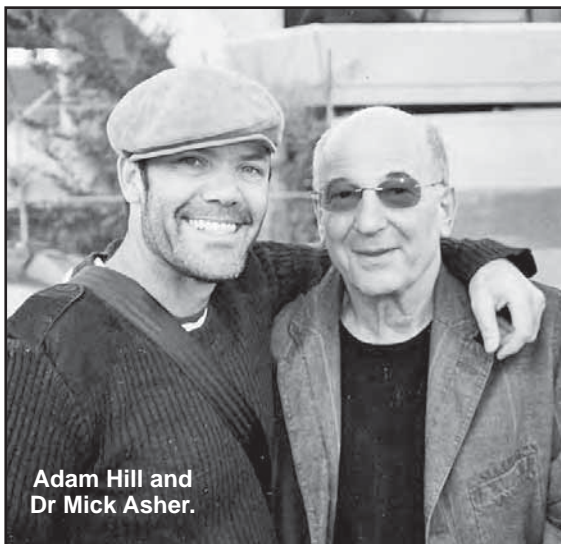
At the end of the family day, MC and musician Michael Donavon thanked everyone for making it such a success and resident Angeline Perkins predicted next year's event would be bigger and better.



Leonie Williams, Mick Mundine and Auntie Nancy Hill Wood



Cambirra, Yvonne and Enna Illume from Victoria were there.



Adam Hill and Dr Mick Asher.



Stallholder Mary Daniel... 'You've got to smile'.



Historian Dr Pat Davis Hurst with Djon Mundine and the artwork created from an historic photo to mark NAIDOC Week in Taree. The people in the photo are Bert Marr, Fred Dumas, Bob Bungie, Lena Bungie, Harriet Neville and Hazel Bungie. Thirty descendants helped create the artwork.

Descendants work on art



MEMBERS of a 1909 Aboriginal band from Sunrise Station, near Purfleet, were remembered 100 years on as part of this year's NAIDOC Week celebrations in Taree.

Descendants of those in an historic photo of the band were invited to create an artwork with Campbelltown Arts Centre Indigenous Curator Djon Mundine who had been artist-in-residence at Manning Regional Art Gallery through the middle of June.

Mr Mundine encouraged family members to work with him on the artwork to create a depth, relevance, and meaning to the work.

They were able to leave their individual marks on the artwork,

placing their fingerprints next to and on their relatives on the painting or filling in coloured sections for posterity.

Members of the public were invited to watch Mr Mundine and his helpers at work.

Donated

The painting was donated to the people of Greater Taree and exhibited over NAIDOC Week.

The photograph belongs to historian and descendant Dr Pat Davis Hurst who also worked on the painting.

Local artist and photographer, Julie Slavin assisted in transferring the photograph onto canvas. The project was funded with a grant from Arts NSW for the Aboriginal Artists In Residence Project at Manning Regional Art Gallery.



Back, from left, Nicole Ryan, Kim Chan, Sharon Maza, Derek Wilson, Jenny Thomsen and Anthony Albanese and (seated) Aunty Esther Carroll and Uncle Lester Bostock.

Community workers' efforts recognised



LOCAL efforts to help close the gaps between Indigenous and other Australians were highlighted in the inner-western Sydney electorate of Grayndler during NAIDOC Week. Local Federal MP and Minister Anthony Albanese presented seven local residents with certificates in recognition of their efforts to build trust and partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

The award recipients were:
I **Uncle Lester Bostock**, the President of the Aboriginal

Disability Network and on the World Committee for Indigenous People with a Disability

I **Aunty Esther Carroll**, a local Aboriginal Elder who often performs Welcome to country ceremonies

I **Kim Chan**, organiser of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander activities at Dulwich Hill Public School

I **Sharon Maza**, an Aboriginal support worker with Yurangai Child and Family Services

I **Nicole Ryan**, co-ordinator of Multimix Mob Indigenous play group

I **Jenny Thomsen**, a community development worker in Aboriginal services at Marrickville Council

I **Derek Wilson**, Aboriginal liaison officer at Marrickville Police Station.

"These people do a great job, working on the front line and making a difference for local Indigenous people," Mr Albanese said.

The Council of Australian Governments (COAG) has set ambitious targets to reduce infant mortality and improve life expectancy, employment and education for Indigenous Australians.

Newcastle shines



People enjoying themselves during NAIDOC celebrations on the Toronto foreshore.

By BRITTA LYSTER



FORECASTS for gloomy weather didn't keep crowds away from NSW Central Coast NAIDOC Week activities.

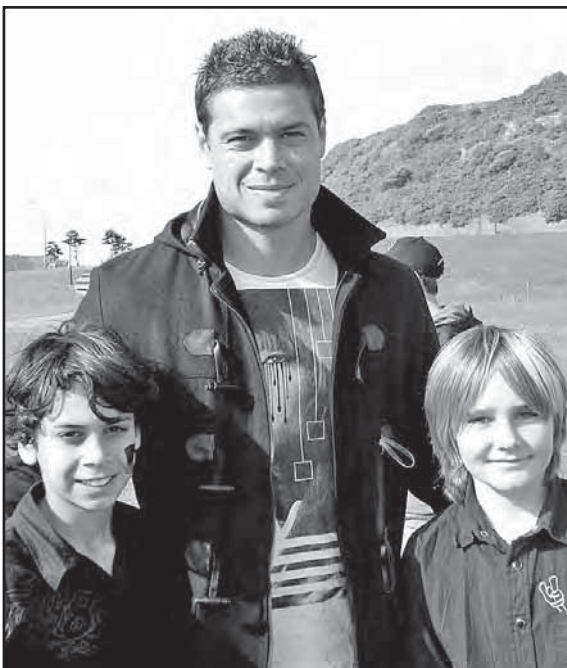
The sun finally broke through for crowds of people to enjoy a day of music, food and culture as part of this year's NAIDOC celebrations in Newcastle.

Proceedings opened with a formal flag-raising ceremony at Newcastle Town Hall, followed by a march through the city centre to the Newcastle foreshore where locals browsed information stalls, had a feed, took part in the cultural workshops, and enjoyed this year's Solidarity Concert.

Special guests included local favourites Roger Knox and the Euraba Band, country singer Sharnee Fenwick, rappers Street Warriors who fired up the crowd, and two Michaels – Donovan and Davison – who sang as crowds watched on.

Kids had a choice of camel and pony rides, fairy floss, soccer and more, while Elders had the chance to relax in a tent, which worked well with this year's theme of Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth.

Organisers said they were pleased with the turnout.



Football star Timana Tahu with young fans during Newcastle NAIDOC celebrations.



Local Central Coast rappers Street Warriors were among the entertainers in Newcastle.



Elder Gerry Edwards and granddaughter Britney speaking at the launch of Toronto NAIDOC Day.



Olympic hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp with Mount Druitt Centrelink Indigenous services officer Carmon Corderoy, one of the winners in the first Centrelink National NAIDOC Awards.

Inaugural awards by Centrelink



OLYMPIC hurdler Kyle Vander-Kuyp presented the first Centrelink National NAIDOC Awards at

Centrelink's National Support Office in Tuggeranong, Canberra, earlier this month.

The awards recognised Centrelink staff who had made a valuable contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander customers and communities.

An Indigenous Services Officer at Mount Druitt, Carmon Corderoy, won the Individual Achievement in Indigenous Servicing category.

Ms Corderoy said she was flattered to be recognised for her work.

"I do my job because I love it," she said. "To be recognised for doing something you love is a bonus."

"In Mount Druitt we work with customers who depend on Centrelink payments to survive."

"If I am able to sit down with them and discuss their options, even if it's just helping them access job-seeking services, it can make a big difference."

The event also included an address from Acting Centrelink CEO Carolyn Hogg and a performance by local Indigenous talent Dale Huddleston and his band.

Ms Hogg said NAIDOC was an important celebration for Centrelink because many of the staff and customers were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Centrelink has Indigenous services officers in every State and Territory, four Indigenous call centres, remote area visiting teams, more than 180 Centrelink agents in remote communities and an Indigenous cadetship program.

Centrelink National NAIDOC Awards 2009 recipients.

Indigenous Employee Achievement Award: Mandy Barsa (Area Central and Northern Qld); Highly Commended Debbie Mi Mi (North Australia)

Individual Achievement in Indigenous Servicing: Carmon Corderoy (Sydney West).

Team Achievement in Indigenous Servicing winners: Tiwi Islands Remote Area Service Centre (North Australia) and Wadeye Remote Area Service Centre (North Australia).



Three generations of the Ardler family, from left, Gayle, Sandra and Jordan, at the family day.



Wayne Cook, of Randwick City Council, and Gail Cooke, of Guriwal Aboriginal Corporation, were there.



Lorraine Lester at her jewellery stall.



Lani Brennan checked out the stalls.



Nicole Simms

Fun time at La Perouse



INDIGENOUS and other families in and around La Perouse, Sydney, joined together in a family fun day run by the local Guriwal

Aboriginal Corporation during NAIDOC Week. The event, at Bicentennial Park in Yarra Bay, featured a giant slide, jumping castles, a trackless train and face painting as well as stallholders from many agencies.

Guriwal Manager Karen Cooley said the event was great for reconciliation.

"It was good to see many non-Indigenous people from the area bring their kids down to join in the activities," she said.

"We have been working towards this year's NAIDOC theme of respecting our Elders, Nurturing our Youth by having our Elders work with youth to teach them about their Aboriginal culture."

"This includes running workshops in shell work, wood burning, ceramics and didgeridoo burning where our Elders pass on their skills to the young ones."

"This interaction has been so positive that the artwork they have produced together will form part of our bush tucker track which will be re-launched later this year at Yarra Bay House La Perouse."

The family fun day was supported by the La Perouse Aboriginal Land Council and a range of other organisations.



ABOVE: The clowns were kept busy painting happy NAIDOC faces for the kids at the La Perouse Family Fun Day in southern Sydney.

RIGHT: All aboard ... The trackless train proved popular with the kids.



Looked the goods



THEY were pipped by a mob from the Institute of Sport, but these two teams of staff from the Department of

Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) certainly looked the goods when they competed in this year's ACT NAIDOC Touch Football competition.

Departmental staffer Lenny Quakawoot, who helped to pull together the DEEWR mixed red and green teams, said there was a good turnout for the annual competition – 24 teams from 22 different government agencies.

The competition was run by the Indigenous Australian Public Service Employees Network (IAPSEN).



SA women share stories on



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women from around the South Australia will share stories about their lives

and experiences in a series of programs called *Sistas Yarnin'* to be aired on radio starting in October.

Announcing the partnership between Radio Adelaide and the Office for Women during NAIDOC Week, South Australian Status of Women Minister Gail Gago said women from 'all walks of life' would feature in the series.

"*Sistas Yarnin'* gives us the chance to celebrate the achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women," Ms Gago said.

"For some of the women, it will be about highlighting their accomplishments through work or community service. For others, it will be simply

telling us about what life is like for them and their triumphs over adversity.

"Whatever the tale, we, as listeners, will get to hear first-hand about the journeys these women have been on to get to where they are today. Most importantly, they will tell the stories in their own voice and in their own words."

Ms Gago said the partnership provided the opportunity for story-telling – an important element of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture – to reach mainstream media.

A \$6000 State Government contribution through The Office for Women will assist the partnership with Radio Adelaide enabling stories to be made available to other local community radio stations.

They will also be available via the Office for Women website and available for downloading onto CD for use at community events.



THE Northern Territory Library celebrated NAIDOC Week with an exhibition featuring more than 30 years of NAIDOC Posters, NAIDOC Week talks

and an Indigenous dance performance.

The exhibition showcased a variety of posters ranging from the first NAIDOC poster created in 1972 to more recent contemporary posters.

Library Director Jo McGill said the posters reflected many of the issues and challenges that Indigenous Australians have had to overcome, as well as their achievements and progress.

Mid-week, about 100 people attended free lunchtime talks by former NT Government minister John Ah Kit, who shared stories about his early days with NAIDOC, and current Top End NAIDOC Committee chair Ngaree Ah Kit, who talked about the future of the organisation.

The talks were followed by a performance by One Mob, Different Country, an Aboriginal dance group made up of current inmates from the Darwin Correctional Centre.



ABOVE: The One Mob, Different Country dancers at the Northern Territory Library NAIDOC Week celebrations.

LEFT: Top End NAIDOC Committee chairperson Ngaree Ah Kit speaking at the Northern Territory Library.

Armidale Fair Trading art winners named



THE Armidale Fair Trading Centre was packed for the presentation of winners in the centre's second annual NAIDOC Week Art competition.

The Open Indigenous Award (work by an Indigenous artist) went to Armidale's Nicholas Levy for his work 'Unity throughout the Community'.

The young artist said it was the first art prize he had won and it was a rewarding surprise to win.

Collaboration

Two entries won first prize in the Collaboration Award (work by an Indigenous and non-Indigenous artist). Catherine Eadie tied with Jason Livermore and Troy Fisher.

The Indigenous Children's Award (work by an Indigenous artist, aged five to 11) went to Luke French, a Year 5 student at Ross Hill Primary School in Inverell.

First prize in the School Project Award (work by a group of Indigenous and/or non-Indigenous Primary/High School students) went to Aldavilla Public School.

Acting Fair Trading Minister Linda Burney congratulated the award winners.

"These works showcase the NAIDOC Week theme for 2009, Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth, and the awards exemplify Fair Trading's commitment to reconciliation and the local Aboriginal community," she said.

All 16 entries, including winning artworks, can be viewed in the foyer of the Government Office Block and the Armidale Fair Trading Centre until Friday, 28 August.



Jayida Bin Saad, Neve Johnston and baby Kahlin Bin Saad were a chilled-out trio at NAIDOC on the Peninsula at AIATSIS in Canberra.



Michael Weir (MC Wizz) at left and Adam Shipp (MC Battle) performed hip hop at NAIDOC on the Peninsula 2009 in Canberra.

Mob packs Peninsula

Photos by KERSTIN STYCHE, courtesy of AIATSIS



ABOUT 2000 people attended NAIDOC on the Peninsula 2009 in Canberra during NAIDOC Week.

The event, which is hosted by

the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) with the National Museum of Australia, has become one of Canberra's major NAIDOC events.

The AIATSIS forecourt was a bustling marketplace on Saturday, 11 July, with 32 stalls by Indigenous artists and

businesses, community organisations, government agencies and a sausage sizzle supporting local youth charities.

A range of performers wove their magic, including Johnny Huckle, local dance troupe the Wiradjuri Echoes and hip-hoppers Adam Shipp and Michael Weir, who sang about life in Canberra.



Kylie Yager and Sharon Williams enjoyed the event.



Charlotte Izatt and Ainsley Saunders joined performer Johnny Huckle on stage.



Jennifer Martiniello showing Emma Davidson her artwork at NAIDOC on the Peninsula.



Tasmanian Greens Leader Nick McKim spoke of his and his party's support for the return of the Bay of Fires to the Aboriginal community.



The building momentum of the campaign to return the homelands of Tasmania's Aboriginal community was evident at the rally.

Struggle goes on

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people in Tasmania have questioned whether reconciliation has been stalled or abandoned.

Politicians and Aboriginal leaders spoke on the issue at a rally in Hobart during NAIDOC week.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre State Secretary Nala Mansell-McKenna called on the Federal Government to change the country's national day of celebration, compensate the Stolen Generations and abolish the NT intervention.

She also urged the Tasmanian Government to return more land to the Aboriginal community, and reflected on progress made toward reconciliation by past Tasmanian governments and the Tasmanian people.

Michael Mansell said it was time for

the Tasmanian Government to consider handing back all the Crown lands in the state to the Aboriginal community 'as a final settlement'.

"We call on the Tasmanian Government for the next 20 years to hand the revenue of land tax over to the Aboriginal people so that we can reinvest it back into Tasmania in a way that we see fit," he said. "We are a people with a just cause who have been dealt with unjustly. The struggle continues."

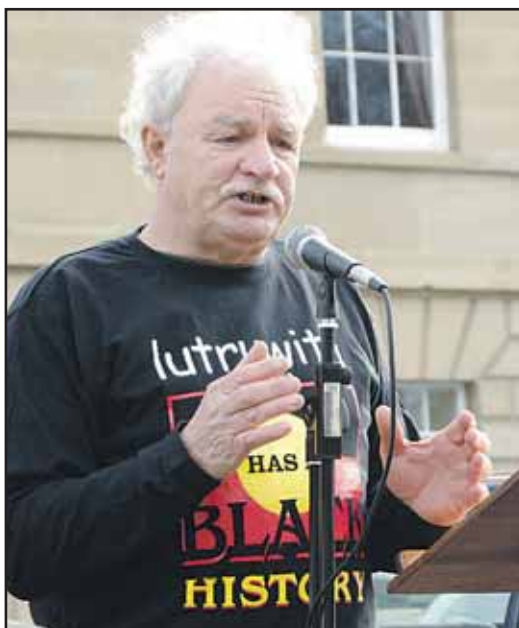
Tasmanian Greens Leader Nick McKim MP also spoke at the rally, offering his and his party's support of returning the Bay of Fires to the Aboriginal community.

He asked the Aboriginal community to respect the contribution of the conservation movement in Tasmania.

"We are all coming from a similar place. And that is a place of respect for land, respect for country and a respect for this beautiful environment that nurtures us all," he said.



Karlle Goodwin and Sky Maynard hold a banner, which clearly explains the purpose of the rally in Hobart.



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The Iuwatina kanaplila dance group performing at the rally outside Tasmania's Parliament House, Hobart.



Josh Langford, Michael Paxton, Terry Maynard, Reen Burgess, Jarrod Hughes, Ruth Langford, Natlie Brown-Cameron, Sinsa Mansell, Harley Mansell and Ruby Spotswood looked fine at the ball.

Aunty Furley takes honour

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



CAPE Barren Elder Furley Gardner was honoured as Tasmanian Aborigine of

the Year at the state's NAIDOC ball in Hobart.

The beloved 81-year-old great grandmother was nominated in recognition of her life-time dedication to her people and their cause.

On receiving the award, an appreciative and almost speechless Aunty Furley declared 'I'm weak'. "Thank you, thank you so much for this award. It's a symbol for me, for my hope, my dreams, my future, my people."

And one of the hopes and dreams is that we have a



2009 Tasmanian Aborigine of the Year Aunty Furley Gardner.

successful 2010 mutton bird season."

Aunty Furley grew up on Flinders Island and Cape Barren Island before moving

to Launceston where she worked on community welfare programs, involved herself with many community organisations and the

Aboriginal political movement.

She returned to Cape Barren Island in the 1990s, was involved in the campaign to have the island returned to the community and was there to be handed the title in 2005. To this day she remains a keen mutton-birder.

Other nominations were Kailah Maynard and Steele Mansell, who the evening's compere Nala Mansell-McKenna noted were up against very tough competition.

The ball was well attended, with people travelling from around the state for one of the biggest events on the Tasmanian Aboriginal community's social calendar.

It was possibly the biggest attendance ever, with more than 200 people, after the noticeable absence of a NAIDOC ball in 2008.



Singer/songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith with partner Shelley Scriber.



Lindy Bowden and daughter Danielle.



Janice Ross, Jamie Everett and Beryl Maynard caught up at the Ball.



Back, Bowie Quillerat, Jess Digney, Vincent McKenzie, Bec Digney, Fiona Hughes and Jason Searles and, front, Wendal Pitchford, Lou Arnol, Edwina Shaw and Chan Pitchford all had a ball.



Dotty (Nikki) Smith with her mother Rosie Smith who had travelled home from Victoria.

NAIDOC 2009 – Cabbage Tree Island



A section of the crowd watching the signing ceremony at Cabbage Tree Island, northern NSW.



Lynette Bolt and Julia Paden, from Ballina.



Kristy Narkle, Darren Lowe, Maria Zorzo, Chris Binge and Aunty Irene Harrington were there.



Ruth Bohill, Wendy Knight and Kylie Coldwell, all of DoCS.

'Cabbo' holds big day

Photos by THERESA DALTON



MORE than 200 people were at the far northern NSW community of Cabbage Tree Island for the signing on 8 July of a long-awaited health memorandum of understanding. The agreement, between the Bullinah Aboriginal Health

Service and Tweed, Byron and Ballina Community Transport, aims to deliver much-needed health improvements to the community.

The memorandum signing was a feature of NAIDOC activities on Cabbage Tree Island, known locally as 'Cabbo'.

Organisers said they were very happy with the celebrations – the first held on the island.



Marcus Ferguson, of Cabbage Tree Island, and Karen Dalton, from Lismore.



Country Energy's John Hayes on the barbecue.



Memorandum signatories, from left, Community Transport Chairperson John Commens, Bullinah AMS Steering Committee Chairperson Nancy Walke, Community Transport's David Kapeen, Bullinah AMS Co-ordinator Jenny Smith and Community Transport Manager Phil Baron.



Darrell Creighton, of Ballina Shire Council, and Dianne Creighton, from Casino Neighbourhood Centre.



2009 Gili Award winners with NSW Education Minister Verity Firth (front, sixth from left) and the TAFE NSW Managing Director Michael Coutts-Trotter (back, fourth from left).

They're winners



THE North Coast Institute of TAFE was named Institute of the Year at the TAFE NSW Gili Awards in Sydney earlier this month.

Gili is an Eora word meaning 'to shine' and the annual awards recognise the achievements of Aboriginal TAFE NSW students, staff, industry partnerships, Aboriginal communities, organisations and programs.

North Coast Institute Director Elizabeth McGregor said the Institute Award recognised innovation and culturally appropriate delivery and assessment, successful partnerships with local Aboriginal communities and industry, and effective strategies to increase Aboriginal enrolments and completions of courses.

"Our new team of Aboriginal education leaders has worked hard to lead the whole organisation to take a new approach – an approach we refer to as North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships (NCALP)," she said.

"The NCALP approach commits all of us to working in partnership with Aboriginal learners, communities and organisations.

"We have focused more strongly on extending the partnership to industry so we get job outcomes, and have recognised the importance of involving Aboriginal staff in all levels of program design, development and delivery.

'The TAFE NSW Gili Awards is an excellent opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the 30 Years On 30 Years Strong anniversary of Aboriginal programs in TAFE NSW'

"The capacity of other staff has also been developed to work together with Aboriginal students and communities at the grass roots."

The North Coast Institute won seven of the 19 awards on offer, including the Bruce Kendall Award for recognition of service to Aboriginal education.

Electrotechnology Head Teacher

at Grafton Campus Roy Hatfield started his career at Petersham College in 1988 as a teacher of the electrical trades – coincidentally on the same day as the late Bruce Kendall, for whom the award is named.

Mr Hatfield was the Aboriginal Special Programs Co-ordinator in the Clarence Valley for more than 12 years in addition to managing a number of national Indigenous engagement projects.

One of his colleagues described him as 'the perfect role model and advocate for Aboriginal students to aspire to'.

Director-General of Education and Training and Managing Director of TAFE NSW Michael Coutts-Trotter said 2009 marked the 30th anniversary of Aboriginal vocational education and training at NSW TAFEs.

"The TAFE NSW Gili Awards is an excellent opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the 30 Years On 30 Years Strong anniversary of Aboriginal programs in TAFE NSW," he said.

The best in 2009

Encouragement Award: Leigh Rorison, Sydney Institute; Gina Varagnolo, North Coast Institute; Noel Wellington, Illawarra Institute.

Achievement Award: Jodi Tisdell, North Coast Institute; Joshua Scharkie, Western Institute; Jessica Birk, Northern Institute.

Award for Academic Excellence: Dasha Newington, Western Sydney Institute.

Apprentice of the Year: Jade Cohen, North Coast Institute.

Trainee of the Year: Jordi Fusi, Western Institute.

Staff Award: Heather McGregor (Aboriginal), North Coast Institute; Lyn Wilson, Sydney Institute.

Teacher Award: Uncle Stan Grant, Riverina Institute.

Bruce Kendall Award: Roy Hatfield, North Coast Institute

TVET Award: Joshua Togo, North Coast Institute.

Industry Partnership Award: TAFE NSW Northern Sydney Institute and National Parks and Wildlife.

Community Partnership Award: TAFE NSW Western Institute/ Condobolin Vocational Training Alliance.

TAFE and School Partnership Award: 'Hands On' Program, South Western Sydney Institute.

Institute Award: TAFE NSW North Coast Institute.

Aboriginal Education and Training Directors Meritorious Service Award: Aunty Connie Green, New England Institute.

Award makes Joshua best in west



AFTER gaining entry to the NSW Police Academy in Goulburn, Joshua Scharkie, from Tamworth, topped off his recent achievements by winning the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year award at the

Western NSW Training Awards earlier this month.

Joshua joined TAFE NSW Western Institute's Indigenous Police Recruitment Out West Delivery Program (IPROWD) in Dubbo last year to pursue his goal of joining the police.

In addition to completing the

Certificate III in Vocational and Study Pathways in 2008, he also finished Certificate III in Education Support (Aboriginal) through flexible delivery while working as a tutor and mentor to Aboriginal students at a local school. He plans to undertake a Bachelor of Policing (Investigations) to reach his goal of

becoming a detective.

Due to his commitments at the Goulburn Police Academy, Josh was unable to attend the award ceremony. But as one of five apprentices and trainees recognised at the Western awards, he will now go to the NSW Training Awards on 10 September.



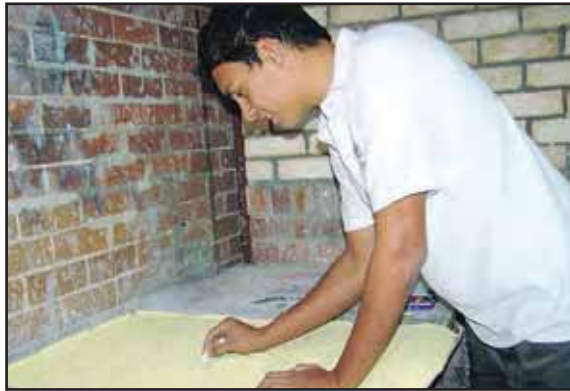
JOSHUA SCHARKIE

Culture the focus in Singleton



Student Anna Jones shows off her soap sculpture, created during the sculpture workshop.

RIGHT: Singleton student Ashley Deweerd working on his art.



Mick Didge shows students how to play the didgeridoo.



FROM having a go at playing the didgeridoo to creating Aboriginal paintings and sampling traditional cuisine, Singleton students made the most of NAIDOC Week.

Singleton schools, in the Hunter Valley of NSW, planned a host of activities to celebrate NAIDOC, assisted with \$60,000 in funding from the local Coal & Allied Aboriginal Development Consultative Committee.

"During the week, students from across our region participated in Indigenous art, music, sculpture, textile, food and design workshops," said Singleton High School Home Economics Head Teacher Tracey Holloway.

"Highlights have included an Indigenous feast and barbecue for the whole of Singleton High School, Indigenous games with Singleton regional public schools, and a visit from talented regional Indigenous artists for all the Singleton schools involved in Indigenous art workshops."

Students' artwork was displayed at Singleton library during NAIDOC Week.

"Aboriginal students have had a great time studying their roots, while the wider community has also been involved to help create a better understanding of traditional culture," Ms Holloway said.

Coal & Allied ADCC Executive Officer Cate Sims said the committee has been proud to again support NAIDOC Week at Singleton schools, following the success of last year's celebrations.

Milestone for PLC



NAIDOC celebrations went down in style at Presbyterian Ladies' College (PLC) Croydon, in Sydney, with Indigenous author Dr Anita Heiss joining the school's inaugural celebrations as a guest speaker.

In the college's 121st year, all students from Reception through to Year 12 celebrated NAIDOC for the first time on 29 June.

Co-hosted by the college's 11 Indigenous students, the assembly featured a dance performance from the Indigenous group that was choreographed by Jannawi Dance Theatre Artistic Director and PLC Sydney mum Peta Strachan, as well as an acknowledgement of Wagal country from Elder Aunty Esther Carroll.

The highlight of the morning was a poetry reading from Dr Heiss.

"I felt privileged and honoured to be part of the inaugural NAIDOC assembly at PLC Sydney and to witness not only the creative talents of (the college's) Indigenous students, but also the keen interest of the whole school community in the stories and culture that the girls shared," Dr Heiss said.

PLC Croydon Indigenous student liaison officer Mayrah Butt, a former student, said she was proud of what the students achieved as a group on the day.

"NAIDOC at PLC has provided all our Indigenous students with opportunities to show how proud they are of their cultures and share their skills and heritage with the broader college community while gaining invaluable leadership skills," she said.

Year Nine student Gapala Yunupingu led the dance performance.

"I think the audience really liked the dance because it was interesting and different from what they'd seen before," said Gapala. "My friends want to join the dance group now."

The PLC Student Representative Council has also thrown its support behind improving Indigenous culture at the College by announcing their initiative for the year at the NAIDOC Assembly – the unveiling of a plaque acknowledging the traditional owners of the land.



Year Seven student Dharpaloco Yunupingu dancing in the performance at PLC Sydney's inaugural NAIDOC Assembly.

Ambassadors step up to 'super' role



LAURA WEBSTER



THREE Indigenous students are amongst 20 'exceptionally inspiring and talented students' from the public education system in Sydney's south-west region to be appointed 'regional ambassadors'.

Because of their leadership, communication skills and ongoing contribution to the school community, Laura Webster, Samuel Rasmussen and Elizabeth Grace had already been selected for the Ambassadors for Public Education program, recently joining with students from 242 public schools in Sydney's south-west for a special day at the University of Western Sydney (Campbelltown campus), followed by a presentation evening.

John Edmondson High School Year 10 student Laura Webster was selected as a regional ambassador for her poise and outgoing manner after she spoke to the 1000-strong audience as part of the presentation evening.

Laura entertained the audience with stories of the day's activities, participating in university science demonstrations, reptile encounters through the veterinary sciences school, and arm-plastering adventures with help from

medical students. She has also been selected as the Macquarie Fields electorate representative in the 2009 Youth Parliament program.

Samuel Rasmussen, Year 8, from Picton High School and Elizabeth Grace, Year 11, from Bonnyrigg High School were selected as regional ambassadors after stand-out nominations, which included glowing recommendations from their principals.

Samuel has mentored Aboriginal students in Year 6 transitioning to high school and represented his school in zone swimming athletics carnivals, while Elizabeth has been involved in her Student Representative Council for four years, is a current member of her school's peer mediation and peer support groups and was the co-organiser of the school's Yarn-Up program.

The 20 young people are being trained up for their 'super' roles, which carry broader responsibilities. They'll work with the school education group directors in mentoring the other ambassadors throughout the year and serving as compères and advisors at other regional and area functions.



ELIZABETH GRACE



5th National Indigenous Education Conference

Strength in Community: Closing the Gap

22 – 25 November 2009 Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania

Invitation to participate

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

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

The Conference theme, *Strength in Community: Closing the Gap*, emphasises the challenges of accelerating outcomes for Indigenous students and successfully engaging Indigenous communities with education and training in order to strengthen culture and improve quality of life for our people. Indigenous communities, students, carers and parents, as well as teachers, researchers and administrators all have a responsibility in responding to the challenge.

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

Greg Lehman, Convenor



Who should attend

- Education & training staff
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- Higher education practitioners

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- Skills and Higher Education
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- Danny Lester

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Tara is living her Bangarra dream



QUT graduate Tara Gower has dreamed of dancing with the Bangarra Dance Theatre

since she was 15-years-old.

Her persistence and hard work paid off, as now she has achieved her goal of working with the highly successful Indigenous dance group in Sydney, where she is currently rehearsing for its production, *Fire*.

Moving from her home town of Broome to Brisbane for study at QUT and then on to Sydney to pursue her dream career was difficult, but Ms Gower said remaining positive and optimistic was key.

"When I first saw Bangarra on an ABC documentary I was about 15 and something inside me just lit up when I saw the dancing," she said.

"From then on, that was it – my dream was to get into Bangarra, and I knew that if I kept strong and determined I would reap the rewards. It took 10 years, but I got there."

While studying at a dance college in Sydney, Ms Gower auditioned to complete a



QUT graduate Tara Gower

degree in dance at QUT.

"I knew some Bangarra dancers who went to QUT so I knew they were open to Indigenous contemporary dance, while some other universities are not, and QUT was actually the only university I applied to," she said.

"The biggest struggle was homesickness – it would have been financial, but I was supported really well by the Learning Potential Fund, which allowed me to

remain focussed on my study, rather than stressing about money.

"It also gave me time to train my body by doing swimming and Pilates, and take dance classes with Bangarra when they came to Brisbane. If I had not had the help, I would have had to work and would not have been able to juggle everything."

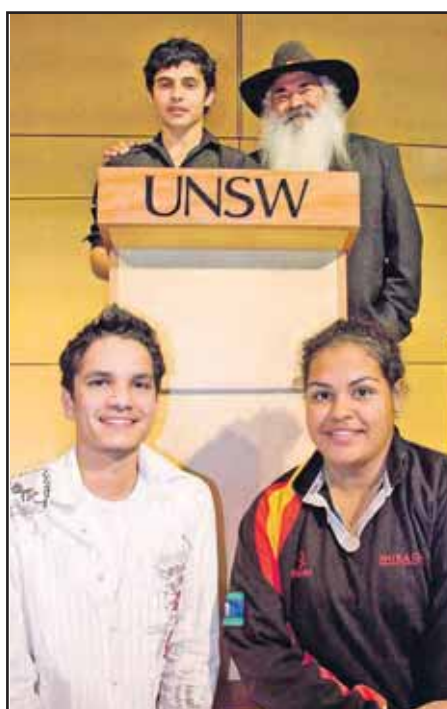
When she graduated, Ms Gower sent a letter to Bangarra, and flew to Sydney for a week-long audition. She was accepted, and has been there ever since.

"I have been here for five years now, and want to stay here for a good while yet, to explore performing and keep on improving," she said.

"When you get the job you have always wanted, you think you can relax, but you just have to keep working harder and take your skills to the next level.

"Eventually, I would love to work in Broome, speaking with kids there and helping them to open their mind, think outside the bubble of small towns, and realise there is a whole world out there, and the world is their oyster."

School's in at Nura Gili



University of NSW Professor Pat Dodson with Winter School students Thane Braico, Josh Maguire and Zana Sampton. Photo by Marie Keating Photography



IN terms of role models capable of inspiring students to

great things, they don't get much bigger than Professor Pat Dodson.

The former Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation Chairperson and 2008 Sydney Peace Prize winner welcomed a record number of Indigenous high school students to the University of NSW's Nura Gili Winter School Program earlier this month.

Numbers for the school have reached 150 – the largest intake to date for the residential pre-university program that assists Indigenous students in Years 10, 11 and 12 prepare for tertiary study.

Global financial firm UBS, a founding partner of Nura Gili, has invested \$1 million over four years to support the preparatory

courses run by the Nura Gili Indigenous Programs Centre.

Indigenous students travelled from remote and rural areas across Australia to attend the Winter School, where they were introduced to their chosen discipline.

Nura Gili Director Associate Professor Sue Green believes the school not only encourages students to consider tertiary education, but provides them with the skills and support necessary to complete their university education.

"Our Indigenous graduation rates are almost on a par with non-Indigenous students," she said.

"The strength of our preparatory programs, combined with the ongoing support provided to our Indigenous students, are essential to achieving this."

Language of health in the Hawkesbury



A PROJECT in the Hawkesbury District of north-western Sydney is doing its bit to revitalise language and help bridge the divide between Indigenous and non-Indigenous perceptions of health.

During NAIDOC Week, Hawkesbury District Health Service (HDHS) Aboriginal community liaison officer and Wiradjuri artist Vicki Thom unveiled a new banner describing local health services to the Aboriginal community.

The banner welcomes Indigenous Australians to understand and utilise health services in the Hawkesbury.

The artwork on the banner draws on research by Ms Thom and Dharug Elder Aunty Edna Watson which revealed that many of the Western concepts that local health services are based upon were not part of Aboriginal languages.

The pair worked together to create symbols and combinations of symbols to 'coin phrases' to describe the health services available in current (Western) society.

The process involved discussion, sketching of diagrams and consultation with Aunty Edna, gaining her approval to form icons as part of the Dharug language.

These were then translated into Ms Thom's banner artwork.

"We had to develop new language to describe the various services available to people of the Hawkesbury," said Ms Thom.

"With a greater understanding of Western-style services, we hope that Aboriginal people will access the health care available to them.

"Understanding how Koori people perceive those services will also help non-Aboriginal people understand us and the concepts our lives are entwined with.

"Non-Aboriginal people don't realise that drug and alcohol counselling is a foreign or new concept to our people."

Ms Thom said there were no words for drugs or alcohol in Dharug language and certainly nothing to describe the 'to-ing and fro-ing' or confusion that counselling for addiction could raise.

The symbol for drug and alcohol counselling acknowledges the existence of this problem in Aboriginal



Vicki Thom, right, with Aunty Edna Watson during the official presentation of the new Aboriginal health banner on 6 July. The banner artwork depicts a coolamon, fibrous net and a pair of human forms with journey lines radiating outwards to symbols identifying Hawkesbury District Health Service's various services.

people's lives as well as teaching people about the complexity of dealing with addiction. Similarly, child protection and palliative care are little understood or recognised parts of many Aboriginal people's lives.

Language

HDHS believes that by developing written and symbolic language to describe Western influences, Ms Thom and Aunty Edna are contributing to the recording of Aboriginal history as it evolves.

Here are some examples of how Dharug words are used to describe Western health concepts:

- Palliative Care:** Sick (MOOLA)
- Drug and Alcohol:** Smoke (CADJEE)
- Counselling:** To listen (NGARA)
- Child Protection:** We care (NGALLU WALL)
- Men's Health:** People (EORA)
- Nutrition:** Food (PATALIA)
- Health Promotion:** To Look At (PULWARRA)
- Allied Health:** Help, health, ability (YAKKAY, WALL, UMER)
- Home Nursing:** House, we care (WAU, NGALLU WALL)
- Child and Family:** Child, mother, father (GOROONG, WYANGA, BEANG)

Cunnamulla gets healthy



CUNNAMULLA Aboriginal Corporation for Health (CACH) is one of 12 regional finalists vying for a prize pool of \$1 million in the Healthy Queensland Awards. The awards are part of the State Government's 2020 target of turning Queenslanders into Australia's healthiest people, and the \$1 million prizemoney is to be put towards 'healthy' infrastructure such as swimming pools, basketball courts or bikes and walking paths.

CACH CEO Ann-Marie Thomas said her organisation won the south-west regional finals for its physical activity programs such as the children's swim club, with 35 Aboriginal children attending every Thursday.

CACH provides the children with swimming caps and goggles and covers the cost of membership to the local swimming club and also has a bus that transports them to the pool and back. CACH also offers men's and women's water aerobics.

Meanwhile, CACH is setting up a small, air-conditioned local gymnasium in the main street to provide year-round exercise opportunities. The gym is expected to be open at the end of the month.

Ms Thomas said CACH's goal was to change people's attitudes towards exercise, showing that it can be fun and can change lives and improve health. She said CACH employed an exercise physiologist and the team consisted of dedicated Aboriginal health workers, registered and enrolled workers and trainees.

"We at the centre have a dedicated governing body and staff who have a passion for their community, as most of us were born here and have returned home, or were previously working at the centre," she said.

The awards will be announced on 26 August.



CANCER COUNCIL QUEENSLAND Doctoral Scholarship in Indigenous Cancer Control

The Cancer Council Queensland invites applications from suitably qualified research students who will be commencing full-time doctoral studies through James Cook University in 2009, or who are currently in their first year of doctoral studies. Applicants must normally be resident in Queensland, and will be based in Brisbane at the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and the Cancer Council Queensland. Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply. One Doctoral Scholarship will be offered.

The avenue of research to be undertaken includes a dedicated project within a larger National Health and Medical Research Council funded study. This exciting new study is the first to investigate the supportive care needs of Queensland Indigenous cancer patients and explore the role of health workers in meeting these needs.

The primary project supervisors will include senior investigators from Cancer Council Queensland, Queensland Institute of Medical Research and James Cook University.

The value is \$23,500 per annum for up to three years (the amount to be indexed annually to CPI). The Cancer Council Queensland scholarships are intended to provide financial support for the student only.

For further information about the project please contact:

Associate Professor Anna Hawkes at the Cancer Council Queensland (AnnaHawkes@cancerqld.org.au or 07 3258 2305).

The scholarship application form can be obtained from:

Gillian Yap at the Cancer Council Queensland (GillianYap@cancerqld.org.au or 07 63258 2313)

Or downloaded from:

http://www.cancerqld.org.au/research/qcf_grants/qcf_research/Grants.asp

All applicants NOT already enrolled in doctoral studies at James Cook University must submit an additional application form to undertake doctoral studies at James Cook University. For information regarding JCU application procedures please contact:

Barbara Pannach at JCU (Barbara.Pannach@jcu.edu.au or phone: 07 4781 4735).

Alternatively the application form can be found at the following address:

http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/JCUDEV_015302.html

The closing date for all scholarship applications is 5pm Friday, 7th August 2009.

Young female health students volunteer to help communities



SEVEN young women from the University of Sydney's Faculty of

Health Sciences have volunteered to help Aboriginal communities across rural New South Wales.

The new Health and Early Childhood Internships project developed by Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) gives final-year physiotherapy, speech pathology, occupational therapy and nutrition students the opportunity to spend up to two months in Aboriginal medical services and schools across NSW.

The focus is on benefiting Indigenous Australians and their well-being by building a better equipped health and education workforce.

It will give students exposure to early childhood, community health, disability and rehabilitation in

Indigenous communities.

The program was launched late last month, with the first cultural training workshop in Sydney for participating students.

ICV Internship Project Co-ordinator Dan Billing said the project would offer students and Aboriginal communities great benefits.

'We are making it easier for people to work in an Indigenous context by providing cultural training and other supports...'

"Distance, cost and cultural differences are real barriers to giving emerging young health professionals training opportunities with Aboriginal people," he said.

"We are making it easier for people to work in an Indigenous context by providing cultural training

and other supports such as accommodation.

"There's also a tangible service delivery dividend for communities."

The seven women will provide more than 1300 hours of practical health and education services to Aboriginal people in centres including Walgett, Bourke, Brewarrina and Jervis Bay.

The University of Sydney is the first institution to take part in the project.

ICV is also working with Macquarie University to bring talented early childhood education students into

the program later this year. The program will then go to other states, with an expectation that 100 students will have been placed in the field during 2009-10.

ICV is calling for more internship applications from final-year allied health and early childhood students.



ICV Internship Project Co-ordinator Dan Billing

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Birthing best on country – researcher



BIRTHING on country is best for mum and bub, strengthens Aboriginal women's business and supports

cultural obligations, according to new research.

Remote area midwife and Charles Darwin University Honours student Sarah Ireland says the findings apply especially to those who have to travel away from their community and families to give birth.

The research focused on a remote Northern Territory Aboriginal community but may hold relevance to other similarly remote areas throughout the country.

The research also indicated that Indigenous women were not being offered the choice of giving birth in their own community.

Ms Ireland said the routine

practice in all remote NT Aboriginal communities was to transfer pregnant women into regional centres to wait for labour and give birth in hospital.

"Despite this practice, peri-natal statistics show that a small number of women continue to give birth in their communities," she said.

The other major finding uncovered by the research was an apparent breakdown in traditional birthing practices.

Healthy finding

Ms Ireland said one of the most significant findings confirmed that most babies born in the community over the five-year period were healthy.

"By offering choice in place of birth, Aboriginal women's business and cultural obligations may be invigorated," she said.

Ms Ireland said the purpose of her research was to describe the experiences and document

the maternal and infant outcomes of women who gave birth on country.

"Another major finding was that women took into account their health, their baby's health their access to a skilled birth attendant (contemporary or traditional) and designated men into a helping role," she said.

Ms Ireland said the Aboriginal women were making conscious and informed decisions about managing their pregnancies and births. Women in the community were more likely to encounter complications during their pregnancy or immediately after birth, rather than during labour, she said.

Findings from the four-year period from 2003-2007 showed women had a substantially higher rate of birth outside of hospital compared with the rest of Australia, despite having no access to a mainstream maternity service.

Money to promote NSW musicians



FIVE arts initiatives promoting Aboriginal contemporary musicians will be amongst the projects to benefit from a NSW Government funding boost of more than \$200,000 targeted at the Aboriginal arts sector.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the additional funding recognised the importance of arts and culture to Aboriginal people throughout the state.

More than \$67,000 of the additional funding will be used to extend two contemporary Aboriginal art curator positions in Western Sydney into the middle of 2010 – one at Campbelltown Arts Centre, the other at Penrith Regional Gallery.

Meanwhile Regional Arts NSW will receive \$60,000 to conduct a research project to identify the training needs of the Aboriginal creative arts sector in regional and rural communities.

The five musical arts initiatives to benefit from more than \$81,000 include:

- \$9000 to the Australian College of Country Music to continue its Troy Cassar-Daley Aboriginal Country Music Scholarship for three years

- \$20,000 to the Groundswell Indigenous Music Touring Project to include a NSW Aboriginal solo artist or groups to tour the eastern seaboard of Australia in September.

- \$22,210 to Whichway: Indigenous Music and Artist Development Program to run three music workshops (hip hop, country, singer-songwriter) and undertake a review of the program.

Mr Lynch said the funding was in addition to more than \$400,000 in grants from the Government's 2009 Arts Funding Program for a range of initiatives to develop Aboriginal cultural infrastructure within NSW, including the visual arts, performing arts and programs for young people.

He said the Government also supported the work NAISDA was doing with young Aboriginal artists, with grants totalling \$240,000 over three years.

Fibre art came from all over



AFTER years of gathering Aboriginal fibre art from across Australia, the Queensland Art Gallery is opening its collection to the public.

A major exhibition of 350 works from every State and Territory will go on display from this Saturday 1 August until 18 October.

Curator Diane Moon said the *Floating Life: Contemporary Aboriginal Fibre Art* exhibition would be an opportunity for people to view works which had never been displayed together before, including woven fish traps and nets, mats, conical baskets, spirit figures and dance objects.

There will also be 75 Morning Star poles from Arnhem Land.

Queensland Art Gallery Director Tony Ellwood said the 350 works in the exhibition demonstrated the inventiveness of more than 100

established and emerging Indigenous artists.

"This exhibition taps the Gallery's collection of Aboriginal fibre art, which is the most extensive of its kind in geographical scope and conceptual range, to reveal the importance of fibre within Aboriginal culture," Mr Ellwood said.

He said works by well-known artists such as Gulumbu Yunupingu, Shirley MacNamara, Yvonne Koomatrie, Lena Yarinkura, Regina Wilson and Jonathan Jones were amongst those featured.

"The exhibition is extraordinarily diverse," he said. "It demonstrates the range of fibre art-making techniques and approaches, with most works having been created over the last two decades."

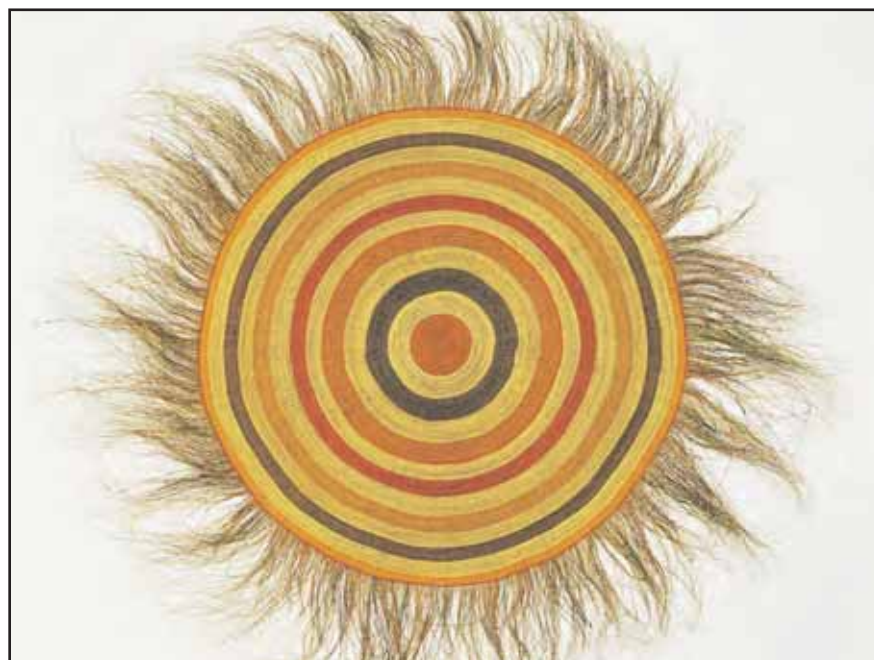
Floating Life: Contemporary Aboriginal Fibre Art has been sponsored by Gadens Lawyers and will be on display in the Queensland Art Gallery's Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA)



Clockwise, from above:
• David Wurumbula Gurruwiwi's Armband tassels.

• Judy Baypungala's Mat (Twined pandanus palm leaf)

• Lena Djamarayku's Worra (Ceremonial basket).



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Exhibition a first for 'Leeko'



HE'S painted for the Pope and his works are in collections and on display around the world. But

veteran Dunghutti artist Leo Wright, or Leeko as he's known to many, has never had his own exhibition – until now.

A range of his paintings is now being featured at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place in Armidale, northern NSW.

Wright is more than pleased to be showing his works in his new home town, where he is an intern pastor with the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

"I jumped at the chance to show the paintings – I thought it was about time," the self-taught artist told *The Koori Mail*.

"I have done art for many years, starting in my childhood around Kempsey.

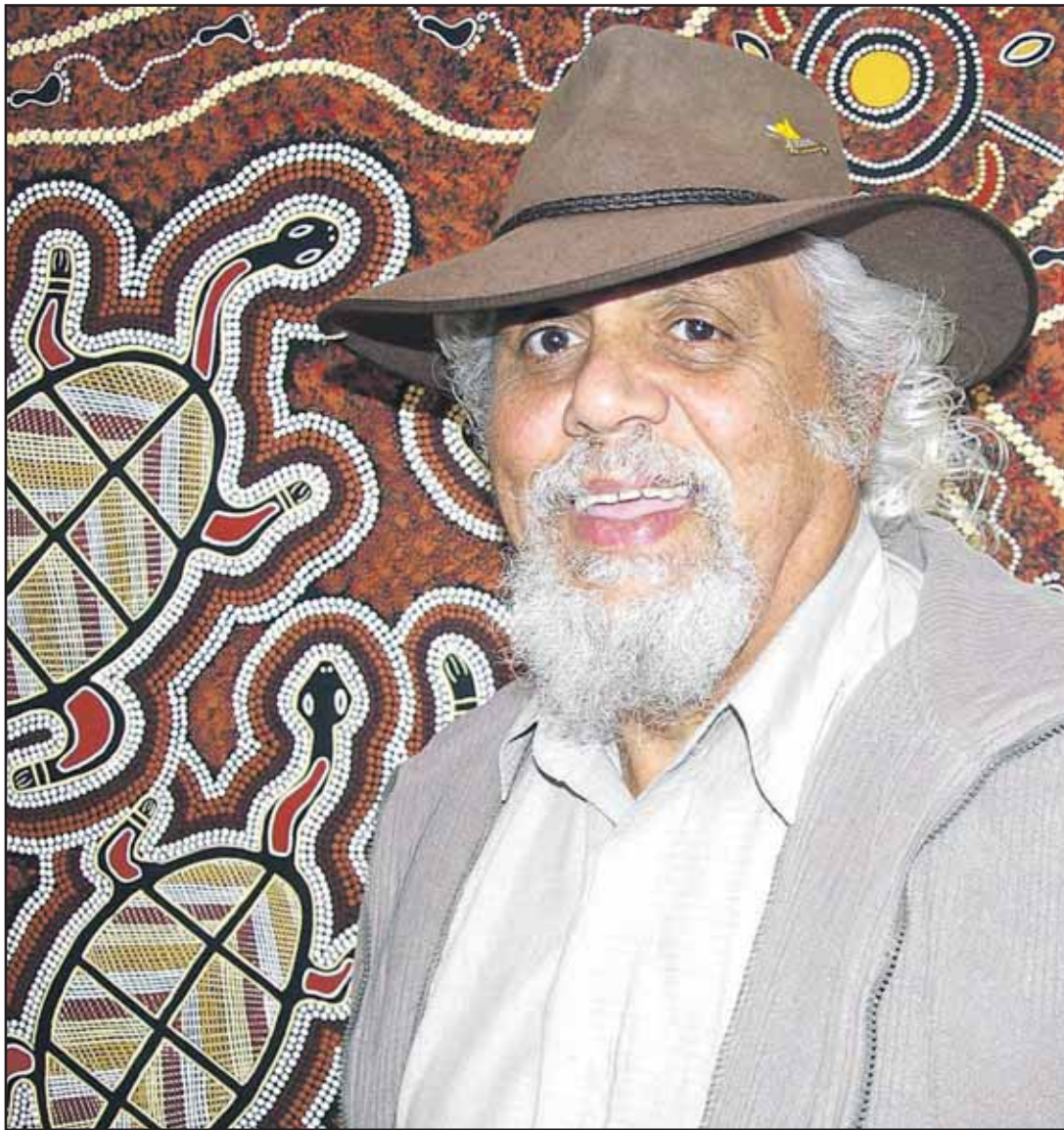
"My paintings are now part of collections in Europe, Asia and North America – even the Vatican in Rome with a painting I did for the Pope's Australian visit – and I set up and ran an Aboriginal art shop in the Blacktown area of Sydney.

"But this is my first actual exhibition."

Wright said his inspiration for art came from wanting to express how Aboriginal people survived, lived and cared for each other in their communities.

He is aiming to teach his techniques to local people through classes at the Armidale centre.

"I love to pass on my knowledge," he said.



Artist Leo Wright with one of his works on show in Armidale.

Clarence hosting awards



ENTRIES are now open for The Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award in northern

New South Wales.

Grafton Regional Gallery director Jude McBean said the gallery was looking forward to receiving a big selection for the exhibition, which opens on Wednesday 28 October. Entries close on Friday 16 October.

"The acquisitive prize is \$5000 for first prize, \$1000 in further encouragement awards to be awarded at the judge's discretion and The Baryulgil Public School Prizes which consist of three art material packages valued at \$600," Ms McBean said.

"The winning artwork is acquired into the Grafton Regional Gallery Collection."

Respected Indigenous artist Fiona Foley is the judge for the biennial prize.

Foley, of the Batjala people from Fraser Island, is a painter, printmaker, photo media 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.

The Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award is open to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who live in the traditional areas of the Yaegl, Bundjalung and Gumbainggirr nations.

The Baryulgil Public School Prizes are awarded to enrolled Baryulgil Public School students.

The Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award will go on exhibition at Grafton Regional Gallery between 28 October and 13 December, with an opening ceremony planned for 10.30am on 28 October with entertainment, art activities and refreshments.

Call out for WA artists



ARTISTS from the Pilbara, Mid West, Gascoyne and Kimberley regions of Western Australia are being urged to enter the Hedland

Art Awards.

Organised by the WA cultural group FORM, the awards offer a range of cash prizes including a \$10,000 prize for the best Indigenous work.

Entrants in the BHP Billiton Iron-sponsored awards are encouraged to 'Say something strong about the place in which we live'.

Entries close on 7 August.

Details on how to enter are available from the Courthouse Gallery in Port Hedland, Western Australia, on (08) 9173 1064 or mail@courthousegallery.com.au

Winners will be announced on the opening night at the gallery on 11 September, with the exhibition of entries held until 24 October.

Message Sticks hitting the road



A NEW generation of Indigenous film-makers will be a highlight of the Message Sticks Film Festival

national tour, which kicks off in Darwin on 17 August.

Their works will be showcased in *The New Black*, which is a series of seven 10-minute dramas.

The New Black is an initiative from the Indigenous Branch of Screen Australia and features stories from far north Queensland, Bourke, Alice Springs, south coast NSW, inner-west and western Sydney.

Writer-director Adrian Wills' film *Bourke Boy* follows a man (Andrew McFarlane) taking his troubled adopted son back to his birthplace where they try to say the right words to each other before it's too late.

Michelle Blanchard's *The Party Shoes* highlights the difficult relationship between nine-year-old



An image of a scene from *Jacob*, by Dena Curtis.

Jenny and her flawed, occasionally attentive, mother Patsy.

Deborah Mailman makes her directing debut with *Ralph*,

co-written with Wayne Blair. Infatuated with *Karate Kid* star Ralph Macchio, 10-year-old Maddie finds out it takes more than just dreaming to

survive, it takes a friend.

Written by Angelina Hurley and directed by Leah Purcell, *Auntie Maggie and the Womba Wakgun* is the tale of a hungry family, disgruntled neighbours and a rooster with attitude.

Writer-director Romaine Moreton tracks the story of a girl who sees her ancestors and her mother's efforts to avoid revealing the truth of the past in *The Farm*.

Set in the 1940s, *Jacob*, by Dena Curtis, tells how the joy of a boy's birth quickly disintegrates when his obvious fair skin reveals a rape by a white man.

Nia's Melancholy is writer-director Sio Tusafa'aaefili's tale of a girl's descent into melancholy and her journey of redemption following her sister's suicide.

Message Sticks will travel to 10 locations around the country including Darwin, Broome, Cairns, Melbourne, Adelaide, Brisbane, Lismore, Perth and Hobart.

Sydney hosts exhibitions

Ernabella artists and Syron show their works

By MARGARET SMITH



TWO very different Aboriginal art exhibitions opened in Sydney this month. Ernabella (central Australia) artists were there for the opening of their exhibition at the Birrung Gallery, a subsidiary of World Vision which funds arts programs in remote communities.

Alison (Milyika) Carroll and Renita Stanley's batiks and ceramics have been bought by the National Gallery of Australia, National Gallery of Victoria and of South Australia. Both artists have travelled extensively with their work, and have participated in batik workshops in Indonesia.

Started in 1948, Ernabella Arts is the oldest Indigenous arts centre in Australia, and has long been acclaimed for its batik, weaving and ceramics work. Both of the visiting artists told *The Koori Mail* they had learnt their craft from their mothers, grandmothers and aunts.

"We use the same colours as they did then, and our patterns are Walco (they invent their own designs)," said Ms Carroll, who also chairs Ernabella Arts.

The exchange with Indonesia is ongoing.

"I went to Indonesia in 2005 to meet the batik artists there, and they came out to Ernabella and did a collaborative project with us," Ms Stanley said.

Across town...

Across town the next day, urban artist Gordon Syron's exhibition opened in Redfern's Raglan Street Church. The artist has been painting for most of his adult life, telling the story of the Indigenous rights movement from the time of Captain Cook onwards.

His work *Judgement by his peers* was painted in 1978 while he was in prison, and depicts a white man being tried by an Aboriginal jury.

Mr Syron admits the past 41 years have been a struggle, as there are many stories behind his paintings.

"But I've never been a quitter. I'll always be a fighter," he told *The Koori Mail*. "One day we're going to win, and I just hope that it's not too far away."

Poet and lecturer Ken Canning said he first met Syron when he too was in goal, and 'we forged our art many years ago about the same time'.

"Gordon's paintings are living history ... They also give a spiritual side to our history



Artist Gordon Syron (centre) with Professor Larissa Behrendt and Geoff Scott.

Photo by ROSS VECCHIO



Renita Stanley, in front of one of her batiks, with Alison Carroll.

which is important," Mr Canning said.

Senior Indigenous Curator at the National Museum of Australia Margo Neale said 67-year-old Syron's work was 'truly unique, vibrant, embodied art'.

"Oscar Wilde once said that the most successful art is born from necessity. Gordon's work is an alternative history – a counter narrative," she said.

Professor Larissa Behrendt, recently named 2009 NAIDOC Indigenous Person of the Year, warned that the Federal Government was focusing away from

Aboriginal culture. "But Gordon Syron's work demands a space for that," she said.

"His generation contributed to my generation. They had a much harder time than we did..."

"Gordon's work gave me a strong training in social justice and human rights which still influences me today."

The exhibition is part of Gordon and Elaine Syron's 'Keeping Place', a collection of work by several Indigenous artists, photographers, and writers, which now needs a permanent home and museum.

Focus on Lockhart 'Old Girls'



THE stories of 'The Old Girls' of the far north Queensland township of Lockhart River will be preserved and passed on to future generations of

Indigenous women through a \$21,390 funding grant from the Regional Arts Fund.

The small cultural project called 'Puunya's and Pandana's: Stories from The Old Girls' will document and narrate the stories, ensuring the skills and stories are not lost.

It is one of 60 new regional arts projects to benefit from more than \$550,000 in funding, administered by the peak regional arts organisation in each state.

Other new projects to benefit include the 'Gloves Off' project, which received almost \$30,000 and will explore the subject of 'The Fighter' through stories told by people from the Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, Australian South Sea Islander and wider multicultural communities of Mackay, Queensland. The project will culminate in the writing of a screenplay and the making of a short film.

In the north Queensland town of Bowen, The Gudjuda Cultural Park has been awarded \$17,700 for the design and development of four public artworks based on Gudjuda totems. Elders, artists and locals will contribute to the design process and the works will form part of a walkway.

In South Australia, Our Mob 2009 has been awarded \$10,000 to support the Professional Development Workshop and Aboriginal Artists in Profile series, while in Tasmania, \$2100 has been awarded to honour and nurture culture.

Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett said regional arts funding benefitted regional and remote communities by employing artists and developing their skills, as well as attracting tourists.

For more information, visit the Regional Arts Australia website www.regionalarts.com.au

'Metro Mob' at Tandanya



THE 'Our Metro Mob' exhibition has opened at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya, showcasing the work of 13 Adelaide-based contemporary Aboriginal artists.

The exhibition is part of the SALA Festival Program, which provides a platform for South Australian artists to take part in events across the state.

The exhibition works explore themes of identity and connectedness and encompass a variety of mediums. Featured jewellery works are made from bones, stones and quills.

Exhibiting artists include Jacinta Dixon, Brenton McKenna, Nikki Carabetta and 2009 Telstra Art Award entrant Peter Sharrock.

The 'Our Metro Mob' exhibition runs until 4 October. The official opening will be held at Tandanya on Wednesday 12 August at 6pm.

Meeks takes out top Cape York award



RENOWNED far north Queensland Indigenous artist Arone Meeks has taken out this year's Cape York Art Award.

The awards, displayed throughout the recent Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival, highlighted the diversity of contemporary and traditional art of the far north Qld region to the thousands of local and international visitors to the festival.

Meeks won the top \$8000 award for his painting 'Songlines-My Country'.

The Kuku Midiji/Kuku Yalanji artist was born on Cape York and has close connections to Cairns. He has created many well known public art works throughout the region, including three striking sculptural figures of cut-out painted steel, 'Bush Medicine, Reef



The Cape York Art Award Exhibition Gallery at Laura Aboriginal Dance Festival.

Figure, Dilly', commissioned in 2002 for the Cairns Base Hospital re-development.

The Cape York Art Award has been running for more than 20 years, with \$14,000 up for grabs for the best winning

entries taken from three award categories.

With a growing number of artists vying for a place – 54 this year – the winners came from those with connections to Cape York.

Local artist Lisa Michl, of the Kokoberrin language group of the west coast of the Cape York Peninsula, won the Cape York Merit Art Award with her etching 'Gum Hole 1'.

Michl utilises a variety of mediums to create her pieces. These include traditional paintings on canvas, a line of silver jewellery, lino block prints and digital prints.

The Cape York Developing Award was shared between two young emerging artists this year. Rowena Butcher (Kuuku Ya'u/Umpila) impressed the judges with her painting 'Bush Fire', and Vanessa Pearson (Yididi/Yarrabah) entered a mixed media work 'Stolen but not forgotten'.

The four winning pieces will join the Quinkan and Regional Cultural Centre's permanent collection based in Laura.

For them, by them

Focus on talents of youth

Story by ALF WILSON



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander youth explore themes, issues and social events that define what it means to be a young

Indigenous person in north Queensland in a new exhibition.

'Depth of Field' features the work of Melinee Jackway, Kathleen Namok, Harry Reuben, Krysten Harvey, Tania Haines, Eunice Webster, Tim Nardoo and Monique Sattrick, who have sought to present a non-traditional representation of Indigenous identity through photographic glimpses of local places, people and communities.

Pinnacles Gallery, in Townsville,



LEFT: Artist Jenny Fraser (front, left) led a workshop at Pinnacles Gallery. Back, from left, Tania Haines (Palm Island), Rachel Tipoti, Harry Reuben (Palm Island), Kathleen Namok (Townsville), Krysten Harvey (Palm Island) and May Kaybay. Front, from left, Jenny Fraser with Tim Nardoo (Palm Island) and Eunice Webster (Palm Island). Away when the photo was taken were Monique Sattrick-Manning and Melanee Sattrick-Jackway (both from Townsville).

RIGHT: A work by one of the emerging photographers on the walls of Pinnacles Gallery.



facilitated workshops in which Indigenous new media artist Jenny Fraser tutored and mentored the exhibition participants to develop a personal vision and the technical skills to take and manipulate digital photographs.

"What was made obvious is that taking a good photo comes naturally, and that's a sure sign of advanced visual literacy," she said.

"The fruits of our labour, the sharing spirit and insider perspective imparted in the 'Depth

of Field' exhibition will go a long way towards the FUBU Philosophy: For Us By Us... and beyond."

In the months following the workshops, local artists Rachel Tipoti and May Kabay mentored the young artists, assisting with the selecting and editing of photos.

Workshops

'Depth of Field' will be shown at the Pinnacles Gallery Riverway Arts Centre, 20 Village Boulevard, Thuringowa Central in Townsville,

until 9 August. The exhibition was opened officially on Saturday, with talks addressing themes of the importance of maintaining healthy Indigenous communities.

Harry Reuben said he had photographed Indigenous youth because he felt they were often misrepresented in the national media.

"I want to show happy Indigenous young people from Palm Island," he said.

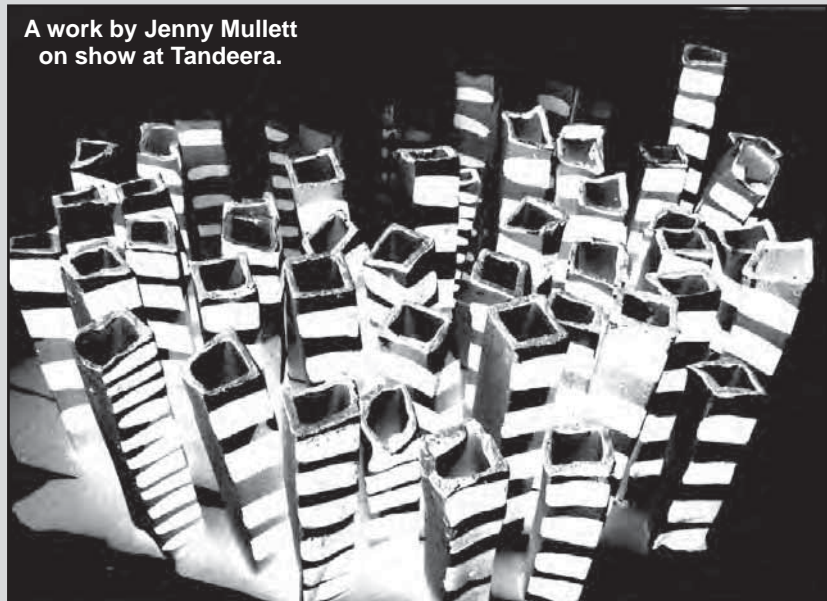
The Koori Mail visited Pinnacles

Gallery on July 6 and found some wonderful real-life and grass-roots snaps on the walls.

Images in the exhibition include the Palm Island foreshore, a boxer, and youngsters.

Big Eye Aboriginal Animations from Australia and Canada also screened as part of the show. Big Eye, curated by Jenny Fraser and Rennae Hopkins, explores a cross-tribal exchange of ideas and world views through animation techniques.

A work by Jenny Mullett on show at Tandeera.



Trust art installation draws on women's cultural knowledge



A SLIDE projection installation called 'Tandeera', a Gunai/Kurnai word meaning 'place of rest', featuring themes of resting and healing post-Apology, is on show now at the Koorie Heritage Trust in Melbourne.

A collaboration between three Gunai/Kurnai women artists from Gippsland, Eileen Harrison, Frances Harrison

and Jenny Mullett, along with projection artist Ian de Gruchy, Tandeera draws on the women's cultural knowledge and family art traditions, aiming to create 'a unique and womanly space which is healing, magical and restful'.

Jenny Mullett said Tandeera was 'a different experience than just looking at something on the wall in front of you'.

"Tandeera is a place of contemplation and peace and pause," she said.

Ian De Gruchy said that in creating Tandeera, the artists had gone back to pre-digital technologies, using orthographic film and programmed slide projectors to translate the artist's work onto the black painted walls of the gallery.

This transformed the space into a 'constantly changing immersive projection that is deep and mysterious'.

'Tandeera' is at the Koorie Heritage Trust until 21 August.



Mitjili Napanangka Gibson at work.

Plenty of desert art in Telstra Awards



DESERT artists will be well represented at this year's 26th Telstra

National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

More than 20 Indigenous artists from Utopia, Hermannsburg, Kintore, Lajamanu and the Alice Springs region have been shortlisted for the prestigious prize.

The entries from the desert region range from general paintings to ceramics to watercolour on paper, but they all reflect the artists' surroundings and country.

Among them is desert artist and 2001 Telstra Award winner, Dorothy Napangardi, whose entry, *Salt on Mina Mina*, depicts a women's ceremonial site and uses a myriad of white dots against a black background.

Napangardi's Aunt, Mitjili Napanangka Gibson, was

inspired to start painting seriously after watching her niece paint. Gibson's colourful acrylic on linen, *Kunamanarra and Wirnparku*, uses an aerial perspective to highlight the two important sites.

Gibson recently appeared in the critically acclaimed Australian film, *Samson & Delilah*, which starred her granddaughter.

Now in its 26th year, the Telstra Art Award is the longest-running art award dedicated to the work of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists.

The overall \$40,000 Telstra Award and further four media categories ensure a high profile for the winning artists, who can retain or sell their works due to the non-acquisitive nature of the award.

Winners in the Telstra Art Award will be announced on Friday 14 August.

For more information go to www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

Judge's task was difficult



MORE than 150 people attended the recent official opening of the NSW National

Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Northern Rivers Region *Connections* Aboriginal Art Award at Northern Rivers Community Gallery at Ballina.

Community Relations Senior Ranger Kerrie Metzler said artists were asked to create work that explored the theme *Connections*.

She said the group was eager to hear award judge, Tess Allas, from the College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales, announce the prizewinners.

"During her address to the audience Tess Allas detailed the reasons she awarded each prize and said the Northern Rivers was a very special area containing many great Indigenous artists," Ms Metzler said.

"Selecting the category winners



Youth Award winner Tianna Anderson and her work *Grandfather*.

was a difficult task."

From more than 60 entries on display, Ms Allas awarded the \$3000 Open first prize to Penny

Evans for her ceramic pieces *Sisters*.

The \$1000 Open second prize went to Karla Dickens for her mixed media work *Black Mother*.

The \$1000 Collaborative Award (for work by Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists) went to a sculpture created on the beach by artists Dawn Walker, Cath Elliott, Marcia Gibbs and Christien Slabb.

Tianna Anderson won the \$500 Youth Award for her photographic celebration of her grandfather.

Ms Allas also presented a Highly Commended award to Madeline Hodge for *A Granny's Story*. Commended awards went to Leilah Jerome, Danielle Grogg and Teresa Anderson and Jenny Frost.

Gallery visitors are encouraged to have their say by voting for the \$1000 People's Choice Award sponsored by Southern Cross University's Gribbi College of Indigenous Studies.



Award judge Tess Allas with Collaborative Award winners Cath Elliott, Marcia Gibbs and Dawn Walker in front of their piece 'Binding Business, Strengthening Ties'.

Alice town camp boys star in film



Cast of *One Shoe Short* - Rodney Malbunka and Jesse McCormack in a scene from the film.

BY MAHALA STROHFELDT

TWO young Aboriginal boys from Trucking Yards town camp in the Northern Territory have become the darlings of the St Kilda Film Festival circuit, if crowd reaction is anything to go by.

The St Kilda Film Festival 2009 winner of the Best Achievement in Indigenous Film-making went to *One Shoe Short*, and it two smallest stars, 12-year-old Jesse McCormack and eight-year-old Rodney Malbunka.

The film grew out of a clown workshop first time director Jackie Van Beek was running in conjunction with the Tangentyere Circus for children living in town camps in Alice Springs.

With a host of talented and cheeky little ones, Ms Van Beek said there were two in particular that stood out.

After going away for six months to write the script, she returned to the community, heavily pregnant, she laughs, for a three-day shoot.

Shot over three locations, at Trucking Yards town camp, Alice Springs and Gillen Primary School, Ms Van Beek said the real pleasure was working with the young actors who were incredibly smart and quick to learn.

However, it was the return to the community that was the most rewarding for the mother-of-two, who described the experience as 'amazing and emotional'.

"We taped cardboard on the windows of the community hall and put on a barbecue, people screamed as soon as they saw people they knew."

"Grandmothers were nattering away in language and the kids were laughing, it was incredible."

Ms Van Beek said the simplicity of the film, a boy searches for a pair of shoes so he can go to school, had a two-fold purpose.

"I wanted to show the kids in a positive light, it's an upbeat, empowering film, showing these kids are smart and funny," she said.

"But there's another side to it, the audience might also think, you can't have steak and shoes as well, there's a deeper side to the story."

Welcome to *The Koori Mail's* National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to calendar@koorimail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

Until 31 July: Southern Cross University NAIDOC 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'. This event will include Indigenous music and dance, live entertainment, hip-hop workshop, art exhibition, fundraising dinner with MC Sean Choolburra, lectures and talking circles, Indigenous films, kids activities, elders choir and more. All welcome. Held in Lismore and Coffs Harbour campuses. Details: Gnibi on 1800 816 676 or email gnibi@scu.edu.au or visit www.scu.edu.au/naidoc

Until 2 August: 2009 NPWS Aboriginal Art Award. Welcome to country by Lewis Cook and a performance by Arakwal Dubai 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

Until 8 August: Omborin; The Munja Country Print Folio Art Exhibition. There will be a floor talk by Henry F Skeritt writer/curator. Free and all welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 41 Derby Street, Collingwood, Vic. Details: (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 8 August: Ngarrangkari Bookarrarrani Yinuranangary; 'The Dreaming made it that Way' Art Exhibition. This is an important exhibition of works on paper by the artists of Manambarra Aboriginal Artists Inc. (Derby). Free and all welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 41 Derby Street, Collingwood, Vic. Details: (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 8 August: Hogarth Art Exhibitions. 'Cape York ...Country' – Rosella Namok, Lockhart River, 'Ancestral Spirits' – Silas Hobson and 'Arna Orkna' – Clay Sand by the Hermannsburg Potters, NT. Held at Hogarth Art Gallery, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington NSW. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

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Until 9 August: Thru The Lens – Palm Island Youth

All mobs are invited

WHAT is being touted as the first-ever dance corroboree in New South Wales in modern times will be held in Moree this September, and locals have put the word out to all Aboriginal clans, tribes and nations to join them.

The inaugural Yanay to Gamilaraay (Y2G) Festival will be held on the black-soiled plains of Moree, in the north of the State, from 21-27 September.

Artistic director Paul Spearim says the festival will help bridge 'the cultural divide' by introducing professional artists and performers from around the Gamilaraay nation.

Mr Spearim says the major focus of the Y2G Festival will be a traditional dance main-stage with dance groups such as Koomuri, Gubi Gubi, and the Buralgang Woman's Aboriginal Dance group performing and carrying out cultural dance workshops.

"Notable singers and musicians to perform on the music stage include Roger Knox, Stiff Gins, Buddy Knox Blues Band, Ducky Dennis, Shellie Morris, Emma Donovan, just to name a few," Mr Spearim said.

A main aim of the festival is to ensure that all participants and performers learn certain aspects of traditional teachings, knowledge and culture of Gamilaraay.

"Traditional dance and ceremony was and still remains an inherent right of passage for all of our younger generations of Gamilaraay," Mr Spearim said.

For information on the festival, contact Paul Spearim on (0403) 883 359 or (0431) 978 949 and email paulspearim@yahoo.com or Bronwyn Spearim on (0411) 824 176 and email bspearim@yahoo.com.au



The Billir Dancers of the Gamilaraay nation have invited other Aboriginal clans, tribes and nations to join them at the Yanay to Gamilaraay (Y2G) Festival at Moree, northern NSW, this September.

Photography Project. This exhibition will allow audiences an intimate insight into the daily life of this community, a chance to hear the voices and see Palm Island through the eyes of those who call it home. Free and all welcome. Held at the Gallery of Modern Art, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: Joan Collins on (07) 3840 7102 or email joan.collins@qag.qld.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: (03) 5832 9861 or email art.gallery@shepparton.vic.gov.au or visit www.greatershepparton.com.au/artgallery

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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 St, The Rocks, NSW. Details: (02) 9245 2400 or email mail@mca.com.au or visit www.mca.com.au

Until 23 August: Tracks of the Past, Printing the Future. The works on display are the results of three one-week workshops run at Umbrella in 2008. There is also new works on paper from nine Aboriginal and Torres Strait artists who live and work in the region. Featured artists: Aicey Zaro, Gail Mabo, Ian Kaddy, Susan Nampitjin Peters, Shirley Yumala Collins, Rainetta Lind, James Billy, Maverick Fox and Marilyn Kepple. All welcome. Held at the Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders St, Townsville, from 7pm onwards. Details: Vicki Salisbury on (07) 4772 7817 or email director@umbrella.org.au or visit www.umbrella.org.au

Until 24 August: Muriel

Findlay Young Artist Award – calling for submissions. The awards are open to all local school children and entry is free. St Andrews, Ballina, will purchase the winning works for \$200 with a certificate of achievement. Entries must state their name, age, school and title on the back of each piece. Pieces will be available for collection from St Andrews following the fete. Details: Fiona (02) 6620 5800 or email office@standrew.com.au or visit www.standrew.com.au

Until 1 September: Bridging the Gap. This is a two-day seminar conducted by Richard Trudgen, author of the influential book *Why Warriors Lie Down and Die*, to provide you with an insight into the depth of Indigenous culture not taught anywhere else and offer strategies for addressing the current crises facing many Aboriginal communities across Australia. Cost \$720 per person. All welcome. Dates: 27-28 August held in Kununurra and 31 August-1 September held in Darwin. Details: (08) 8987 3910 or email seminars@ards.com.au or visit www.ards.com.au

Until 20 September: St Kilda Film Festival National Tour. The tour will be visiting every Australian capital city and more than 20 regional spots. Over two sessions at each destination the national tour will showcase the best of the top 100 films that screened in its counterpart in Melbourne. For details on times and locations, call (03) 9209 6490 or email filmfest@portphillip.vic.gov.au or visit www.stkildafilmmfestival.com.au

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Until 25 September: Chopped Liver. This is a black comedy about life, love, and being more than 'Chopped Liver'. Running time: 50 minutes. Recommended age 16 plus and includes drug references. Touring Victoria from 27 July-21 August, Western Australia from 25 August-10 September and NSW from 15-25 September. Free entry. For times and locations contact: (03) 9329 9097 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

Until 4 October: Our Metro Mob 2009 Art Exhibition. This exhibition will feature Adelaide's based Aboriginal emerging and established artists showcasing contemporary, vibrant, modern pieces from artists with backgrounds spanning from across Australia's many diverse language groups. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA. Details: Renee Johnson on (08) 8224 3234 or email vaofficer@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

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Until 7 October: FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo 2009. This is a day for Indigenous job-seekers and school leavers to meet with some of Queensland's most prominent employers, education and training providers. Dates: Cairns Convention Centre on 29 July, Mackay Entertainment Centre on 12 August, Mount Isa Civic Centre on 9 September and Brisbane Suncorp Stadium on 7 October. All welcome. Details: (07) 3331 5175 or email: admin@fogs.com.au or visit www.fogs.com.au

Until 3 December: Friends of Tranby Aboriginal College Meeting. Held on the first Thursday of each month at Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

29-30 July: Vibe Alive. This is a two-day festival for young Australians of all backgrounds that combines music, sport, art, education and healthy living in a high-energy, youth-friendly setting. Special guests include Casey Donovan, Sermsah Bin Saad aka Suri, Courtney Walter and more. Followed by a Vibe Alive Community Concert at 6.30pm on 29 July. Held at the Mildura Campus of the Victorian P0-12 College of Koorie Education. Details: Mayrah on (02) 9361 0140 or mayrah@vibe.com.au or visit www.vibealive.com.au

29 July: Rally against the NT Intervention. Jenny Macklin no way! Tangentyere here to stay! Town campers and supporters Australia-wide will rally to show support for Tangentyere Council in Alice Springs against this racist land grab. All welcome. Held at ALP headquarters, 360 King St, West Melbourne, from noon. Details: Joe on (0434) 127 661.

30 July: Public lobby of ALP National Conference. Stop the NT Intervention, land rights not leases, defend our homelands. Speakers from Northern Territory and NSW. All welcome. Held at the Sydney Convention Centre from noon onwards. Details: (0415) 410 558 or visit www.stoptheintervention.org

30 July: Photo exhibition 'We are not no-one, this is not nowhere'. This exhibition is about communities, culture and country that are threatened by a Federal radioactive waste dump. Speakers include Margie Lynch, Arrernte Nation (NT), Audrey McCormack, traditional owner Mt Everard dump site, and Damian Hale MP Solomon (NT). Welcome from Millie Ingram. All welcome. Held at the Mori Gallery, 168 Day St, Sydney, from 7pm. Details: Nat on (08) 8952 2011 or (0429) 900 774 or email natwasley@alec.org.au or visit www.beyondnuclearinitiative.wordpress.com

4 August: Aboriginal Cultural Signage Unveiling Ceremony. Director of North Coast Aboriginal Learning Partnerships Tony Dreise will be the main speaker with a Welcome to Country by Auntie June Gordon, Smoking Ceremony by Rory Close and morning tea will

Festival puts spotlight on Q'land local talent

FILM buffs can sample some Indigenous big screen delights during the 2009 Brisbane International Film Festival, which opens tomorrow and runs until 9 August.

A host of locally-made films and films directed, produced or starring Queenslanders will feature prominently in the festival.

St George Bank BIFF Executive Director Anne Demy-Geroe said two leading Indigenous film-makers would be amongst them.

"St George BIFF has secured the premieres of Ivan Sen's new feature

Dreamland and Leah Purcell's new short film *Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wakgun*, which will screen before the feature on opening night," she said.

Dreamland is Sen's second feature film and is described as 'an existential, extraterrestrial mood piece' which uses time-lapse, soundscapes, and cinematography.

It follows Dan Freeman (Dan Roberts), a career military man who experiences life anew searching the night sky at some of the most famous UFO-sighting areas in the American West.

Dreamland will screen at 6.30pm

on Friday 31 July at Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) Australian Cinematheque, located at Stanley Place, South Bank.

Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wakgun was written by Angelina Hurley and directed by Leah Purcell.

In it, Aunty Maggie struggles to feed her three boys. What she finds an easy solution becomes a major problem – a problem that makes her famous.

The film will screen at 7.30pm on Thursday 30 July at the Regent Cinema, located at 167 Queen Street Mall.

Rachel Maza in *Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wakgun*, the tale of a hungry family, disgruntled neighbours and a rooster with attitude.



be provided. Free and all welcome. Held in the courtyard at the Lismore TAFE Campus, 64 Conway St, Lismore, from 10.30-11.30am. Details: Kim Jones on (02) 6623 0322 or email kim.jones@tafnsw.edu.au

8 August-25 October: Nurreegoo – The Art and Life of Ron Hurley 1946-2002 art exhibition. This exhibition will highlight Hurley's distinguished career as one of the early leaders of the urban political movement in Aboriginal art. All welcome. Held at the Brisbane Gallery of Modern Art, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or Angelina Hurley on (0458) 488 232 or email ronhurleydesigns@hotmail.com or visit www.ronhurley.com

21-23 August: Cairns Indigenous Art Fair 2009. This is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander art, dance and music. All welcome. Held at Tanks Arts Centre, Cairns. Details: Sandra McLean on (07) 3225

8098 or (0417) 764 549 or email info@ciaf.com.au or visit www.ciaf.com.au

29 August: St Andrew's Fete. Come and join in on this great day of fun at Ballina. Clowns, face painting, art show, kids rides, mini train and more. Followed by the Muriel Findlay Young Artist Award. Free entry and all welcome. Held at St Andrew's, 59 Bentinck St, Ballina, from 8.30am-noon. Details: Fiona (02) 6620 5800 or email office@standrew.com.au or visit www.standrew.com.au

31 August-1 September: Indigenous Young People, Crime and Justice Conference. This conference aims to identify and share the research and practice most relevant to addressing the high numbers of over-representation of Indigenous youth in the criminal justice system. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 30 Phillip St, Parramatta. Details: Mercedes

Mendoza on (02) 6260 9272 or email aic.events@aic.gov.au or visit www.aic.gov.au

21-25 September: Fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Basketball Championship. Divisions available for teams A grade men and women, under 18 and 16 boys and girls. Nomination fee \$250. Including a dunk comp and a 3-point shoot-out. Held at Cairns Basketball Stadium, 289 Aumuller St, Mununda-Cairns. Details: Nikita on (0415) 095 661 or email koorigirl@mail.com

25 September: Friends of Tranby Grassroots to Glory Dinner. This dinner is in support of Tranby Aboriginal College. Held at the NSW Rugby League Club, 165 Phillip Street, Sydney. All welcome. Details: Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

6-7 October: Fourth Indigenous Economic

Development Forum 'Developing Our Future Together'. This forum will focus on ways to build, support and strengthen Indigenous business partnerships and develop the capacity of stakeholders to achieve sustainable economic activity throughout the Northern Territory. All welcome. Held at Alice Springs Convention Centre, NT. Details: (08) 8981 2010 or email iedforum@agentur.com.au or visit www.nt.gov.au/iedforum

19-21 November: AbSec's Conference and Awards Dinner '40,000 years of Caring for our Kids'. A conference about Aboriginal child protection and foster/kinship caring. This three-day event will bring together caseworkers, carers and other people interested in Aboriginal child protection and caring. Keynote speakers. All welcome. Held at the Penrith Panthers Leagues Club. Details: (02) 9264 0088 or visit www.absec.org.au

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Indigenous trainee graduates Shaun Dunstan and Gaile Hollins now drive 240-tonne haul trucks at Hunter Valley Operations thanks to a partnership between Coal & Allied and training and recruitment company Pegasus.

Photo by ROB WHITEMAN

In for the long haul



FOR 18 months, Shaun Dunstan worked at various Hunter Valley mines as a contract cleaner, secretly hoping he would one day be able to drive one of the 240-tonne haul trucks. That dream has come true for Shaun, one of four Indigenous trainees who recently graduated with a Certificate II in Coal Surface Operations, thanks to a partnership between recruitment and training company Pegasus and Coal & Allied.

"The mining industry is quite competitive, so I never thought I would get a break," Mr Dunstan said.

"I decided to give it a shot and applied for a traineeship with Pegasus, and was

invited to an interview at Hunter Valley Operations (HVO), where my training would take place.

"My manager and I often joke about how nervous I was during the interview. After a year of extensive classroom and on-the-job training, those nerves have subsided.

Confidence

"I've gained so much confidence through the traineeship and I thoroughly enjoy my job working for Pegasus as a contractor truck operator at HVO."

Indigenous mother-of-five Gaile Hollins is also a recent graduate. She said growing up on a farm made her comfortable around machinery.

"My working background was in hospitality and retail, but I wanted a career that would enable me to provide a better life for my family and me," she said.

"The traineeship with Pegasus at HVO has been an excellent way for me to get a foot in the mining industry door, and my roster means I have plenty of time to spend with my family.

"I would encourage anyone out there who's thinking of a career change to just go for it. You never know until you try."

Coal & Allied Aboriginal Relations Specialist Cate Sims said the company's partnership with Pegasus, which started in 2007, plays an important role in Coal & Allied's Indigenous employment strategy.

"We wanted to form a partnership with

a training company that would actively work within the community to help us build capacity and create opportunities for Aboriginal people and their families," she said. "Pegasus has been proactive in doing this, and works with groups such as the Upper Hunter Skills Development Centre to recruit suitable trainees.

"Since 2007, nine Indigenous trainees have graduated from the program with nationally accredited mining qualifications and have continued employment at Coal & Allied.

"This has a positive flow-on effect, helping to improve the education and skill levels of Indigenous people in our community, while allowing Coal & Allied to tap into a pool of capable workers."

It's your guide to employment

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2. **Senior Administration Officer** (35hrs/wk);
3. **Youth Worker Team Leader** (35hrs/wk);
4. **Cleaner** (generalist 15hrs/wk).

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Enquiries/Applications – closing date 5:00pm 7th August 2008

Attn: Faye Worner Manager

South Coast Women's Health & Welfare Aboriginal Corporation

P.O. Box 978 NOWRA NSW 2541

Ph: (02) 4421 7400 Fax: (02) 4421 5004

Email: faye@waminda.org.au



Aboriginal Family Worker

Based in Mungindi, Part time 14 hours/week

The Benevolent Society is a non-religious, non-profit organisation which has been supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians for nearly 200 years.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Family Worker for our new project in Mungindi.

The position will be part of The Benevolent Society's expanding services in the New England and Northwest. The Mungindi Aboriginal Family Worker project will be a holistic service working with families, children and young people to increase parenting skills, resilience and strengthen their ties with community. The Aboriginal Family Worker project is an initiative funded by the NSW Department of Community Services, Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategy.

For further information regarding position please refer to The Benevolent Society's web site or contact: Wendy Cabot, Manager Community Partnerships: 67621344 or 0429078976. Applications close Monday 10th August, 2009. Applicants must address all selection criteria in application, as outlined in the position description.

The Benevolent Society considers that being Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

www.bensoc.org.au



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Blackout Violence Educator

18 hours per week

Essential Requirements:

- Background Experience in Teaching/Group Facilitation
- Extensive knowledge in all aspects of Domestic & Family Violence & Impact upon Aboriginal Community.
- Flexibility to travel across New South Wales.
- Driver's License.

Closing Date: 10th August 2009

Contact: Dixie Link-Gordon for a Information Package on (02) 9319 2613



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Successful applicants will have:

- Experience in counselling
- Demonstrated interest in the wellbeing of children, young people and families
- A commitment to counselling frameworks of child centred practice and empowerment, as well as advocacy for the rights of children and young people.

Applications will close on the 3rd of August 2009 and successful applicants will proceed through to our Information Session and interview.

We welcome the opportunity to speak with you about what BoysTown can offer to further your career aspirations. To contact our HR Team please call (07) 3867 1202.

To apply to be a Kids Helpline Counsellor, please go to www.boystown.com.au/vacancies - Further information about Kids Helpline can be obtained from www.kidshelp.com.au

Why become a Counsellor for Kids Helpline?

- You will be part of a growing, national organisation and will be working with a team from a wide range of backgrounds and disciplines.
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When can I apply?

Applications are now being taken and close 5pm Friday 7 August 2009.

Country Energy is an EEO employer and encourages members of the Indigenous community and females to apply.

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in these rewarding career opportunities and would like to make a difference by working with not-for-profit clients, please contact Jodie Burling on 02 9281 1700 or email jodie@mob.com.au. More information about Matrix can be found at www.mob.com.au



CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM UNIT COUNSELLOR

Based in Alice Springs, NT

The Counsellor provides Aboriginal people with support, counselling and information on how to take positive action to deal with drug and alcohol issues and the skills to cope with AOD problems. The Counsellor is responsible for providing case and group management counselling, assessment and advice services to CAAAPU clients. The Counsellor contributes to conducting educational and treatment programs for clients and client groups and is responsible for providing alcohol and drug rehabilitation casework services through the development of activities, programs and services to clients and the Aboriginal community. The Counsellor works in conjunction with other Treatment and Outreach counsellors to co-ordinate and deliver appropriate counselling services and programs for CAAAPU Clientele.

Sober habits and satisfactory Police checks are among the conditions of employment for all successful applicants.

To be considered for interview, applicants must address all the selection criteria for this position. Copies of the Selection Criteria can be obtained by telephoning the CAAAPU Office (08) 8955 5336 or by email request to: krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

Applications Close on Friday 14th August 2009 and must be made in writing to the Manager, Office Administration, CAAAPU PO BOX 8695, Alice Springs NT 0871 or by email to krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

CAAAPU is an equal opportunity employer.

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Project Officer, Boorndawan William Indigenous Healing Service Project

\$63,358 to \$71,887 + superannuation
Part-time (45.8 hours) per fortnight
Fixed term for 12 months

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Are you interested in playing a major role in supporting the establishment of the Boorndawan William Indigenous Healing Service in Eastern Metropolitan Region and in undertaking community development and education activities?

We are looking for someone who enjoys developing partnerships with people at all levels and has good interpersonal skills. You'll need to be well organised and committed to supporting, empowering and enabling the EMR Indigenous community through specific projects.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for this position.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Robyn Bourke on 03 9843 6670. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies

Please quote reference no DHS/EAS/43113

Applications close on Monday 10 August 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

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Fantastic opportunity for a passionate and motivated person with experience in fundraising development and administration. This role will also manage projects that are beneficial to the rural and indigenous communities.

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www.surgeons.org. College Resources/Positions Vacant

Applications close 10 August, 2009.

Enquiries can be directed to 03 9249 1105.
250-290 Spring Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002



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Community Service Worker – Level 3

North Coast Outreach
Post Release Support Program

- Based in Lismore
- 30hours per week

You're a Community Service Worker, seeking to work within an outreach program that supports the reintegration of Juvenile offenders back into the community.

In this role you'll be supporting post release clients by assessing their needs, designing action plans, case management and establishing referral networks with government and non government agencies.

You will bring to the role a background in working with disadvantaged young people, case management experience and the knowledge of community services including educational/training or other labour market programs.

Current drivers license and use of own comprehensively insured car are essential

Further information can be found
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Enquiries can be directed to
Karl King (02) 9217 1072.



TRANSFORM



Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative promotes the social, emotional and cultural well-being of the whole community. We are a community owned and managed organisation delivering holistic service to the Aboriginal people of Warrnambool and surrounding districts. We currently require the services of individuals to join our growing team at Gunditjmarra:

Alcohol and Drug Worker (Part-time)
The responsibility of this position is to develop and implement culturally appropriate strategies to conduct an Alcohol and Drug development activity program based on a harm minimization approach and demonstrate a commitment to the advancement and empowerment of Indigenous people.

This position is located at Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative and covers the Southwest area.

The position works closely with the Koori Court system, Diversionary activities and many Advisory groups.

This position will provide:

- Counseling
- Advocacy and Support
- Referrals
- Education

Indigenous Family Violence Support Worker

This key position will be required to provide a culturally sensitive confidential support service to those experiencing family violence.

This position is located at Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative and covers the Southwest area.

This position will provide:

- Family Violence Crisis Response
- Advocacy and Support
- Referrals
- Community Capacity Building and Development
- Education

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applicants for the above positions must be able to demonstrate their relevant experience and/or qualifications.

Applications Close Friday 14 August 2009.

To request a Recruitment Package please contact:

Annette Ludeman
Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Limited,
PO Box 732 Warrnambool Victoria 3280
Ph: 03 5564 3333 or Email: annette@gunditjmarra.org.au.

Applications addressed to:

The Human Resources Manager
Gunditjmarra Aboriginal Cooperative Ltd,
PO Box 732 WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280



YOUTH AND CHILDREN ASSISTANT WORKER ADULT FAMILY PASTORAL WORKER

2 POSITIONS
16 HOURS PER WEEK

The members of the Uniting Church Lismore Regional Mission Church Council operating in partnership with the United Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) are seeking to employ two suitably qualified persons to work within the Lismore based Marmung (UAICC) Congregation.

Applicants need to be committed Aboriginal Christian persons who are prepared to make a commitment to work within the Polity and Ethos of the Uniting Church in Australia. It is expected that the successful applicants will worship with the Marmung Congregation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional upon a satisfactory Working with Children Check and the successful applicants undertaking the Uniting Church Sexual Misconduct Awareness Training.

Successful applicants will work under the Supervision of the Rev (Aunty) Dorothy Harris-Gordon and be accountable to the Church Council of Lismore Regional Mission.

For full position descriptions and conditions of employment please contact the: Superintendent Minister of Lismore Regional Mission PO Box 1132 Lismore 2480.

Applications close: 22 August 2009.

MAMU Health Service Ltd.



Mamu Health Service Limited is an Indigenous Community Controlled Health Service. We provide a holistic approach to address the health and well being needs of the community. The service is seeking applications for the following positions;

RURAL & REMOTE WORKFORCE TEAM

Mamu Health Service Limited is establishing a Rural & Remote Workforce Team to deliver primary health care services within the Tablelands Health Service District. The positions will be based at Atherton with a service area west to Croydon, south to Ravenshoe and north to Chillagoe. Travel is an essential requirement for these positions.

SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER

Provide a high level of clinical services to all communities within the service area location. Housing is provided.

REGISTERED NURSE

Provide specialist community and primary health nursing services that focus on the prevention, early detection and management of health problems. Housing is provided.

DRUG & ALCOHOL COUNSELLOR (Identified)

To provide and promote appropriate counselling and support services to individuals and families accessing our service. Above Award wages and rental housing provided. It is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by Sections 104 & 105 the Qld Anti-Discrimination (1991) Act.

ABORIGINAL & ISLANDER HEALTH WORKER- HEARING HEALTH (Identified)

Examine, assess, refer and provide detailed reports on the condition of hearing health within the service delivery area, through the provision of comprehensive hearing health services. Above Award wages and rental housing provided. It is a genuine occupational requirement that the position be filled by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by Sections 104 & 105 the Qld Anti-Discrimination (1991) Act.

PART-TIME ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

Provide a high level of administration support three days a week, including the areas of administration, human resources, finance and records management to the Rural & Remote Workforce Team.

PART-TIME OPTOMETRIST

Provide high level examinations for one month, every three months. Provide advice on visual problems, prescribe eye wear if necessary, share care of patients with chronic disease and provide referrals to medical officers as necessary.

Enquires for the Rural & Remote positions ph: 0439 737 572

To apply for these vacancies a full application package should be obtained from reception on ph: 07 40614477. **Applications close 5.00pm Friday 7th August 2009.** Please note only Personal applications will be accepted.

Please submit your resume and written answers to the selection criteria to:

Email: hrrm@mamu.com.au

Or by mail to:

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The Human Resource Manager

Mamu Health Service Limited

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Working in the New Steps Home Visiting Program, the Caseworker will provide support to families with a children 0-3years in an early intervention framework to support families through pregnancy and in their parenting. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applicants will require:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications in the social sciences
- Demonstrated understanding of the issues facing vulnerable families including young parents with young children
- Demonstrated understanding about the principals of early intervention and the importance of children's early years on later outcomes

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

5pm - Monday 10 August 2009

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Service Excellence Project Officer Aboriginal Organisations SACS (NAPSA) Level 5, 19 hours per week for a 12 month contract to work with Aboriginal organisations in metropolitan and country South Australia.

- Do you have experience in community development and working with Aboriginal organisations?
- Are you committed to working with Aboriginal organisations in implementing quality improvement systems?
- Do you enjoy working as a member of a small team?

The successful applicant will have skills and experience relevant for this position.

Applications for the above position must address the Job and Person Specifications available from CANH by phone: 8371 4622, email: info@canh.asn.au or visit: www.canh.asn.au

Applications must be lodged at 1/25 Naldera Street Glandore SA 5037 marked to the attention of Gill McFadyen or emailed to: gill.mcfadyen@canh.asn.au by **5pm Wed. 12 August 2009.**

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.



Aboriginal Group Assistant

Part-time: 7hpw

Northcott Disability Services is a progressive, non-government organisation with a strong history of providing quality services to individuals with a disability and families across NSW & ACT.

The Family Resource Links program assists families with young children, who may have a disability or developmental delay, to access the community services and support networks. The program uses a community development approach in partnership with other services and groups, and facilitates community projects aimed at developing supportive environments by strengthening connections between the community and families living in the Macarthur area.

We are currently seeking an experienced Group Assistant to work with and provide assistance to the Family Resource Links group activities within both an office setting and within the community.

For more information call Leanne Charles on 02 4640 8704 or visit our website www.northcott.com.au

Written applications to the: Human Resources Coordinator Northcott, PO Box 4055, Parramatta NSW 2124 or E-mail to: employment@northcott.com.au

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT APPLICANTS ARE OF ABORIGINAL OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER BACKGROUND AS THIS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS AN ABORIGINAL/TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER POSITION

(Authorised under Section 14 - Anti Discrimination Act 1977).

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.
Northcott is an EEO Employer.



CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM UNIT CARE WORKER

Based in Alice Springs, NT

The Care Worker provides care and assistance to CAAAPU clients and monitors the behaviour of both adult clients and young people.

Reporting to the Treatment Manager, the Care Worker contributes to the overall maintenance of a healthy, safe and equitable environment and supports CAAAPU Counsellors and additional Care workers with the facilitation of treatment, rehabilitation and education programs.

Sober habits and satisfactory Police checks are among the conditions of employment for all successful applicants.

To be considered for interview, applicants must address all the selection criteria for this position. Copies of the Selection Criteria can be obtained by telephoning the CAAAPU Office (08) 8955 5336 or by email request to: krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

Applications Close on: Friday 14th August 2009 and must be made in writing to the Manager, Office Administration, CAAAPU PO BOX 8695, Alice Springs NT 0871 or by email to krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

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Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Child & Maternal Health Coord & Aboriginal Health Worker

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If you're looking for a role that will help **improve the lives of Indigenous people with health issues** and their families, the *Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health* has two exciting opportunities for a **Child and Maternal Health Coordinator** and an **Aboriginal Health Worker** to join their team in Cunnamulla. As well as **competitive remuneration**, you will enjoy **fantastic benefits** including **5 weeks annual leave**, monthly ADOs, **ongoing training** and more!



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on (02) 4926 7626.

Birra-li Community Social Worker

Maternity & Gynaecology, Wallsend

Perm Part Time, 32 hpw

Position No: 63843

Creation of eligibility list for future Perm/Temp,

Full/Part Time and Casual positions

Enquiries: Carolyn Ripper, (02) 4985 5199.

Closing Date: 14 August 2009.

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

INDIGENOUS APPRENTICESHIP 4 YEAR FIXED TERM

Penrith Campus

Ref No. 577/09

"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

A unique apprenticeship is available for highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as an apprentice to complete a four year indentured apprenticeship in Civil Engineering. While acquiring on the job training in providing Technical Services for teaching, research and consultancy programs in Structural Engineering, Soil Mechanics, Environmental Engineering, Construction Technology in the Workshops and laboratories of the School of Engineering this rare opportunity will help build an exciting career and at the same time obtain TAFE Trade Certificate IV in Structural Design (TAFE NSW Course No.6442 or equivalent TAFE Course).

With guidance and support from the Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement, and the relevant Manager, the apprentice will primarily focus on providing technical support to staff, students and for various research projects in the School of Engineering. Based on a rotational on the job training schedule within the School of Engineering the apprentice will follow mandatory apprenticeship studies at the TAFE as required by the Department of Technical and Further Education.

An interest in developing a career in the technical fields will be a strong requirement. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification. The TAFE will be in Sydney CBD.

Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, melissa.williams@uws.edu.au

Closing date: 16 August 2009

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DEPARTMENT
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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 across the Victorian Government and justice system.

The successful candidates will need to have a highly effective 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.

These are 'identified positions' and the Department of Justice strongly encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to apply.

Deputy Director, Koori Justice Unit Grade 6, \$89,668 - \$119,995, Position No: DJ6658

The Deputy Director position requires a strategic leader who will take responsibility and accountability for the operational functions of the business unit. This includes representing the Department and promoting the Aboriginal Justice Agreement at high level committees and forums across both Government and the Koori community.

This is a pivotal leadership position that supports the Director by providing strategic and authoritative advice to various stakeholders on the direction of policy development. Knowledge and experience in Aboriginal issues and proven success in communicating and liaising with members of the Koori community is considered essential.

Program Manager, Mildura Community Partnership Project Grade 5, \$73,104 - \$88,450, Position No: DJ6403

We are seeking a Program Manager for the Mildura Community Partnership Project, as part of a state-wide initiative that involves a number of Secretary led initiatives in Koori communities across Victoria which address the three priorities areas for action under the Victorian Indigenous Affairs Framework.

The Program Manager will have a critical role in liaising with senior and executive departmental officers, all levels of government and the Koori community in the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of the project and providing a policy and secretariat service for the IDC.

Executive Officer, Loddon Mallee Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee

Grade 5, \$73,104 - \$88,450, Position No: DJ3695

We are seeking an Executive Officer for the Loddon Mallee RAJAC to provide secretariat services. The occupant will provide leadership and coordinate, monitor and assist in the implementation of the Regional Aboriginal Justice Plan and the Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees.

Project Officer, Loddon Mallee Local Aboriginal Justice Action Committee

Grade 4, \$63,358 - \$71,887, Position No: DJ6404

Working with the local Koori community and key stakeholders, the Project Officer will facilitate programs and initiatives to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

To obtain a position descriptions and apply online visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 12 August 2009

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Executive Officer

Marumali Ltd is a service available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Sydney South West area funded by OATSIH. The purpose of the program is to assist in elevating the current health status of the indigenous people in our communities, by making GPs, Specialists and Allied Health professional services more appealing to indigenous people.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION

Essential Criteria:

- Degree qualifications in health and/or management
- Significant proven experience in contract management
- Demonstrated clinical management experience in the general practice or primary health setting
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- High level understanding of quality improvement as applied in the health industry
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Understanding of the needs of the Indigenous community

Attractive Salary Package including Salary Sacrifice.

**This is an Identified position: It is a "genuine occupational requirement that 'identified' positions be filled by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons" as permitted by and arguable under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1995 (NSW).*

For the position package, ring Jennifer Weatherstone 02 4620 5846 / Jennifer@marumalihealth.com.au

Applications close Wednesday 19th August 2009.



CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM UNIT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Under the direction of the Manager, Office Administration, the Administrative Assistant will be responsible for various administrative, secretarial and reception duties; providing administrative and secretarial support for the Chief Executive Officer; assisting the Manager, Office Administration, maintenance of the central filing system; processing correspondence and enquiries; collecting and posting the mail; and booking appointments and meetings.

Sober habits and satisfactory Police checks are among the conditions of employment for all successful applicants.

To be considered for interview, applicants must address all the selection criteria for this position. Copies of the Selection Criteria can be obtained by telephoning the CAAAPU Office (08) 8955 5336 or by email request to: krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

Applications Close on Friday 7th August 2009 and must be made in writing to the Manager, Office Administration, CAAAPU PO BOX 8695, Alice Springs NT 0871 or by email to krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

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Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.

Wollongong Women's Centre
Illawarra Women's Domestic Violence Court
Advocacy Service

Specialist ATSI Worker

21 hours per week
Above Award Conditions
Plus generous leave allowances.

This position requires a high level of skills in Court Advocacy, Client Support and Networking.

For information package: Please phone 02 4228 1499

Being a woman is considered by the employer as a genuine occupational qualification for this position under S31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification. An Aboriginal person is defined under s.4 (1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights Amendment Act 2001

Closing Date:

Monday, 10th August, 2009 @ 10 am



IDENTIFIED POSITION:

CENTRAL WEST ABORIGINAL HACC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

PERMANENT PART TIME (30 Hours per week)

Applications are invited for the Permanent Part Time Identified Position of Central West Aboriginal HACC Development Officer with Council's Human Services Division.

The position is currently paid at Grade 7 entry level being \$20.118 per hour for a minimum of 30 hours per week. There is potential for the position to be extended to 35 hours per week, depending on the requirements of the service.

Intending applicants can obtain an information package from

- the Customer Service counters at the Civic Centre, the HACC Centre or the Neighbourhood Centre in Orange;
 - Council's website at www.orange.nsw.gov.au or
 - by emailing Ms Rosalie Neville at rneville@orange.nsw.gov.au
- Contact Ms Rosalie Neville on 02 6393 8967 if you have any questions about the position. An information session for this position will be held at the HACC Centre at 5.00pm on Tuesday 28 July 2009. All welcome.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Monday, 7 August 2009.

Applications must

- be addressed to the General Manager,
- quote container No 111/223/990/18 and
- include two recent employment related referees.

Applications may be sent electronically to council@orange.nsw.gov.au. Please put the position name and container number in the subject line.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977.

Council is an equal opportunity employer and provides a smoke free workplace.

The provision of customer service is a requirement of all Council staff. Information provided to Council is private for the purposes of the Privacy & Personal Information Protection Act and will be treated accordingly.

Civic Centre
Byng Street
ORANGE NSW 2800
Telephone (02) 6393 8000
Fax (02) 6393 8199

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DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



MANAGER - KOORI PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

Courts and Tribunals Unit

\$89,668 - \$119,995 + superannuation

Position No DJ4496

The Courts and Tribunals Unit (CTU) in the Department of Justice provides leadership in the development of a more efficient, responsive and integrated courts and tribunals system in Victoria. The Koori Programs and Initiatives (KPI) Team within the CTU manages projects and programs emerging from the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreements.

The Manager - Koori Programs and Initiatives leads the KPI Team. In this role, you will work in a dynamic and complex environment to implement Aboriginal Justice Agreement initiatives that are the Courts portfolio responsibility, in particular the Koori Courts.

You will need to use your sound decision-making skills, ability to assess and manage risks effectively, and exceptional organisational skills to manage a number of tasks within tight timeframes.

You will use your highly developed relationship management skills to deal with stakeholders and respond to emerging issues with tact, sensitivity and diplomacy. You will also be leading a team of Project and Policy Officers working together to improve justice outcomes for the Koori community.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

For further information please contact Kylie Kilgour on 03 8608 6031. To apply online and for position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 9 August 2009

www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Electrical Workers

Are you looking for a change in your career path?

Country Energy is seeking applicants to fill various positions across NSW.

This could be an excellent opportunity for you to apply and commence a new career in an exciting progressive industry.

Where are these positions available?

Albury	Corowa	Griffith	Temora
Armidale	Cowra	Harden	Trundle
Berrigan	Deniliquin	Hillston	Wagga Wagga
Bombala	Dorrigo	Jindabyne	Walcha
Boorowa	Dubbo	Molong	Walgett
Braidwood	Forbes	Oberon	Warren
Bulahdelah	Glen Innes	Peak Hill	Wellington
Canowindra	Gloucester	Queanbeyan	Yass
Coolamon	Goondiwindi	Taree	Young
Coonamble			

As an Electrical Worker you will assist qualified Lineworkers and Electrical Tradeworkers in constructing and maintaining the network system.

Applicants are not required to have a trade qualification however heavy truck, plant and equipment and OH&S certificates are highly desirable.

Successful applicants may have the opportunity to achieve the Certificate III (Distribution) qualification by participating in Country Energy's apprenticeship program.

How do you find out more or apply?

For more information or to apply online visit **www.countryenergy.com.au/careers** or visit your local Country Energy customer service centre. If you do not have access to the internet call 1800 353 007, Monday - Friday 9am - 5pm.

When can you apply?

Applications are now being taken and close 5pm Friday 7 August 2009.

Country Energy is an EEO employer and encourages members of the Indigenous community and females to apply for any of the positions listed above.

Five positions are targeted to the employment of Indigenous people and this is authorised by Country Energy's EEO Management Plan in accordance with Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

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Chief Executive Officer




Since 1999, the Dharah Gibinj Aboriginal Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation has been providing primary health care services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the Richmond Valley region. Dharah Gibinj aims to promote Aboriginal self-determination and build on the Aboriginal community's capacity to plan for its own development.

Reporting to a Board of Directors that represents the local communities, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will lead the organisation in strategy and service delivery, and ensure the effective use of business assets and human resources. The CEO will oversee the management of all functions of the organisation through the executive team, to achieve its patient-centric vision. Ensuring that policies and plans are culturally appropriate and comply with OATSIH funding requirements, is an important aspect of the role.

You have led a community organisation, operated at senior executive level, and as a CEO, you have reported to a Board. Experience in running an Aboriginal community-controlled health organisation is highly desirable. Strong competence in strategic and business planning, budget preparation and financial management needs to be balanced by sound interpersonal and change management skills. Values-based community leadership that has a focus on achieving commercial outcomes, will be your key to success in this role.

This position is an identified position under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 Section 14. Only indigenous applicants will be considered for possible appointment to this position.

To request an information pack, please contact Liz Crawford at KPMG on (07) 3233 3262, or at lizcrawford@kpmg.com.au. Applications close at COB, Monday 17 August 2009.



NGUNYA JARJUM ABORIGINAL CHILD AND FAMILY NETWORK INC.

Aboriginal Team Leader Case Management Team

(Re-advertised position)

Essential: Aboriginality. Relevant tertiary qualifications and/or a minimum of 5 years relevant experience in human services areas such as, out of home care, social welfare, or working with communities, families, children and young people. A demonstrated understanding of Child Protection and Out-of-Home Care legislation and Office of Children's Guardian requirements and casework standards. Demonstrated ability in case management with disadvantaged children and families and an ability to initially carry a small caseload. Demonstrated experience in supervision of caseworkers, team management and performance management. Ability to achieve work plans and demonstrated effective time management and organizational skills. Demonstrated ability to effectively work as part of a management team. Experience in policy development and implementation of required procedures. Experience in working with local Aboriginal organizations, especially in the health, welfare and child support areas. Ability to liaise and work collaboratively with Government, Non-Government agencies and Aboriginal communities. Experience in working with the issues important to Aboriginal people, knowledge of Aboriginal communities and cultures on the Far North Coast. Excellent verbal and written communication skills including report writing. Demonstrated ability to collect and analyse program data and sound computer and record keeping skills. Understanding of relevant OH&S issues. A current NSW driver's license.

Salaries: A generous remuneration package from \$72,664 will be negotiated plus superannuation and leave loading and including salary sacrifice.

In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Location: Casino

Contact: Lenore Marlowe - Manager phone 02 66 628044

Information Package: must be obtained prior to completion of the application and is available on request.

Applications to: Chairperson, Ngunya Jarjum, PO Box 646 Casino, NSW, 2470

Closing Date: Friday 8th August, 2009.

Previous applicants need not apply.

PENRITH WOMEN'S REFUGE & RESOURCE CENTRE

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Case Manager

21 hrs p/w (2 Year position)

Experience case managing women who have been drug or alcohol dependant.

Aboriginal Child Support Case Manager

21 hrs p/w (2 Year position)

Experience and knowledge of child development stages and parenting issues; An understanding of domestic violence and sexual assault issues and the effects on children.

To be Female and Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under (Sections 31 and 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977)

These positions are for a 2year period with the possibility of an extension if further funding is received. Aboriginal Women with Dependent Children Leaving Prison Pilot Project Analysis Report identified a need to provide specialist case management and support services to Aboriginal Women who are incarcerated in Correctional Centre's in the Metro West Region. The Case Manager's are to assist these women to re-connect with their children on release and to address any domestic violence related issues, provide alternatives and opportunities so the women may choose not to return to a domestic violence situation nor re-offend on their release.

ESSENTIALS FOR BOTH POSITIONS: Familiarity with local Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney; Proven ability to work from a case management model; Proven experience and demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal families and communities; Knowledge and experience of homelessness and in particular issues faced by Indigenous women including their children after being released from prison; Previous experience and ability to facilitate self help groups for the client group; Excellent communication skills. This includes oral and written, negotiation and mediation, assessment and problem solving; Proven experience liaising with Government Departments and Corrective Services and other relevant community organisations; Commitment to work within a multi disciplinary team environment; Computer literacy; Current NSW driver's licence; Successful Criminal Record Check and Working with Children Check DESIRABLE Knowledge of Correctional Centres in the Metro West Region; Experience working with Aboriginal women after their release from prison; Previous experience working within a SAAP funded organisation; Appropriate tertiary qualifications in the Social Sciences or relevant experience

Aboriginal Community Outreach Worker

35 Hours Full Time

ESSENTIAL: Commitment to working from a feminist philosophical base; Familiarity with the local Aboriginal communities in Western Sydney; Demonstrated ability to build and maintain effective links with Aboriginal families and communities; Ability to work with women in crisis; Understanding of issues surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault; Knowledge and understanding of cultural issues; Experience in contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment; Ability to work after hours including weekends when necessary; Current manual N.S.W. driver's licence and willingness to obtain LR within 3 months; Access to a reliable vehicle; Telephone connected DESIRABLE: Previous experience facilitating groups.


Only Applicants who address the criteria for employment outlined above and those providing 2 recent employee referees will be considered. Applicants will be required to undergo a "Working with Children" check and a "Criminal Record Check" prior to continued employment being offered.

Employment as per Social and Community (Employees) State Award.

Enquiries and job description: Telephone: (02) 47 322 318

Address applications to: Manager PO Box 55, Penrith 2751.

Applications Close: 5pm Friday 14th August, 2009.



MERCY HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN

Aboriginal Family Support Worker/Hospital Liaison Officer

Aboriginal Women's & Family Support Unit

Enquiries to: Jane Middleton on (03) 8458 4149

Quote Ref: MHW 82

Applications close:

Friday 7 August, 2009

For further information and to apply for this position please visit our website at www.mercy.com.au

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

(Attractive Remuneration Package Negotiable)

The Bega Local Aboriginal Land Council (BLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking a new and challenging role of Chief Executive Officer.

This position has recently been established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act, 1983 (ALRA) as amended, and provides an excellent opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the BLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will have to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and sound communication skills.

Organisational and management experience is


essential together with an understanding of accounting practices and principles. A sound knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the Position Description and selection criteria and address the selection criteria for their application to be considered. For a recruitment package contact the Chairperson, Mr. John Dixon, by email ngarigo@y7mail.com.

Applications can be forwarded to ngarigo@y7mail.com marked "Confidential" and posted to:

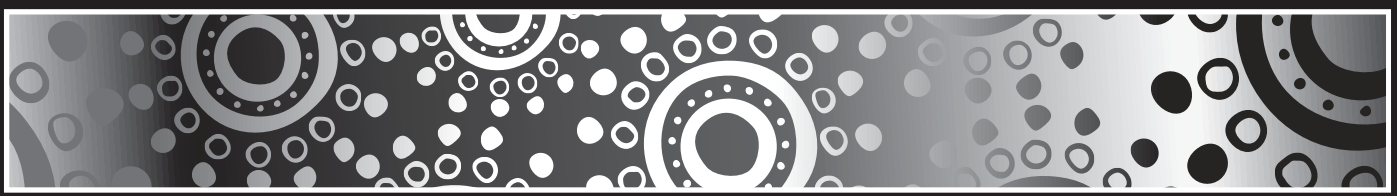
The Chairperson
Bega Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 11, Bega NSW 2550

Applications close: Friday 7 August 2009



Australian Government

Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Residential Youth Worker

Darwin, Dubbo, Adelaide, Port Augusta, Whyalla, Hobart, Coffs Harbour and Alice Springs

APS Level 4 \$42,896 - \$51,595 pa, pro-rata, plus superannuation

We are seeking motivated people to provide high quality care and support within a residential setting to Indigenous young people aged 16 to 24 from rural and remote areas who will be undertaking apprenticeships or similar training. Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

The positions are part-time, either 4 or 3 days a week for a fixed contract period up to 31 December 2012. The duties may include weekend work. Residential Youth Workers are required to work with minimal supervision and sleepover onsite on days of duty.

Duties include

- managing the day-to-day running of the accommodation
- assisting residents to develop living skills (e.g. cooking, budgeting) and a healthy lifestyle
- liaising with training providers, parents and communities to assist residents to adapt to living and studying away from home.

Applicants who hold a Certificate IV in Youth Work will be highly regarded.

Further inquiries:

Dale Crosby Telephone No: 02 6212 2092

Selection documentation:

LaToya Hall Telephone No: 02 6212 2040 or from our website at: www.ahl.gov.au

The successful applicants may be required to undergo a medical assessment during the 6 month probation period. Successful applicants would be required to satisfactorily complete a Federal Police records check and be able to meet State/Territory government requirements for working with young individuals.

Written applications addressing the selection criteria close **5pm, 10 August 2009** and should be sent to: **Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO BOX 30, WODEN, ACT 2606**

THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH MOBILITY PROGRAM

The Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) is an Australian Government Indigenous Partnerships initiative that supports Indigenous young people who wish to move away from home to gain the qualifications they need to have a greater chance of obtaining sustainable employment in their home community or elsewhere.

Project Manager

Darwin, Dubbo, Adelaide, Port Augusta/Whyalla, Hobart, Coffs Harbour and Alice Springs

APS Level 6 \$52,176 - \$66,018 pa, plus superannuation

We are seeking experienced people to manage the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP) in the above locations.

The IYMP Project Manager will manage the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program in their designated service area and will be responsible for managing a team that identifies, develops and implements education and training strategies for program participants in a safe and supportive residential setting.

Experience in working with young people is an advantage.

The positions are full-time for a fixed contract period up to 31 December 2012.

Duties include:

- Supervising staff
- Working with communities in sourcing program participants
- Case-managing program participants
- Pro-actively building and maintaining positive relationships with key stakeholders, Indigenous communities and education and training networks
- Reporting on program objectives and outcomes
- Managing the program budget

IYMP Project Managers are required to hold a Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment.

Further inquiries:

Dale Crosby Telephone No: 02 6212 2092

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Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.


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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 The Voice of Indigenous Australia

Indigenous Elders Role

Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corp. for Health

- * Use your life experience to help young mothers!
- * Flexible part-time hours, negotiated to suit you!

The Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health has an exciting opportunity for a **New Directions Elder** to join their hardworking and dedicated team in Cunnamulla. This is a **flexible part-time role** that will see you working 2-3 days / week. You will enjoy a rewarding role as you use your life experience to help **improve the lives of young mothers and their babies** in Indigenous communities! **All training is provided**, as you are rewarded with **\$18-\$25 / hour**.



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CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM UNIT TREATMENT MANAGER

The CAAAPU Treatment Manager is responsible for the delivery of quality residential rehabilitation, treatment services and educational programs to the highest standard, for CAAAPU clients with Alcohol and other drug related illnesses.

The Treatment Manager will play a key role in researching, planning, co-ordinating and managing the delivery of treatment programs; will direct and lead a team of health professionals and counsellors, and will strive to build a safe and effective healing place that equips Aboriginal peoples with the tools to lead healthy, sober and productive lifestyles. The Treatment Manager will work closely with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Executive Officer.

Sober habits and satisfactory Police checks are among the conditions of employment for all successful applicants.

To be considered for interview, applicants must address all the selection criteria for this position. Copies of the Selection Criteria can be obtained by telephoning the CAAAPU Office (08) 8955 5336 or by email request to: krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

Applications Close on Friday 14th August 2009 and must be made in writing to the Manager, Office Administration, CAAAPU PO BOX 8695, Alice Springs NT 0871 or by email to krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au

*CAAAPU is an equal opportunity employer.
Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.*



ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND LEGAL SERVICE

PRINCIPAL SOLICITOR

Join a recognised, dynamic and professional Aboriginal-controlled legal service.

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria is seeking a Principal Solicitor to head up a team of six experienced, motivated solicitors. Full-time position, based in Collingwood. Some experience in the community sector desirable. Salary packaging available.

Position closes Friday, 7 August.

Email employment@fvpls.org for a job description, or phone 03 9244 3333. www.fvpls.org



Police Citizens Youth Clubs CAPE PCYC Manager/s Aurukun, Northern Peninsula Area and Kowanyama

- Full-time positions till December 2012
- Remuneration Package in excess of \$60,000

To be successful in this role, you will help to achieve our vision through a problem solving/strategic planning approach by identifying Indigenous community concerns, analysing past and present research, then in conjunction with the State CAPE PCYC Manager set priorities for action, developing strategies, and reviewing outcomes.

In this position you will be responsible for:

- Provide advice to internal and external partners and key stakeholders on CAPE PCYC progress, services and procedures to ensure its continuity.
- Manage the development, delivery and implementation of Program activities to achieve business-based outcomes that advance the welfare of Indigenous children in participating communities.
- Support liaison and negotiation with key stakeholders in developing strategies and initiatives that promote crime prevention and raise community awareness of these.

Remuneration based on experience, qualifications and demonstrated performance in the job, and attractive Tax Benefits for the right person.

Closing date: 7 August 2009

Please obtain a position description, submit a resume and address key selection criteria and send to: hoswell.shereeT@police.qld.gov.au or Ph: Sheree Hoswell on (07) 4040 4934.

**Police-Citizen Youth Clubs
Improving Communities Through Youth Development**

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Senior Aboriginal Planning Officer

Community Care, Gippsland

Initial Work Location: Traralgon (negotiable)

Full Time (negotiable)

Salary: \$73,104 p.a. - \$88,450 p.a. + Superannuation

This is a senior position within the department's Gippsland region and plays a critical role in our work to:

- identify priority areas to improve the health of Aboriginal people.
- support policy and program development across the department.
- undertake consultation with Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal agencies and services across the region.

You will be required to have significant knowledge and experience in working with Aboriginal communities and/or community controlled organisations. Experience in planning, funding and contract management or policy development will also be an advantage.

Desirable Qualification: A tertiary qualification in health, welfare, public policy or similar.

The Victorian Civil and Administration Tribunal (VCAT) has granted an exemption to Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No.A151/2009), to permit recruitment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to this position.

If this position appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Craig Hibbins on 5177 2566. Please quote the reference number VG/DHS/GIP/105594.

Closing date for applications is Sunday, 23 August 2009.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



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Australian Government



The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is a Commonwealth statutory body located on Thursday Island. The TSRA is engaged in a wide range of service delivery functions to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people living in the Torres Strait region. The TSRA is the recognised Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) for the Torres Strait Region pursuant to the provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*.

We are seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the following non-ongoing position for 18 months:

SENIOR LEGAL OFFICER EL 1 (P/N T01730)

***REMUNERATION RANGE \$99,486-\$106,737 P/A**

The position is expected to provide high quality legal advice and services on matters including, but not limited to, native title applications, compensation claims, land management matters, mediations, commercial negotiations and litigation. The position is also expected to maintain an awareness of Commonwealth and Queensland legislation.

Other requirements

Prior experience on native title, commercial law or litigation, a sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and societies and an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively in that context.

The successful applicant should have a minimum of 2 years post admission experience in legal practice. It is a pre-requisite for this position that an applicant is presently eligible to hold a Queensland practising certificate.

A willingness to undertake extensive travel in remote areas by small aircraft and dinghy is necessary.

*The above remuneration packages consist of base salary, district allowance (without dependants), leave fare allowance (payable after 12 months service), housing subsidy, and superannuation (default fund). A performance bonus of up to 10% of base salary may be payable for a rating of exceeds expectations against a performance agreement. TSRA accommodation is available for this position.

You are required to include two documents:

- (1) "General Application Form" and a covering letter not exceeding 5 pages outlining your skills and experience against the Selection Criteria" and
- (2) "Resume or CV" detailing full qualifications and experience including the names of at least two referees.

Closing date for applications is cob 14 August 2009.

For further information relating to this position please contact David Saylor Tel: 07 4069 2581 or Gavin McCosker Tel: 07 4069 0700. To obtain a copy of the selection criteria for this position email recruitment@tsra.gov.au or visit the TSRA website <http://www.tsra.gov.au> and click on the Employment link on our homepage.

Applications should be forwarded via email to recruitment@tsra.gov.au or mailed to Recruitment, Torres Strait Regional Authority PO Box 261 Thursday Island Qld 4875

Note: Applications which do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

The TSRA is an equal opportunity employer.

Enjoy the benefits of a career in the Australian Public Service.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply.

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APPRENTICESHIPS

Investing in a better future



TransGrid

Want to earn while you learn? The NSW Government is creating 4000 apprenticeships and 2000 cadetships to invest in skills for the future.

TransGrid Electrical Apprenticeships – Electrical Fitter

It's that time of year again where TransGrid is seeking motivated young individuals to join our apprenticeship program. This is an outstanding opportunity where you will:

- Complete your apprenticeship with industry experts
- Earn \$663 per week while working towards a highly recognised trade qualification
- Work with one of Australia's largest High Voltage Networks comprising of substations and power stations.

Who are we?

TransGrid is the owner and operator of one of Australia's largest High Voltage (HV) electrical networks. We supply electricity to retailers such as; Energy Australia, Country Energy and Integral Energy. On our apprenticeship program, you will gain experience in the construction and maintenance of some of Australia's largest electrical substations. Working with a dedicated team, you will learn about the NSW Electricity Network from power stations to retailers.

To be considered, you must:

- Be currently completing or recently completed Year 10 or 12 level (or equivalent)
- Have a genuine interest in a trade working with a HV electricity transmission network
- Have a current driver's licence or be willing to attain as soon as possible after appointment.

Placements are available at Western Sydney, Wagga, Newcastle, Tamworth & Yass.

Indigenous applicants and female applicants are encouraged to apply as part of TransGrid's diversity strategy.

TransGrid offers excellent conditions and benefits including;

- Competitive Base Salary from \$34,591 (\$663/week) based on a 35hour week + reasonable overtime
- 9 day fortnight and 12% employer superannuation
- Salary sacrificing options for motor vehicles, electricity and superannuation
- Extra allowances paid if required to travel and work away from site
- Weekly pay period

If you are interested in an apprenticeship with TransGrid, view our advertisement and apply online at <http://transgridcareers.nga.net.au>

Applications close Sunday 9th August 2009.

TransGrid is committed to Occupational Health and Safety, the Environment, Equal Employment Opportunity, Cultural Diversity and Ethical Practices. All applicants are expected to demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to these areas.

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Project Officer, Boorndawan William Indigenous Healing Service Project

\$63,358 to \$71,887 + superannuation
 Part-time (45.8 hours) per fortnight
 Fixed term for 12 months

NOT JUST A JOB BUT A JOURNEY

Working for DHS is not just a job. It can be a journey of learning, self discovery, challenge and achievement. It can be a way to contribute to Community and influence change.

Are you interested in playing a major role in supporting the establishment of the Boorndawan William Indigenous Healing Service in Eastern Metropolitan Region and in undertaking community development and education activities?

We are looking for someone who enjoys developing partnerships with people at all levels and has good interpersonal skills. You'll need to be well organised and committed to supporting, empowering and enabling the EMR Indigenous community through specific projects.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply for this position.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Robyn Bourke on 03 9843 6670. To apply online and view the job description, visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers and click on vacancies

Please quote reference no DHS/EAS/43113

Applications close on Monday 10 August 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



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Academic and Global Relations Division The Wollotuka Institute

PORTFOLIO LEADER/INDIGENOUS
 EMPLOYMENT CO-ORDINATOR
 INDIGENOUS SUCCESS,
 COLLABORATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Vacancy No. 1219

You will provide leadership by developing, co-ordinating and evaluating roles in the Indigenous Success, Collaboration and Employment Portfolio. You will also co-ordinate the functions of Indigenous employment in line with the goals and priorities of the University's strategic directions and the Indigenous Employment Strategy.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

This position will be responsible for activities across the Newcastle, Central Coast and Port Macquarie campuses.

HEW Level 7 \$63,913 to \$71,902 per annum

Applications close: Sunday 16 August 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Vacancy No. 1220

You will provide a high level of administrative and project support to staff in the portfolio to ensure the efficient and effective functioning of the portfolio.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

HEW Level 4 \$45,937 to \$49,931 per annum

Applications close: Sunday 16 August 2009

Necessary additional information about the position including selection criteria and application procedure may be obtained by calling **02 4921 5266** or from **www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment**. The University of Newcastle values equity and diversity. **www.newcastle.edu.au/futurestaff**



H24796

Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

State of Western Australia
 Notification day: 12 August 2009



National
 Native Title
 Tribunal



W12009/02

Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory Agreement

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers about 130km² located approximately 300km north-east of Geraldton and approximately 175km west of Meekatharra, on land within Boolardy Station. The agreement covers Lot 502 on DP55945, west of the Beringarra Pindar Road as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Shire of Murchison.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

State of Western Australia
 c/- Executive Director
 Office of Native Title
 Dept of the Attorney General
 Level 2 Governor Stirling Tower
 197 St Georges Terrace
 PERTH WA 6000

Western Australian Minister for Lands
 c/- Manager State Land Services –
 Mid West, Department for Planning
 and Infrastructure,
 PO Box 1575
 MIDLAND WA 6936

Commonwealth of Australia
 Science Policy and Programs Branch,
 Science and Research Division
 Department of Innovation, Industry
 Science and Research
 Level 6/10 Binara Street
 CANBERRA CITY ACT 2600
 Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal
 Corporation

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
 c/- Executive Manager, Property Services, CSIRO Corporate Centre
 PO Box 225, CAMPBELL DICKSON ACT 2602

AND

Ike Simpson, Robin Boddington, Ron Simpson, Charlie Snowball, David Jones, Colin Hamlett, Gavin Egan, Mack Mourambine, Timothy Simpson, Bill Pearce, Malcolm Ryan, Neville Mongoo, Gordon Fraser, Rochelle Baumgarten, William Baumgarten and Pam Mongoo (Wajarri Yamatji Claimants)

Both

c/- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal
 Corporation, Chief Executive Officer,
 Level 5 Septimus Roe Building
 256 Adelaide Terrace
 PERTH WA 6000

The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

4.1 Consents to Future Acts

The parties state as follows:

- the parties consent to the Crown Lease Grant, with the intent that such statement of consent satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA;
- the parties confirm the validity of the Investigation Licence, in the event that such grant was a future act that was done invalidly, with the intent that such statement satisfies the requirement of section 24EBA(1)(a) of the NTA;
- for the avoidance of doubt and to the extent, if at all, that the following acts are not considered to be consented to in clause 4.1(a), the parties consent to the doing of all things ancillary to the Project, with the intent that such statement of consent satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA; and
- for the avoidance of doubt and to the extent, if at all, that the following acts are not considered to be consented to in clause 4.1(a), the parties consent to all acts, matters and things reasonably necessary for:
 - the Crown Lease Grant to CSIRO by the Minister for Lands; and
 - CSIRO acquiring the Crown Lease Grant in accordance with the *Lands Acquisition Act 1989* (Cth), with the intent that such statement of consent satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(b) of the NTA.

4.5 No Right to Negotiate

- The Right to Negotiate Procedure does not apply to any of the acts referred to in this clause 4, with the intent that such statement satisfies the requirement of section 24EB(1)(c) of the NTA;
- For the avoidance of doubt, no other procedural requirements in Part 2 Division 3 of the NTA apply to the future acts described in this clause 4.

[Clause 1 of the agreement contains the following definitions]

‘Crown Lease Grant’ means the grant of the Crown Lease and any extension, re-grant or renewal of the Crown Lease.

‘Crown Lease’ means the proposed lease of Crown land under the LA Act [*the Land Administration Act 1997* (WA)], by the Minister for Lands to CSIRO, over the MRO, for the purpose of developing, operating or undertaking the Project. The terms and conditions of the Crown Lease will be in the form, or substantially in the form, of the draft lease terms and conditions contained in Schedule 2 [*of the agreement*].

‘MRO’ means the Murchison Radio-astronomy Observatory site, on which the Project will be developed, operated or undertaken. The MRO will be the whole of the land the subject of the Crown Lease and is the geographical area to which this agreement applies. The MRO is described in schedule 1 [*of the agreement*].

‘Investigation Licence’ means the licence granted by the Minister for Lands to CSIRO on 8 October 2007, under section 91 of the LA Act [*the Land Administration Act 1997* (WA)], to allow CSIRO to conduct investigatory work prior to development of the ASKAP [*the Australian Square Kilometre Array Pathfinder Telescope proposed to be developed and operated by CSIRO on the MRO and a site in NSW*].

‘NTA’ means the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

‘Right to Negotiate Procedure’ means the procedure under Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the NTA.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the **Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation**, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing within the notice period to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth).

You must make this objection in writing and send it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, PERTH, by 12 November 2009.**

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. 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 Trish Sinclair-Jones on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

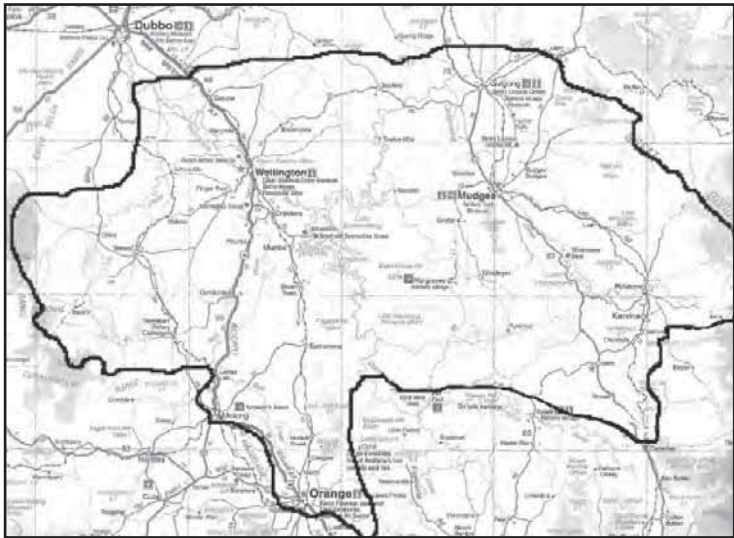
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WELLINGTON WIRADJURI CLAIMANTS PROPOSED NEW NATIVE TITLE CLAIM

TAKE NOTE ON SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2009 the **WELLINGTON WIRADJURI NATIVE TITLE CLAIMANTS** will be holding a meeting of all claimants who are the descendants of the following:

Charlotte Riley, Samuel and Jane May, Ellen Plummer, William John King, Jemmy Buckley and Poll (including Thomas Hartley and Clara Buckley), Arthur Stewart and Agnes Drew, Charles Stewart and Bessie Macdonald, George Drew and Lily Macdonald, Alexander Stewart, Baird, Michael Mitchell Mickey and Mary Bloomfield, Benjamin Holland and Sarah Hill (Steel, (including Jock Stanley and Emma Holland, James Wighton and Mary Holland), Edward Williams and Catherine Carr, (including George Daley and Johanna Williams), Edward Carr and Sophie Ryan, Bridget Carr, John Button, Elizabeth Jane Watson, Ann Daley, mother of George Daley, for the purposes of authorizing Applicants under the Native Title Act (as amended) to make a new native title determination application for the claim area (as appearing in the map above) on their behalf.



WHERE:

**Wellington Senior Citizens Hall,
Swift Street, Wellington NSW.
Commencing 10:15 am**

**All enquiries and notice of intending participation should be directed to:
Mr Lee Thurlow on 0428 637 277.**

Notice of an application to register an area
agreement on the Register of Indigenous
Land Use Agreements

Northern Territory of Australia
Notification day: 12 August 2009



National
Native Title
Tribunal



DI2009/03 Phillip Creek PPL Bulk Handling Facility ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to the agreement covers approximately 1440 hectares and is located about 15 kilometres north-west of Tennant Creek between Warrego Rd and the Alice Springs - Darwin railway as shown on the locality map.

The agreement lies within the local government authority of Barkly Shire.

The parties to agreement and their contact addresses are:

Central Land Council
27 Stuart Highway,
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0870

Global Port Solution Pty Ltd
C/- Cornwall Stodart Lawyers
Level 10, 114 William Street,
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Northern Territory of Australia
C/- Department of Planning
and Infrastructure
PO Box 2130,
ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871

The agreement contains the following statements:

- 6.1 The parties agree that native title will be surrendered to the Territory and extinguished in respect of the ILUA Area at the time the Registrar-General issues an estate in fee simple for this area.
- 7.1 The parties consent to the doing of all the future acts agreed to in the preceding paragraphs, subject to the conditions contained in this ILUA. Specifically the future acts are the grant of the Crown Lease for the ILUA Area and the subsequent grant of an estate in fee simple if the conditions of the Crown Lease have been complied with. The right to negotiate provisions of Part 2, Div 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act* are not intended to apply to these future acts.
- 7.2 The parties also consent to the doing of any future acts agreed to in this ILUA, subject to the conditions contained in this ILUA, being undertaken at any time before or after this ILUA is registered on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements.

Objections to the registration of an ILUA where the application for registration has been certified

This application for registration of an indigenous land use agreement (ILUA) has been certified by the Central Land Council, the representative body for the area. Any person claiming to hold native title to any part of the area covered by the ILUA may object in writing to the registration of this agreement if they think that the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified.

If you wish to object to the registration of this agreement (and you hold or claim to hold native title in any part of the area covered by the agreement) you may only object for one reason: in your view, the application to register the ILUA has not been properly certified, as stated in section 203BE(5)(a) and (b) of the *Native Title Act* 1993 (Cwlth).

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**For assistance and further information about this application, contact the Case Manager,
Lorna Gregory on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au**

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Arts Northern Rivers

INDIGENOUS ARTS BUSINESS MANAGER

Arts Northern Rivers seeks an Indigenous Arts Business Manager (full time, one year contract), to run a regional business development program from Lismore base.

Salary package: \$61,000.

Applicants must address selection criteria,
available with position description from:

www.artsnorthernrivers.com.au/news.php.

Applications close:

COB Friday 14 August.



ABORIGINAL CULTURAL LIAISON OFFICER

(PART TIME 21HRS PER WEEK)

\$61,310 pro rata Package Value Inc FBT

As an active member of the Aboriginal community this worker will provide the case management team with support in locating possible kinship placements for children and young people as well as assisting to identify other cultural opportunities that may provide the child or young person with the basis for a strong cultural heritage.

KARI provides high quality, sustainable Out of Home Care Services for indigenous children and families in South West Sydney. With a commitment to better outcomes for indigenous children and young people the successful applicant will be committed to the principles of Indigenous self determination and working collaboratively with community groups and other professionals.

Have you been looking for a way to work with your community in a supportive and professional environment that offers staff a commitment to professional development and a wealth of employment benefits? Yes! Then this could be the opportunity for you.

Call and speak with Chris Laurie today telephone: 02 9822 4922 or email: koohcp@kari.com.au for a detailed job description and application pack.

All candidates must identify as Aboriginal and must obtain the pack, applicants that do not complete all directions in the package will not be considered.

Completed applications are to be received no later than **Tuesday 11 August 2009.**

*All successful candidates will be subject to a
Working with Children Check*



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Department of Health and Ageing

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The Department of Health and Ageing is focussing on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and better quality of life for all Australians.

EL 2 DIRECTORS (2)

Western Australia State Office

\$99,190 - \$117,436 (Effective August 2009)

PERTH - Reference Number: 09-0523

As Directors of the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) you will provide strategic leadership to the branch. Directors are required to liaise effectively at a senior level with a range of key stakeholders, including State Government agencies, Aboriginal and mainstream community-controlled organisations and health peak bodies in the health sector.

Reporting to the State Manager, the Directors will, as members of the State Office Executive, have an important role in the strategic planning and management of the State Office.

Contact officer: Vivienne Burnham on (08) 9346 5401 or vivienne.burnham@health.gov.au

Applications close 13 August 2009, 7pm AEST.

APS 5 SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Northern Territory Office

\$61,326 - \$64,728 (Effective August 2009)

ALICE SPRINGS - Reference Number: 09-0542

Responsibilities of this position include consulting with funded organisations delivering health and substance use services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as well as with community representatives, departmental colleagues and Australian Government and Territory agencies. Duties include monitoring of OATSIH funding agreements, financial analysis, risk assessment and related tasks. Remote travel will be required.

Contact officer: Michelle Krauer on 08 8950 1617 or michelle.krauer@health.gov.au

Selection Documentation: An application kit and more detailed information are available online at the department's website: <http://www.health.gov.au>

Applications close 20 August 2009, 7pm AEST.

Diversity is important to us. We encourage applications from mature age workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability and people from diverse cultural backgrounds. A reasonable adjustment policy is one element of the department's Disability Action Plan.

The department uses the National Relay Service (NRS). Hearing and speech impaired applicants can obtain further information by contacting the NRS and asking to be connected to (02) 6289 8888.

The Department of Health and Ageing is a member of the Australian Employers Network on Disability.

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CCD PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Stylin' UP Regional is a skills and community development program linked into the annual Stylin' UP Festival inspired by the vision of Pride in self, Pride in Community, Pride in Culture.

The program engages young people, community members and Elders across four communities in QLD. Through arts, culture and story-telling, Stylin' UP Regional works with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people to strengthen, celebrate and determine identity and future.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE:
5PM 14TH AUGUST 2009.
FOR AN APPLICATION KIT CONTACT
ROSSI CROTHERS
email: humans@human.org.au • web: www.human.org.au
phone: (07) 3229 8055t



Community Services Worker

- Cultural Leadership Program
- Part time role 19hrs per week
 - Aboriginal Identified position
 - Located in Kempsey

In this role, you will look at assisting the Coordinator providing support to young Aboriginal people who are at risk of exclusion from school, encourage them to achieve their goals, provide guidance, establish effective community relationships, and liaise with local support networks for referral.

You will bring to the role a strong background in community services and case management and or demonstrated experience with youth, a first aid certificate, a drivers license, relevant tertiary qualification and more importantly compassion to help others.

To apply please go to www.transformlives.com.au.
Enquiries can be directed to
Craig Westall (02) 4927 1082



Aboriginal Family Worker

Based in Mungindi, Part time 14 hours/week

The Benevolent Society is a non-religious, non-profit organisation which has been supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged Australians for nearly 200 years.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Family Worker for our new project in Mungindi.

The position will be part of The Benevolent Society's expanding services in the New England and Northwest. The Mungindi Aboriginal Family Worker project will be a holistic service working with families, children and young people to increase parenting skills, resilience and strengthen their ties with community. The Aboriginal Family Worker project is an initiative funded by the NSW Department of Community Services, Aboriginal Child, Youth & Family Strategy.

For further information regarding position please refer to The Benevolent Society's web site or contact: Wendy Cabot, Manager Community Partnerships: 67621344 or 0429078976. Applications close Monday 10th August, 2009. Applicants must address all selection criteria in application, as outlined in the position description.

The Benevolent Society considers that being Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

www.bensoc.org.au

Indigenous Case Management Worker

Required for the CLARENCE VALLEY

The Clarence Valley Aboriginal Community Capacity Building Project aims to increase positive health outcomes for local Aboriginal youth and their families by helping them to address alcohol and other drug (AOD) related issues. The project also aims to reduce the target group's involvement in the criminal justice system and build the capacity of the individual, family and community by encouraging them to sustain a healthy lifestyle by providing case management support, skill development opportunities, advocacy and referral to other services where appropriate.

Gurehlgam is seeking an enthusiastic and self-motivated person to join a challenging work environment. You will deal with a wide range of stakeholders across the public and private sectors and draw upon strong analytical, communication and people skills to achieve desired objectives.

Salary of \$46,572
plus superannuation with salary packaging offered.
Work car provided.

For the position package, ring 02 66428677
or contact Kenn at kennp@gurehlgam.com.au

This is an identified position for a person of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

Applications close 7th August, 2009

Program managed by
GUREHLGAM CORPORATION LTD
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Federal Department of Health and Ageing.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mining Lease shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application Current Applicants	ACN
ML90190 D Tree North DSO	Approx. 47Km West from Gunpowder Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 1 on UN7 – Pastoral Holding 8/2516 (mining and access) Road (access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 42.1665 Ha	Legend International Holdings, Inc. 120 855 352 80.0% Mt. Isa Metals Ltd 120 212 017 20.0%

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 five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) 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 the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

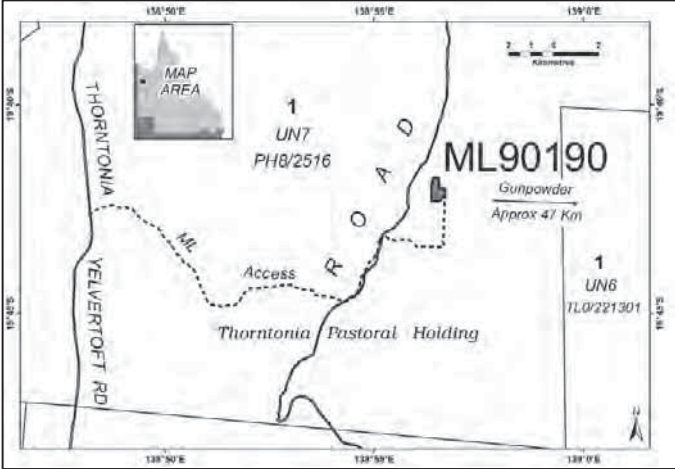
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, 13 Isa Street, Mount Isa, Qld 4825, Telephone: 07 4747 2103.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 29 July 2009



TMP 0004551



Queensland Government

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17701	Approx. 21 km N from Greenvale Centred at approximate Lat.18°49'S Long.145°03'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 13 km² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2389 s, t, x, y	West Kimberley Metals Pty Ltd 128 016 571

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: 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 and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed 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.

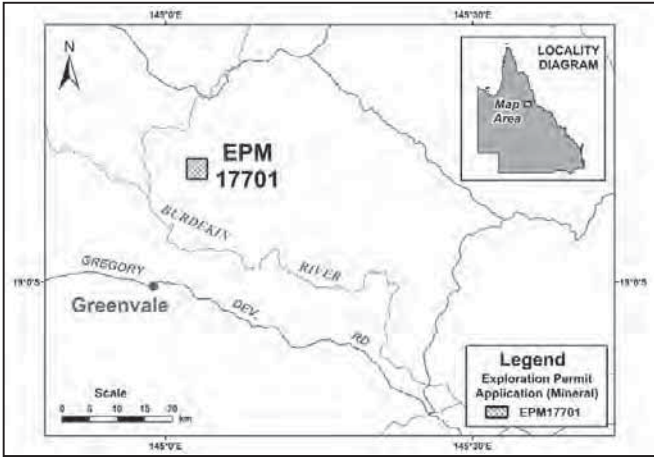
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 19 August 2009



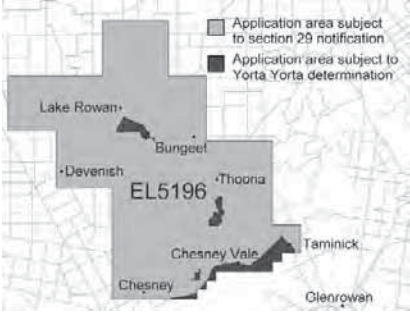

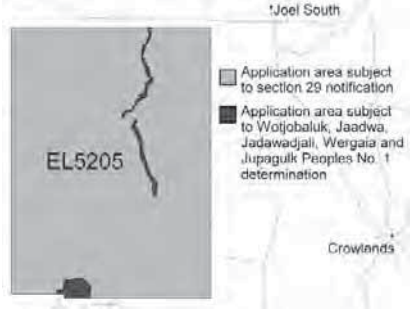
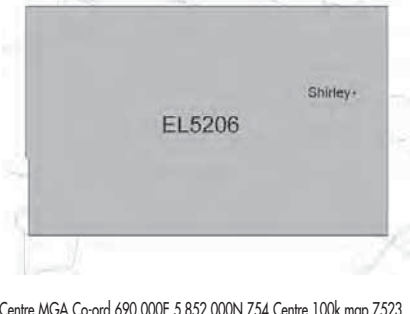
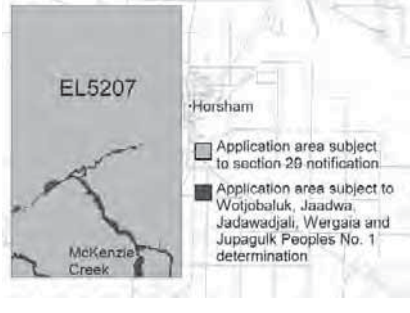
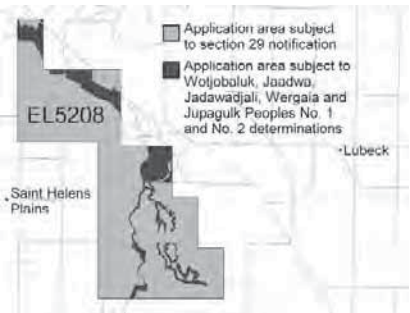
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Queensland Government

Notice under Section 29(3) of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)




The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following exploration licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5196	NAME: Mecrus Support Services Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Lake Rowan & other towns as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 33: F5-F6, G5-G7, H4-H9; Map 34: B4-B9, C5-C9, D6-D8 TERM: 5 years AREA: 492 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Benalla Rural City & Moira Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 412,000E 5,979,000N Z55 Centre 100k map 8125
EL5204	NAME: Bardoc Resources Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3.5km south of Tallarook. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 61: C3-C4, D3-D6, E3-E6, F3-F6, G5-G6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 182 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Mitchell & Murrindindi Shires	 Centre MGA Co-ord 340,000E 5,883,000N Z55 Centre 100k map 7923
EL5205	NAME: St Barbara Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3km south west of Joel South. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 56: G3-G4, H3-H4; Map 57: B3-B4 TERM: 5 years AREA: 88 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Northern Grampians Shire & Ararat Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 676,000E 5,889,000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7423
EL5206	NAME: St Barbara Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Shirley as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 57: C8-C9, D8-D9, E8-E9 TERM: 5 years AREA: 126 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Ararat Rural City & Pyrenees Shire	 Centre MGA Co-ord 690,000E 5,852,000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7523
EL5207	NAME: St Barbara Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 1km west of Horsham. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 40: C4-C6, D4-D6, E4-E6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 104 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Horsham Rural City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 603,000E 5,934,000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7324
EL5208	NAME: St Barbara Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 3.5km east of Saint Helens Plains. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 40: H5, J5-J6; Map 41: A6 TERM: 5 years AREA: 38 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Horsham Rural City, Northern Grampians & Yarriambiack Shires	 Centre MGA Co-ord 630,000E 5,930,000N Z54 Centre 100k map 7324

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
EL5209	NAME: Tantram Holdings Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: Over Wandong, Heathcote Junction & Yabamac as shown on attached plan. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 60: H8; Map 61: B7-B8, C7-C8, D7-D8, E7 TERM: 5 years AREA: 129 km ² MUNICIPALITY: Mitchell Shire & Whittlesea City	 Centre MGA Co-ord 331,000E 5,862,000N Z55 Centre 100k map 7923

Nature of the act(s): The grant of an exploration licence, which authorises the holder to explore for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to five years.

The State of Victoria, through the Department of Primary Industries, GPO Box 4440, Melbourne Vic 3001, hereby gives notice that the Minister for Energy & Resources or delegate is considering the grant of the following mining licences under section 25 of the *Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990*:

TENEMENT	APPLICATION DETAILS	LOCALITY
MIN5512	NAME: Twenty-Seventh Yeneb Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2km north west of Huntly. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 44: F4 & G4 TERM: 5 years AREA: 156.03 ha MUNICIPALITY: City of Greater Bendigo PARISH: Huntly	 Centre MGA Co-ord 260,000E 5,940,000N Z55 Centre 100k map 7724
MIN5513	NAME: Rodney G King & Michael J Delany LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2km east of Wesburn. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 80: C6 TERM: 10 years AREA: 24.97 ha MUNICIPALITY: Yarra Ranges Shire PARISH: Warburton	 Centre MGA Co-ord 382,250E 5,819,750N Z55 Centre 100k map 8022
MIN5515	NAME: Twenty-Seventh Yeneb Pty Ltd LOCATION DESCRIPTION: 2km north west of Huntly. LOCATION REFERENCE: Vic Roads Country Directory Edition 3 Map 44: G4 & F4 TERM: 5 years AREA: 8.77 ha MUNICIPALITY: City of Greater Bendigo PARISH: Huntly	 Centre MGA Co-ord 260,000E 5,940,350N Z55 Centre 100k map 7724

Nature of the act(s): The grant of a mining licence, which authorises the holder to mine for minerals on the specified land for the term of the licence and to seek renewals for a period of up to 20 years (unless the Minister decides otherwise).

Notification Day: 29 July 2009

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 persons have until three months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the potential grant of the licences. The three month period closes on 29 October 2009. Enquiries about becoming a native title party may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Melbourne Registry, telephone 1800 640 501.

Further Information: Further information about the potential grant of the licences, including identification maps, may be obtained from the Earth Resources Business Centre at Level 16, 1 Spring Street, Melbourne Victoria 3000, telephone (03) 9658 4454.

For further information about native title and the right to negotiate process, contact Zuzanna Lelito, Native Title Coordinator, Department of Primary Industries, telephone (03) 5172 2181.

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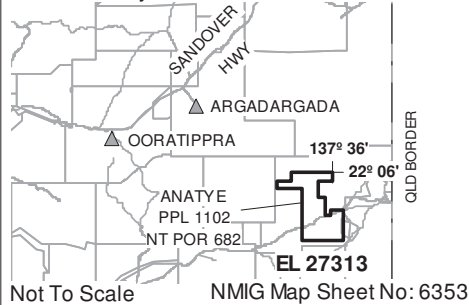
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

*MINING ACT 1980 (NT) SECTION 163
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29*

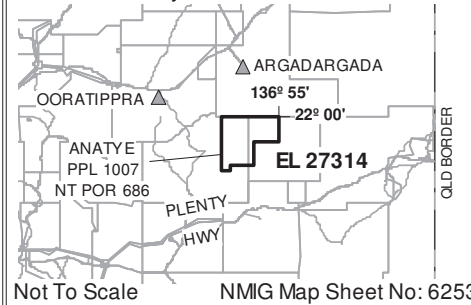
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, and the Chief Executive Officer, Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth) and section 163 of the Mining Act (Northern Territory) respectively of the intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

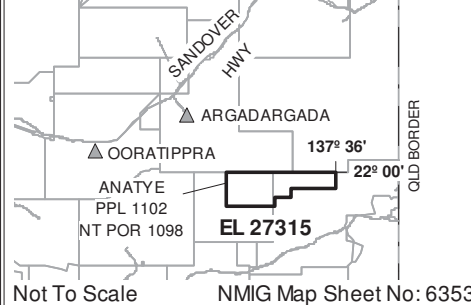
Exploration Licence 27313 sought by AUVEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 129 087 832 over an area of 373 Blocks (1185.07 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALKEA locality.



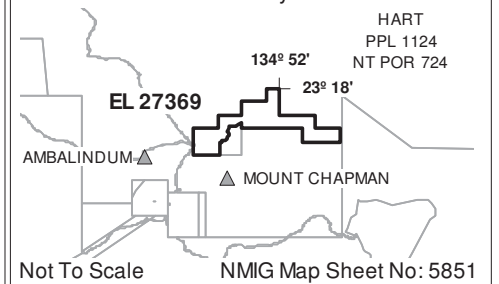
Exploration Licence 27314 sought by AUVEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 129 087 832 over an area of 374 Blocks (1189.47 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALGAMBA locality.



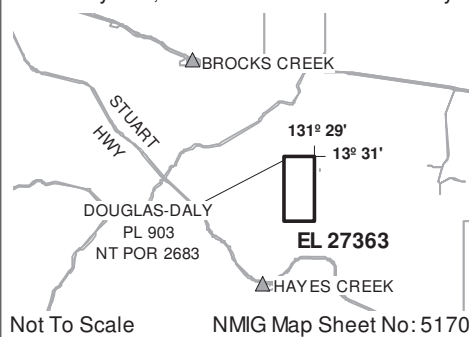
Exploration Licence 27315 sought by AUVEX RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 129 087 832 over an area of 372 Blocks (1182.37 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the ALKEA locality.



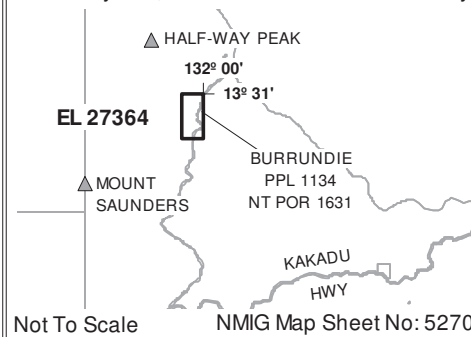
Exploration Licence 27369 sought by BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 and RIDING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 009 456 455 over an area of 21 Blocks (61.98 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the RIDDOCH locality.



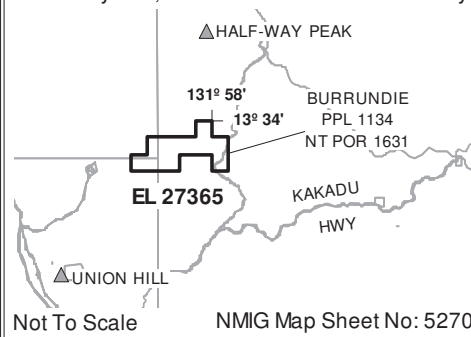
Exploration Licence 27363 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 2 Blocks (6.68 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the TIPPERARY locality.



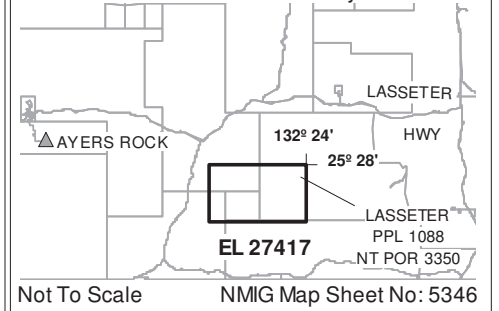
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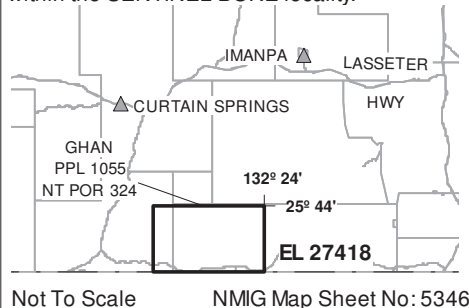
Exploration Licence 27365 sought by ELEMENT 92 PTY LTD, ACN 119 094 423 over an area of 10 Blocks (33.37 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK locality.



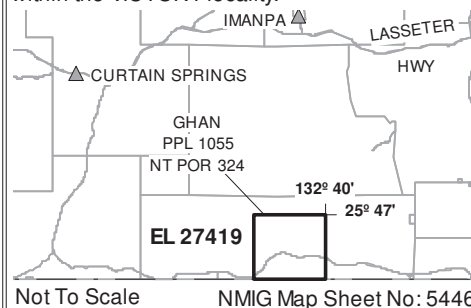
Exploration Licence 27417 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 480 Blocks (1486.74 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



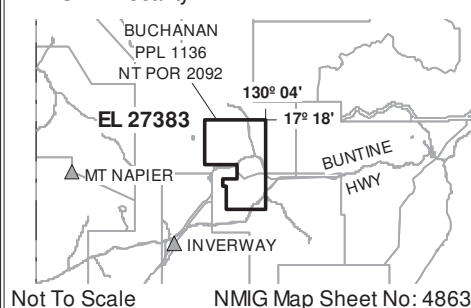
Exploration Licence 27418 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 480 Blocks (1475.25 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SENTINEL BORE locality.



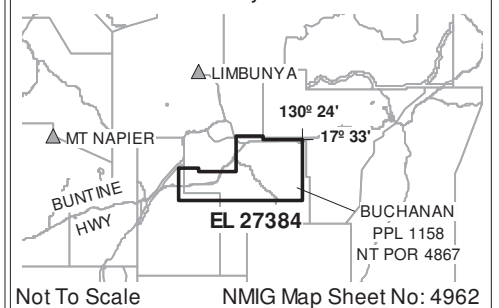
Exploration Licence 27419 sought by IMPERIAL GRANITE & MINERALS PTY. LTD., ACN 080 314 012 over an area of 208 Blocks (638.56 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORY locality.



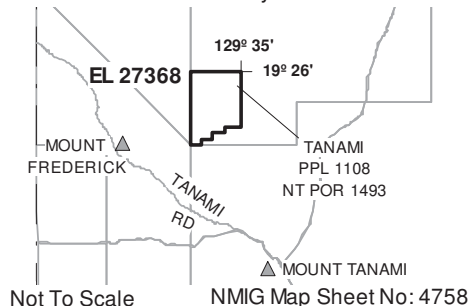
Exploration Licence 27383 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 326 Blocks (1067.9 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



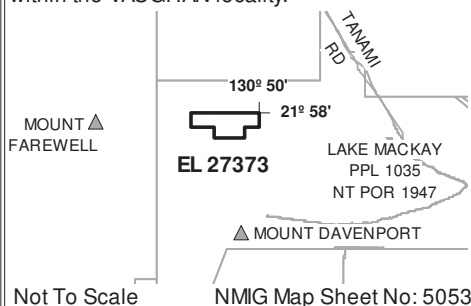
Exploration Licence 27384 sought by MITHRIL RESOURCES LTD, ACN 099 883 922 over an area of 490 Blocks (1604.05 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT BARTON locality.



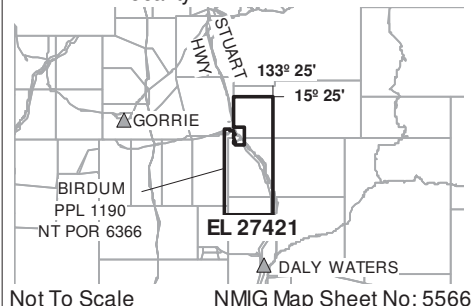
Exploration Licence 27368 sought by NORTHERN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 93 Blocks (287.03 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PARGEE locality.



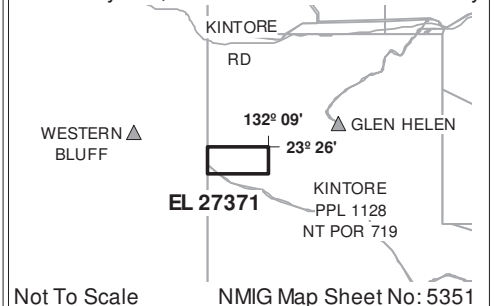
Exploration Licence 27373 sought by PARADIGM MEXICO PTY LIMITED, ACN 108 506 207 over an area of 54 Blocks (171.89 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the VAUGHAN locality.



Exploration Licence 27421 sought by RUM JUNGLE URANIUM LTD, ACN 122 131 622 over an area of 499 Blocks (1593.67 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LARRIMAH locality.



Exploration Licence 27371 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 10 Blocks (31.51 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GLEN HELEN locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the Mining Act authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the Native Title Act is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the Native Title Act. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the Native Title Act. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Objection or Comment, Section 163 of the Mining Act: The owners or occupiers of land in respect of which the above applications are made may, not later than 2 months after the notification day, lodge in writing with the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, at the above mentioned address, an objection to the grant of the application(s). Any other person may, within 2 months after the notification day, lodge in writing with the Department comments on the grant.

Notification Day 29 July 2009



WA girls visit Brisbane

PLAYERS from Western Australia attended a State Indigenous netball development camp in Brisbane from 13-17 July. The WA girls were selected following the 2008 NAIDOC carnival and were sent to Brisbane in conjunction with Netball WA and the Indigenous Sports Program Department of Sport and Recreation. Netball Queensland, in conjunction with Netball WA, co-ordinated the initiative following the cancellation of netball at the the Arafura Games in Darwin last May. The WA State Indigenous Development Squad had been preparing for the Arafura Games since November 2008 and when the competition was cancelled, they were keen to ensure the talented athletes had an opportunity for their hard work to come to fruition. Twelve athletes and three coaches from Western Australia were in Brisbane, with sessions held at colleges across the Queensland capital.

Palm hosts boxing night

By ALF WILSON



A LARGE number of Palm Islanders turned out for the Sunstate Amateur Boxing League's tournament at the local PCYC on 11 July.

A total of 15 bouts were held and 18 Palm Islanders enjoyed the support of their local crowd. Trainer Ray Dennis said his fighters contested 14 of the 15 bouts.

"Because of the V8 supercar event in Townsville, there was no accommodation for visiting boxers to stay overnight on the mainland. As a result there were only 11 visiting boxers," Dennis said.

He said boxing was keenly followed on Palm Island and his club was delighted that mainland boxers came from Rockhampton (six), Mt Isa and Townsville (two from each), and Charters Towers (one).

Diminutive Joey Geia and Reggie Palm Island were the standout performers for Palm Island, according to Dennis.

"Reggie defeated two-times Australian champion Harley Broom, from Rockhampton, and only started boxing last year and looks to have a bright future," he said.

"Little Joey Geia is only ten years old and weights 29kg, but he defeated last year's Australian amateur champion Brendan Dempsey, from Mount Isa, who was 5kg heavier.

"If Joey can carry on as he gets older, there is no doubt he will be one of Palm Island's very best ever."

Nathan James, from Palm Island, performed well to defeat the much more experienced Lincoln Martin in the 38kg division.

Albert Gorringer defeated Elijah Lawrence (Mt Isa) in the 44.5kg division and did very well as he was beaten by the boxer at the Golden Gloves recently.

Former amateur star Craig Desatge made a comeback to boxing to defeat Kwang Kutah in the 63.5kg division.

"Patrick Clarke is one of Palm's best young boxers and is finding it hard to gain an opponent his own weight and age," Dennis said.

"Steen Walsh seemed to be unlucky to lose his bout against Australian champion Brendan Dempsey in the 35kg division."

Selwyn Seaton lost the main bout against Lachlan Hinchcliffe (Rockhampton) in the 75kg division.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1316	Approx. 48 km N from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.25°24'S Long.148°35'E Local Government Areas: Roma Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 928 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1062 z 1063 v, w, x, y, z 1064 v 1134 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 1135 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 1136 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 1206 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 1207 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 1208 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1209 q, r, v, w, x, y 1278 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 1279 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 1280 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 1281 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1351 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1352 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd 130 691 904
EPC1318	Approx. 31 km NNE from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.25°36'S Long.148°44'E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council	Area: 449 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 145 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1353 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1354 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1355 m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 1423 d, e, j, k, o, p 1424 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 1425 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v 1426 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1427 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1496 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1497 a, f, l	Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd 130 691 904
EPC1319	Approx. 100 km NNE from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.25°01'S Long.149°0'E Local Government Areas: Banana Shire Council and Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 665 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 214 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 779 e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 780 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 781 q, r, v, w 851 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, y, z 852 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 853 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 924 k, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 925 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 926 a, f, l, q, v 995 k, p, u, z 996 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w 997 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 998 a, f, l, q, v 1067 e 1068 a, b 1069 c, d, e, j, k, o, p 1070 a, b, f, g, l, m	Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd 130 691 904
EPC1463	Approx. 27 km SW from Rolleston Centred at approximate Lat.24°35'S Long.148°24'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 44 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 485 c, h, n, o, t, y 557 d, e, k, p, u, z 558 v 630 a	Xstrata Coal Queensland Pty Ltd 098 156 702

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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.

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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 and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed 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.

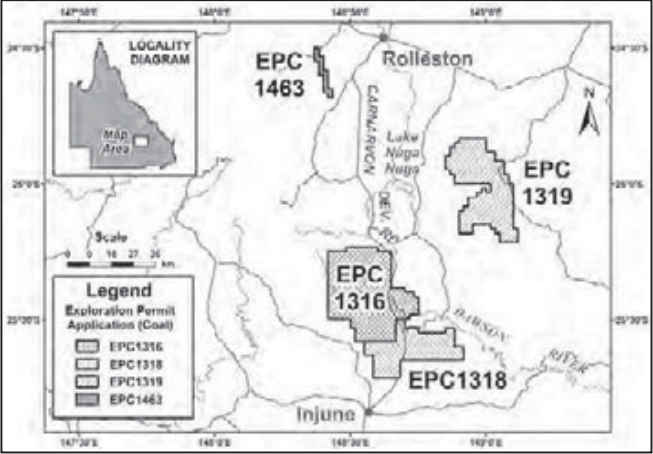
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 19 August 2009



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EPC1297	Approx. 40 km SE from Wandoan Centred at approximate Lat.26°18'S Long.150°19'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 61 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1875</td><td>z</td></tr><tr><td>1876</td><td>v</td></tr><tr><td>1948</td><td>a, b, g, h, m, n, o, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2020</td><td>e</td></tr><tr><td>2021</td><td>a, f, g, l, m, n</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1875	z	1876	v	1948	a, b, g, h, m, n, o, t, u, y, z	2020	e	2021	a, f, g, l, m, n	Mineral & Coal Investments Pty Ltd 130 862 458
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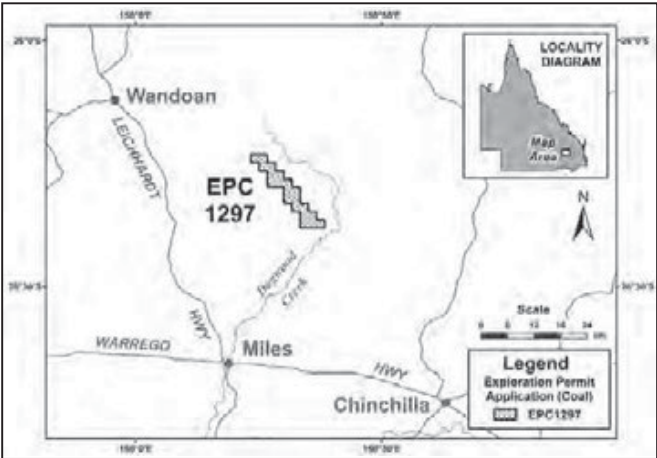
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Sport

Trip to Perth reward for school efforts



EIGHTEEN young fellas from Western Australia's Gibson Desert who were chosen to play in an exhibition football match at Subiaco Oval in Perth earlier this month earned the right to visit the city by not missing any days at school.

The exhibition match between the Ngaanyatjarra Devils and the Western Desert Warriors from Jigalong and Nullagine was a hit with the Subiaco crowd. While in Perth, the boys also visited the Constable Care Child Safety Foundation to learn about standing up to bullies, and WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames presented the boys with specially printed footballs.

Thunder keeps rolling ahead



AFTER a week off, the Northern Territory Thunder last weekend were due to play the Labrador Tigers at Alice Springs' Traeger Park in the Australian Football League Queensland (AFLQ) competition.

Before that game, the Thunder were sitting in third place on the competition ladder following their thrilling one-point away win over Mt Gravatt Vultures.

AFLQ deemed it 'the match of the season'.

There was never much room in the game, played at Carrara Stadium, on the Gold Coast, with tight scorelines at every break.

Youngsters Steven May and Troy Taylor made stunning debuts for the Thunder, stepping in to the senior squad with confidence.

A melee in the third quarter involving players from both sides resulted in Thunder player Glenn Joyce being sent to the tribunal.

The round 13 victory also boosted full forward Darren Ewing's lead in the Ray Hughson Medal race. Ewing bootied five majors, extending his lead over his closest competition, in Redlands' Jason Eagle to seven goals.

Meanwhile, the ever consistent captain Jarred Ilett has claimed second place in the Syd Guilford Trophy count, receiving three votes in the game against Mt Gravatt, while team-mate Karl Lohde took out the highly sought-after five votes.

The Thunder were looking forward to the game against the Labrador Tigers as the Tigers inflicted one of the early away losses on the Thunder.

Badu Islander in Australian league team

By ALF WILSON



THE Torres Strait's Maipele Morseu has been named in the Australian rugby league side for a two-Test series against England following the Australian 18 Years Schoolboys' Championships in Newcastle, New South Wales.

Morseu, who was representing St Brendan's College, Yeppoon, in Central Queensland, was named fullback following a dominant performance at the titles, in which he was named Player of the Championship.

He also was named Player of the Match in Queensland's 26-22 victory against NSW Combined Catholic Colleges in the opening round.

Queensland won the championship, defeating NSWCCC 40-12 in the final.

The First Test is in Canberra on 15 August, and the Second is at St Mary's Leagues Club in Sydney on 21 August.

His selection followed a big fortnight for the Badu Island 17-year-old Morseu, who was named player of the carnival at the Queensland Secondary Schools rugby league State championships in Townsville, and best back against all ages at the Island of Origin carnival on Thursday Island.

To add to his personal success, Morseu was an integral part of the high-rolling Mulga United team which beat Western Bears 42-22 in the final of the Island of Origin at TI's Ken Brown Memorial Oval over the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Several former Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) students starred in the Queensland Secondary Schools rugby league State championships from 21-24 May, with former Tagai College student Morseu named Player of the Carnival for his efforts in the Capricornia team.

Morseu, who has played a game with the Pioneer Knights this year in the T1 club competition, was in outstanding form at fullback.

Complete player

With his father George watching on, the Melbourne Storm scholarship holder made every post a winner with his line breaks and passing game.

Dad also watched his son create havoc for the opposition at the Origin series, and the speedy and determined youngster scored two tries in a one-sided grand final.

Angelo Toby, who is also a student at St Brendan's College, was another integral part of the Capricornia team. The former NPA College student was a real attacking weapon and his charging runs made space for the backs to do their work.

The Capricornia team, managed by former Thursday Island school deputy principal Scott Whybird, was placed third in the championships and was very close to taking the overall title.

"Maipele was outstanding and fully deserved his Player of the Carnival award," Whybird said.

"With Angelo being our go-to man in the forwards and Maipele scoring so many tries out wide, the boys from the Torres Strait really made people sit up and watch."

The Peninsula side took out the Consolation Cup, finishing in ninth place.

With brother George an important part of the Newcastle Knights under 20 team, the recognition gained by Maipele will give him a great opportunity to make the NRL and show people what great talent comes out of the Torres Strait.



Maipele Morseu and proud dad George.

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EPC1478	Approx. 73 km N from Hughenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°11'S Long.144°16'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council	Area: 966 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 4 t, u, w, x, y, z 5 v, w, x 74 z 75 k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 76 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 77 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 78 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x 145 t, u, y, z 146 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 147 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 148 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 149 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 150 a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q 217 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 218 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 219 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 220 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 221 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w	FTB (Qld) Pty Ltd 127 187 599
EPC1479	Approx. 74 km NW from Hughenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°17'S Long.143°50'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council	Area: 901 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 280 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 141 o, p, t, u, y, z 142 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 143 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 213 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 214 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 215 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, v 216 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o 285 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 286 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 287 a, f, l, q, v 357 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 358 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 359 a, f, l, q, v 429 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 430 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 431 a, f, l, q	FTB (Qld) Pty Ltd 127 187 599
EPC1480	Approx. 100 km NW from Hughenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°07'S Long.143°38'E Local Government Area: Flinders Shire Council and Richmond Shire Council	Area: 843 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 262 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 67 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 68 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 69 a, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 139 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 140 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 141 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 211 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 212 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 213 a, f 283 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, p 284 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, z Normanton 3451 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 3452 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3453 q, v	FTB (Qld) Pty Ltd 127 187 599

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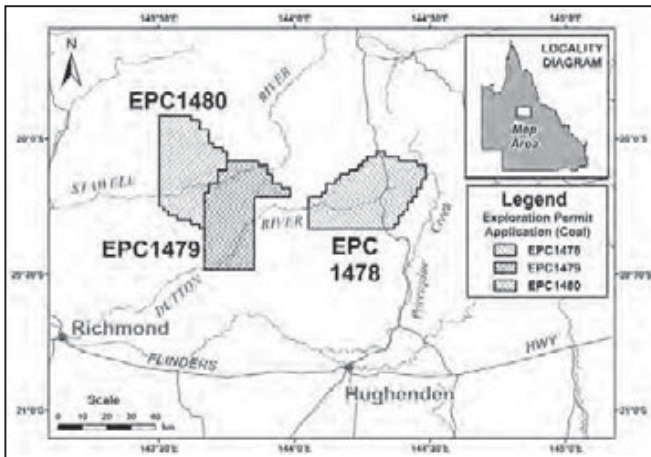
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EPC1537	Approx. 42 km NW from Millmerran Centred at approximate Lat.27°33'S Long.151°02'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council and Toowoomba Regional Council	Area: 110 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 36 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2965 j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 3037 b, c, d, f, g, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y 3109 c, d, h, j, n, o, s, t, x, y	Linc Energy Ltd 076 156 045

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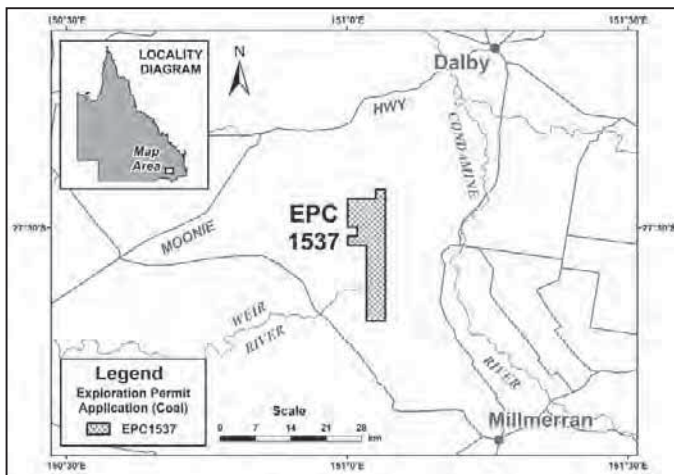
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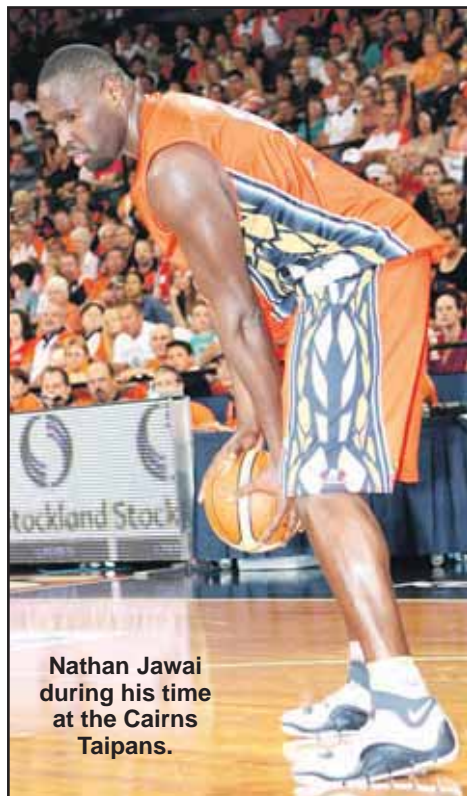
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Queensland Government

TMP 006/1413

Sport



Nathan Jawai during his time at the Cairns Taipans.

Jawai keen to secure his NBA future



BAMAGA big man Nathan Jawai is hoping a successful stint with the Australian team can be a springboard to securing his future in the US National Basketball Association (NBA).

After being drafted by Indiana and then traded to Toronto last year, Jawai had a dismal rookie year, blighted by a heart problem that forced him to spend four months on the sidelines.

The 208cm centre has since been traded again, sent to the Dallas Mavericks in the off-season as part of a three-team deal also involving Orlando and Memphis.

Back in Australia for the build-up to Australia's two-game Oceania series against New Zealand which will determine seedings for next year's World Championships, Jawai is hoping his time with the Boomers will prepare him for his sophomore NBA season.

Jawai's two-year rookie contract expires after this season, so the 22-year-old Indigenous Australian knows he has to show his true potential to extend his stay in the highly-lucrative league.

"I need to get on the court and make an impact," Jawai said in Sydney.

"Playing for the Boomers I think will be a great thing for me to get back into game shape, because I've been out for a while.

"I've just got to go back and have a good pre-season and hopefully I can cement my spot there and get some playing minutes."

Jawai played just six games with the Raptors last season, spending the majority of his rookie campaign in the secondary NBA Development League. —AAP

I RIGHT: Twins Clinton (centre) and Darryl (right) with brother Gary Pearson.



Pearson twins just love their rugby league

By ALF WILSON



FOR prolific point-scoring Aboriginal twins Darryl and Clinton Pearson, rugby league is a tale of two cities – or to be more precise, a large city and a tropical island paradise.

The 21-year-old Pearson twins are very close and Clinton plays a vital role for the reigning premiers Butler Bay Bulls in the Palm Island domestic competition.

After round six on 19 July, the Bulls remained undefeated in the five-club contest against Skipjacks, Raiders, Brothers and Jets.

The twins played major parts in the premiership victories last season by Bulls in the A and reserve grade grand finals.

Last September 5 the Butler Bay Bulls beat arch-rivals Skipjacks 34-20 in an entertaining A grade men's decider at Palm Island, and Clinton Pearson was man of the match, scoring a try and booting six goals for 16 points.

In the reserve grade decider, Butler Bays Bulls defeated Skipjacks 38-32 and Darryl Pearson scored three tries and booted four goals for a personal tally of 20 points.

This season Darryl has received a clearance to play on the mainland in the strong Townsville and District competition with Indigenous club Bindal Sharks United.

In a dominating performance, Darryl scored four tries when Sharks registered a handsome 60-26 win over Charters Towers in round 12 on 19 July.

That eased Sharks into the top four, holding a two-point buffer on the spot from Centrals.

Sharks' win was all the more sweet as seven players missed the game due to flu, and coach Kevin Aldridge has the side firing at the business end of the season.

Despite playing across the seas at Townsville, Darryl remains close to Butler Bay Bulls and *The Koori Mail* saw him training with the side on Palm Island on 20 July.

"Clinton is the oldest by one minute. I love coming back over to Palm and watching the boys train and I think the Bulls will win again this year," Darryl said.

Some of the Bulls' players who have been shining include their elder brother, 26-year-old Gary Pearson, Robert Bulsey and Malcolm Lawrence, and coach Lloyd Morgan has an awesome array of forward power and speedy backs.

Busy at training

A drive around the 6km road network on Palm revealed that major senior and junior sides were hard at training.

Brothers had a large squad doing ball work on the oval across from the supermarket and spokesman Robert Johnson is confident his side will improve on their fourth place on the ladder before the finals series.

One interested visitor to Bulls and Brothers training on Palm Island was Swedish photographer Maria Ericksen, who said the number of footballers training was amazing.

"I enjoyed going to training and seeing the footballers who are so enthusiastic," she said.

Despite the strength of the men's competition, no women's football is being held on Palm Island this year.

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EPC1219 This Application consists of three separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 17 km NNE from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°14'S Long.148°13'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 20 km N from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°11'S Long.148°11'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 40 km N from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°59'S Long.148°06'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 32 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1059 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1059 a, f Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 842 v	Aquila Coal Pty Ltd 097 801 940
EPM17640 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 22 km SSW from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.22°09'S Long.147°56'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 18 km WSW from Moranbah Centred at approximate Lat.22°02'S Long.147°52'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 105 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 33 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1775 z 1847 e, k, o, p, t, u, z 1848 f, l, q, r, v, w 1919 e, j, k, o, p 1920 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1775 h, j, l, m, n, o	Ridge Exploration Pty Ltd 127 215 132

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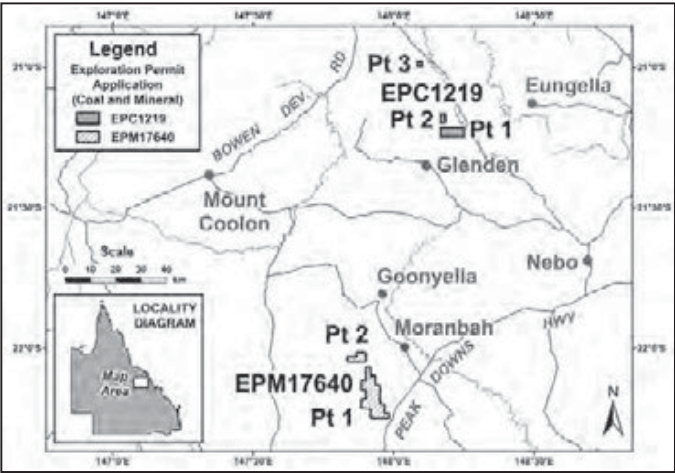
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Queensland Government

Fishermen reel 'em in

By ALF WILSON

A LARGE number of anglers competed in the Coolgaree Aboriginal Corporation for CDEP-sponsored Palm Island Fishing Classic during NAIDOC celebrations in early July. The waters around the north Queensland Aboriginal community are home to many varieties of fish and the contest was part of the NAIDOC celebrations which these days are held over a week.

Waters around Palm Island are popular with mainland anglers in boats, and some years ago Hollywood star Tommy Lee was reported to have dropped a line off Palm Island, which is 48 nautical miles from Townsville.

Another star – Russell Crowe – also fished off Palm while there during July 2003.

Most of the contestants fished from outboard motor-powered dinghies, although some opted to try their luck from the jetty and beaches.

Some fishermen reported that sharks ate all or at least half of their catches before they could be hauled into boats.

Many of the anglers have secret spots around the Palm Island group, which they are reluctant to share with others.

In the men's division 17 and over, first prize was a TV set, a barge car voucher worth \$245, a football massager, a key ring and can cooler. The winner was Clint Barry, who weighed in a 20kg trevally.

Chris Gundy took second prize with a 3kg coral trout and won a fishing reel, a can cooler and football massager.

Neville Haines was third with his 3kg coral trout and won a Monopoly board game, football massager and a 60-litre portable cooler.

In the boys' division 17 years and under, Harold Cedric won with a 6.5kg queen fish and took out a \$50 fuel voucher from CDEP, a trail cast line, a tackle wallet, massager and basketball.

Second was Ammiel Harris with a 5.2kg queen fish.

Genami Geia was third with a 3.2kg barracuda and fourth was Dennis Haines with his 3.2kg coral trout.



Noel Cannon, left, and Jason Thimble with two mackerel.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant																																
EPC1412	Approx. 45 km E from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat.25°38'S Long.150°15'E Local Government Areas: Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council	Area: 910 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 294 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1154</td><td>a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1226</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y</td></tr><tr><td>1228</td><td>e, k, p, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>1229</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1298</td><td>a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y</td></tr><tr><td>1300</td><td>e, k, p, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>1301</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1370</td><td>a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1371</td><td>q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1372</td><td>e, k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1373</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1442</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1443</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1444</td><td>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</td></tr><tr><td>1445</td><td>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</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1154	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, p, q, r, s, u, v, w, x, y, z	1226	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	1228	e, k, p, u, z	1229	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	1298	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	1300	e, k, p, u, z	1301	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	1370	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1371	q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1372	e, k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1373	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	1442	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	1443	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	1444	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	1445	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	Aquila Coal Pty Ltd 097 801 940
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Mineral Claim Application No.24 (Act 1992) Sydney Mining Division

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 grant of a Mineral Claim

An area of 1.476 hectares situated approximately 3.5kms north east of Harden, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

Description of the nature of the act

John Leslie Love is the holder of Mineral Claim Application No.24 in the Sydney Mining Division. The claim if granted, would authorise the mining of gold and silver by open cut methods and be granted for a term of 5 years .

How further information about the act can be obtained

Contact Chris Cottier; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, phone (02) 4931 6462 fax (02) 4931 6776.

Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (C'th) the notification day is **13 August 2009** Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.



Cricket tour is on film



QUEENSLAND Indigenous digital content media agency Carbon is compiling a documentary on the tour of England by the 2009

Australian Indigenous cricket team. A Carbon crew began work as the Indigenous team was preparing for the tour, and then accompanied the team.

The documentary will be screened on ABC TV.

From the Ashes charts the expedition of two young Indigenous Australian cricketers as part of Cricket Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander team which followed in the footsteps of the first Australian cricket tour of 1868, in a journey of self-discovery and extraordinary Indigenous heritage.

Star players Worrin Williams and Cameron Trask are the focus of *From the Ashes*, with each player bringing his distinctive character differences to the tour.

A key theme of the film will be the Indigenous cultural learning that was felt by the young men as they played on historical grounds and retraced the steps of the first Australian touring team in 1868 – a team consisting of all-Indigenous Australians.

The documentary was written, produced and directed by Carbon's Dean Gibson and Donald Johannessen.



Filming of the documentary began before the Indigenous team set off for England. Cameron Trask, left, and Worrin Williams, right, visited the Victorian country town of Harrow – home of the Johnny Mullagh Interpretive Centre. Mullagh was a member of the 1868 Indigenous team that toured England. The 1868 team was made up of Indigenous Australians from Harrow and surrounding districts.

Top Indigenous boxers to fight

A BOXING tournament on 15 August at Batemans Bay, on the NSW south coast, will feature Australia's top Indigenous fighters against New Zealand's best.

Seventy-five per cent of the Australians taking part in the tournament will come from the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) squad.

These boxers are being groomed for the 2012 London Olympic Games.

The event will be held at the Batemans Bay Soldiers Club.

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:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1414	Approx. 132 km SE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.25°35'S Long.147°20'E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council and Murweh Shire Council	Area: 928 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1120 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 1191 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 1192 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 1264 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 1336 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 1408 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 1480 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 1552 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 1553 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 1625 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 1626 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 1627 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766
EPC1415	Part 1: Approx. 88 km ESE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.25°07'S Long.147°05'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Murweh Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 63 km E from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°52'S Long.146°53'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 55 km ENE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°47'S Long.146°48'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 50 km NE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°42'S Long.146°43'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 699 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 225 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 828 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 900 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 901 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 972 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 973 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 974 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 1046 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 1047 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 1119 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 Area of Part 2: 78 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 755 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 Area of Part 3: 78 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 682 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 Area of Part 4: 78 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 609 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766
EPC1417	Approx. 52 km E from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.25°0'S Long.146°45'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area: 932 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 753 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 754 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 825 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 826 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 827 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 897 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 898 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 899 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 968 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 969 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 970 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 971 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766
EPC1418	Approx. 30 km E from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°57'S Long.146°33'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area: 932 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 678 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 679 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 680 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 750 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 751 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 752 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 822 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 823 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 824 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 895 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 896 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 967 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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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:

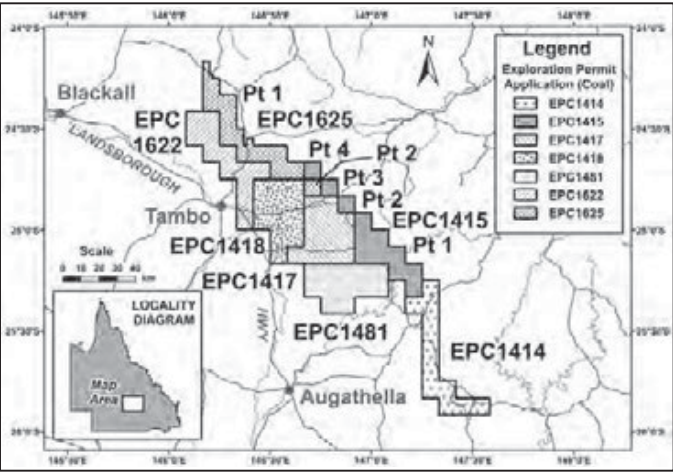
Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1481	Approx. 78 km SE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.25°17'S Long.146°53'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council and Murweh Shire Council	Area: 932 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1041 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 1042 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 1043 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 1044 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 1045 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 1113 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 1114 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 1115 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 1116 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 1117 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 1186 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 1187 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766
EPC1622	Approx. 21 km NNE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°42'S Long.146°18'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area: 936 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 386 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 387 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 458 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 459 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 531 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 532 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 604 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 605 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 606 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 677 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 749 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 821 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766 (50%) Lodestone Exploration Limited 075 877 075 (50%)
EPC1625 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 43 km NNE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°30'S Long.146°22'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 49 km ENE from Tambo Centred at approximate Lat.24°47'S Long.146°43'E Local Government Area: Blackall Tambo Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 858 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 275 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 171 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 243 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 315 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 316 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 388 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 460 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 461 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, t, u, v, w, y, z 533 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 534 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 535 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 607 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 608 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 Area of Part 2: 78 km² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 681 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	Tambo Coal & Gas Pty Limited 131 603 766 (50%) Lodestone Exploration Limited 075 877 075 (50%)

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation) creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map. Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000. Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d. Nature of the Acts: 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 and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814. Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed 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: 19 August 2009



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Sport

Mills is out with injury



INDIGENOUS basketballer Patty Mills has a broken foot that has thrown doubt over his future with the Portland Trailblazers in the US National Basketball League (NBA) Summer League.

It also has forced Mills out of commitments with the Australian men's basketball team – the Boomers.

New Boomers coach Brett Brown was hoping to have Mills on board for the tour of South America, which began on Monday. The Boomers will take on Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay.

Brown is hopeful Mills will be back to take on the Kiwis next month in the Oceania Series, where the higher seeding at next year's world titles will be on the line.

Mills fractured the fifth metatarsal in his right foot while training for the Summer League with the Portland Trailblazers.

The 20-year-old was the 55th pick in the NBA draft last month. He dropped about 20 picks after being expected to be selected in the late first round.

"You never want to see a player get injured, but it is especially heart-wrenching to see a young man go down on his first day of camp," said Trailblazers general manager Kevin Pritchard.

"We'll be doing everything we can to help Patty get back on track on realise his NBA future."

Meanwhile, back in Australia, the transformation of the Boomers has taken another step forward with coach Brown giving some more hopefuls their chance at a training camp last week in Sydney.

With Mills and C J Bruton sidelined, others are getting their chance.

"We reached out to C J Bruton once Patty went down, but he's just had an operation," Brown said.

"So your two best point guards are out straight away."

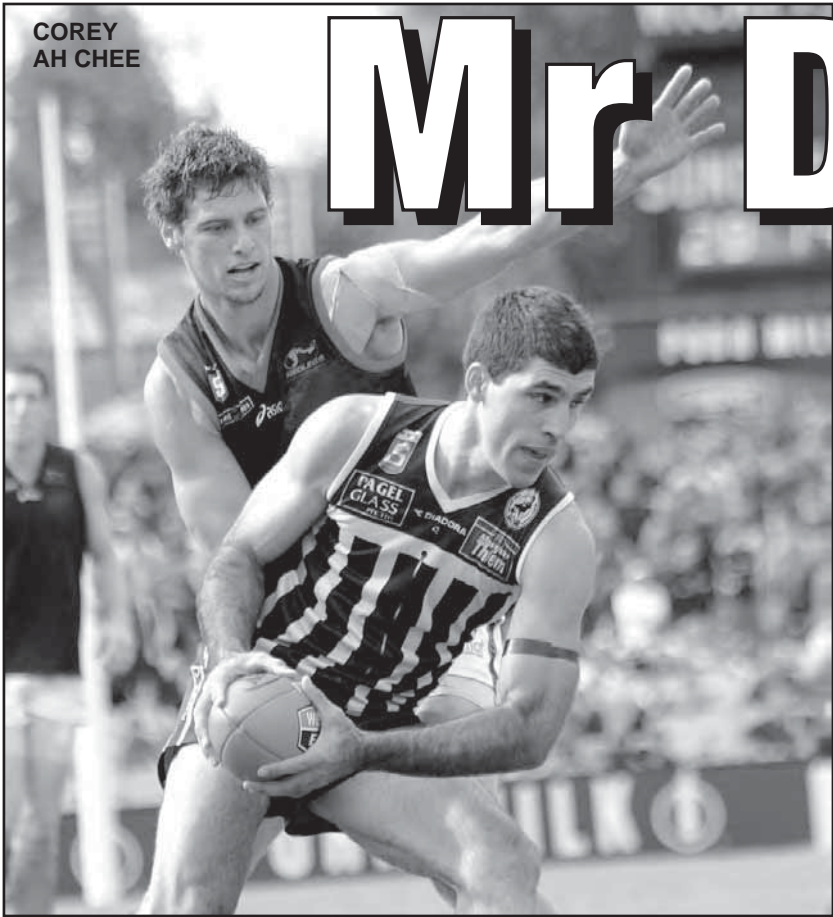
The players Brown is trialling now are fighting for the final six or seven spots on the team looking ahead to next year's World Championships in Turkey as well as the London Olympics.

Players such as Andrew Bogut, Mills, Matt Nielsen, David Andersen and Brad Newley already have spots sewn up for major competitions. – AAP



PATRICK MILLS

COREY
AH CHEE



Mr Durability

Ah Chee fits captain's mould for the Port Adelaide Magpies

By PETER ARGENT



ABORIGINAL star Corey Ah Chee is living up to the tradition of Port Adelaide captains being tough, durable and uncompromising in their approach at the ball and strong in one-on-one contests. These characteristics have permeated through his game since he first arrived at Alberton from Darwin at the start of this century.

Since he made his debut back in round one 2000 against the Eagles, Ah Chee has missed only four games in ten years of SANFL – all after a State game against Victoria in 2005. Against Glenelg in the Magpies' 18 July round-15

game of the 2009 SANFL season, he joined the SANFL's 200 club.

He is the first Indigenous captain of the Port Adelaide Magpies – and he's a player who leads by example.

"I call myself a Magpie, you have to after ten years," Ah Chee told *The Koori Mail*.

"But I played my first senior football with the Darwin Buffaloes in the NTFL, playing about 40 senior games before coming to Adelaide."

He also played four years of under-age football for the Northern Territory Thunder side, one at under 16 level and three in the under 18s.

Along his SANFL footy journey, Ah Chee has had four senior coaches: Stephen Williams, the much-maligned (and now Essendon senior coach) Matthew Knights, ten-times Magpies premiership coach John Cahill and current club mentor Tim Ginever.

"Stephen was a straight-shooter and you knew exactly where you stood, while Matty was along the same lines," Ah Chee said.

"Jack was very encouraging and passionate, while I find Timmy having many of the same characteristics as the man he succeeded."

On his highlights while in Adelaide, Ah Chee rates his first league game, State appearances and playing finals football among them, but in his typical no-fuss fashion found reasons why his 2003 best-and-fairest win wasn't high on his list, citing the departure of Ryan O'Connor and the broken leg of Tony Brown as part of the catalyst to him gaining the Magpies' top honour.

As a key defender, he has taken on the best the SANFL had to offer over the past decade. These have included dual centurion Brant Chambers, Daniel Schell and Adam Richardson.

"You can't afford to have an off day. If these guys get five or six opportunities, it will be a long afternoon," he said.

"But like all defenders, I always like to be pushed forward and kick a couple of goals."

Childhood heroes

Growing up in the NT, Ah Chee's heroes included Footscray forward Simon Beasley and Carlton's Steve Silvagni, along with admiring the tenacity and courage of Buffalos small man Steven Stokes, the father of Hawthorn listed player Cameron.

Fellow Buffalos have included 1994 Magpies premiership player Andrew McLeod and a good friend – Melbourne veteran Matthew Whelan.

His current coach, Tim Ginever, gave Ah Chee the ultimate compliment.

"He is good enough to play in defence in any of the seven premierships I played in," Ginever said.

"And we had some great defenders, including Martin Leslie, Greg Phillips, Paul Northeast, Roger Delaney and George Fiacchi.

"Corey doesn't get beaten on game day and is so consistent.

"Along with his longevity and ability to play with injury, he is a sensational overhead mark, a good kick and accurate in front of goal, along with rarely losing his feet, which is also a sign of a top-level player."

Set to get married to long-time partner Liza in January, the 28-year-old concedes 300 games may be too far off, as he has a daughter, Madison, aged one, who he'd like to spend more time with.

He did suggest coaching is an area he'd like to pursue, and returning to family and friends in Darwin is a serious option.

But before he departs, winning a flag for the Magpies is his primary motivation.

I Footnote: The only other SANFL Indigenous 200 club members are Central Districts' Sonny Morey, and dual Blues premiership player Michael Graham.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17724	Approx. 28 km E from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°16'S Long.143°49'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2014 c, d, e, j, k	KS Mining Pty Ltd 120 136 754
EPM17750	Approx. 57 km ENE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°07'S Long.144°04'E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council	Area: 46 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1801 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z	KS Mining Pty Ltd 120 136 754

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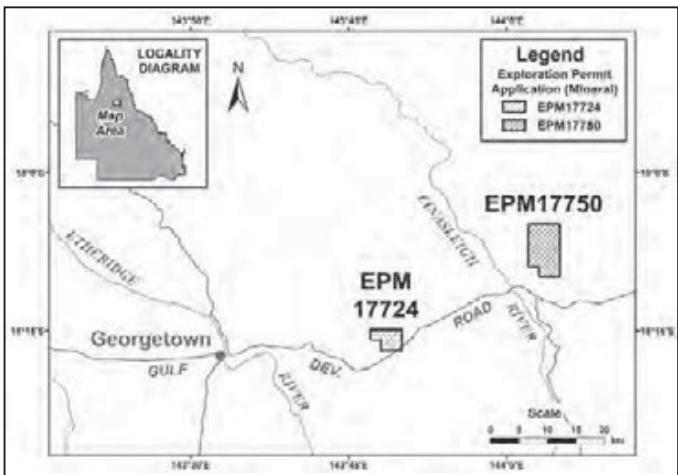
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Queensland Government

TMF 006 4734



Hodges voted 'biggest sledger'



RUGBY league's first match officials poll has installed Brisbane Broncos centre Justin Hodges as the sport's biggest sledger.

Brett Finch, son of NRL referees boss Robert Finch, was named the National Rugby League's (NRL's) biggest sook and worst-behaved player. *Rugby League Week*

magazine managed to coax replies from officials who are under instruction to keep their views to themselves.

The magazine's survey found Scott Prince the best captain to deal with, Steve Price and Matt Orford the worst, and Justin Hodges is the biggest sledger.

Thirty per cent of respondents voted for Melbourne's Finch in the biggest sook and worst behaved player categories.

The Storm are also the team that shows the least respect, according to refs, touch judges and video refs.

Disturbingly, 80 per cent of those surveyed said they had been personally threatened by fans.

And 80 per cent said the eye in the sky was being used too much, although everyone agreed video referees should be retained. – AAP



LEFT: Justin Hodges, voted the biggest sledger in the NRL.

RIGHT: The Titans' Scott Prince, voted the best captain to deal with.



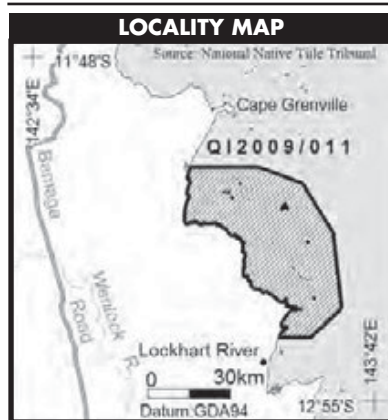
Notice of applications to register area agreements on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements

Kuuku Ya'u People Marine Park ILUA (QI2009/011)
Kuuku Ya'u People Protected Areas ILUA (QI2009/012)
State of Queensland

Notification day: 12 August 2009



National
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QI2009/011 Kuuku Ya'u People Marine Park ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 1,970km² of sea, located off the eastern coast of Cape York Peninsula, North of Lockhart River as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cook Shire Council.



QI2009/012 Kuuku Ya'u People Protected Areas ILUA

Description of the agreement area: The area subject to this agreement covers approximately 1.17km², located off the eastern coast of Cape York Peninsula, and covers the National Parks of Piper Islands, Quoin Island and part of Forbes Islands as shown on the locality map.

The agreement falls within the Local Government Authority of Cook Shire Council.

Parties to the agreement and their contact address:

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Department of Environment and Resource
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Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority on
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The Kuuku Ya'u People Marine Park Indigenous Land Use Agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The application for registration of the agreement does not identify any statements that are of a kind mentioned in ss 24EB(1)(b)-(d) or 24EBA(1)(a).]

In summary, the agreement:

Clause 4. Exercise of Native title in the ILUA Area:

- 4.1 In relation to the exercise of any Native Title in the ILUA Area, and in order to ensure the good management of the ILUA Area, the Native Title Parties agree:
 - (a) to carry out hunting in a manner consistent with the public safety and the Conservation of the ILUA Area;
 - (b) not to use Firearms, except as expressly agreed in writing by DERM;
 - (c) subject to clause 4.1(d), not to take, keep, use or interfere with Prescribed Fauna;
 - (d) not to take Green Turtles or Dugong in numbers in excess of the numbers prescribed in clause 4.2; and
 - (e) to remove rubbish and debris associated with their use of the ILUA Area.
- 4.2 For the purpose of clause 4.1(d) the numbers prescribed for each calendar year are fifteen (15) Green Turtles and fifteen (15) Dugong or such numbers as are determined in accordance with clause 6. (Clause 6 Dugong and Turtle Review)
- 4.3 Any agreement in writing by DERM in accordance with clause 4.1(b) may be made between DERM and the PBC.
- 4.4 If the State or the GBRMPA believes that at Kuuku Ya'u Person has breached clause 4, before taking any action, it will notify the Native Title Parties in the form provided in Schedule 3A of the nature of the alleged breach and the parties will use best endeavours to resolve the allegation within forty (40) Business Days of receipt of such notice.

"DERM" means Department of Environment and Resource Management

"ILUA Area" means the area described in Schedule 1.

"PBC" means Northern Kuuku Ya'u Kanthanampu Aboriginal Corporation

"Prescribed Fauna" means the fauna listed in Schedule 2 as varied from time to time in accordance with Clause 5 (Fauna Review).

The Kuuku Ya'u People Protected Areas Indigenous Land Use Agreement contains the following statements:
[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

[The application for registration of the agreement does not identify any statements that are of a kind mentioned in ss 24EB(1)(b)-(d) or 24EBA(1)(a).]

In summary, the agreement:

4. Exercise of Native Title in the ILUA Area

- 4.1 In relation to the exercise of any Native Title in the ILUA Area, and in order to ensure the good management of the ILUA Area, the Native Title Parties agree:
 - (a) to carry out any hunting in the ILUA Area in a manner which is consistent with Native Title in the ILUA Area, with the public enjoyment of the ILUA Area and with the management principles of national parks set out in section 17(1) of the Nature Conservation Act 1992 (Qld), namely to:
 - (i) provide, to the greatest possible extent, for the permanent preservation of the ILUA Area's natural condition and the protection of the ILUA Area's cultural resources and values;
 - (ii) present the ILUA Area's cultural and natural resources and values; and
 - (iii) ensure that the only use of the ILUA Area is nature-based and ecologically sustainable;
 - (b) not to use Firearms, except expressly agreed in writing by DERM;
 - (c) subject to clause 5.6 not to take or interfere with Rare, Endangered and Vulnerable Fauna;
 - (d) to restrict Camping to periods of no more than four (4) weeks in the one location, unless expressly agreed in writing by DERM, provided that Camping shall not be on a permanent basis and shall not involve the construction of permanent structures or fixtures;
 - (e) to control and contain any fires lit by them; and
 - (f) to remove rubbish and debris associated with their use of the ILUA Area.

Clause 5.6. The Parties agree to continue with Culturally Appropriate discussions relating to the ongoing sustainable harvest by the Kuuku Ya'u People of Green Turtle eggs within the ILUA Area, with a view to developing a management strategy.

"DERM" means the Department of Environment and Resource Management.

"ILUA Area" means the Piper Islands National Park, the Quoin Island National Park and the Forbes Islands National Park.

Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because these applications for registration of indigenous land use agreements have not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to the registration of the agreements. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by any of these agreements, 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 covered by the agreements. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to the relevant agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **12 November 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 these agreements, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, CAIRNS by 12 November 2009**.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations for comment.

Data statement: agreement area boundaries compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal based on data sourced from and with permission of the Department of the Environment & Resource Management, Qld. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreements are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

For assistance and further information about these applications, contact Karrell Ross on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17141	Approx. 81 km SSE from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.23°02'S Long.141°51'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 63 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2638 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 2639 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396
EPM17142	Approx. 97 km SSE from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.23°13'S Long.141°39'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 50 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2780 h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2781 f, l, q, v	Cloncurry Metals Limited 122 162 396
EPM17256	Approx. 54 km SSE from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°48'S Long.141°44'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 199 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 63 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2348 y, z 2349 v, w, x 2420 d, e, k 2421 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2422 l, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2493 c, d, e, j, k, o, p 2494 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd 008 694 782
EPM17257	Approx. 100 km SSW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.23°10'S Long.141°09'E Local Government Area: Winton Shire Council	Area: 95 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2702 m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2703 l, q, v 2774 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p 2775 a, f, l	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd 008 694 782
EPM17258	Approx. 88 km SW from Middleton Centred at approximate Lat.22°57'S Long.141°0'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Winton Shire Council	Area: 79 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2556 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2557 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	BHP Billiton Minerals Pty Ltd 008 694 782

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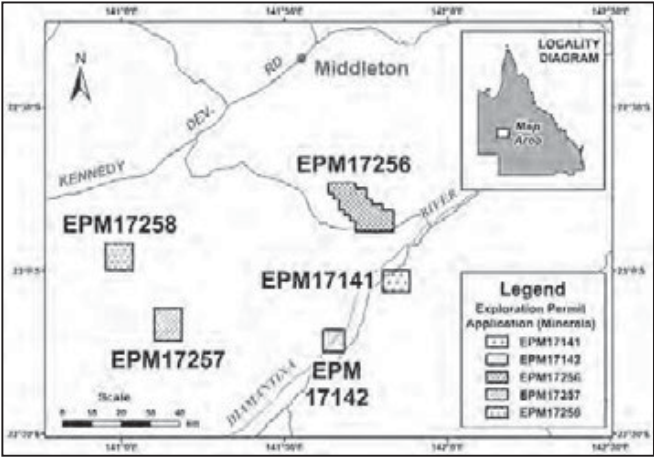
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 004/732

Inglis angry after Origin defeat



MAN-of-the-series Greg Inglis has a message for Blues' man-of-the-match Anthony Watmough after he said NSW's fiery 28-16 rugby league State of Origin win was just the 'tip of the iceberg'. "I think their Titanic has sunk," fired back Inglis, the Wally Lewis Medal winner for player of the series.

"Didn't they just lose four series in a row? I wouldn't be cheering too much." New South Wales fans remain puzzled over how the Bowraville-born Inglis wears the maroon jersey. Inglis has never left any doubts about where his Origin loyalties lie. After the 16 July final game of the 2009 series, they're more maroon than ever.

War of words

He and Brisbane centre Justin Hodges led a war of words against NSW, describing the treatment of Queensland prop Steve Price which led to an explosive finish to the game as a 'dog act'. Price was blindsided by Trent Waterhouse, who was sent off, while he traded punches with Blues prop Brett White. They claimed their injured teammate was shown no respect by NSW as he received treatment on the ground. Hodges was so incensed by players laughing and high-fiving each other while Price was receiving treatment that he gestured with his finger to White and NSW five-eighth Trent Barrett, to put a punch on his chin.

Impart pain

When Queensland received the penalty, he told captain Darren Lockyer to put the ball in the air so the Queenslanders could impart some pain on the Blues for their 'brother' Price. Hodges was livid that a NSW player had attempted to lift up a prone Price after he had been knocked out cold. Asked to name the NSW player whose actions incited Queensland's 'up-and-under' play, Hodges said: "I think someone shook him up after he'd been on the ground, which was a bit of a dog act. "Obviously we'll have to wait and see and we'll get him next year." Hodges said the battle lines had been drawn for 2010. "Yeah, it has set it up and it's obviously going to be a fiery game next year for sure," he said. "Things like that don't need to happen in the game, but we'll worry about that next year."



High-flying United



NORTHERN United is on track to cap off a dream first year with a fairytale ending.

The Lismore-based mainly Aboriginal club, in its first year with the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League (NRRRL), is leading the first-grade competition and fielding competitive reserve grade and under-18 sides.

Many are tipping United – on top after 13 of the 18 minor rounds – to go all the way and win the grand final.

It's a dream coming true for the small but dedicated band of Northern United committee members who battled for more than seven years to get their club into the NRRRL.

Club secretary Grantley Creighton says all the hard work has been more than worth it.

"We're seeing what we always knew Northern United could be – a quality rugby league side the whole community can be proud of," he said. "The club has good depth and great local backing."

Indeed, since it entered the competition, Northern United has attracted supporters from across Bundjalung Country (the far north coast of NSW). And Creighton says local councils, organisations and the NRRRL are right behind the club.

He is dismissive of claims of rough and unfair play against Northern United by the Mullumbimby coach.

"We play hard and we play fair. Maybe there's sour grapes there, who knows. We just want to play football," he said.

And play football Northern United has done, with the first-graders losing just one of their first 13 games.

Handful

That team, under veteran coach Chris Binge, has proven more than a handful for the other 13 NRRRL teams, recording some big wins.

Centre Fred Waters has been among the club's standouts, averaging more than two tries a game. He's on target to set an NRRRL record for tries scored in a season.

Creighton says a competition highlight will be on 16 August, when United and second-placed Lower Clarence meet in the second-last round of the minor competition.

"That should be a great game," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"Lower has a lot of Aboriginal players as well, so there's a real rivalry there."

The game, at Maclean, will be the focal point for what locals are planning as a day of culture, with displays, music and bush tucker.

Creighton wouldn't be drawn on United's grand final chances.

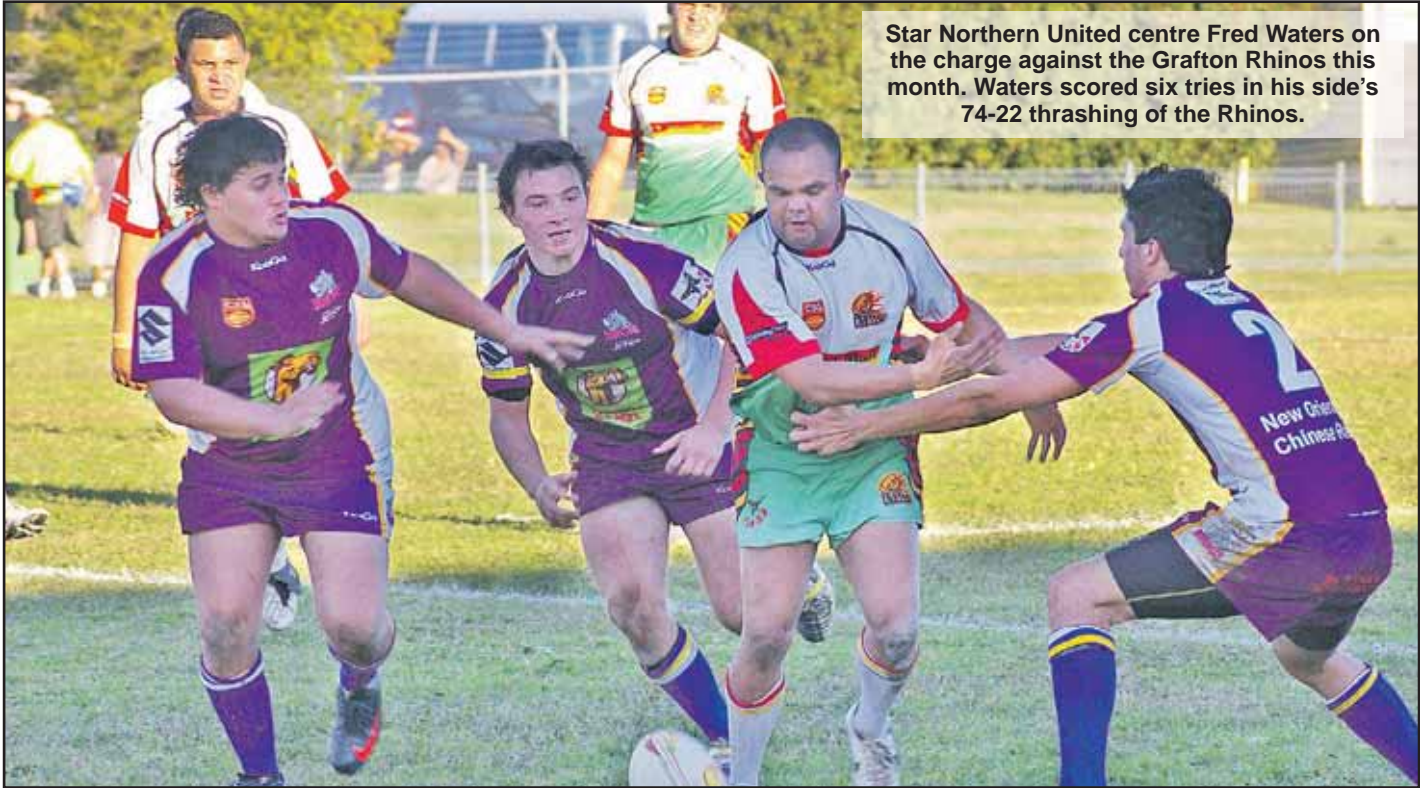
"Our teams are training hard and our people are with us – that's what's important," he said.

"We've already proven ourselves on and off the ground – anything else will be a bonus."

I The Koori Mail is principal sponsor of Northern United.



Northern United lock and captain Alwyn Roberts with the ball in this month's clash with the Grafton Rhinos. Also pictured are United back Anthony Robinson (middle) and prop Dave Fernando.



Star Northern United centre Fred Waters on the charge against the Grafton Rhinos this month. Waters scored six tries in his side's 74-22 thrashing of the Rhinos.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Mining Leases

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Lease to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application Current Applicants	Current Applicants ACN
ML20525 Northcote	Approx. 19Km North East from Dimbulah Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 170 on CP887723 – Pastoral Holding 0/201754 (mining and access) Lot 144 on HG625 – Term Lease TLO/208111 (mining only) Road Reserves (mining only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 931.0246 Ha	Republic Gold Limited 106 399 311 75.0% Jackson Minerals Limited 099 574 991 15.0% Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd 095 047 920 10.0%
ML20526 Navan Hill	Approx. 19Km North East from Dimbulah Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 170 on CP887723 – Pastoral Holding 0/201754 (mining and access) Lot 144 on HG625 – Term Lease TLO/208111 (mining only) Road Reserves (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 121.5301 Ha	Republic Gold Limited 106 399 311 75.0% Jackson Minerals Limited 099 574 991 15.0% Cape Lambert Iron Ore Ltd 095 047 920 10.0%
ML20614 Tunnel Hill	Approx. 19Km North East from Dimbulah Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 170 on CP887723 – Pastoral Holding 0/201754 (mining and access) Road Reserves (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 97.1016 Ha	Republic Gold Limited 106 399 311 100.0%

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 fifteen (15) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding fifteen (15) 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 the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

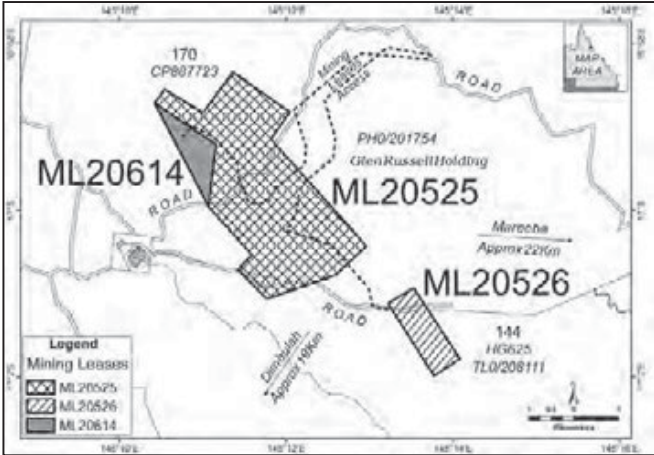
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, DEEDI, 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 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: 29 July 2009



Queensland Government



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
04/1902	Kimberley Quarry Pty Ltd	68.41km²	77km SW'ly of Derby	Lat 17°44' Long 123°04'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1904	John Charlton Russel	13.06km²	82km N'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°29' Long 125°19'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1907-8	John Charlton Russel	6.52km²	80km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°32' Long 125°14'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1964	Giralia Resources NL	18.92km²	104km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°51' Long 116°43'	Ashburton
08/1965	Gondwana Resources Ltd	25.17km²	164km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°17' Long 115°22'	Ashburton
08/1966	Gondwana Resources Ltd	34.62km²	184km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 23°14' Long 115°34'	Ashburton
08/1967	Gondwana Resources Ltd	69.19km²	195km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 23°19' Long 115°41'	Ashburton
08/1968	Gondwana Resources Ltd	12.57km²	185km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 23°26' Long 115°12'	Ashburton
08/1976	Jackson Minerals Ltd	6.31km²	132km of Pannawonica	Lat 22°46' Long 115°55'	Ashburton
08/1977	Uranex NL	189.48km²	139km SE'ly of Onslow	Lat 22°46' Long 115°41'	Ashburton
08/1980	Lawrence Arthur Cook	12.61km²	145km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°53' Long 115°55'	Ashburton
08/1981	Lawrence Arthur Cook	6.3km²	152km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°56' Long 115°52'	Ashburton
09/1617	Australian Outback Mining Pty Ltd	3.1km²	31km NW'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°54' Long 114°56'	Carnarvon/ Upper Gascoyne
09/1624	Holocene Pty Ltd	1240.77km²	30km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 25°03' Long 113°53'	Carnarvon
09/1628					
09/1625	Holocene Pty Ltd	215.84km²	96km S'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°55' Long 115°06'	Shark Bay
09/1626-7	Holocene Pty Ltd	1673.63km²	80km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 25°18' Long 114°18'	Carnarvon
09/1629					
09/1630	Bell Bay Investments Pty Ltd	108.74km²	60km SE'ly of Carnarvon	Lat 25°06' Long 114°12'	Carnarvon
09/1631-2	Bell Bay Investments Pty Ltd	270.02km²	64km W'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°11' Long 114°35'	Carnarvon
15/1122	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	40.88km²	23km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°38' Long 121°45'	Coolgardie
15/1129	Goldfund Pty Ltd	147.42km²	36km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°47' Long 120°50'	Coolgardie
15/1141	Independence Group NL	8.8km²	12km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°11' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie/ Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1909	Heron Resources Ltd	52.93km²	51km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 30°59' Long 124°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/717	Heron Resources Ltd	23.8km²	18km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°50' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/719	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	8.92km²	23km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°51' Long 121°10'	Menzies
30/376	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	65.83km²	125km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 119°48'	Menzies
31/855	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	86.09km²	110km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°01' Long 122°15'	Menzies
36/706	Enterprise Metals Limited	69.63km²	39km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°01' Long 121°04'	Leonora
37/1001	EGF Nickel Pty Ltd	24.09km²	25km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°01' Long 121°32'	Leonora
38/2243	Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	12.12km²	61km W'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°49' Long 122°18'	Laverton
	Regis Resources Limited		Newberry Mission		
38/2251	JML Resources Pty Ltd	119.05km²	94km NW'ly of Cosmo	Lat 27°39' Long 122°01'	Laverton/Leonora
			Newberry Mission		
38/2294	Eleckra Mines Ltd	153.45km²	131km SE'ly of Cosmo	Lat 28°37' Long 124°01'	Laverton
			Newberry Mission		
39/1424	Gryphon Minerals Ltd	45.15km²	28km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°34' Long 122°07'	Laverton
39/1452	Landtec Pty Ltd	14.95km²	74km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°14' Long 122°07'	Leonora
39/1458	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	8.97km²	62km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°10' Long 122°34'	Laverton
39/1459	Narmoo Mining Pty Ltd	133.75km²	177km NW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 29°54' Long 123°55'	Menzies
39/1460	Rubicon Resources Ltd	11.95km²	75km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°17' Long 122°16'	Leonora
39/1467	A1 Minerals Ltd	32.82km²	124km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°28' Long 123°14'	Menzies
39/1469	Royce William Allen	65.61km²	110km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°52'	Menzies
39/1470	Niwest Ltd	17.96km²	58km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°07' Long 122°12'	Leonora
39/1472	A1 Minerals Ltd	41.76km²	149km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°30' Long 123°33'	Menzies
39/1473	A1 Minerals Ltd	2.97km²	167km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°41' Long 123°36'	Menzies
39/1474	A1 Minerals Ltd	14.89km²	162km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°38' Long 123°35'	Menzies
39/1475	A1 Minerals Ltd	5.96km²	131km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°27' Long 123°20'	Menzies
39/1476	A1 Minerals Ltd	32.84km²	124km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°24' Long 123°18'	Menzies
40/261	Peter Romeo Gianni	3km²	51km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°25'	Menzies
45/2841	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	222.39km²	61km NE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°58' Long 118°50'	East Pilbara/ Port Hedland Town
45/3356	Atlas Iron Ltd	48.06km²	51km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°07' Long 119°15'	East Pilbara
45/3390-2	Last Crusade Pty Ltd	470.46km²	65km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°53' Long 118°29'	Port Hedland Town
45/3395	Legacy Iron Ore Ltd	359.86km²	52km E'ly of Newman	Lat 23°18' Long 120°55'	East Pilbara
45/3411	Bolgart Rise Pty Ltd	5642.89km²	10km NW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°50' Long 120°01'	East Pilbara
45/3422	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.21km²	66km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°54' Long 118°39'	Port Hedland Town
45/3428	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.82km²	98km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°13' Long 118°48'	Port Hedland Town
45/3429	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.38km²	96km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°16' Long 118°49'	Port Hedland Town
45/3430	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.38km²	95km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°18' Long 118°50'	Port Hedland Town
45/3431	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.38km²	94km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°20' Long 118°51'	Port Hedland Town
46/607	Witx Pty Ltd	222.73km²	43km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°05' Long 120°28'	East Pilbara
46/789	Tantalumx Pty Ltd	368.63km²	33km SE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°07' Long 120°19'	East Pilbara
46/794	Mount Stewart Resources Pty Ltd	219.47km²	19km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°56' Long 120°17'	East Pilbara
46/801	Alara Resources Ltd	60.23km²	103km NE'ly of Newman	Lat 22°15' Long 121°22'	East Pilbara
46/819	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	7334.54km²	37km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°01' Long 120°07'	East Pilbara
47/2045	Murchison Metals Ltd	31.57km²	43km N'ly of Newman	Lat 22°59' Long 119°36'	East Pilbara
47/2050	Timothy James Pascoe	44.72km²	63km WE'ly of Roebourne	Lat 21°06' Long 118°16'	Port Hedland Town
51/1286	Heron Resources Ltd	12.2km²	74km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°07' Long 118°57'	Meekatharra
52/2390	Giralia Resources NL	103.74km²	50km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°37' Long 120°08'	Meekatharra
52/2391	Giralia Resources NL	94.48km²	11km S'ly of Newman	Lat 23°27' Long 119°43'	East Pilbara/ Meekatharra
52/2398	Independence Group NL	78.53km²	58km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°42' Long 120°10'	Meekatharra
57/772	Heron Resources Ltd	24.45km²	84km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°16' Long 119°02'	Meekatharra/Sandstone
57/793	Gateway Mining Ltd	12.2km²	72km N'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°23' Long 119°33'	Sandstone
59/1574	Silver Lake Resources Limited	35.86km²	80km W'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°18' Long 116°52'	Perenjori
59/1581	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	50.79km²	68km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°20' Long 116°41'	Perenjori
63/1285	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	92.2km²	29km W'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°54' Long 121°21'	Esperance
63/1290	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	11.53km²	26km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°48' Long 121°28'	Esperance
63/1305	Pontion Minerals Pty Ltd	31.74km²	29km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°44' Long 121°45'	Esperance
63/1306-7	Pontion Minerals Pty Ltd	639.9km²	47km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°51' Long 122°07'	Esperance
63/1308	Pontion Minerals Pty Ltd	515.23km²	85km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°57' Long 122°33'	Esperance
69/2597	Westover Holdings Pty Ltd	165.71km²	71km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 32°02' Long 123°18'	Dundas
	Wild Side (WA) Pty Ltd				
69/2604	Australasian Mining And Exploration Pty Ltd	123.45km²	102km SW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 33°10' Long 123°10'	Esperance
70/3564	Bauxite Resources Limited	204.86km²	16km N'ly of Toodyay	Lat 31°24' Long 116°30'	Goomalling/Northam/ Toodyay
70/3565	Bauxite Resources Limited	244.98km²	40km E'ly of Bridgetown	Lat 33°52' Long 116°33'	Boypup Brook
70/3597	Darling Range Pty Ltd	157.27km²	8km NW'ly of York	Lat 31°51' Long 116°41'	Northam/York
70/3598	Bauxite Resources Limited	35.02km²	15km S'ly of Toodyay	Lat 31°41' Long 116°25'	Northam/Toodyay
70/3609	Elsinore Nominees Pty Ltd	105.28km²	10km SE'ly of Margaret River	Lat 34°01' Long 115°09'	Augusta-Margaret River
70/3610	Elsinore Nominees Pty Ltd	23.54km²	46km SW'ly of Moora	Lat 30°54' Long 115°38'	Dandaragan
74/435	Regency Mines Australasia Pty Ltd	51.87km²	81km W'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°56' Long 120°46'	Esperance
74/436	Regency Mines Australasia Pty Ltd	69.01km²	64km N'ly of Munglinup	Lat 33°08' Long 120°48'	Esperance
77/1663	Gondwana Resources Ltd	8.71km²	81km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°12' Long 119°43'	Kondinin/Yilgarn
77/1666	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	206.06km²	18km E'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°58' Long 119°18'	Yilgarn
77/1667	Red Dust Prospecting Pty Ltd	205.81km²	16km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°14' Long 119°29'	Yilgarn
80/4231	Mincor Zinc Pty Ltd	39.54km²	28km N'ly of Kununurra	Lat 15°31' Long 128°42'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4243	Timothy Vincent Tatterson	178.98km²	188km NW'ly of Wyndham	Lat 14°35' Long 126°38'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
	Geotech International Pty Ltd				
80/4244	Premier Base Metals Ltd	261.85km²	83km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°45' Long 127°04'	Halls Creek
80/4245	Premier Base Metals Ltd	107.52km²	80km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°55' Long 126°59'	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: 29 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 **29 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. 29 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.

Sport



Davina Hughes with an ice pack on her shoulder after winning gold at the Arafura Games in Darwin last May.

Davina sets sights on New Delhi



A LATE decision not to change divisions paid dividends for Toowoomba (Qld) weightlifter Davina Hughes when she won her second gold medal at the Australian titles in Melbourne.

The Roma-born Hughes, who won the Australian 58kg division last year, was contemplating switching to the lighter 53kg division for the 2009 titles.

But she changed her mind to reduce stress on her body after a long competitive season.

“I had too much body weight to lose so Greg (coach Greg Hobl) and I decided it would be better to do it more slowly,” Hughes said.

“I didn’t feel like I had a very good competition – I just wasn’t prepared for it.

“It was good to still be able to win gold.”

Hughes competed in Melbourne in mid-July just three weeks after returning from the World Junior Championships in Romania.

Rather than rushing her preparations for the event, Hughes said she was happy to focus on

getting things right for the Australian Junior Championships scheduled for September.

Hughes believes she was not properly prepared for the competition in Melbourne, but that did not stop her from claiming her second gold medal with a 61kg snatch and an 83kg clean and jerk.

The 2010 Commonwealth Games, in New Delhi, India, now are in sight for Hughes.

The Games became the centre of her focus after she finished 11th at the World Juniors. There, in the 53kg category, the 20-year-old completed a personal best snatch of 67kg, and a 79kg clean and jerk.

Hughes’ total of 146kg earned her a third place in B grade and 11th overall.

Queensland Weightlifting Association President Craig Wegert said Hughes was a prospect to represent Australia at the 2010 Commonwealth Games.

“Davina has the potential to make the 2010 Commonwealth Games team if she continues with her hard work and efforts in training and competition,” Wegert said.



Tahu eyes returning to the Eels



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) club Parramatta will look at third-party sponsorship to

help fund a move to re-sign Wallabies centre Timana Tahu after the 29-year-old agreed on a return to the club.

Tahu was approached by the Eels about a fortnight ago about the move after the club became aware of his disillusionment with rugby union following his omission from the first five international games of the season.

His services have been required by Sydney club West Harbour rather than the Wallabies.

An Eels official said Tahu – who left to take up a lucrative four-year rugby contract in 2007 – jumped at the chance to go back to Parramatta and will sign after working out a release from his ARU deal.

While the ARU and the Waratahs expressed shock at the revelation on 22 July, Tahu shouldn't have too much trouble working out a release considering the national body is tightening its belt.

Parramatta have told the Waratahs centre the salary cap prevents them offering him anywhere near the \$400,000-a-year deal he was on before he left the NRL.

But club officials say they are confident they can work out a plan with third parties, similar to those previously signed by Mark Gasnier at St George-Illawarra and Newcastle's Andrew Johns.

It will need to be ratified by NRL salary cap auditor Ian Schubert before any agreement can be rubber-stamped.

Eels second-rower Nathan Hindmarsh, who played with Tahu before he moved to rugby, welcomed the move.

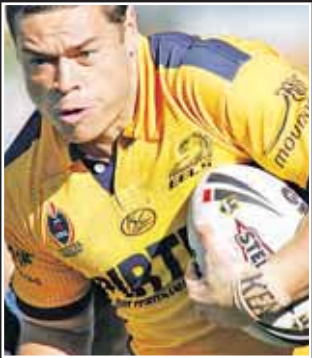
"He was playing good footy before he left and he is a big boy, but I guess it will give Ando (coach Daniel Anderson) a headache about who he will leave out in the centres," Hindmarsh said.

"I am definitely happy to have him back."

With the club also recruiting NSW prop Justin Poore from the Dragons and City Origin forward Shane Shackleton from the Sydney Roosters, Hindmarsh said the club's future was bright.

"I suppose this is the most recruiting we have done for a while getting in genuine first-grade players and things are looking up," he said.

An ARU official said Tahu's representatives had requested a meeting last week.



Timana Tahu in Parramatta's colours. He could be back in them again soon.

"We've heard from Timana's representatives. He's requesting a meeting to sort out his future and we will put that meeting in place as soon as possible," the spokesperson said.

However, the NSW Waratahs said they remained in the dark about the situation.

"We haven't been informed at all," said a spokesman. "We haven't even been contacted by him."

Tahu's lucrative rugby deal through to the 2011 World Cup was trumpeted by the ARU in 2007.

But injuries and a lack of opportunity for the Waratahs, who struggled to settle on his best position, never saw him reach the heights expected.

Ironically, it was only in the last three games of this year's Super 14 that it appeared he found his niche at outside centre in the Waratahs' back line.

Didn't train

Tahu failed to turn up to Wallabies training last Wednesday, but his absence was initially attributed to a shoulder injury after they were advised of his no-show.

He gained four Test caps, mostly off the bench, but repeated hamstring problems continued to plague his rugby career, including cutting short his spring tour of Europe when he expected to be given more development opportunities by coach Robbie Deans.

With Tahu now heading back to the NRL, only Cross remains from the big-name league converts still playing rugby union.

Wendell Sailor (Dragons) and Mat Rogers (Titans) are finishing their football careers in the NRL, while Lotte Tugiri is next month set to fight the ARU in court.

The heat is now on the Waratahs, who have to find two players to replace their big-name back-line stars for the 2010 season. —AAP



NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
38/965	Regis Resources Limited Duketon Resources Pty Ltd	305.22ha	123km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°01' Long 122°17'	Laverton
45/1078	Shaw River Resources Ltd	24.07ha	50km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°48' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara
45/1079	Shaw River Resources Ltd	24.03ha	50km S'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°47' Long 119°28'	East Pilbara

Nature of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 29 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 **29 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. 29 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 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
30/338	Davyhurst Gold Pty Ltd	323810 323772 323776	54.21ha 3.71ha 21.84ha	55km SW'ly of Menzies 57km SW'ly of Menzies 57km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°59' Long 120°35' Lat 29°58' Long 120°33' Lat 29°59' Long 120°33'	Menzies
31/717	Jackson Minerals Ltd	283716	101.7ha	126km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°56' Long 122°20'	Menzies
38/1731	Yilgarn Mining (WA) Pty Ltd	311072	105.31ha	43km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 122°37'	Laverton
63/873	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	321741	10.6ha	37km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°49' Long 121°31'	Coolgardie
70/3005	ISK Minerals Pty Ltd	318134	34.96ha	14km E'ly of Bunbury	Lat 33°28' Long 115°44'	Capel

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 29 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 **29 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. 29 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 applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
08/566	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	48.83ha	68km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°05' Long 115°53'	Ashburton
08/567	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	73.81ha	54km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°02' Long 116°01'	Ashburton
08/568	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.49ha	84km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°11' Long 115°46'	Ashburton
08/569	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.43ha	72km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°07' Long 115°52'	Ashburton
08/570	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.49ha	81km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°10' Long 115°47'	Ashburton
08/571	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.45ha	74km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°08' Long 115°51'	Ashburton
08/572	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.48ha	78km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°09' Long 115°49'	Ashburton
08/573	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	47.76ha	62km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°04' Long 115°58'	Ashburton
08/574	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.44ha	63km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°04' Long 115°56'	Ashburton
08/575	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	47.79ha	65km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°05' Long 115°56'	Ashburton
08/576	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	22.88ha	76km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°09' Long 115°51'	Ashburton
08/577	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	47.76ha	57km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°04' Long 116°03'	Ashburton
08/578	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	22.88ha	73km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°08' Long 115°52'	Ashburton
08/579	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	23.47ha	50km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°00' Long 116°03'	Ashburton
08/581	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	47.73ha	79km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°10' Long 115°50'	Ashburton
08/582	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	22.89ha	54km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°03' Long 116°04'	Ashburton
15/4560	Scott Walter Wilson	9.64ha	3km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°31' Long 121°34'	Coolgardie
16/2587	Daniel Wallace	35.74ha	58km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°28' Long 120°54'	Coolgardie
25/2070	Frederick Charles Saunders	17.2ha	37km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°55' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1182	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	83km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1183	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	81km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 122°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2111	Clinton Dean Hood	161.65ha	9km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°07'	Menzies
29/2112	Regal Resources Ltd	49.69ha	8km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°58'	Menzies
36/1717-9	Xstrata Nickel Australasia Operations Pty Ltd	524.23ha	34km SE'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°12' Long 120°50'	Leonora
37/7747	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	199.03ha	63km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°31' Long 121°09'	Leonora
37/7751	Australasian Gold Pty Ltd	197.27ha	39km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°40'	Leonora
37/7762-4	Eagle Eye Metals Ltd	577.05ha	38km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°40' Long 121°38'	Leonora
39/5030-2	Rubicon Resources Ltd	543.04ha	82km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°21' Long 122°20'	Leonora
51/2614	Silver Swan Group Ltd	88.36ha	58km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°06' Long 118°35'	Cue/Meekatharra
51/2618	Robert Alfred Sirr	195.24ha	50km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°58' Long 118°13'	Meekatharra
63/1749	Barra Resources Ltd Metecore Metals Limited	195.85ha	22km NW'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°03' Long 121°36'	Dundas
63/1756	Australian Strategic & Precious Metals Investment Pty Ltd	67.68ha	17km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°04' Long 121°52'	Dundas
80/1743	Magma Metals Ltd	72.02ha	30km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°15' Long 127°23'	Halls Creek
80/1744	Magma Metals Ltd	22.59ha	32km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°17' Long 127°22'	Halls Creek
80/1745	Magma Metals Ltd	47.3ha	35km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°18' Long 127°21'	Halls Creek

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: 29 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 **29 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. 29 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.



Stingers' Mid-West hat-trick

By ALF WILSON



NORMANTON Stingers made it a hat-trick of Mid-West Queensland rugby league premierships when they beat Cloncurry Eagles 38-24 in the grand final on 18 July.

But the game at Normanton's John Henry Memorial Oval almost did not go ahead when the bus transporting the Cloncurry players broke down.

The bus stopped 230km south of Normanton and a player had to hitch-hike to the nearest telephone to advise Stingers officials of the mishap.

Normanton wanted the game to go ahead and sent their own bus to pick up the opposition and the game was delayed until 7.45pm. More than 800 spectators saw the clash.

Many of the players in both sides were Indigenous.

The game featured plenty of drama, and after the first kick-off, two Cloncurry players saw the ball drop between them and then one knocked on to give the Stingers the scrum feed close to the line.

But a forward pass bombed what should have been a try.

Cloncurry managed to run in the first two tries courtesy of Josh Samardin, and an upset looked on the cards.

The parochial home crowd was nervous with Cloncurry leading 8-0 and supporters of the visiting team were hoping the 'Eagle has landed'.

But Normanton rallied, and in the final 20 minutes of the first half showed real class, starting with tries to Leon Murray, Davin Crampton and former Doomadgee footballer Travis Fraser.

18-8 half-time lead

That gave Normanton an 18-8 half-time lead.

Normanton possessed a heavier forward pack, and Karl Pickering scored in the first minute of the second half.

The Stingers then led 22-8 and were looking good.

Halfback Sorren Owens was clever for the Stingers and then veteran Gene Murray dashed 50 metres before firing a precision pass to Phillip Harrison, who scored.

Two minutes later, Murray chipped in with a try and then Luke Carlon scored the Stingers' seventh try and they led 38-8.

Despite the massive deficit on the scoreboard, Cloncurry played hard until the final whistle and scored tries through Robert Philpott, Kyle Cunningham and Alex Ryan.

But Normanton had won their third grand final in a row and their quality 18-year-old hooker Kurt Sivyver was named man of the match.

Captain Les Henry and Gene Murray also impressed in an all-round team performance.

Normanton coach Paul Stephens had nothing but praise for his team after the game.

"Not many sides win three premierships in a row, but this is a very special team," he said.

"I thought we had the game under control all night, even after Cloncurry scored those two early tries. This is a night we'll all remember for a long, long time."

Stephens also praised the Eagles.

"It can't have been easy for them after their bus broke down and they had to go through all that drama, but they came here and had a red-hot crack," he said.

Cloncurry coach Clint Hopkins refused to blame his team's travel woes and credited the Stingers for their outstanding season.

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:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1492 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 21 km SE from Townsville Centred at approximate Lat.19°23'S Long.146°57'E Local Government Area: Townsville City Council Part 2: Approx. 13 km WSW from Townsville Centred at approximate Lat.19°17'S Long.146°42'E Local Government Area: Townsville City Council	Area of Part 1: 332 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 103 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2842 z 2843 l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2844 q, v 2845 v, w, x 2914 e, k, p, t, u, y, z 2915 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 2916 a, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 2917 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, u 2918 l, q, v 2987 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, r, s, w, x 2988 a Area of Part 2: 165 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2768 j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 2769 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 2840 d, e, j, k, o, p, u 2841 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 2913 a, b, c, d, g, h, j, n, o, t	Mineral & Coal Investments Pty Ltd 130 862 458

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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 and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

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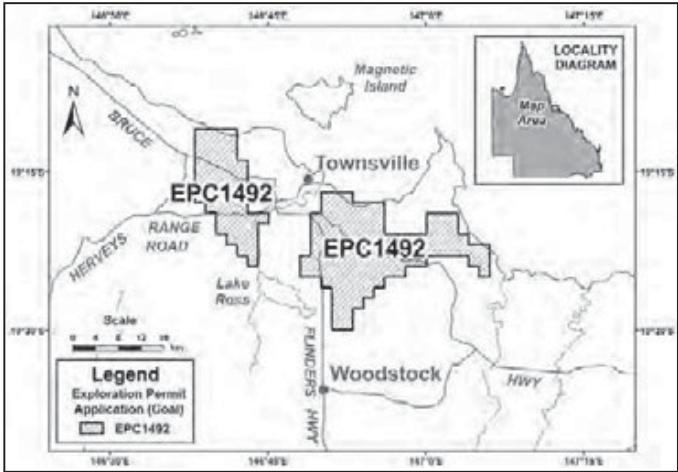
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Queensland Government

Busy start for NT Storm



THE Northern Territory Storm netballers will head to Sydney on Friday to compete in the first round of the 2009 *New Idea* Australian Netball League.

There are two Indigenous players in the NT Storm – Sarrita King and Stacey McKenzie.

In a triple-header, Storm will play Canberra Darters on Friday, NSW Blues on Saturday, and the Australian Institute of Sport on Sunday.

Hectic schedule

In a very busy month, Territory Storm will head to Melbourne on 7 August and Singapore on 21 August, as well as competing in front of a local crowd in Darwin on 15-16 August.

Queensland Fusion and Tasmania will play against Territory Storm in the Darwin round on 15-16 August.

Games will be played at the Marrara Indoor Stadium.

Storm is hoping to improve on their eighth placing in the inaugural 2008 competition.

Stacey scores training post



A TOP Northern Territory netballer has landed a traineeship with mining company Energy Resources of Australia. Stacey McKenzie, one of two Indigenous players in the NT Storm team playing in the 2009 *New Idea* Australian Netball

League, was the top Northern Territory Board of Studies Indigenous Year 12 student last year.

She has been offered a 12-month traineeship as part of ERA and Rio Tinto's partnership with the Northern Territory Storm netball squad through the Northern Territory Thunder.

Breaking new ground

McKenzie, the first member of the Storm squad to be offered a traineeship with the mining company, said she was looking forward to broadening her knowledge of the industry.

"I feel very fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to complete a traineeship in a field that I am interested in while also being able to continue with my netball commitments," she said.

"I am confident the traineeship will give me the chance to work with a wide range of professionals, which will enable me to develop my communication skills and broaden my knowledge of the industry."

ERA Chief Executive Rob Atkinson said he was confident Ms McKenzie would make a valuable contribution to the business.

"We also see this partnership as a great opportunity to provide support and training to our community's youth, with the hope of retaining them in the local workforce," he said.



LEFT: The Northern Territory Storm netball team. Sarrita King is in the front row at left and Stacey McKenzie is front row, second from the right. The girls will play three Australian Netball League games in NSW this weekend, then play in Melbourne on 7 August and Singapore on 21 August. They will play home games in Darwin on 15-16 August.

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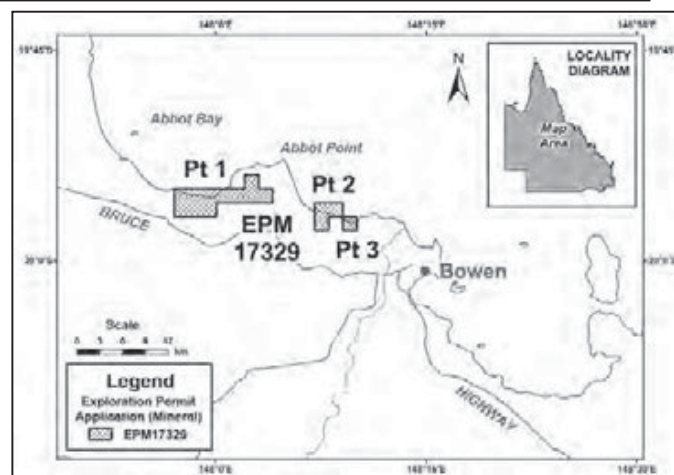
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Notification Day: 19 August 2009



Khalu joins the Taipans

... But his playing days are nearly over



CAIRNS Marlins guard Joel Khalu will retire from competitive basketball at the end of the Australian Basketball Association season.

Khalu has already started in a new position with the Skytrans Cairns Taipans as the National Basketball League (NBL) club's community programs and operations manager.

He said accepting this role helped make the decision to retire from playing a little easier.

In 2009, the 28-year old became the first Marlins player (along with team-mate Aaron Grabau) to play ten seasons for the club.

"I was looking to set myself some new goals off the court and this role with the Taipans will bring many challenges that I am looking forward to tackle head-on," Khalu said.

Started young

Khalu began his senior playing career with the Marlins in 1998 when he signed with the club as a 16-year-old. That year he was the youngest player competing nationally in the Continental Basketball Association and was a member of the Rod Popp-coached team that brought the club its first ever National CBA Championship.

Khalu continued to develop his game with the Marlins over the next few seasons and tasted championship success again in 2001, this time as a member of the Mark Beecroft-coached team that won the ABA North Conference title.

In the same year he was part of the inaugural rookie class of the Cairns Taipans NBL Academy.

Accepting an athletic scholarship in September 2002, Khalu then moved to the US where he played basketball for Waukesha Tech College in Wisconsin.

Khalu captained the Owls team to the 2004 WJCAA State

Championship, earning All-Conference and All-State honours.

In the same season, he was named National Player of the Week after scoring 43 points in a single game against Mid-State Tech College, ironically the former college of current Marlins and Taipans mentor Aaron Fearn.

Khalu returned to Cairns in 2005 and took a position within Cairns Basketball as the participation and Indigenous programs manager. It was in this position that Khalu created the 'Hoop Dreaming Project,' a national crime-prevention program that uses basketball as a tool to assist at-risk young people.

"The Hoop Dreaming Project was a way for me to give back to the community and help kids that faced similar life challenges as me when I was that age," he said.

At the end of the 2006 QBL season, Khalu captained the Cairns Marlins Indigenous team which won the first ever Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Association National Championship in Sydney.

Record sequence

In 2007, Khalu was a member of the Aaron Fearn-coached Marlins team that won the QABL State Championship and ABA National Championship with a record of 25 wins and one loss.

Also in 2007, Khalu captained the Australian Indigenous basketball team to the bronze medal at the Arafura Games in Darwin.

Khalu's 2008 Marlins campaign was cut short after tearing his Achilles tendon with four games left in the season and had to watch from the sidelines as the Townsville Heat beat the Marlins in the QBL quarter-finals.

Bouncing back this year, Khalu led the Marlins to the Arafura Games gold medal in Darwin, but said the best way

to finish his career in Cairns would be by winning one last QBL Championship.

"It's all about winning," he said.

"You play the game to win and as I have gotten older I have realised how tough it is to win championships.

"Some players go their whole careers and never win anything. I've been fortunate to have been a part of a club where winning is a culture.

"I think our Marlins team this year definitely has the potential to reach the mountain top one more time. If that does happen, it would be a nice way to go out."

Marlins coach Aaron Fearn acknowledged Khalu's service to the club.

Work ethic

"Joel has never been the most talented player, but makes up for that with a strong work ethic and a real understanding of the game," Fearn said.

"He's a true leader and does whatever is needed to get this team the win. He's the type of player coaches love to have on their team."

Khalu also acknowledged the support of the club and its members.

"I have had opportunities to play in arenas all over Australia and the United States and nothing compares to the home-town fan support at the Fish Tank," he said.

"The people of Cairns enjoy their basketball and are very passionate about the Marlins and the Taipans."

Marlins fans still have opportunities to see Khalu play, with a remaining home game scheduled against the Rockhampton Rockets (31 July) at the Bendigo Bank Basketball Centre.

"It would be nice to have past and present fans come out so I can say goodbye and thank them for all the support they have given me throughout my career," Khalu said.



Joel Khalu at the 2008 Oz Minerals Queensland Indigenous Sports Awards in Cairns last November. Khalu accepted the Eddie Gilbert Medal on behalf of Townsville basketballer Rohanee Cox.

Stawell Gift could move to Ballarat



THE Stawell Gift – won twice by Indigenous sprinter Joshua Ross – could be moved to Ballarat to save the iconic professional running meet from prospective financial ruin. The City of Ballarat has made

a five-year bid worth \$1.25 million to host the Gift, which has been held in the western Victorian town of Stawell since its inception in 1878.

Stawell Athletic Club (SAC) secretary Ian Lawrie said on 14 July the SAC expected to make a decision on whether to relocate the annual Gift carnival to Ballarat from 2010 onwards by the end of July.

The Gift has run at a significant loss in recent years, and the SAC has been told that funding from the Victorian Government was no longer available.

"This decision is, without question, the most difficult ever undertaken by the committee of the Stawell Athletic Club," said Lawrie.

"The financial viability and challenges facing the Stawell Athletic Club have been regularly discussed and have been obvious during our own ongoing business planning.

"The 2009 carnival was very successful, yet despite near record sponsorship, crowds being up and outstanding media coverage, the club still struggles to operate at break-even.

"The costs of running the carnival continue to escalate; we cannot afford to attract international athletes or adequately market the event, and the club has limited reserves."

Ballarat Mayor Judy Verlin said the \$1.25 million bid was a genuine offer to ensure the ongoing success of the Gift.

"It is our understanding that the Stawell Athletic Club has exhausted every possible avenue for obtaining essential financial support for the event," she said.

"... We believe this proposal is the Gift's best option for long-term prosperity.

"It is not a takeover bid or speculative offer."

Although Australia's best sprinters such as two-time winner Joshua Ross, Aaron Rouge-Serret and Patrick Johnson have contested the Gift in recent years, the SAC has been unable to pay appearance fees to attract big-name international runners.

A lack of accommodation in Stawell has also hindered efforts to expand the meet.

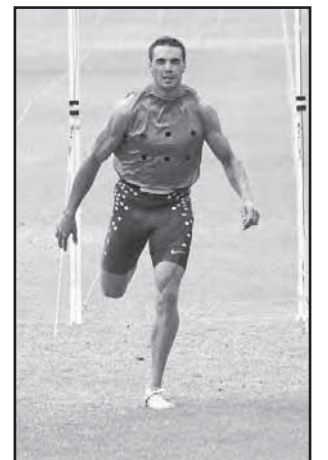
But any decision to move it from its spiritual home at Central Park to Ballarat's City Oval is certain to be fought by those who believe the Stawell Gift has to be raced in the town that bears its name.

The SAC has been assured that the national event would still be called the Stawell Gift, even if it was moved 130km down the highway to Ballarat.

Victorian Sports Minister James Merlino said the State Government had provided almost \$1 million in funding for the Gift over many years and was committed to the race remaining at its traditional home.

"There's been no suggestion of the Government not providing funding any more to the Stawell Gift, that's completely rejected by myself, that is not the case," he said.

"I'm very keen to ensure the Government talks to the athletics club, that they come and take us through their business case and their strategy to keep the event in Stawell and not send it off somewhere else." – AAP



Josh Ross competing in another professional race – the 2008 Bay Sheffield in Adelaide.

Young talent time

By **PETER ARGENT**



SEVERAL teenage Indigenous players were among the best of the footballers at the AFL under 16 championships in Sydney earlier in July.

Victorian Country, coached by Collingwood legend Nathan Buckley, after being unbeaten in the 2009 NAB AFL Under 16 Championships will come up against South Australia in the final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on AFL grand final day, Saturday 26 September.

The Victorians will hold a pre-match advantage – they beat South Australia in the third round of competition in Sydney.

The Victoria Country side had two Indigenous talents: Belmont Lions footballer Lachlan Edwards and Redan lad Darcy Watchorn.

“Lachie is a very skillful footballer, who also has good core body strength he is still learning to use,” Buckley said.

“He popped up at important times and kicked goals.

“We played Darcy deep in attack and he is the quickest bloke in our squad.

Blinding speed

“His outstanding attribute is his absolute speed and his second, third and fourth efforts when chasing and tackling impressed all.

“Darcy’s second half against Western Australia was fantastic and we also used him in bursts in the midfield, where he also found the ball consistently.”

For the second-placed South Australians, Steve Rusca, from the Barossa Valley town of Angaston, was exceptional in the thrilling

first match against Western Australia, and Salisbury lad Luke Wilson was an influence in the opening two games.

“Steve is strong around the contest and played as a lead-up forward for us,” SANFL talent manager Brenton Phillips told *The Koori Mail*.

“He has strong hands, reads the play well and his skills are good.

“Luke is a real livewire who kicked important goals for us in the opening two games.”

Beaten, but competitive

While the Sandgropers were winless in the three-game series, they were competitive in each contest.

Gerald Ugle, from the Northam Football Club, was among the West Australians’ best in two of their three games.

“Gerald played up to expectation, being a high possession talented left-footed mid-fielder,” WA coach Trevor Williams said.

The other Indigenous player wearing the gold and black from the West was a member of the extended Ah Chee football clan – Brendon.

“We played Brendon in several positions, down back, through the middle and even up forward, which showed his versatility,” Williams said.

“He is an athletic footballer with a good set of hands.”

Victorian Metro improved over the course of the titles, as did their Indigenous talents Jason Williams and Kym Taylor.

“Kym has already played TAC Cup (under 18) and has good explosive speed,” coach Andrew Johnson said.

“He is a clever small forward who still needs to work on the defensive side of his game.

“Jason is a mid-sized medium tall lead-up player who flashed in and out of matches.

“He needs to find more consistency at this level.

“Both found it to be a strong introduction to elite football.”

In the Division Two competition, Queensland and NSW/ACT won through to the final, also to be played on AFL grand final day.

Queensland had two boys from Kenmore in the final squad of 30 – Peter Yagmoor and Patrick Nandy – who are on scholarships at St Peter’s Lutheran College in Brisbane. But only Yagmoor survived the final cut.

“Peter is a one of those graceful footballers who always looks to have plenty of time,” Queensland talent manager Mark Browning said.

“He never seemed rushed and is a half back-wingman type.

“Patrick is also a talent and could be a part of the squad for the trip to the AFL grand final day.”

Broken Hill talent Dylan Stuart played in the first and third games, kicking two goals in the final round-robin match against the Northern Territory.

“Dylan was a strong contributor against the (NT) Thunder,” NSW-ACT coach Damien Stevens said.

“He has a good leg, naturally speed and can kick a goal and is a strong mark for his size.

While Brett Hand’s Northern Territory combination didn’t enjoy a victory at this year’s event, as expected the Thunder had the largest Indigenous contingent, with 15 members of the travelling squad of Aboriginal heritage.

Over-age player Jarred Erlandson, from the Pioneer Football Club, won the Territory’s most valuable player award, while others who were noteworthy included Curtly Hampson, Jed Anderson and Swaine Hill.

“Jarred took his game to the next level and was one of the leaders in our group,” Hand said. “Having just played two games in the previous 12 months coming into this tournament, it was great to see Curtly back and enjoying his footy.

“He showed signs of his enormous ability.

“Jed, the baby of our group at 15, is the younger brother of Carlton footballer Joe Anderson.

“His second efforts, work rate and tackling, along with his ability to read the play, were outstanding, but he needs to work on his disposal.

“Swaine, a nephew of television star Ernie Dingo, displayed a huge amount of potential.

“His skill level and natural ability are impressive, but he needs to work on his fitness.”

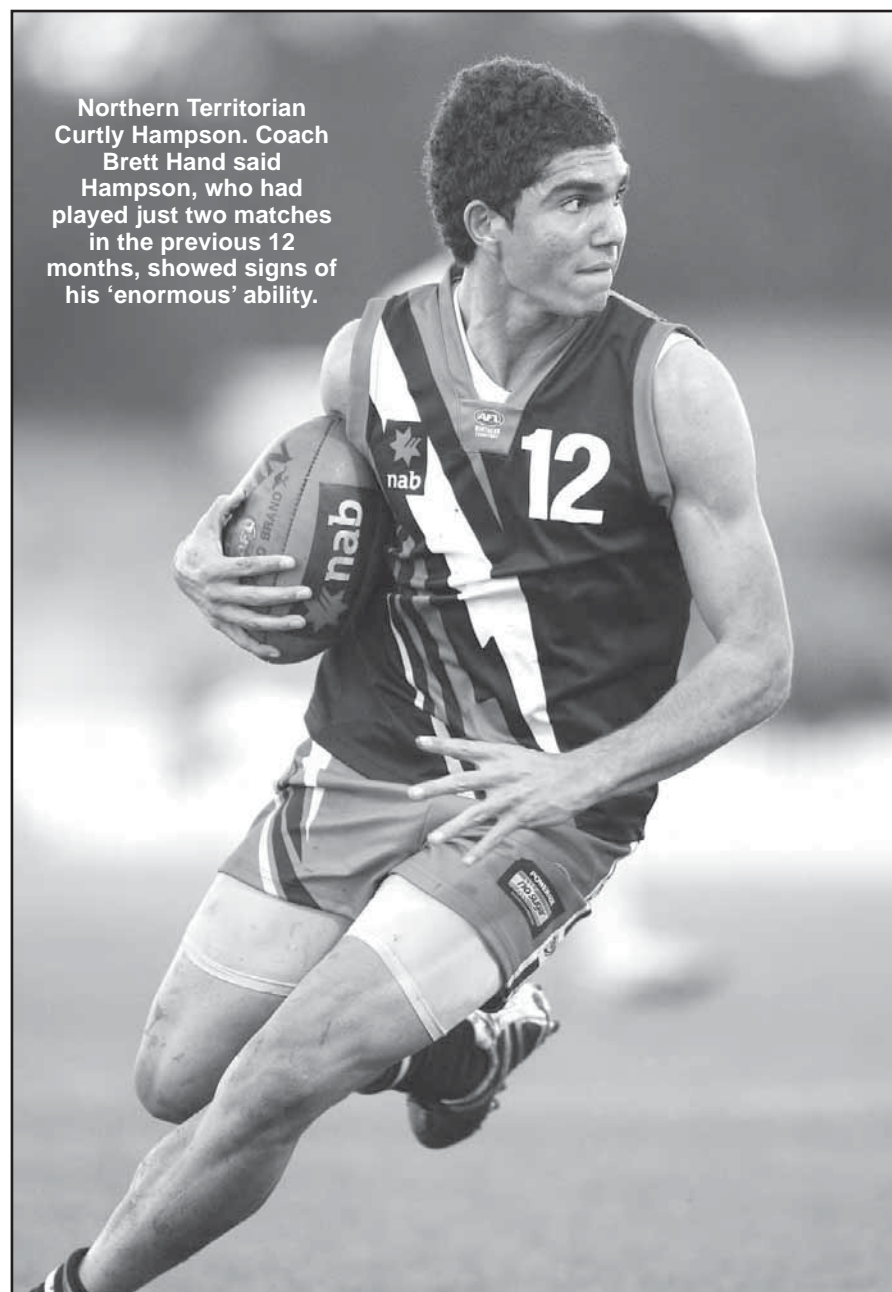
Remote footballers

Hand also gave a special mention to three lads from remote communities: Michael Fuller, Aaron Thomas and Justin Cooper.

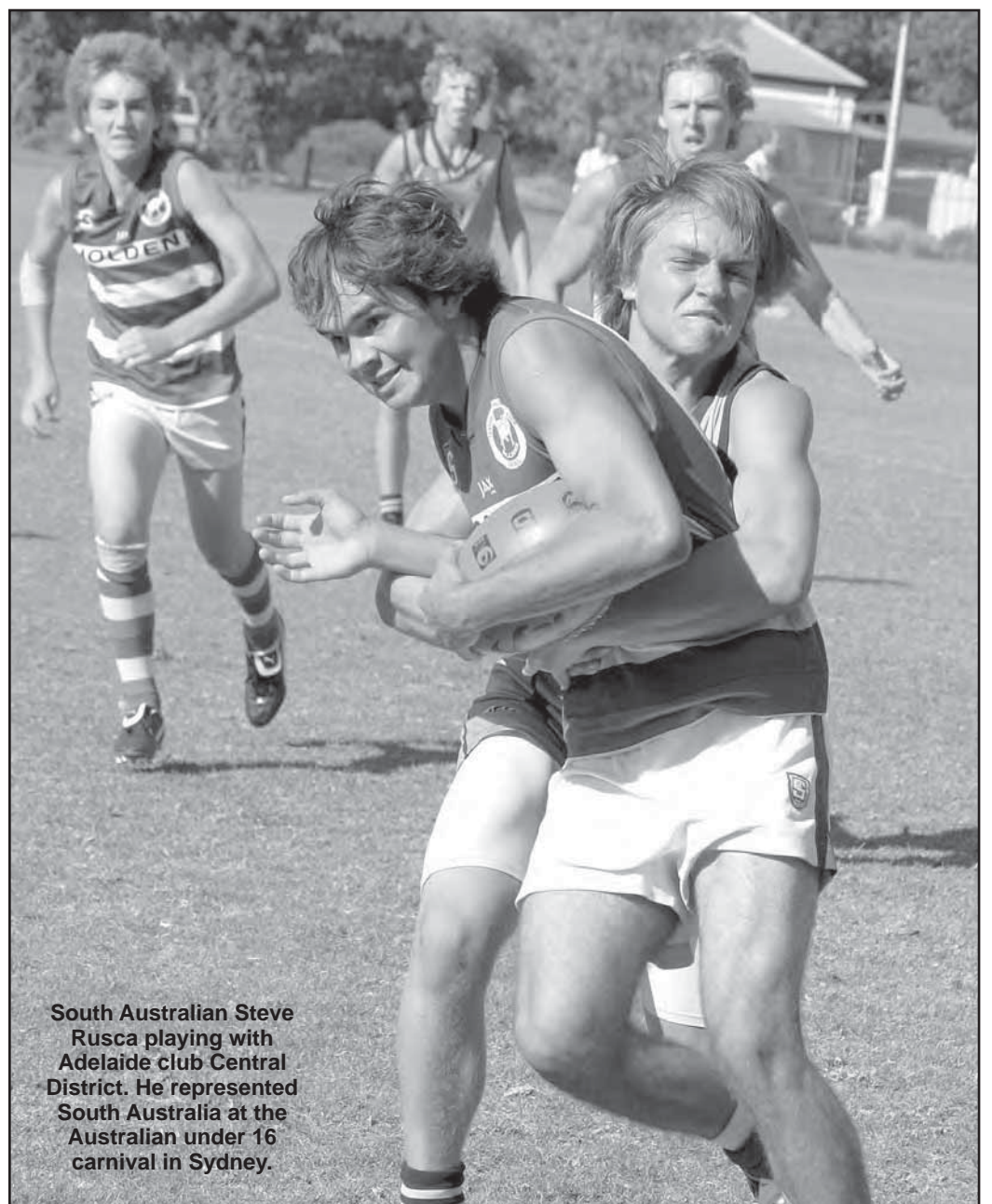
“Michael comes from Beswick, a community 80km south-east of Katherine,” Hand said.

“He had never been on a plane before, and although he got sick, we convinced him to stay and he played in the last game.

“Justin is from Croker Island, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, while Aaron is from the Kimberleys. They are boarding in Darwin and both have lots of potential.”



Northern Territorian Curtly Hampson. Coach Brett Hand said Hampson, who had played just two matches in the previous 12 months, showed signs of his ‘enormous’ ability.



South Australian Steve Rusca playing with Adelaide club Central District. He represented South Australia at the Australian under 16 carnival in Sydney.

South Aust netballers seek financial assistance



AN all-Aboriginal female netball team from South Australia is to compete in the World Masters Games in Sydney in October... but the women are pleading for help. They call themselves the Boomerangs and have registered with Games organisers.

But they say they are struggling financially and are on the lookout for sponsorship or financial assistance.

The World Masters Games are on from 10-18 October at venues around Sydney.

The Boomerangs (pictured at right) will be competing in the over 45 division.

The women have been together for a couple of years and have competed in the Australasian Games in Adelaide and Alice Springs and Masters games in Port Pirie and Ceduna.

They are paying for airfares to Sydney, Games registrations, food

and competition uniforms. These costs alone come to about \$735 for each team member.

But accommodation is going to cost a total of \$12,000 and on top of that there's vehicle hire.

The women say they are putting their problem 'out there' in case someone can help.

Their contact details are: Jennifer (Tjidula) Johncock 0402 807 321, Belinda Stillisano 0406 814 959, or Trevor Wanganeen 0466 111 751.



Rematch ordered

... But Geale not confident 'The Man' will respond



DANIEL Geale doesn't expect Anthony Mundine to give him a rematch, even though the

International Boxing Organisation (IBO) has ordered one and threatened to strip 'The Man' of his middleweight world title.

Geale's manager told him on 11 July that the IBO had reacted positively to the protest they had submitted following his points loss to Mundine in Brisbane in late May.

"I was told that he had to fight me again by 27 February or otherwise they will strip him of the title," Geale said.

"I spoke to my manager but we weren't very confident that he will.

TV commitments

"I think he has got some commitments to *The Contender* reality TV boxing show and he has to fight the winner of that, but we're not real confident he wanted to fight me again.

"It's a little bit frustrating at this stage."

Mundine is expected to meet the winner of an Australasian version of *The Contender*, featuring several well-known local super middleweights including Shannan Taylor and Nader Hamdan, two of his previously vanquished opponents.

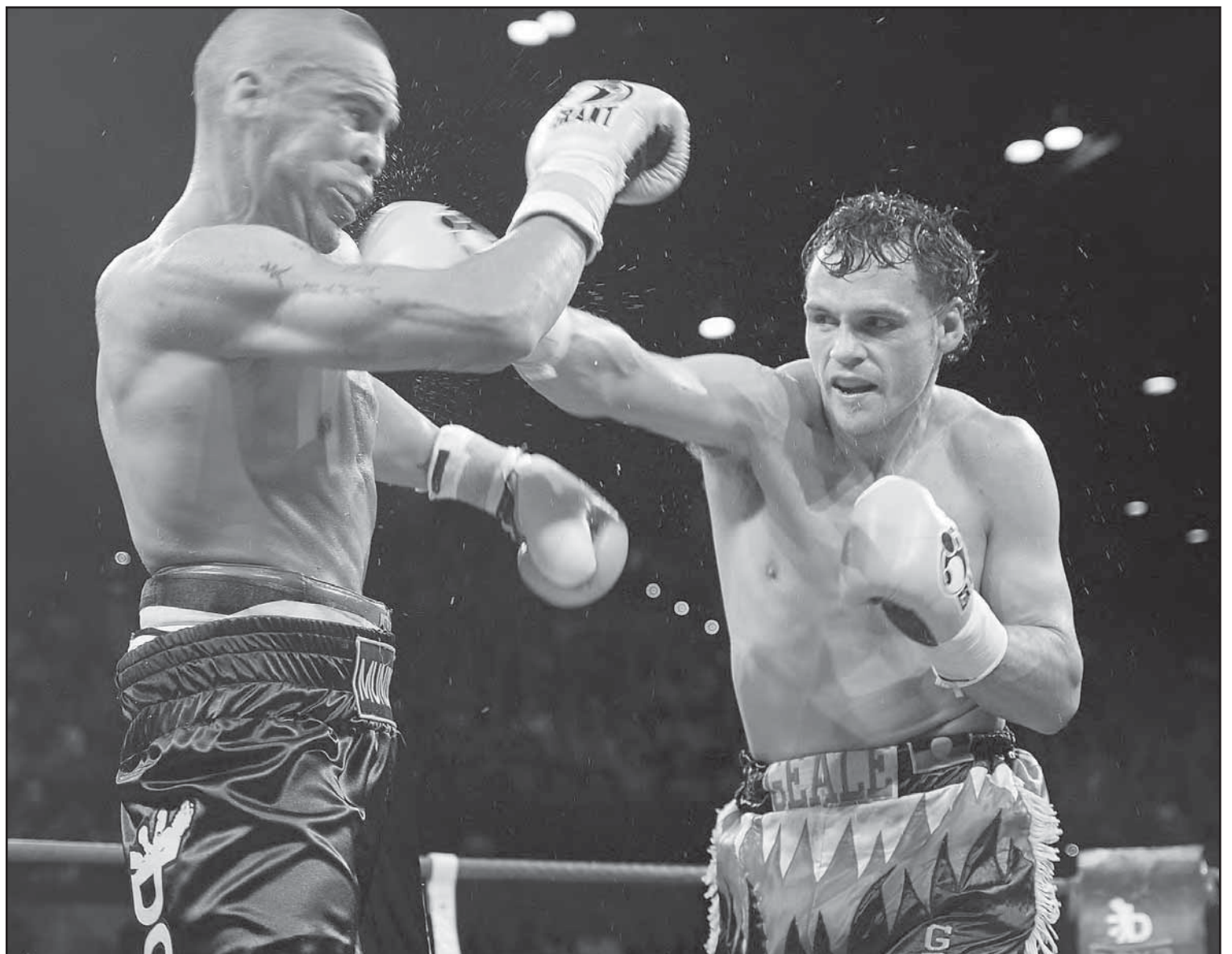
Geale confirmed his next fight was likely to be against American veteran Aaron Mitchell.

"I think that's who we're looking at at this stage. He's a really good opponent for us," Geale said.

"He's pretty much a veteran. He's getting a little bit older, but he's not too old, he's got a great record.

"He fought some good fighters and that's what I need at the moment. I need to fight good fighters."

The fight is slated for



Daniel Geale scores to Anthony Mundine's head during their International Boxing Organisation (IBO) middleweight world title fight in Brisbane last May.

Tasmania and would be just Geale's second bout in the State of his birth.

Mundine eked out a contentious split points win over Geale in Brisbane last May. It was Geale's first loss of his professional career.

The Geale camp fired in a protest, citing several factors.

They included the alleged intimidation of a British judge, and a knockdown of Mundine which wasn't scored.

The IBO's direction to Mundine that he must fight Geale comes despite Geale's appeal against the split points result of May's title fight being dismissed.

Only two of the three independent judges who re-scored the bout deemed the

Tasmanian had won and the result had to be unanimous for the appeal to be upheld.

Because of the close result, the IBO has made Geale the mandatory challenger for Mundine's belt and ordered the fight take place by next February.

In their appeal over the Brisbane fight decision, Geale's trainer Graeme George said the tape on Mundine's gloves was put on in a loose manner and that gave him many opportunities to get out of trouble by going to the corner to get his tape fixed.

"The tape kept coming undone because the bandages were obviously wet and losing their adhesion, they needed to be redone all the time,"

George said. "Mundine was obviously unable to go the full three minutes at a time and did it deliberately to get a breather.

"It's more than just a stalling tactic, it's downright cheating.

"A rematch would be the most anticipated rematch in Australia in the past couple of decades and would attract anywhere between 5000 and 10,000 spectators."

Meanwhile, Tasmanian Sport and Recreation Minister Michelle O'Byrne has welcomed the IBO's decision that Mundine must give Daniel Geale a world title rematch.

Ms O'Byrne said the decision would be applauded by the many thousands of Geale supporters

in Tasmania and across the country.

"I call on Anthony Mundine to comply with the IBO decision and give Daniel the chance to regain his title before February next year," she said.

"Mundine must do this to have any legitimate call on the world title, given the controversy surrounding his victory in Brisbane.

"He must come out and agree to fight Daniel again, and I know that all of Daniel's supporters would like to see that fight staged in Tasmania."

Ms O'Byrne said Events Tasmania was continuing discussions with the Geale camp about the staging of his next fight in front of his home fans.

— AAP and other sources

Leaving their marks

Indigenous players' big part of Bulldogs' tradition

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS players have had a big impact on Central District – the premier South Australian National Football League (SANFL) club – over the past decade.

But their involvement with the Bulldogs goes back much further in the 50-year history of the club.

“An Indigenous player – Sonny Morey – was the first Bulldog to reach the 200-games mark for our club,” Bulldogs CEO Kris Grant said.

“We also had the first and only Indigenous Magarey Medallist – Gilbert McAdam.

“Three have gone on to be involved in our premiership successes, and a number have been drafted.

“Perhaps our best Aboriginal export to the AFL is Sydney Swan Michael O’Loughlin, who was recruited out of our junior program.

“Aboriginal footballers have added plenty

of excitement and a degree of unpredictability and ‘X’ factor to the performances of our club.”

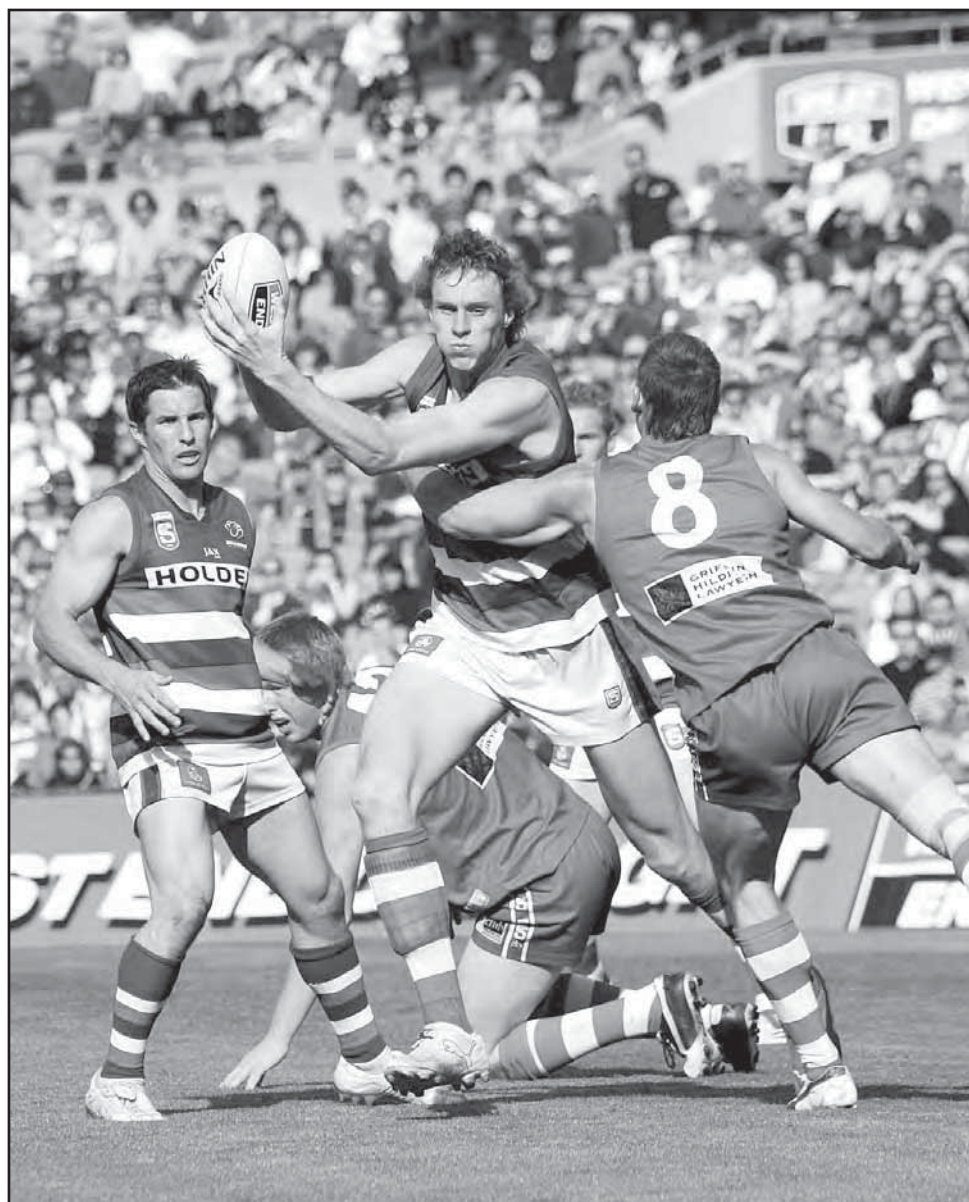
After a five-year apprenticeship in the reserves between 1959 and 1963, Aboriginal elder statesman Morey played in the initial SANFL match against West Torrens, and was credited as the man to get the first kick at League level for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs, then very much the pups of the competition, went down by more than 20 goals, but Morey, who played off half forward, was among his team’s best players.

First 200-gamer

Later in his career, the well-balanced Morey would become one of the competition’s elite back pocket players, playing state football in 1973 and 1974, before becoming the first Central District footballer to achieve the 200-game milestone.

He was also the Magarey Medal runner-up in 1972, before a significant



Jonathon Griffin, a Crows listed footballer who was collected by the Bulldogs in the SANFL mini draft was also a member of the Bulldogs’ 2007 premiership winning side over North Adelaide.

career as a country, and then junior coach at the club.

A member of the famous Graham football family – Phil – played 196 games at SANFL level between 1978-89, being noted as a versatile mid-sized player who could have an impact in defence or attack.

One of the true characters at the Ponderosa was clever left-footed half forward Wilbur Wilson.

After a Tomkins Medal as the best and fairest at SANFL under 19 level in 1973, Wilson went on to play 171 senior games in the red, white and blue for more than a decade, which included a haul of 331 goals. This included club-leading goal-kicker accolades in two consecutive seasons, with 45 in 1983 and 67 in 1984.

Coming across to the club to play under Neil Kerley, Gilbert McAdam was a star of the SANFL for the years from 1988 to 1990.

In 1989 he achieved the SANFL’s highest individual honour, the Magarey Medal, in a stellar personal season where he also won the club’s best and fairest.

North Melbourne, Essendon and Sydney Swans footballer, the mercurial Derek Kickett, after being a part of a under 19 flag at the club in 1981, came back for a season in 1988, kicking 48 goals in his 25 senior appearances in a strong season.

Former North Clare footballer Eddie Hocking was a pocket rocket for the club between 1987 and 1992, playing 91 senior matches as a goal-kicking rover, kicking 80 goals, along with a handful of appearances with the Adelaide Crows.

Before retiring at the end of last season, a Roosters reject, Elijah ‘Noodles’ Ware, went on to become a triple premiership player at the club, along with a couple of

games in the Power colours.

Playing just 15 games in his debut season with Central District, Eddie Sansbury was drafted into the AFL after a five-goal haul in the 2003 grand final win against West Adelaide.

After 42 games with the Kangaroos and a premiership with North Ballarat in the VFL, Sansbury has returned to the Ponderosa this year.

Jonathon Griffin, a Crows listed footballer who was collected by the Bulldogs in the SANFL mini-draft, was also a member of the 2007 premiership win over North Adelaide, between commitments with Adelaide.

Travis Varcoe, a member of the Bulldogs 2004 under 17 premiership team before debuting at league level early the next year, was a member of potent Geelong side which inexplicably lost the 2008 grand final.

Highly promising

Now having played upwards of 50 games at the top level, many good judges believe he may become another elite Aboriginal footballer.

Arguably the most talented of them all was Michael Walters, who kicked goals with his first four kicks in SANFL football, but only managed seven games in two years during the late 1980s.

His son Michael Jnr, nick-named ‘Son Son’, recently debuted with the Fremantle Dockers.

Other Indigenous footballers who have worn the Doggies’ tri-colours at SANFL level and who also played in the AFL include Shane Tongerie (43 games – 1991-94) and Western Bulldogs Cameron Faulkner (8 games – 2008).

Footnote: In the club’s 50-year celebration season, Central District played the 1000th league match in the round 17 match against Glenelg on 25 July.

On August 30, all past players, officials and supporters are asked to attend a family fun day at Elizabeth Oval between 11am and 2pm. A photograph will be taken of all those attending.



Sonny Morey, who became the first Central District player to reach the 200-game mark.

THE past few weeks in the Australian Football League (AFL) have provided a few contrasts that have caused me to think about what lies at the heart of sport as opposed to what 'professionalism' has brought to all sports that start with a game in the park with your mates.

The issue of 'tanking' – where teams supposedly deliberately lose to pick up priority draft picks – continues to blight the game despite the denials of officials.

Let me state from the outset that I have never seen any evidence of a player taking the field with the deliberate intention to lose.

Once players cross that white line, they are consumed with the competition and their personal pride in performance.

Once the competitive juices take over, you enter a zone where winning becomes your only focus.

There is perhaps some credibility to claims that coaches can affect the outcome of matches with their team selections and tactics, but they would have to be wary of losing their credibility with their playing group if that were the case.

The accusation of tanking is offensive and administrators need to do everything possible to remove any chance of people believing that it is part of our great game.

Liam's journey

One way to ensure that never happens is to continue the great success stories of the game, including the inspirational journey of Liam Jurrah, from Melbourne Demons.

Or should I say, the inspirational story of Liam Jurrah, from Yuendumu.

Liam plays for the pure joy of the sport.

He would not understand the concept of tanking and when he soars to take a mark the AFL draft would be the furthest thing from his mind.

Indeed, with English as his second or third language he probably hasn't even heard of the word – unless 'tanking' means to take a quick bath in the water tanks of central Australia!

His native tongue, the Warlpiri language, is spoken by perhaps only 500 people.

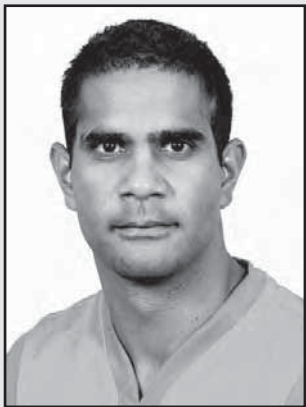
In my work with NASCA, I have travelled to central Australia and having spent time in communities like Papunya, I have some understanding of the improbability of his story. What I have a better understanding of would be the enormous impact his success would be having on his community.



LIAM JURRAH

Pure joy!

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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The dreams of young kids would be ignited by his success and everything would appear to be possible.

Hope is a great transformer of lives.

As is often the case, I had heard of Liam and his unique skills before I had the chance to see him play.

I had the privilege to meet Liam at the Indigenous Camp in Darwin earlier in the year.

He is a humble bloke and all the recent attention must be difficult for him to deal with.

Fortunately, he has the help of Aaron Davey and the other brothers at the Demons to help him through the media frenzy – particularly after his recent nomination as the Rising Star.

He is part of a revitalisation of Melbourne that is giving their long-suffering fans something to cheer about.

To think that last year Liam was playing footy barefoot in the red dust surrounding his community is nothing short of amazing.

Reports of 600 people cramming on to a cracked slab of concrete that doubles as the basketball court in his home community to watch his recent debut only tell part of the story.

Youth counsellor Brett Badger, who has watched Jurrah blossom in his five years in Yuendumu, said the community had greeted the selection news with stunned silence.

"It's beyond what anybody thought was possible from a small, remote desert community," Badger said.

"Living out in the bush, AFL may as well be people playing footy on the moon."

At the time, Liam presented an image of innocent confidence that won the hearts of fans as much as his on-field performance.

"It's going to be very good... I want to play on the big stage," Jurrah said of his impending debut.

It was as if the challenge of playing in the AFL was somehow less daunting than driving around Melbourne.

"It's a bit busier than where I came from... driving around, seeing the lights, the traffic and the people," he said.

To say that peak hour in Yuendumu is perhaps a little less hectic underpins a sense of humour we can all relate to.

But there is a real substance to his story as well.

While many of us grieve for a lost culture, Liam is a symbol of hope for many of us who have lost touch with traditions.

Jurrah is a training tribal elder of his people and that has certain responsibilities.

The Yuendumu people have given him special compensation or special circumstances, where he can come away from his community responsibilities to represent them in AFL football, which adds a unique dimension to his story.

In some respects, he must feel a pressure or added responsibility to perform.

But he seems to be handled this aspect with ease.

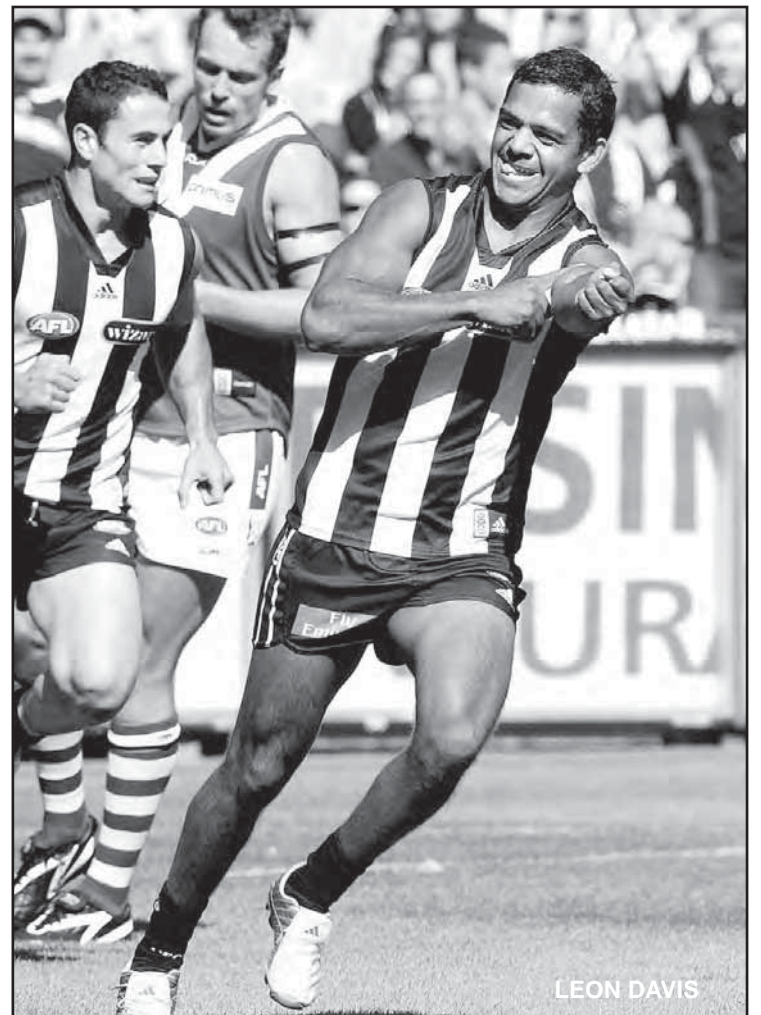
Perhaps because he is as proud of his people as they are of him.

When Liam takes the field, he is playing for pride, for his people and for the pure joy of the sport.

Tanking?

No tanks!

Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!



LEON DAVIS

'Neon' Leon's beacon shines for Magpies



LEON Davis produced two magical moments as Collingwood strangled the life out of Carlton to

keep the Blues to their lowest score of the Australian Football League (AFL) season on Friday night, notching a commanding 14.10 (94) to 4.16 (40) victory at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

The Blues had entered the match on a three-game winning streak and having won their previous three encounters with the Magpies, including a 51-point thumping in round eight.

They could have snatched Collingwood's spot in the top four with a victory on Friday night.

But in front of a crowd of 84,938, Carlton were never in the hunt, as Collingwood surged to a substantial lead early in the match, with the Blues never looking potent enough to reel them in.

Carlton managed just one goal in each quarter, with small forward Eddie Betts scoring his side's only two majors of the first half.

Blanketed

Spearhead Brendan Fevola, who leads the AFL goal-kicking tally for the season, was blanketed by in-form Magpies fullback Simon Prestigiacomo, managing just one behind for the first three terms.

He kicked his only goal 15 minutes into the last, by which stage the Magpies were

cruising to victory. The Magpies' win was set up in the first quarter-and-a-half, when they dominated with seven of the first eight goals of the match to build a 34-point lead.

They controlled the midfield during that period.

Small forward-midfielder Davis provided the highlights of the first half, with two magical goals.

His first came early in time-on of the first quarter, when he took a handball from Tarkyn Lockyer tight against the boundary in the right forward pocket and rolled through a sensational goal while being pushed over the boundary line by opponent Aaron Joseph.

That helped the Magpies to a 23-point quarter-time lead.

More magic

It was stretched to 29 inside the first minute of the second quarter when Davis produced another goal equally as good, this time emerging from a boundary line pack and shrugging a Ryan Houlihan tackle before snapping truly.

While the Blues worked their way back onto level terms in the midfield battles, they could never make any inroads on the scoreboard.

Their inability to find a winning forward was compounded by their inaccuracy, their final score 20 points less than their previous lowest for the season, of 8.12 (60) against Adelaide at AAMI Stadium in round nine, a match in which they went goal-less for the entire first half. –AAP

Will 'JT' quit rugby league?



SPECULATION about North Queensland captain Johnathan Thurston's future doesn't seem to

bother Cowboys boss Peter Parr.

In fact, the North Queensland chief executive jokingly added to the rumours after hearing that overseas rugby clubs were the latest expected to make a play at signing the Cowboys halfback.

"Next week it might be English Super League clubs," Parr said ahead of North Queensland's crunch NRL clash with Penrith at Townsville last Saturday night.

"Last week it was the Bulldogs, Wednesday it was the Eels, yesterday it was Japanese rugby – today it is French rugby union."

Fast-tracking denied

All jokes aside, none of the speculation has prompted the Cowboys to fast-track talks with Thurston, off contract at the end of 2010.

Parr is standing by an agreement with Thurston's agent Sam Ayoub that they delay contract talks until the end of the season.

"I would have to be fairly stupid to think other clubs weren't going to show interest in him – you would have to have rocks in your head if you thought that was the case," Parr said of the speculation.

"But my stance hasn't changed and it won't change."

"I made an agreement with Sam Ayoub last November that we would not talk until the end of this season and I have no intention of reneging on the agreement."

Parr said he trusted Ayoub '100 per cent' that the agent would also keep his end of the bargain.

"It (speculation) just goes to show we have one of the most talented footballers in the world," Parr said.

"We are lucky to have him at the moment and hopefully still have in the future."

"There's obviously going to be a lot for him to think about – which was always going to be the case."

French rugby clubs are the latest linked to luring Thurston following reports that Parramatta could offer up to \$700,000 a season to the Test half.

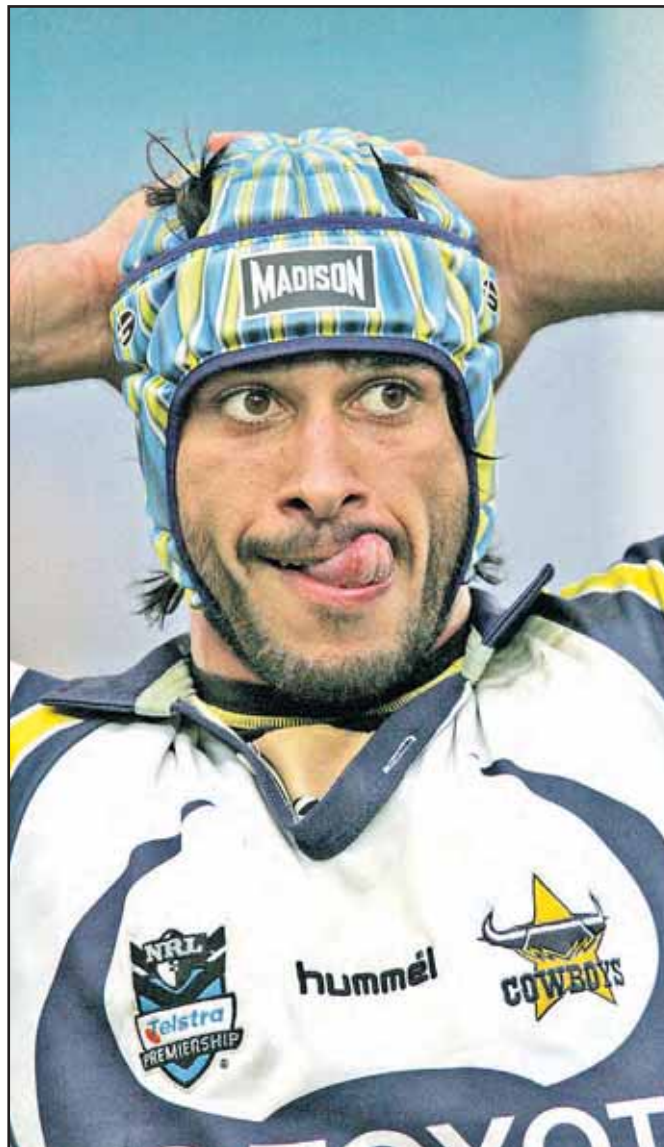
The Bulldogs and the Warriors are the other NRL clubs expected to be keen while Japanese rugby clubs are reportedly set to offer the halfback a deal worth up to \$1 million a season.

If Cowboys coach Neil Henry was worried about the rugby threat, he didn't show it on Friday.

"I think we have a wonderful product here. And I think the game is very resilient," he said.

"Any players that go and play overseas, it's not like we have missed them the following week – clubs have moved on."

"The game is bigger than the individuals moving in and out of it and always will be." – AAP



JOHNATHAN THURSTON

Convert confirms he wants return to league



TIMANA Tahu has confirmed he is seeking a release from his rugby union contract to return to rugby league.

The Australian Rugby Union issued a statement saying the peak body had 'amicable discussions' with Tahu and his advisers on Friday, with the dual international looking to pull the pin on his ARU/NSW Rugby Union deal.

The ARU said it would work towards 'a quick resolution on the matter', along with the NSW RU.

"ARU and NSW RU will be considering a number of issues over the next few days and will be in contact again with Timana's advisers next week," the statement said.

"ARU wishes to make it clear today's discussions have taken place in an environment of goodwill from both parties."

Tahu has yet to publicly speak about his decision to give away the 15-man game.

He is expected to join his former NRL club Parramatta on a three-year deal.

Tahu quit the Eels in 2007 to take up a lucrative contract with the ARU, but endured a difficult two years in rugby, due to injury and loss of form.

He was recently dumped from the Wallabies squad to play club rugby alongside Lote Tuqiri, who was sacked by ARU last month.

The powerful centre, who won an NRL grand final with Newcastle in 2001, enjoyed a successful three-year spell with the Eels between 2005-07. – AAP

Back to Parramatta – P87

Rugby league dream come true

From back page

different groups for support, but nothing came to fruition.

So Campbell approached Titans CEO Michael Searle for advice.

Searle had been inspired by the Dreamtime game, and having first-hand knowledge of the impact of Preston's work in the community, came up with the All-stars concept.

He approached the CEOs of the clubs with other members of the Advisory Group – Cowboys, Broncos, Rabbitohs and Storm – and realised that they would also fully support their players.

When he first took the concept to all the clubs and the CEOs, he received unanimous support to develop the concept.

It was at this point that the ARL Indigenous Council's role became more clear.

The council had been determined that the legacy of the 'Welcome to Country' game would not be lost.

The game against an All-Stars side with community programs being the major beneficiary was a perfect opportunity.

So it was Chairman 'Smiley' Johnstone and Sol Bellel who joined Indigenous Programs Manager Ricky Walford at the table with a committee of game representatives to develop a proposal to take back to the bodies within the game and to potential corporate partners and government.

Channel Nine took little time to endorse the concept, and from that point on the game started to develop its own momentum.

It is believed the game has attracted a naming rights sponsor that will be announced soon. This is a further endorsement of all involved.

There is little doubt that the game's charter to deliver community-based outcomes is as attractive as the game itself.

So, it was 'Smiley' Johnstone who stood beside Searle when the game was endorsed by the NRL and the ARL

Board. It was Johnstone and his full committee who sat down with the game's powerbrokers to develop a clear blueprint for Indigenous development as part of the game's new strategic plan.

The game for the first time will be developing an authentic Indigenous voice.

It is a voice that will be heard loud and clear when the game kicks off in February.

So many dreams will come together at Skilled Stadium next year that the day and the place will hold special significance for years to come.

This will be a celebration not only for those involved in Indigenous Rugby League.

It will be a celebration for the game itself.

RIGHT: Some of the people who have worked to bring the Dreamtime Team v NRL All-stars game to fruition, clockwise, from top left, Arthur Beetson, Ricky Walford, Lionel Morgan and Sol Bellel.



Celebrating in style

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



THE West Australian Football League (WAFL) NAIDOC celebrations lasted two weeks as it became the first competition in the country where all nine clubs wore specially designed jumpers for the occasion.

Over rounds 15 and 16 of Western Australia's premier competition, all nine clubs wore jumpers that were not only designed by Elder Richard Walley, but were also presented and promoted to the United Nations in New York.

The UN congratulated and recognised Mr Walley's work and achievements in leading the project that was hailed as a terrific success. Some clubs will auction off all the jumpers worn.

The Department of Indigenous Affairs funded the production of all the jumpers and sponsored the weekends, which were based on the NAIDOC theme of 'Honouring our Elders, Nurturing our Youth'.

Growing involvement

The WAFL has been getting behind NAIDOC Week in recent years, with an annual match at Fremantle Oval between South Fremantle and Claremont. But this year the entire league took it a step further.

South Fremantle and Claremont still played each other, but all other clubs became involved as the WAFL is giving chances to more and more Aboriginal footballers.

Claremont was where the Krakouer brothers made their beginning, and the Tigers have remained a strong producer of Indigenous talent, including having Jayden Woods, Liam Bedford and Casey Sibasado with them currently.

East Fremantle traditionally hasn't been a mass producer of Indigenous players, but had Calib Mourish the past two seasons, and had lively forward Anthony Kyanga as its representative in matches



Pictured wearing the special NAIDOC jumpers are WAFL players, back from left, West Perth's Stephen Hill, South Fremantle's Toby McGrath, East Perth's Daniel MacAulay, Subiaco's Raphael Stack and Claremont's Casey Sibasado; front, boundary umpire Brandon Simpson, East Fremantle's Anthony Kyanga, Perth's Troy Cook, Swan Districts' Lewis Jetta and Peel's Quinton Bolton.

against Swan Districts and Perth.

East Perth was home to Graham 'Polly' Farmer from 1953-61, so is no stranger to Indigenous talent, and in a stirring win over Subiaco in Round 15 had classy half back Trevor Oliver and speedster Daniel MacAulay instrumental in the black-and-blue jumpers.

North Melbourne star Daniel Wells had his start from Peel Thunder, and Quinton Bolton is still at the club as one of its stars as the Mandurah-based team tries to become a force in the competition.

Perth has produced AFL players such as Dion Woods and Cruise Garlett in the past decade and is currently captained by one

of Aboriginal football's all-time greats, Troy Cook. After playing 193 AFL games with the Sydney Swans and Fremantle, Cook is finishing his career at the Demons, and has fellow Indigenous players Dean Dick and Eddie Brown in the squad with him.

Strongest link

South Fremantle is the most famous WAFL club in terms of Aboriginal football and took the occasion of NAIDOC Week to tie in the naming of its Indigenous Team of the Century with the game against Claremont.

The likes of Nicky Winmar, Peter, Phil and Wally Matera, Stephen Michael and Maurice Rioli were there.

Current AFL stars Mark Williams, Ashley McGrath and Roger Hayden were also in the side, as were current South Fremantle captain Toby McGrath and former Fremantle and Melbourne star forward and current Bulldog Jeff Farmer.

Veteran Keren Ugle also played in the NAIDOC celebration matches.

Subiaco's Allstair Pickett has become a champion of the club since arriving from Peel Thunder in 2003 and is still playing, but missed the NAIDOC match-up against East Perth.

Fellow Indigenous Lion Raphael Stack played though, and is developing into a quality player.

Swan Districts is fast

becoming the home of Indigenous football in Western Australia, thanks largely to the club's work in the Pilbara and with the help of the likes of full-time employees Chris Lewis and Peter Matera.

Four played

In the NAIDOC matches against East Fremantle and West Perth, Lewis Jetta, Graham Jetta, Michael Walters and Clint Garlett all played.

West Perth didn't have an Indigenous player for its matches, but did produce last year's No 3 draft pick Stephen Hill, who has gone on to play some great football with Fremantle in his first AFL season.

KickStart to bring 50 boys to Melbourne



FIFTY Indigenous boys from across Australia will attend the 2009 Qantas Australian Football League (AFL)

KickStart Camp in Melbourne next month.

The boys, aged 14-15, will come from every State and Territory to attend the five-day camp starting on Tuesday 18 August.

AFL Foundation CEO and Indigenous Programs Manager Jason Mifsud said the camp was tailored to offer Indigenous youth an experience incorporating leadership, cultural awareness and football development.

"The Qantas AFL KickStart camp provides life skills that go beyond the football field. The five days will provide fantastic opportunities such as meeting Qantas Ambassador Catherine Freeman and current Indigenous AFL players," Mifsud said.

"To see the AFL culture first-hand and to hear from Indigenous leaders is a fantastic opportunity."

The boys also will visit the St Kilda Football Club to watch training, undergo AIS-AFL high-performance testing and play in a curtain-raiser before the Richmond-Hawthorn match at the MCG on Saturday 22 August.

Qantas Executive Manager

Customer and Marketing Lesley Grant said the camp once again would provide an important opportunity for young Indigenous Australians from remote and regional areas to learn from their sporting heroes.

The Qantas AFL KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities. The program works with state governments to tailor messages for different regions and communities. The program involves children, teenagers, adults, coaches, umpires, administrators and women.

The names of players in the final squad will be released this week.



I RIGHT: Braedon McLean, left, from Darwin, and Jake Neade, from Elliott, Northern Territory, will be attending the 2009 Qantas AFL KickStart Camp in Melbourne.



Roaring success

Indigenous squad back home from whirlwind UK tour



EIGHT wins, three losses and a draw – that's the raw statistics from the 2009 tour of the United Kingdom by the Indigenous Australian cricket squad. The 14-man line-up arrived back home last Tuesday after a whirlwind 12-match tour that featured one two-day game, five one-dayers, one 30-over, and five Twenty/20 matches.

Two of the losses came at the beginning and end of the tour.

But overall, the tour was judged to be a stunning success.

One of the features was a gathering on 15 July at the Australian High Commission in London, where the tourists met another Australian touring cricket team – Ricky Ponting's Ashes squad.

The Indigenous players met their cricketing idols in the Main Ballroom of Australia House, used to film the first *Harry Potter* film.

They also met TV personality and cricket fan Sir David Parkinson.

The next day the Indigenous XI met Club Cricket Conference at the Sunbury Cricket Club in the final game of the tour.

The Indigenous XI were below their best

in the field as the Club Cricket Conference raced to 9/225 off 50 overs.

Queenslander Preston White, who was one of the team's most consistent performers throughout the tour, chipped in with 3/7, while New South Welshman Josh Lalor took 2/38.

Chasing 4.5 runs an over, the Indigenous team was bundled out for 72 off 31 overs.

The rot set in early as the top-order batsmen, who had been rock solid throughout the tour, capitulated.

Tasmanian Brad Lovell top-scored for the Indigenous XI with 20 and Queensland leg-spinner Chris Swain was the other batsman to reach double figures.

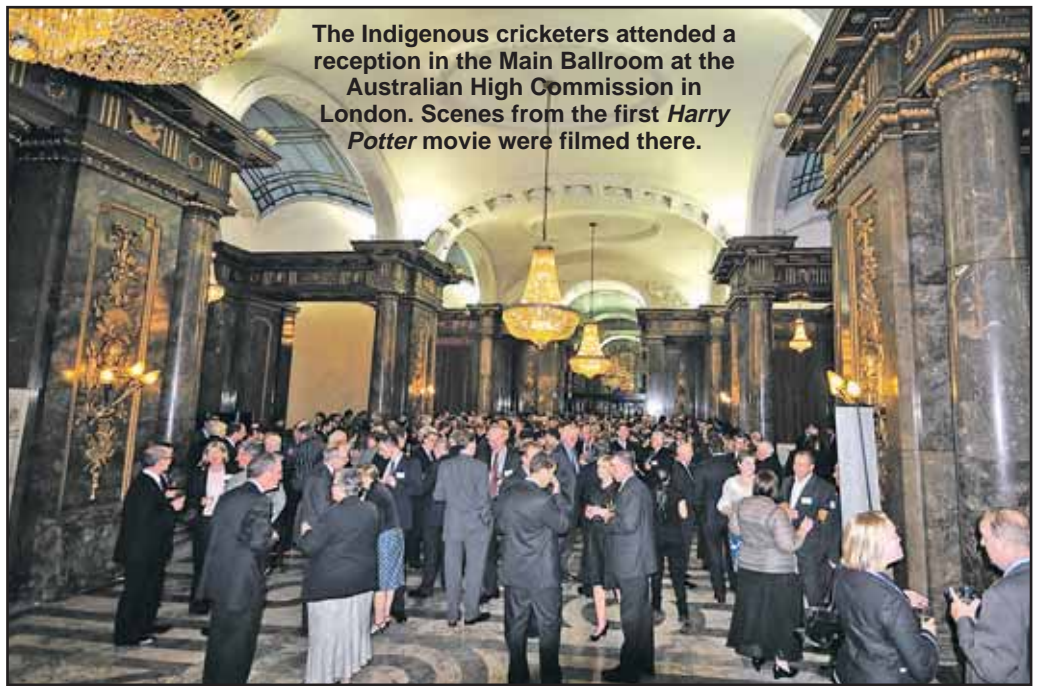
Coach Michael Mainhardt said: "We started badly and this carried on through to the match."

But back in Australia, Mainhardt was full of praise for his young squad and said the players had done themselves proud.

He said that at the beginning of the tour, there was a bit of the unknown element about the Indigenous team, but after a couple of games, the host teams had a better idea of the standard of the Australians and the tour proceeded.

The Indigenous squad was well received and Mainhardt said the host clubs went out of their way to make the tourists welcome.

He said a barbecue or another function usually followed each game.



The Indigenous cricketers attended a reception in the Main Ballroom at the Australian High Commission in London. Scenes from the first *Harry Potter* movie were filmed there.

The team was based at Brentford Lock, Middlesex, 'about a half-hour cab ride from London' in Mainhardt's words.

All games were within a two-hour bus trip from Brentford Lock.

Mainhardt said one of the problems the players had to cope with was the change of format from one game to the next.

He said team captain Dan Christian, vice-captain Peter O'Callaghan and Worrin Williams – the senior players in the squad –

carried much of the load on the field, but others like Preston White and Darcy Short made significant contributions.

He singled out Northern Territorian Darcy Short as the 'find' of the tour. His batting was above expectations and his left-arm off-spin bowling was another feature.

Mainhardt said the younger players would benefit from the experience of playing in English conditions.



ABOVE: Indigenous XI players in a huddle after the fall of a Hambledown Invitational XI wicket at Broad Halfpenny Down, Hambledown.

LEFT: These Essex fieldsmen had every reason to look bemused as Indigenous XI vice-captain Peter O'Callaghan goes through stretching exercises. O'Callaghan scored a century in the one-day match won by the visitors



Players and team officials at Reigate Priory for the match against Surrey.



An Indigenous XI fieldsman cuts a lone figure while patrolling the boundary at Loughton Cricket Club, where the Australians played Essex in a 50-over game.

Yet another rising star

Liam Jurrah becomes the third Indigenous nominee this season



THE recent turn-around in fortunes at Melbourne has continued, with exciting forward

prospect Liam Jurrah earning the round-15 nomination for the Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star award.

Jurrah was a key figure in the Demons' 11-point win over Port Adelaide on 18 July, booting four goals and taking several spectacular marks.

It was Melbourne's second straight victory and moved them off the bottom of the AFL ladder.

Jurrah, 20, comes from the desert community of Yuendumu, 300km north-west of Alice Springs.

He is training to be a Warlpiri tribal elder.

Jurrah was chosen by Melbourne with the first selection in the 2009 pre-season draft.

He is Melbourne's second consecutive Rising Star nominee following Jack Grimes in round 14.

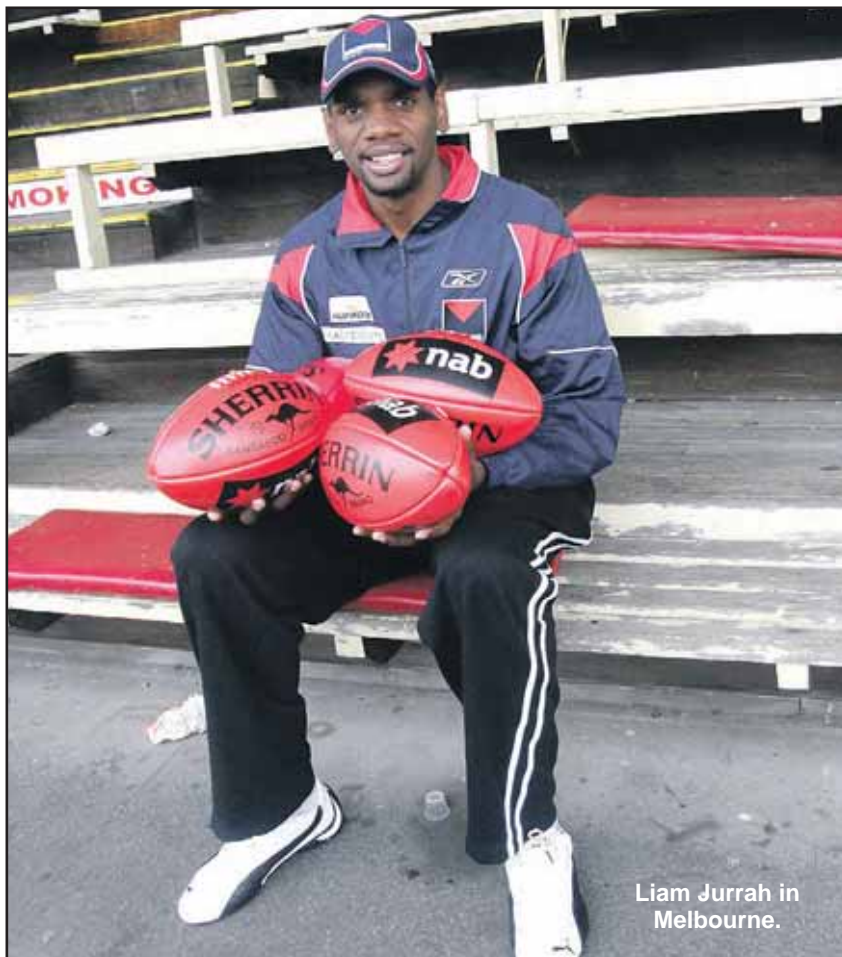
Jurrah became known as an AFL prospect while playing with the Yuendumu Magpies, and last year was brought to Melbourne, where he played four games with Collingwood's VFL team.

He is the third Indigenous player to win a Rising Star nomination this season after Fremantle's Stephen Hill and Collingwood's Brad Dick.

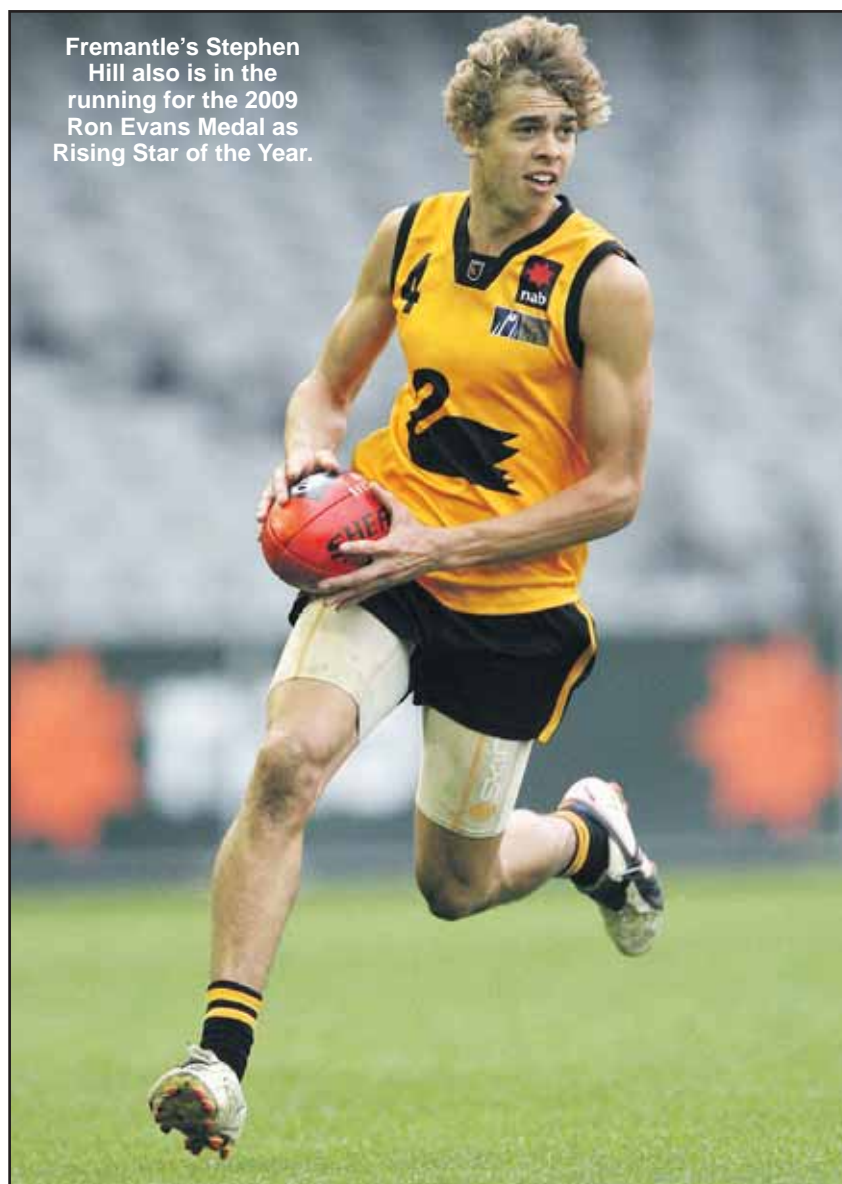
Previous Aboriginal winners of the award, which was inaugurated in 1993 and is now called the Ron Evans Medal, include dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes, 2004 Norm Smith Medal winner Byron Pickett and Port Adelaide's Danyle Pearce.

Jurrah's junior club will receive an award of \$1500, including an NAB Community Fee Saver Account, Sherrin training footballs, water bottles, a water bottle rack, ball carry bag, AFL training manuals and a framed presentation item featuring the young Demons star.

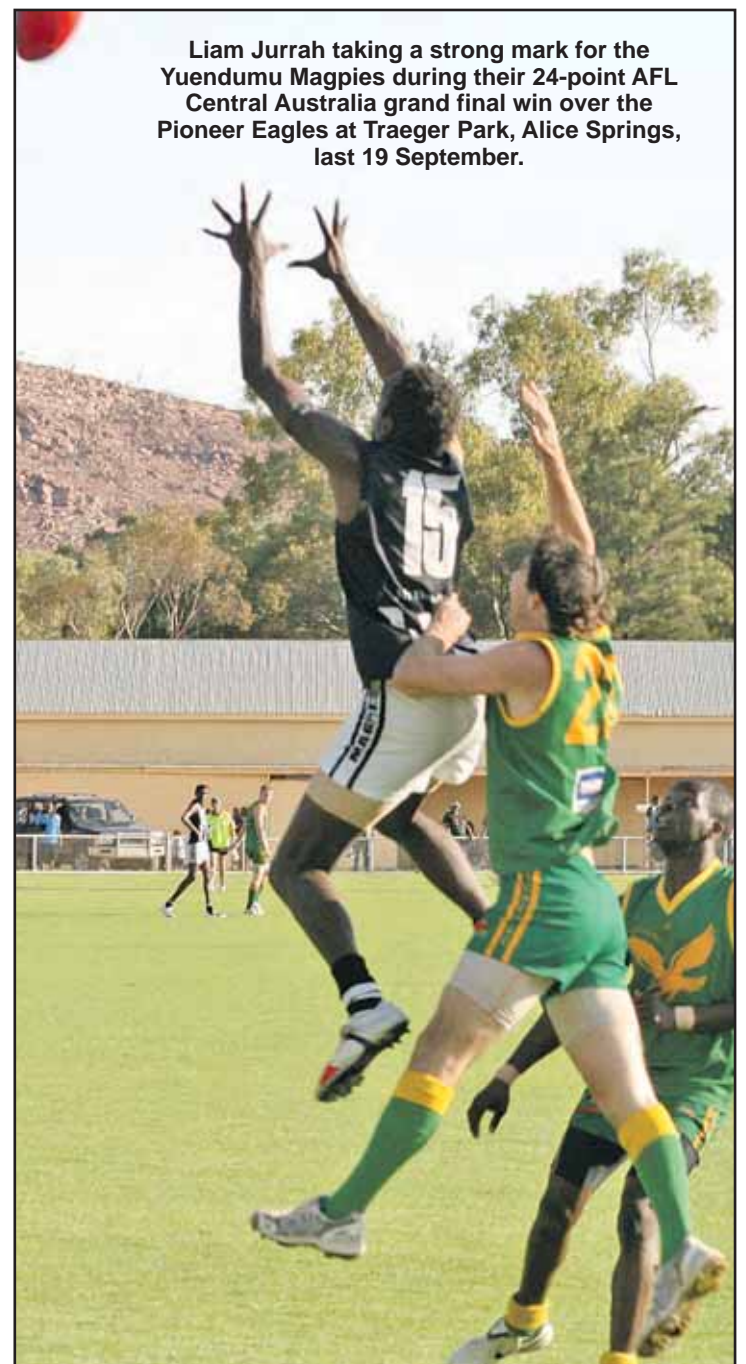
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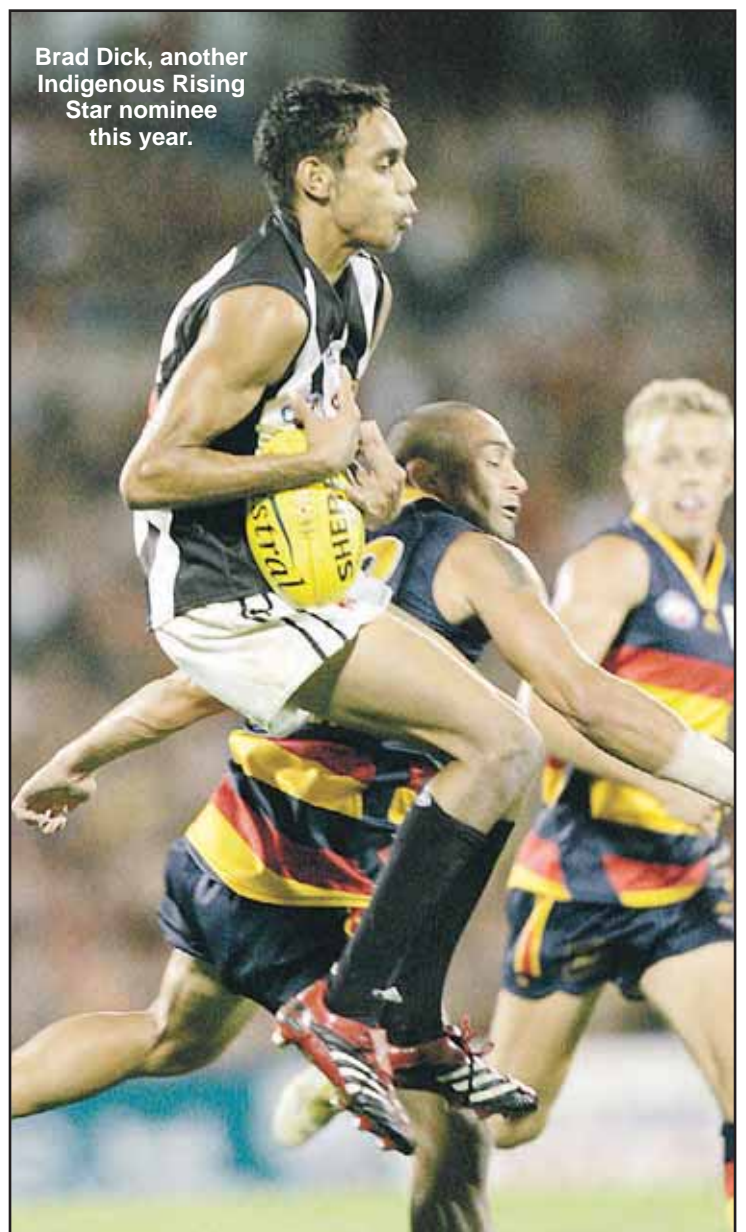
Liam Jurrah in Melbourne.



Fremantle's Stephen Hill also is in the running for the 2009 Ron Evans Medal as Rising Star of the Year.



Liam Jurrah taking a strong mark for the Yuendumu Magpies during their 24-point AFL Central Australia grand final win over the Pioneer Eagles at Traeger Park, Alice Springs, last 19 September.



Brad Dick, another Indigenous Rising Star nominee this year.

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THE Newcastle Knights will wear specially designed Indigenous jumpers when they take on the

Melbourne Storm in their National Rugby League (NRL) match at EnergyAustralia Stadium, Newcastle, on 17 August.

The jumper project is part of a series of initiatives to launch a week of Indigenous sporting and cultural celebrations.

The Knights have embraced the upcoming NRL Close the Gap Round and plan to take Indigenous relations to a new level.

The jersey will be the centrepiece of a week of celebrations, recognising the outstanding contribution Indigenous role models have made to the Knights, rugby league and Newcastle and the Hunter Valley region – using a national rugby league stage as the vehicle to raise awareness of Indigenous health issues.

Great response

Knights CEO Steve Burraston said the response from the Newcastle and Hunter Valley Indigenous communities had been overwhelming, but more importantly the Knights had an important opportunity to use their national profile to raise awareness of Indigenous health issues.

"This is a major initiative and we're extremely proud that we have received the endorsement of the land councils in our region," he said.

"It's our way of recognising and thanking our Indigenous communities for the significant contributions they have made to our region and to our club, and hopefully it will assist in raising awareness of important issues as well.

"It's a genuine joint venture with our Indigenous community and takes Indigenous relations to a new level.

"We are serious about our culture and leading the

Shining Knights in new jumpers

community for the better and this is another step in that direction.

Through the club's work with naming rights sponsor Coal & Allied, NAIDOC Artist of the Year Les Elvin was engaged to design a jersey with a story relevant to the Knights and the region's Indigenous communities.

"We celebrate our achievements through art and dance and this is a story about the people of our region coming together to celebrate NAIDOC achievements," Mr Elvin said at the launch of the jerseys.



The Knights' Close The Gap jersey to be worn on 17 August.

"The story represents our people embarking on a journey. All landmarks of our region are illustrated, including the Hunter Valley, the Hunter River, and the beach and Indigenous people travelling to Newcastle for this historical occasion.

"The centrepiece stands for the 13 Knights on the field representing NAIDOC and the people gathering to support the Knights as they go into battle.

"For NAIDOC, we celebrate our achievements over the past 12 months and the Knights are helping us celebrate those achievements."

Mr Elvin, a former Cessnock Goanna player, said he was delighted to be approached by the Newcastle Knights to design the jersey that would be worn on a national stage.

"I'm a Knights supporter from way back and played locally here in Cessnock, so it means a lot to me to have the opportunity to showcase my work on the Knights jersey," he said.

"This is such an important occasion for Indigenous relations and I congratulate the Knights for their commitment to our people."

More than token gesture

1997 Premiership winning player Brett Grogan has been involved in the organisation of the Knights' Close the Gap celebrations from the initial stages. He said he never thought he would see the day that a national sporting organisation would dedicate its jersey and profile to raise awareness of Indigenous issues.

"The Knights have said from the start this is not just some token gesture," Grogan said.

"When we saw the jersey, we realised this is huge. This is the start of something big and the Knights are to be commended for taking their commitment to a level we've never seen before in Australian or International sport.

"We've already spoken about establishing an Indigenous working committee to initiate mentoring and development programs for Koori youths, so we look forward to progressing with those initiatives.

"It makes me proud to be a Knights Old Boy."

The Close the Gap week will begin with a family fun day showcasing Indigenous culture on Tuesday 11 August.

On Friday 14 August a gala evening will be held at Wests New Lambton, centred on raising awareness of Indigenous health issues and closing the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

The dinner will also feature Indigenous Knights Old Boys and their outstanding contribution made to the football club and sport in the region.

The climax of the week, match day between the Newcastle Knights and the Melbourne Storm on Monday 17 August, will feature a line-up of Indigenous performers and high achievers before the Knights go into battle, proudly displaying the jersey that has been so openly endorsed by the Indigenous community.



The Binghi Dancers, who performed at the launch of the Knights' Indigenous jerseys, pictured with Knights players, from left, Junior Sau, Akulia Uate, Ben Rogers and Cory Paterson.



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Dressed for the occasion



The West Australian Football League (WAFL) has embraced NAIDOC celebrations in a big way, having the League's nine clubs turn out in specially designed jumpers to coincide with NAIDOC Week. Wearing the jumpers are, from left, Swan Districts' Lewis Jetta, West Perth's Stephen Hill, Perth's Troy Cook, East Perth's Daniel MacAulay, boundary umpire Brandon Simpson, Subiaco's Raphael Stack, Claremont's Casey Sibasado, East Fremantle's Anthony Kyanga, South Fremantle's Toby McGrath, and Peel's Quinton Bolton. | Details: Page 96

Big league match

Dreamtime Team v NRL All-Stars

By a Rugby League Correspondent



IT was a humble Lionel Morgan who captured the essence of a dream that will be realised early next year when the Indigenous Dreamtime Team plays an

NRL All-Star side in a unique event to start the rugby league season.

It was on the occasion of Morgan being announced as a member of the Indigenous Team of the Century, but the great winger was more interested in the current generation than speaking about his own achievements.

Morgan – recognised as the first Aborigine to represent Australia in rugby league – spoke passionately about his dream of an All-Indigenous side playing in the NRL one day.

His great mate Arthur Beetson – the first Aborigine to captain his country in any sport and one of the game's Immortals – had long been an advocate of an annual match between an Indigenous side and a Maori side on

January 26. He joined Morgan in presenting the jerseys before the Dreamtime's Team's 'Welcome to Country' game against New Zealand Maori along with other members from the Team of the Century in Eric Simms and Cliff Lyons.

Beetson spoke with passion about the importance of the jersey for all generations, including those true pioneers who had – in the words of team manager Sol Bellar – 'kicked down the doors' to give the current generations increased opportunities.

It was a passion that was shared by Australian representatives Greg Inglis, Johnathan Thurston and Scott Prince when they broke camp to join their brothers in the week leading up to the game.

These modern greats – all proud to represent their State and their country – also spoke of their burning desire to represent their people in a truly representative game.

All this combined to send a proud and emotional side on to the field that day and

carry the banner for their people.

It was a game that captured the imagination of the rugby league and sporting public and the attention of many in the broader community who normally would have little interest in rugby league.

Images of the 'war dance' response to the traditional Maori haka circulated the world.

The team certainly had more than its 15 minutes of fame.

But it was captain Preston Campbell, who, after lifting the trophy on the day, decided that it could not end with this single event.

Along with his fellow members of the Indigenous Player Advisory Group – Thurston, Inglis, Matt Bowen, Sam Thaiday and Dean Widders (replaced by Nathan Merritt) – Campbell had a dream to establish a mentoring program for Indigenous youth both within and outside the game.

The group had written to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and had approached

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Titans rugby league player Preston Campbell has played a major part in bringing the Indigenous Dreamtime Team v NRL All-Stars match to a reality.

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