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They're on guard in Yirrkala



No wonder Matjungkiya Wunungmurra, 14, left, and Gapuwu Yunupingu, 12, are smiling. They're trainee lifeguards with the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club, Australia's first Indigenous life-saving club, which was officially opened last week at Yirrkala in the Northern Territory's Top End. Get the full story on Page 11. ● Photo: WAYNE QUILLIAM

Jobs raw deal

By DARREN COYNE



GOOD jobs in Australian meatworks are going to overseas workers on fast-tracked visas while young Indigenous men from remote communities are missing out because of bureaucratic red tape.

So says the Boys from the Bush Project – Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWS) team, which has been battling for support from the Federal Department of Employment,

Red tape blamed for costing our young men much-needed work

Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) for 16 months.

The scheme began in Cape York as a pilot in 2005 and helped place more than 150 young men, initially in the horticultural

sector, then in the meat-processing industry.

Sixteen months ago, the project team, which is a mix of Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, decided to expand nationally. The meat industry seemed keen,

and 108 young men signed up for a start. They are still waiting.

A DEEWR spokesman told *The Koori Mail* that the department had been working closely with the industry and the team to develop the project.

But Boys from the Bush Project Director Milton James maintains that the scheme is being strangled by red tape, and hit by institutionalised racism.

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My FAMILY

NORMA BENDER – Darwin, NT



● Pictured: Norma and Danny Benger with grandchildren Joseph Benger (in blue shirt), 9, William Benger (in orange shirt), 5, Azaylia Bond, 2, and Daniel Benger, 10.

THIS is me and my husband Danny with four of our six grandkids. Azaylia slept through the whole thing!

Our fifth grandchild, Ezekiel, wasn't home at the time and our sixth grandchild, Kaydee, was born in July, about a month after the photo was taken.

We all live in Darwin. My family is originally from Daly River (Peppimenarti), Danny was born in Belgium to Irish parents, and our grandkids are from Maningrida, NT, and Thursday Island in the Torres Strait.

Danny and I have been married for 28 years. We both went to school here but didn't meet until after we left school.

When Danny married me, he also married my family and our strong culture. We have four kids: Daniel, 27, Jasmine, 24, Camellia, 21, and Joshua, 19.

I work for the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT) in GP training and education, and Danny does a lot of different things but is currently mining gemstones down at Alice Springs.

If I had to describe our family, I would say we're loud and always eating! We go fishing a lot at Gunn Point, north of Darwin, and out at Daly River and Wadeye, where my

grandmother and uncles live.

We stop with family out there. We're die-hard Aussie Rules fans. Our local NTFL team is the Wanderers (Eagles) and the grandsons play for (Auskick) Eagles. We never miss a game.

We're always doing something together, like going to the market or we'll have a dance. And we love Indigenous music; people like Dale Huddleston who is my countryman.

Danny: We're all pretty active. We love heading out bush to places like Wadeye, which is a great place. It gets a bad rap, which is really unwarranted.

Fishing brings us all together and we all have our roles to play. Norma's the best cook and damper-maker, I catch the crabs and the boys catch the fish.

We hope our grandkids continue with their education. You need an education to get along in the world. We want them to have careers and to be healthy.

We've raised our kids and grandkids to be proud, and it's important for them to be culturally strong too – education both ways. It's all about family, love and respect for culture and where they come from.

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



Aron Smith, Lazala Mongoo and Jezelle Smith all painted up for the National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day celebration at the Beanangng Kwurt Institute in Perth on 4 August. See pages 16 and 17 for more on the day from around Australia.

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Cairns ready for inaugural art fair



Kuku Yalanji artists Judy Shuan, left, and Pamela Salt, right, with their works, have been flat out preparing for the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair, in the north Queensland city from 21-23 August. They are members of the Mossman Textiles Project, which will be a feature of the fair. Director Michael Snelling expects to have works from dozens of the nation's best Indigenous artists at the fair, to be held at the Tanks Arts Centre. The program also includes a symposium exploring issues faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists, as well as a concert on the Friday night.

● Turn to page 52 for more photos and a report on the Cairns fair.



Town camp takeover put on hold

By DARREN COYNE



THE FEDERAL Government's move to takeover Alice Springs' town camps has hit a major stumbling block following a Federal Court ruling. Last Thursday, Federal Court judge Justice Alan Goldberg ruled there were serious questions about the handling of town camp lease negotiations.

Justice Goldberg placed injunctions on the signing of leases and the compulsory acquisition of leases until a full hearing on 28 and 31 of August. Anti-intervention campaigner and Mt Nancy resident Barbara Shaw took the Federal Court action against Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin's handling of lease negotiations. Ms Shaw told *The Koori Mail*



BARBARA SHAW

on Saturday she was delighted with the result, and had received many calls of congratulations.

Her lawyer, George Newhouse, said that serious issues would be heard such as whether the Minister had denied residents natural justice and procedural fairness during lease negotiations, and whether

the housing associations were properly representing the wishes of residents.

He said the town camp lands in question had been granted to dispossessed Aboriginal people in the 1970s and now the Federal Government was trying to dispossess those same people again.

"For all those who say that the residents want the Federal Government's promised improvements to living conditions, we say there is nothing stopping the Federal Government from making those improvements in town camps. It should have been done 20 years ago," he said.

Ms Macklin had promised \$100 million to improve living conditions in town camps, but was adamant that the various housing associations sign 40-year-leases.

The Minister expressed disappointment at the court's decision.



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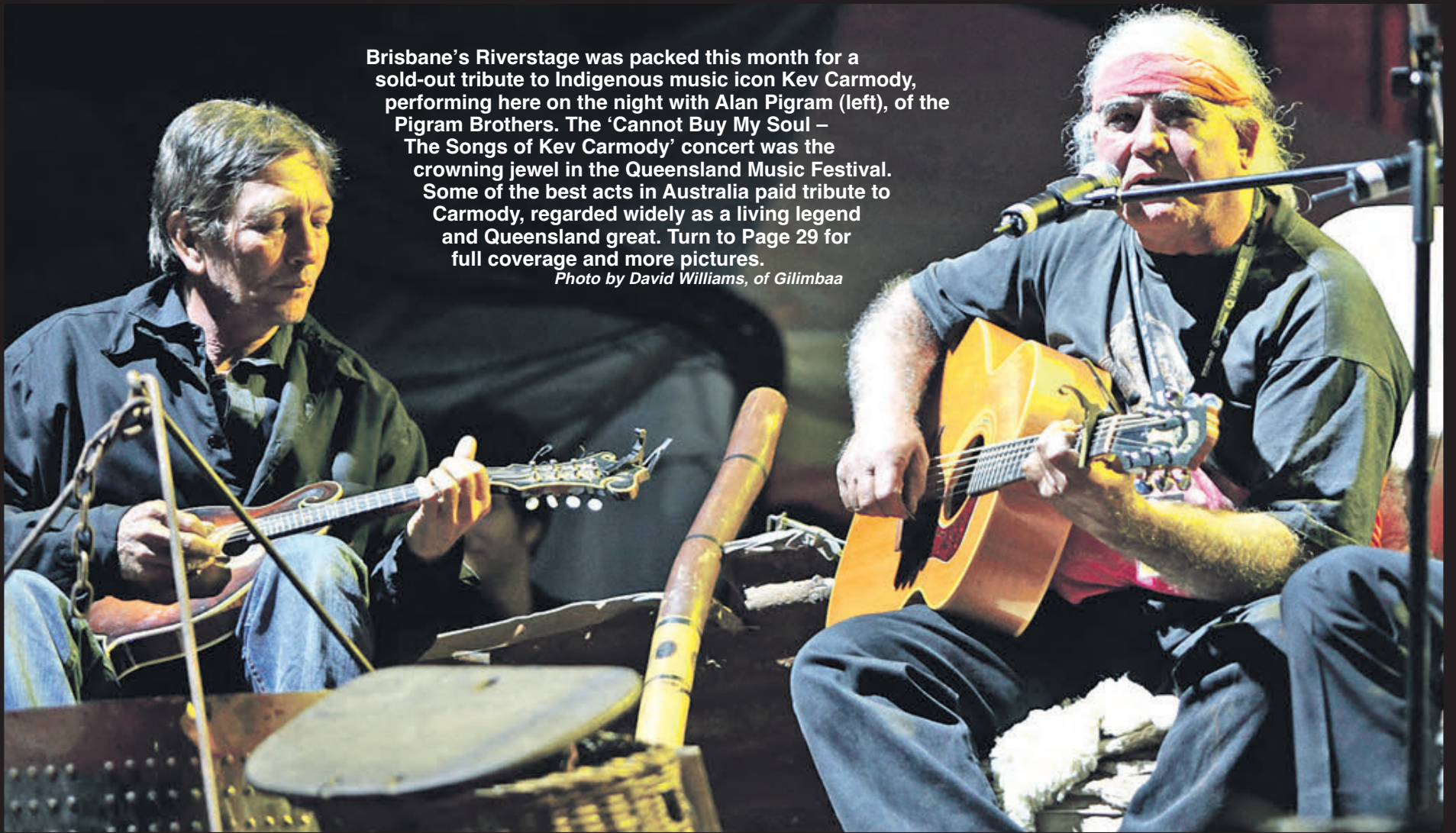
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Tribute to a great songman



Brisbane's Riverstage was packed this month for a sold-out tribute to Indigenous music icon Kev Carmody, performing here on the night with Alan Pigram (left), of the Pigram Brothers. The 'Cannot Buy My Soul – The Songs of Kev Carmody' concert was the crowning jewel in the Queensland Music Festival. Some of the best acts in Australia paid tribute to Carmody, regarded widely as a living legend and Queensland great. Turn to Page 29 for full coverage and more pictures.

Photo by David Williams, of Gilimbai

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ACT split: Claims fly



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Indigenous groups remain split over the right to call

Canberra home, despite efforts by the Australian Capital Territory Government to end the two-year debate once and for all.

Chief Minister Jon Stanhope last Thursday reaffirmed the Ngunnawal people as the traditional owners of Canberra, hoping to quell a debate that has raged between two Aboriginal groups.

But one Ngambri Elder has promised not to give up the fight, calling the Ngunnawal Elders Council – the ACT's Indigenous networking body – 'corrupt' and 'built on a lie'.

The long-running Ngunnawal-Ngambri debate came to a head in April when five signs on the Canberra border were defaced to include the Ngambri name.

The Ngunnawal Elders Council, distressed by the claims, urged the Government to intervene.

Mr Stanhope responded by issuing a set of official protocols, not only identifying the Ngunnawal people as the

Stanhope says its Ngunnawal land, but the Ngambri group begs to differ

traditional owners, but also requesting they be acknowledged in all public speeches.

The Government stood by its belief that Ngunnawal had claims to the land, he said, noting the rival faction had once acknowledged themselves to be Ngunnawal before changing to Ngambri.

Respected Elder Matilda House has been a key figure in the debate, after early last year denouncing her links to Ngunnawal and claiming Ngambri heritage.

Ngambri Elder Shane Mortimer said his people would not lay down until the ACT Government stood up for the

rights of the forgotten.

"We are far from a spent force," he said.

"I'll take it as far as I need to take for the Ngambri people to be identified as the owners of this land."

Mr Stanhope said the Government took its direction as advised by the Ngunnawal council – 'corrupt advice', Mr Mortimer said.

But the council's Glenda Hyde returned fire, calling the Ngambri group 'vandals' who had 'disrespected the whole of the Canberra community – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – with their wild claims'.

"To them it's about building an empire, they've jumped from group to group to group, never mind the Ngunnawal have been around for 10,000 years," she said.

Ms Hyde said they had caused deep distress to Ngunnawal families, with their attempt to 'rewrite history' by inventing a new tribe.

She again appealed to Mr Mortimer to meet with the council, a call he has repeatedly rebuffed. – AAP

NT in grip of political turmoil



THE Northern Territory Labor Government was under grave threat last weekend, facing a planned no-confidence motion by the Country Liberal Opposition on 10 August.

The Opposition and two independent MPs, Alison Anderson and Gerry Wood, succeeded last Friday in having Parliament recalled for this past Monday, with an additional sitting day planned for Friday. Opposition Leader Terry Mills said last Friday he would give

notice of his intention to move a motion of no confidence in the Henderson Government last Monday, to be followed by a vote on Friday. On Saturday, as *The Koori Mail* went to press, neither Ms Anderson nor Mr Wood had indicated whether they would

support the Opposition motion. Ms Anderson, the Labor Government's former Indigenous Affairs minister, quit the ALP last week in protest over its handling of a remote Indigenous housing scheme. Along with Mr Wood, she now holds the balance of power after

fellow Aboriginal MP Marion Scrymgour decided to return to the Labor fold. Ms Anderson and Mr Wood could either form a minority government with the Country Liberals, or support the vote of no confidence in Labor, triggering a new election.

Let us secede, TSI leaders tell Rudd



TORRES Strait Island leaders have told Prime Minister Kevin Rudd that they want to secede from Queensland and form their own government.

The leaders presented the PM with a letter signed by the region's mayors calling for a territory style of governance for the Torres Strait region.

The letter from Mayor Fred Gela from the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, Mayor Pedro Stephen from the Torres Shire Council and Chairman Toshie Kris from the Torres Strait Island Regional Authority comes on the back of an initial round of consultation with Torres Strait communities earlier this year and strengthening public support for the idea.

TSIRC Mayor Fred Gela said during their brief encounter with the Prime Minister, the leaders formally invited him to the Torres Strait to discuss the matter in full. "It is the aspiration of our people to govern our own destiny. A government of the Torres Strait for the Torres Strait," he said.

"The letter stipulated that due to the urgent requirement for the territory government concept to be considered, an invitation is extended to the Prime Minister to discuss the issue and see this process through to completion."

Mayor Gela said the same letter and invitation would be presented to Premier Anna Bligh.

Polite

TSRA Chairman Toshie Kris said that the PM was polite in his relations with the trio. "The Prime Minister has indicated that he looks forward to working with the leaders of the Torres Strait to better understand the issue and will be liaising with Jim Turnour MP to determine a time for further discussions and his availability to visit our region," Mr Kris said.

TSC Mayor Stephen said the letter promised a fair, open and transparent process toward a Torres Strait territory-style government.

"The letter stipulates the agreed method that will drive us toward territory-style governance," he said.

"There must be further consultation to help our constituents fully understand the different types of territory-style government and design a model that best suits the Torres Strait. It also promises a full referendum that will give the people of the Torres Strait unequivocal power to determine their own destiny once and for all."

The trio acknowledged the efforts of the grassroots movement and advised that as the Torres Strait leadership, they encourage all constituents to be a part of the process, but ask for a united front on the issue.



Flying the flag ... Protesters at last week's Pacific Islands Forum meeting in Cairns, north Queensland. AAP image

Ban Australia, says FAIRA

PACIFIC Island leaders have been urged to ban Australia from the Pacific Islands Forum until the Racial Discrimination Act is reinstated for all Indigenous Australians and Indigenous rights are recognised in the Constitution.

In making the call, the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) said Pacific Island leaders should expect aid from Australia for regional development, but that does not mean they should sell their souls to Australia.

FAIRA says Australia is the greatest offender of human rights in the Pacific region.

"By imposing a ban on Fiji, Australia has double standards regarding the human rights responsibilities of Fiji and its own responsibilities regarding races in Australia," it says.

"For the past 10 years Australia has been in breach of the international Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of

Racial Discrimination. The Native Title Amendment Act of 1998 has been heavily criticised and condemned on five occasions by the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD) and Australia's racism against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their land rights, and remains unresolved to this day.

"Australia has also been condemned for its racism under the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

"Two years ago the Australian Government again breached the human rights of the Indigenous Peoples by suspending the Racial Discrimination Act to implement the Northern Territory intervention laws."

FAIRA says the attitude of Australia towards the First Australians is as pathetic today as it was in 1788.

The presentation of the letter followed protests in Cairns last Wednesday against Federal and State neglect of the Torres Strait.

Independent MP Bob Katter said the Torres Strait should be allowed to secede.

He said environmental laws and government agencies were preventing

residents in the collection of islands between mainland Australia and Papua New Guinea from sourcing their own food locally.

Instead, he said the region was forced to rely on overpriced food shipped from southern centres.

Torres Strait residents staged their

protest outside the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting in Cairns, demanding the right for the collection of islands to be granted sovereignty.

People's movement for autonomy for the Torres Strait spokesman Father Getano Lui Jnr said residents deserved the right to manage their own affairs.

Governor opens centre 'by the river'



Elders showing their support for the program, from left, Dorrie Gordon, Nora Caldwell, Effie Roberts and Lola Bundock.



Tom Slookee, Tim Torrens and Charles Moran gave their support at the opening.

Program offers a second chance

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A NEW program offering young Indigenous offenders a second chance has been officially launched in northern New South Wales.

Believed to be the first of its kind, the program at Tabulam, far northern NSW, is called Bugilmah Burube Wullinje Balund-a (Balund-a), which translates as 'be good now you have a second chance down by the river'.

It is based at the heart of a 534ha cattle station in the Upper Clarence River area.

The diversionary program can house up to 50 Aboriginal men and women aged 18 to 35 who have committed 'lesser' crimes such as traffic violations. It aims to link them into a six-month holistic program with a strong focus on cultural reconnection, life and vocational skills, substance-abuse treatment and community and family re-building.

NSW Governor Marie Bashir opened the centre, saying she was 'greatly heartened' to see the strengthening of cultural identity at the core of the program.

"What we see is young people who may have lost their way, but here they can regain it again, they can recapture a sense of belonging," she said.

"The program is about resilience and hope (and) offers a bright and happy future with the spiritual blessing of the Elders."

NSW Corrective Services Minister John Robertson said

the unique thing about Balund-a was a strong sense of hope that the residents would never end up in full-time custody. In fact, 13 of the 14 offenders who have completed the program have avoided a prison sentence on their return to court.

"Balund-a is unique because it allows magistrates to give young offenders one last try at addressing the causes of their criminal behaviour before they are sentenced, and allow them to

For 22-year-old Jeremy Collins, Balund-a was just the chance he needed. After dropping out of school in Year 11, he spent the next five years mostly 'being good', but one recent night 'on the grog' changed all that.

He sees the past three months of his life on the farm as both a blessing and a curse.

He admits that he would most likely be in jail by now if not for this second chance.

However, it's also the first time in five years he's been away from his family, which he describes as 'torture'.

"In a way, you have to forget about your family and friends, for six months anyway, and make your home here. Otherwise it's too hard thinking about being away from them," he said.

Mr Collins' fear is that his two-year-old, who is starting to call him Jeremy instead of Dad, might forget about him, and that he can't be there for his baby, born just last week.

He knows his partner is finding the distance stressful, but says they both know it's for the best. "The first night was

the worst," he said. "You don't sleep, and then you're really quiet and withdrawn for a few weeks, then it gets better. But it has definitely been the hardest thing I've ever had to do."

"If this is hard and it's not jail, then I don't ever want to go to jail, I know that."

Half-way through the program, Mr Collins said his goals were to learn as much as he could in the next three months, to be ready for his new life when he got out.



Jeremy Collins, 22, from Tabulam is three months through the program, and sees a better future ahead.

work on confronting the reasons why they've committed crimes in the past," he said.

"It's all about setting up the best possible chance for young adult Aboriginal offenders to turn their lives around. If we can keep 50 young Indigenous people from this region out of prison each year and give them the chance to make something out of their lives, then the program has been a success."

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Woorabinda council using scheme



FRANK WALSH, WA: If a black card is going to benefit and protect our kids, then I'm all for the idea.



CATHY PRIOR, Townsville: It is about time they brought in something like a black card.



GAIL BECK, WA: It's more red tape, but a black card would be useful to check on the suitability of people working with our kids.



EDNA BAROLITS, Darwin: Lack of cultural awareness is such a big problem that I'm not sure a black card could solve it.



KAILAH MAYNARD, Tasmania: Aboriginal people should have first priority in any Aboriginal organisation. Black Card should be the last resort.

Black card idea gets thumbs up

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has backed the introduction of a 'black card' certifying that those working in remote Indigenous communities are culturally aware.

The card has already been introduced in Woorabinda Shire Council, Queensland, where government and other agencies have been taking part in a cultural awareness program since October 2008, much of it taking place on country.

The training includes talks from Elders, visits to important sites, interpreting language, the history of Woorabinda and meeting with council members.

The black card is a play on the blue card, a 'working with children' (police) check for those who have jobs involving contact with children and youth.

It is the brain-child of Woorabinda Council workers Bill Thaiday and William Sullivan.

"We felt it was disrespectful to our people expecting our Elders who work with our young people to be required to have a blue card, and so we thought we would turn that around," Mr Sullivan said.

"For too long services have been coming into our community and telling us what we need. Now we are saying if you want to work in our community, this is what you need to do."

Mr Calma argued that anyone going into an Aboriginal community should be required to hold both the 'working with children' blue card and the 'cultural awareness' black card.

But he warned that any mandatory system would need to be appropriately resourced.

Mr Calma said just as any good business should go out of its way to understand and learn about its market, responsible employers who work for

Indigenous communities should participate in a program that gives them better cultural understanding.

"While we have responsible people who work in Indigenous communities and have gone out of their way to understand the environment they work in, there are others who are insensitive to cultural issues, and that is causing problems in communities," he said.

Cultural awareness training would be just as beneficial for temporary labourers and contractors as it would be for full-time employees like teachers and nurses, he said.

The black card has also found favour with Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey who has questioned whether the public health system would serve Indigenous communities better if it came from a more culturally aware standpoint.

Mr Lacey said this was particularly pertinent given the recent swine flu scare on the Island and the death of a four-year-old Aboriginal girl in Doomadgee after being turned away from the local hospital.

The mayor has called on the Government to consider a new framework for the delivery of health services in Aboriginal communities, and supported the introduction of the black card for all government and non-government workers.

Meanwhile, the *Cairns Post* newspaper called on readers to send in their thoughts on the issue, and one scathing response argued the idea of the black card went against reconciliation.

"What a top idea, once again we hear from the Aboriginal industry that whitefella bad. So now they want us licensed to even get off the plane. What happened to reconciliation? They should think themselves lucky there are still whiteys around desperate enough to go to the missions," one post on 29 July said.

Mr Calma said he was not surprised to hear such comments in response to the proposal, citing it as further proof that a system to promote cultural understanding was needed.



Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma supports the introduction of a 'black card'.



ANDREW WUNGUNDIN, Mt Barnett Station, WA: I like the idea of the card for any public servants; police, nurses and teachers.



PHILIP BEETON, Launceston, Tas: We definitely need something like that. They have to be aware of the culture to do the job.



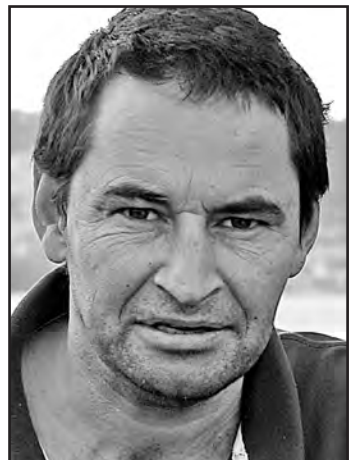
MURRAY YARRAN, WA: It would be a good way to know that a person is reliable and able to be trusted with our kids and our culture.



BRADLEY HENAWAY, Burdekin, Qld: It's a top idea. This as a way to scrutinise those who work on Indigenous communities.



BEV LIDDY, Darwin: Here in the NT, we don't give people a card but we insist they do cultural awareness training. It might be hard to decide who says if people have met the standards. People who got one might think they could rest on their laurels.



JOEY SMITH, 44, Snug, Tas: A good idea, but I wouldn't agree with calling it a black card. They (non-Indigenous workers working with Indigenous people) need to have Aboriginal mentors though.



KATH MCCABE, Charters Towers, Qld: I see black cards as a good thing because not many non-Indigenous people who go to communities know what goes on. It will be similar to a blue card.

How red tape is

Overseas workers get jobs while our youth get the dole

By DARREN COYNE



YOUNG Indigenous men from remote communities appear to be getting a bum steer from the Australian Government.

Instead of receiving promised jobs and training in the meat-processing industry, they are being left to sit about on welfare while overseas workers have been streaming into the country on fast-tracked visas.

In Queensland alone more than 430 meatworkers have arrived from overseas since July last year. And another 30 or so arrived in South Australia, according to Immigration Department figures.

All the while, a home-grown scheme called Boys from the Bush Projects – Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWS) has been battling with bureaucracy to gain support.

The scheme began in Cape York as a pilot in 2005 and helped place more than 150 young men, initially in horticulture, then in the meat-processing industry.

Sixteen months ago, the project team, which is a mix of Indigenous and other people, decided to expand nationally.

Excited by the pilot's results, and with abattoirs seemingly keen, scheme team members hoped to gain much-needed support from the Federal Department of Education, Employment, Workplace Relations (DEEWR).

The team believed their track record of successfully placing young men in the industry would appeal to a Federal Government making a lot of noise about improving job prospects for disadvantaged Indigenous people.

Lorraine Watson, an Elder involved with program who lives in the Hervey Bay area of Queensland, told *The Koori Mail* that red tape was killing something which had the potential to help many young people find employment.

"We've been battling for 16 months to get the department and the abattoirs to back this program," she said.

"During this time we've approached a number of abattoirs and been given offers of work, only to have them change their mind because it was taking too long.

"DEEWR has been fast-tracking visas for overseas workers while our boys are

Leonard Peter, from Boigu Island in the Torres Strait, on the job last year at a meatworks. He's keen for more work.



sitting out there in communities waiting for someone to come and get them.

"It's so hard to tell these young people that the promised jobs are no longer there.

"The majority of them are from the Northern Territory and Cape York and the Kimberley area and they've never been out of community, never had a decent education, or been to a big city.

"We bring them out with the permission of their parents, there are agreements

remote areas who want to work. They don't want to live there for their whole lives. They want to get out and see the world like anyone else.

"That's why it's so hard to tell them there's no work because we get them all psyched up and ready to go and then the abattoirs will decide to pull out at the last minute because they've got overseas workers.

"You end up losing credibility because you sit down with parents, but then you

Those people have really helped us."

Boys from the Bush Project Director Milton James said there were plenty of keen young men like Leonard waiting and willing to work.

He said he was becoming disillusioned with the red tape strangling the program's potential.

He likened it to the exploitative treatment of Indigenous workers in the early days of the meat industry.

"Look at history. There's a lot of repetition going on here. They carried this industry from the very beginning yet they were grossly exploited. The same exploitation is happening now but in a different way."

Mr James said 16 months ago he had given an assurance to the meat industry and DEEWR that the program could place more than 100 young Indigenous men in jobs straight away.

All it needed, he said, was a bit of Government support to cover the cost of recruitment, and the after-work support and supervision.

He said it was disappointing that he had applied for funding more than 16 months ago and none had materialised – yet overseas workers were being fast-tracked with visas every month.

"They (DEEWR) have got an entire team of four people working full-time processing applications from abattoirs," he told *The Koori Mail*.

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'We've been battling for 16 months to get the department and the abattoirs to back this program'
– *Queensland Elder Lorraine Watson*

signed, and we bring them out and put them in a house and drive them to work and pick them up.

"The boys love it. Some get homesick, but we encourage them to buy a mobile phone so they can stay in touch with their parents and relatives."

Ms Watson said she was sick of people stereotyping young Aboriginal people.

"There's no reason to say that Aboriginal people don't want to work," she said.

"These are wonderful kids and it breaks my heart to think of these boys in

don't go back because it has fallen through."

Leonard Peter, from Boigu Island in the Torres Strait, spent almost 12 months working at a meatworks in Victoria as part of program.

"I'd love to do it again, but I'm still waiting to hear about more work," he said.

"I've applied for a job in Atherton but haven't heard anything. So me and my cousin are thinking about driving down to South Australia in September to find some work.

"It's good experience (the program).

killing job hope

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"Those applications range from 10 to 100 workers and they've got a requirement for a one-month turnaround from the time it's submitted.

"When I submit an application for black kids 16 months has gone by and still no action.

"The whole playing field is skewed against these kids."

When Mr James first spoke with *The Koori Mail* he had just heard from another two abattoirs, which had previously agreed to take Aboriginal workers, but had since changed their minds.

"What they're saying is that they've been told by DEEWR that if they take young people from me there will be no wage subsidies," he said.

In a letter to Federal Immigration Minister Chris Evans late last week, Mr James accused the Department of institutionalised racism.

Meanwhile, Labor MP Jim Turnour, whose electorate of Leichhardt covers an area of 150,366 square kilometres which stretches from the Papua New Guinea border through Cape York Peninsula to the southern suburbs of Cairns, said he was concerned the Boys From the Bush projects were being ignored.

"I've got real concerns if Aboriginal people are not being able to get jobs because meatworks are using foreign labour through the visa scheme," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I am raising these concerns with (Immigration) Minister Chris Evans and asking him to investigate the issue of meatworks using foreign labour in preference to Aboriginal people."

The Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations did not respond to a question from *The Koori Mail* about whether foreign workers were being given preference over Aboriginal young people.

The department maintained, however, that it was working with the Boys from the Bush team to develop the proposal.

"Over the past 16 months, Mr James has approached the department with proposals for a range of projects with different employers in the meat-processing industry to assist young Indigenous men from remote communities," the department said.

"The department has been working very closely with the employers and Mr James to develop these proposals.

"Through the Indigenous Employment Program, the department already supports a similar successful project.

"Mission Australia, in collaboration with Cape York Partnerships, runs the Mission Australia Work Placement Scheme which to date has supported 48 young Indigenous Australians from Cape York in Queensland into meat-processing jobs in Victoria."

But for Mr James, the response is inadequate, and he remains highly critical



A young Indigenous man on the job in an Australian abattoir. Boys from the Bush Project Director Milton James says he has real concerns because of apparent government policies giving preference to foreign jobseekers over Australians.

of what he says are protracted delays by DEEWR to provide even modest funding to the scheme.

In a recent letter to the department, he was scathing.

"It makes a mockery of the Australian Government's clearly defined stance on closing the unemployment gap for Aboriginal people," he said.

"New regulations now see boners and slicers identified as skilled workers under the visa process. Nearly all the young people placed into abattoirs by us were given the job of boning and slicing.

"These are tasks that can be mastered by these young people within a few weeks. This is exactly what some meat processors and overseas recruitment companies are doing.

"They are going to places like China and South Korea to run short training courses and then bringing these people into Australia as skilled and unskilled labourers.

"These same meat-processing companies could pay an even smaller proportion of this money by traveling to remote communities in Australia to run short training courses for young Aborigines."

According to an Institute of Public Affairs report in 2008, the total costs of recruiting and bringing in each overseas worker on a 457 visa ranged from \$17,000 up to \$30,000.

Can't understand

Mr James can't understand why that type of money is not being invested in young Indigenous people.

"To bring in overseas worker can cost up to \$30,000 and when their visa expires they return to their country," he said.

"For an Aboriginal person, it costs \$17,000 for our 12-month program – to recruit, prepare, relocate and provide them with after-work support and supervision – but that's a one-off

payment, because the skills stay in the country and their savings are spent here too," he said.

"This is a life-time investment, not a short-term fix like the 457 visas (for foreign workers)," he said.

Mr James said he calculated the various government costs associated with keeping a young Indigenous welfare-dependent person in a community at \$26,972 a year.

The Koori Mail asked whether DEEWR was at all concerned that there were more than 100 young Indigenous men waiting and willing to work, while the Australian Government was bringing in foreign workers?

Mr James, and those young people, are still waiting for an answer.

● At the time of going to press, Mr James was in negotiations with a meat-processing company willing to take all the Indigenous workers, but the deal remained subject to DEEWR support.



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– Boys from the Bush Project Director Milton James

Elliott determination welcomed



THE Gurungu Kulumintini Group and the Jingili and Mudburra people are celebrating after being granted native title rights to a section of their country in Elliott.

Federal Court judge John Reeves approved the consent determination covering about 144 ha of land at a special sitting last week in the NT town.

Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive Kim Hill congratulated the traditional owners on their achievement, which had been eight years in the making.

He said it was the first time a native

title determination had been granted by consent in the NLC region.

"This is a significant achievement for the people for the Gurungu Kulumintini Group and the Jingili and Mudburra peoples," Mr Hill said.

"It also means that through the NLC, they have successfully negotiated with the Northern Territory Government in having their full native title rights recognised while avoiding a court battle."

Mr Hill said the determination, which covers most of the undeveloped land in Elliott, would ensure the claimants had equal partnership in the development of their traditional country.

National Native Title Tribunal NT Manager Tony Shelley said the decision would entitle the groups to carry out traditional practices and ceremonies on country, as well as protect important local dreaming tracks.

"The Elliott determination affects areas within the town, so it is important the result has been by consent. However, the determination does not affect the title or rights of existing private landholders," he said.

"Now the people in the Gurungu/Kulumintini group can move forward with more certainty about what they can and can't do in the future of the town."



The Federal Court sitting in Elliott.

Photo courtesy NNTT

Vic calls for Federal framework funding



THE Victorian Government wants the Federal Government to

put its money where its mouth is and support the state's new Native Title Framework, warning it could otherwise take 55 years and hundreds of millions of dollars to settle the state's native title claims.

And it says doing so makes sense under the COAG agenda to close the gaps between Indigenous and other Australians.

State Attorney-General Rob Hulls spoke out last Thursday at a Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) meeting in Alice Springs, urging Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to heed the call.

The framework, nipped out earlier this year between the Victorian Government and Aboriginal groups, is said to offer a faster and cheaper way of settling native title claims outside the courts.

Under it, traditional owner (TO) groups can choose to negotiate directly with the state to settle their native title claim rather than go through the courts. TO benefits can be tailored to local circumstances, such as options for the management and transfer of land, access to natural resources, and support for economic and cultural development opportunities.

Mr Hulls said Commonwealth funding could see the framework resolve ten native settlements in ten years. Otherwise, settling the state's native title claims could take 55 years and cost more than \$275 million.

The Commonwealth has publicly backed the framework, but Mr Hulls said it must also share the cost burden of alternative settlements.

He said the framework would provide economic development and leadership opportunities for Indigenous communities, including jobs in

land and natural resource management, tourism ventures and investment opportunities.

"The Commonwealth's Closing the Gap framework recognises that increased Indigenous-owned or controlled land, self-employment and Indigenous enterprise will lead to improved outcomes," Mr Hulls said.

"...But the Commonwealth has to do more than just tell the States how to do business. It has to provide funding to support the broader settlements."

"In striving to close the gap, we cannot overlook the vehicles we have at our disposal to address this inequity. Native title is one such vehicle."

The Federal Government has committed to reforming the native title process, which is currently clogged with a massive backlog of claims.

Resolution

In May, it gave an extra \$50 million towards building a more efficient system focused on achieving resolution through agreement-making rather than costly and drawn-out litigation – with some of the funds to be spent on working with the states and territories on developing new approaches.

A spokesman for Federal Attorney-General Robert McLelland told *The Koori Mail* on Thursday that, while 'states and territories have the primary responsibility to resolve native title claims and need to take a more proactive approach to recognising native title', the Rudd Government was looking forward to discussing the issue later this month in Adelaide at a meeting of native title ministers.

Professor Mick Dodson has described the framework as 'a solid foundation for the future', while chairman of Native Title Services Victoria (NTSV) Graham Atkinson says it has the potential to provide real land justice to traditional owner groups.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER



Traditional owner Martha Koowarta at the grave of her late husband and land rights champion, John Koowarta.

Claim makes history



TRADITIONAL owners of Western Cape York in Queensland have made native title history with their latest success.

On 29 July, Justice Andrew Greenwood of the Federal Court recognised their claim, which was made under a Western Cape York Communities Coexistence Agreement (WCCCA).

The claim gives them a further 1200 square kilometres of Wik and Wik Way traditional land and waters covered by part of Rio Tinto Aluminium's (RTA) bauxite mining leases.

The uncontested claim follows consent determinations in 2000 and 2004 over 18,600 sq km of traditional land and waters in Aurukun Shire, Pormpuraaw Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT), Napranum DOGIT south of Embley River, a number of pastoral leases and unallocated state land.

Traditional owner Martha Koowarta, widow of Wik land rights champion John Koowarta, welcomed the ruling.

"It has been a long hard battle to win this," she said.

"My husband died before he could see it, but he and all the others would be pleased. He told

us the struggle for our land rights will not stop yet. We will have to be strong and keep fighting for our rights because it will go on."

The Federal Court decision to return the land, rights a wrong which dates back to 1957.

In that year, the Bjelke-Petersen Government carved bauxite mining leases from Wik lands without consultation then declared a National Park to prevent their return.

That tactic still resonates with Cape York communities now facing new restrictions from Wild Rivers legislation which they say will limit Indigenous economic independence.

Study to examine American rep bodies



WITH a new national Australian Indigenous representative body reportedly less than six months away, a University of NSW academic is making plans to study different models of Indigenous representation in North America.

Senior Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social

Sciences Dr Sarah Maddison will travel to the US and Canada on a Churchill Fellowship next year to examine successful Indigenous representation in those countries.

Australia has been without a national Indigenous representative body since the abolition of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) in 2004. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice

Commissioner Tom Calma has overseen community consultations on a new representative body, which Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin is keen to see in place by the end of the year.

A report was due to go to the Government at the end of July, but is believed to have been delayed for one to two weeks.

"In Australia we are about to embark on our fourth attempt at a

national Indigenous body," said Dr Maddison, who is Acting Deputy Director of UNSW's Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Unit.

"Attempts so far have not been sustained and that's added to the marginalisation of Indigenous people."

Dr Maddison is looking at the methods of choosing representation, conflict resolution and the structure of the National

Congress of American Indians and Canada's Assembly of First Nations. "My hunch is that the reasons that these bodies have worked is because they are independent from government," she said.

"The question for Australia is: Can we create a national body that has the support of government, but that government will keep its hands off?"

Surf club is a first



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous surf life saving club has only just been launched, but it has already saved four people from the waters of east Arnhem

Land and set an inspiring example in the process. More than 200 locals, interstate and overseas visitors gathered on Friday afternoon at Shady Beach – a stunning section of coast beside the Aboriginal community of Yirrkala on the Gove peninsula – for the official launch of



The scene at Shady Beach near Yirrkala, during the official launch of the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club.

the Walngawu Djakamirri Surf Life Saving Club.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin congratulated the Yirrkala community and those who had made the club a reality since 2007.

"Some of you might know that surfing is actually my number-one passion," Ms Macklin told the gathering.

"I don't get to do much of it and unfortunately I don't get to come to too many openings of surf life saving clubs."

The Minister said the community would benefit from the club in many ways.

"I know that you'll be fitter, stronger, healthier and you'll have a heck of a lot of fun as a result of this surf life saving club," she said.

Surf Life Saving Northern Territory Chief Executive Tony Snelling said the club had carried out four rescues in the 18 months since the program was created.

"One of the unfortunate realities is that Indigenous people, particularly youth, are over-represented in the drowning and the aquatic-injury statistics," he said.

Sad reality

"There is also a very sad reality that every year in Australia people drown trying to rescue somebody else."

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson was also at Shady Beach, where he announced that the club, which operates out of a shipping container, would receive an additional \$25,000 in funding.

The club has 80 members aged from 13 and expects to launch its nippers program within weeks.

"At the end of the day, it's all about community, it's all about children, it's all about families – it's all about healthy activities and healthy lifestyles and keeping our kids safe in the seas," Mr Henderson said.

The life saving association's president, Bob Creek, said he believed the club was leading the way.

"I believe it to be a model for other coastal communities," he said.

"All those things we just spoke about ... and what's happening here very well could be an opportunity for other coastal communities." – AAP

Govt increases BasicsCard limit



WELFARE recipients in the Northern Territory will be able to spend more than three times as much on a special benefits card after the Commonwealth Government temporarily increased its daily limit.

Instead of an \$800 a day cap, users can now buy goods worth up to \$3000 using their BasicsCards, which quarantines about half of welfare payments to pay for essentials, such as food, clothes and medical supplies.

It restricts the purchase of items including cigarettes, alcohol, pornography and cash withdrawals.

The move was to promote large purchases, such as those for white goods, which were crucial to family care, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said.

BasicsCard users have less than two months to take advantage of the increase, before the \$800 limit comes back into force after 29 September. – AAP

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Bush summit in Kimberley targets suicide prevention



AN Aboriginal family who lost two sons to suicide in the same house, three years apart, is hoping that an extraordinary bush summit held in Western Australia's Kimberley region last fortnight will help prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Nearly 150 people accepted an invitation from Stephen Victor Snr, his daughter Mary Victor O'Reeri and their family to travel to Billard, near Beagle Bay, 120km north of Broome, to attend the Blank Page Summit on Suicide from 27-31 July.

Ms O'Reeri said the summit came about 'because we decided as a family to move out of the shadows and trust our instinct'.

Participants came from surrounding communities grappling with a Kimberley 'suicide epidemic', which drew national attention in 2007 when State Coroner Alistair Hope – who was at the gathering – investigated 22 alcohol- and drug-related suicide deaths in the region. Alcohol was identified as a key factor in many of the deaths.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, WA Deputy Premier Kim Hames, and WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin also took part, along with experts and key decision makers in areas such as child protection, land management, justice, mental health, education, vocational training, disability, academia and the Catholic Church.

Kimberley Land Council CEO Wayne Bergmann welcomed the summit, saying the Kimberley suicide rate remained appalling and more action was needed to prevent such avoidable deaths.

"If a metropolitan suburb had the same suicide rate as the Kimberley, it would be declared a national emergency.... We need immediate action," he said.

Mr Bergmann called on governments to 'engage with us local Aboriginal people, face-to-face, so we can have a say in our own future and take control of our own lives'.

Minister Jenny Macklin agreed that governments and communities needed to work together to tackle 'tragic patterns of self-destruction among our young people'.

She said individuals also needed to take responsibility, and she praised the Victor family and people such as Emily Carter and



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, Mary Victor O'Reeri and Laurence Victor at Billard Aboriginal community.

June Oscar in Fitzroy Crossing, and Doreen Green and Robyn Long in Halls Creek, who fought strong opposition to win grog restrictions in their towns.

Chief Justice Martin told media it was time to look at alternative approaches and 'bottom-up' solutions to the many underlying factors contributing to high Aboriginal incarceration and suicide rates.

The summit ended with a call for Australians to fundamentally restructure the

way suicide prevention was addressed through family and communities.

"If we saved just one life through the summit, it was worth all our hard work," Mr Victor Snr said.

● For more on outcomes from the Blank Page Summit on Suicide, see the next edition of *The Koori Mail*.

● For support and information about suicide prevention, readers can contact Lifeline on 131 114.

Mature-age students to benefit from fund



INDIGENOUS Business Australia (IBA) has opened of the first round of its Scholarship

Fund. The Fund aims to provide mature-age Indigenous Australians with opportunities to develop their knowledge and skills in business and finance through education to contribute to economic development in Indigenous communities.

IBA Chair Dawn Casey said it was important for Indigenous Australians to set their sights on study and on bringing relevant skills back to their communities.

"Indigenous people with skills and education in commerce and related disciplines are needed urgently in most Indigenous communities," she said.

Courses the scholarship fund supports are those that relate to business, commerce, accounting, financial management, commerce, tourism management, and economic leadership.

The scholarships are intended for those mature-age Indigenous people who face financial barriers that prevent them from the option of study.

They will provide financial assistance to successful applicants, allowing them to undertake study in commercial and economic management at their preferred institution.

Qualifications can be achieved at recognised education institutions such as TAFE, University and other relevant education providers.

Applications for this round of Scholarships close on 30 September and are open for Indigenous mature-age people looking to study in the first semester of 2010.

Application forms, eligibility criteria and further information are available at the website www.iba.gov.au

WA redress anger



VICTIMS of physical and sexual abuse who applied for compensation under the Redress WA Scheme are considering their

legal options after the WA Government reduced the maximum payout available.

WA Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney said the previous Labor Government, which set up the scheme, had not budgeted properly, forcing the current Government to slash the maximum payout from \$80,000 to \$45,000.

Under the 2007 Carpenter Government scheme, people who could prove they were abused while in state care would receive an ex-gratia payment of between \$10,000 to a maximum of \$80,000.

But Ms McSweeney said that

6000 of the 10,000 people to apply were eligible for compensation, blowing out by more than \$80 million the original \$92 million set aside for payouts.

"I took the view that, yes, I could say to people I could stay within the scheme. I could pay up to \$80,000 and pay only a few people, but that wasn't fair because there would not be enough money for everybody else," she said.

"So given the extent of applications it would be fairer to make the payments of up to \$45,000 as a maximum and then everybody gets fair and equitable treatment."

WA Opposition spokesperson for Community Services Sue Ellery said the Government was wrong to blame Labor for its 'mean-spirited approach' to the redress scheme.

"I think it's unreasonable to



ROBYN MCSWEENEY

blame the previous Government for not allocating enough funds. We sought the best possible advice. We looked at the models in Tasmania and Queensland and we structured our scheme based on the best possible financial advice," Ms Ellery said.

"But I think the real issue here is that the State Government now has a decision to make, and that is if it finds that the scheme was not adequately funded they can make a choice. They can fix the wrong or they can do what they've done and extend the betrayal to a group of people who have already been betrayed by the State when they were abused in care as children."

Aboriginal Legal Service WA (ALSWA) head Dennis Eggington said lawyers were examining whether those eligible for compensation could take legal action to force the Government to pay the original maximum of \$80,000.

"We're also looking at whether or not some of these people may want to swap now and become part of the class actions for the Stolen Generation," he said.

"There is no way the State

Government cannot afford to maintain that level. They can find the money if they need to.

"They're being very mean spirited and in real terms they're being very uncaring about some of the most vulnerable people in this state."

Other Aboriginal agencies that acted as Redress agents have also called for the Government to honour its original promise, with one saying that the churches should make up the difference because they operated the institutions where most of the abuse took place.

WA Premier Colin Barnett has offered a glimmer of hope to recipients by saying he will examine the scheme again to see if the overall budget could be increased.

But he said the maximum compensation payment would remain at \$45,000.

Alice plan to ban begging

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ALICE Springs Town Council (ASTC) can expect some serious opposition to proposed far-reaching bylaws, which some Aboriginal and social service groups claim unfairly target the most vulnerable and needy.

Aboriginal community organisation Tangentyere says the proposals are inhumane, but not everyone is unhappy, with Arrernte traditional owners (TOs) saying some reflect their wishes about behaviour on their country.

ASTC has called for community comment on new draft bylaws on the management of public places in Alice Springs.

Mayor Damien Ryan said the 80 or so amendments aimed 'to improve peace, order and fair use of public places and the protection of amenities and environment whilst working towards a cleaner and safer community for all'.

If such bylaws were adopted, busking, selling wares, or camping in public places without a permit would constitute an offence and carry fines. Begging or 'humbugging' others for money, for example, would attract a \$130 fine.

New rules would also allow council rangers to dump anything they believed to have been abandoned in a public place. And Cr Jane Clark says the council has the blankets of homeless people in their sights.

Night temperatures in the Central

Australian city can drop below zero and homeless people sometimes tuck their blankets and other possessions away out of sight during the day.

Mayor Ryan insisted the council would continue its current practice of giving found blankets to Tangentyere, which in turn redistributes them to the needy.

He said Cr Clark had been 'mischievously misrepresenting' the proposed bylaws, but *The Koori Mail* understands that rangers have dropped far fewer blankets off to Tangentyere in recent months, despite lower overnight

and Centrelink. Managed camping grounds may address the need for short term accommodation for visitors but it takes political will to achieve this."

Also planning a submission opposing beefed-up bylaws is the Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS), which would likely represent many of the Aboriginal people found to have breached the bylaws.

The Northern Territory already has the highest adult incarceration rates in Australia, including a significant number of prisoners serving time for non-payment of fines.

The NT Council of Social Service (NTCOSS) said society should work to address the underlying causes of poverty and disadvantage, rather than further punish those already doing it tough.

"Criminalising social problems is a cop-out," said Central Australian Policy Officer Jonathan Pilbrow.

However, CEO of traditional owner organisation Lhere Artepe's Darryl Pearce told *The Koori Mail* that local Arrernte people did not want people begging on their country, as it was denigrating and not the Aboriginal way.

"We say to people 'don't give money to beggars'. If someone is begging for money for alcohol, first and foremost they have a primary health issue and giving them money is just feeding their dependency," he said.

"If people have a genuine need for shelter or food, family will help out."

And he said too many people were camping in places where they shouldn't be. The public comment period on the new draft bylaws ends on 28 August.

'Criminalising social problems is a cop-out'

— Jonathan Pilbrow, NTCOSS

temperatures, and some have been seen dumping blankets at the town tip.

Tangentyere plans to lodge a submission expressing its concerns with the proposed bylaws, which it says will see homeless people pushed away from services and further marginalised, due to the failings of society to provide adequate short- and long-term affordable housing.

"Most people sleeping rough have little choice to do otherwise," the organisation said in a statement. "It is unreasonable to move people on when we know there is nowhere for them to go. It is also unreasonable to place the burden of solution on the case management services of Tangentyere

Walk off still at stalemate



A GROUP of residents from Ampilatwatja in the Northern Territory were last week maintaining a camp 5kms outside their community, in protest over the Northern Territory intervention.

Mid-last month, between 70 and 100 people walked out of Ampilatwatja, 300kms north-east of Alice Springs, saying housing and service delivery had actually deteriorated rather than improved under the intervention.

They're especially angry about overcrowding, poor sanitation and overflowing sewerage systems, even though the local Barkly Shire has reportedly addressed the latter since the walk-off.

Group spokesman Richard Downs said on Friday that a few sewerage repairs weren't enough to persuade the protesters back into town.

"They've finished some plumbing but that's not enough to get these people back into town," he told *The Koori Mail*. "It's the whole intervention that we're sick of. The old people have said 'no, that's it. We're staying here indefinitely'. We're not going back just to please the shire or the government. We want them to come out and sit down with us and work out a five-to-ten-year plan to fix things."

Mr Downs said he was awaiting a quote to get a nearby bore working so the group could at least have running water, as well as some portable toilets. At present, the campers are making short trips into town to use family members' showers.

Liberal Senator Nigel Scullion and local CLP MP Adam Giles visited the protesters the week before last and expressed concern at the conditions.

However, Mr Downs said they'd heard nothing from either Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin or Territory Government representatives.

Mr Downs ventured that the NT Government was likely pre-occupied with the fallout from former Labor Minister Alison Anderson's resignation over Indigenous housing, especially reported administrative blowouts in the budget of the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP), which has failed to build a single house in two years. But he said some Labor representatives should still have come. The protesters were planning to attend a community consultation meeting due to be held at Ampilatwatja today regarding the intervention, or the NT Emergency Response (NTER) as governments refer to it. Meanwhile *The Koori Mail* had yet to receive a response from Minister Macklin's office on the Ampilatwatja situation at the time of going to print.

— By KIRSTIE PARKER

Sea World trainees shine



THIRTY-TWO Indigenous students have celebrated in style at Sea World on the Gold Coast following an 18-month school-based hospitality traineeship.

The students were selected from a range of rural, remote and urban Queensland communities to take part in a program that aims to equip them with practical industry skills, a hospitality qualification, cultural leadership and the confidence to direct their education or employment opportunities.

Queensland MP for Burleigh Christine Smith said part of the program's success had come from having support staff based in communities like Murgon, Cherbourg and Bundaberg to encourage the students to keep going.

"The Sea World Indigenous School Based Traineeship Program is a great example of the private and public sector working together to create and deliver effective employment projects for Indigenous Queenslanders," she said.

The program, which won the 'Partnerships Award' at the recent 2009 Reconciliation Business Awards, began in 2006 with 14 trainees and grew to 33 last year. It is the only one of its kind in Australia.

On hand to lend support for the night was guest MC actor Jack Thompson, who was also there to support his godson who was one of the graduating students.



The 2009 graduating class with MC Jack Thompson and Indigenous Trainee Co-ordinator Linda Biunaiwai. Cutting the cake at front is Trainee of the Program Jennifer Stanley and Most Improved Trainee Brenda Douglas.



In Redfern for the closing the gap ceremony are students from Darlington Public School with, from left, the NRL's Mario Fenech, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Darlington School Aboriginal education officer Aunty Norma Sides, Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Rob Welsh, NRL CEO David Gallop, Panthers player Petero Cioniceva, Roosters forward Mark O'Meley and South Sydney Rabbitoh Chris Sandow.

NRL to tackle gap



RUGBY league has become the first national sporting code to join the Close the Gap campaign.

National Rugby League (NRL) CEO David Gallop joined with Close the Gap campaign chair and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, ARL Indigenous Council Chair William 'Smiley' Johnstone, NRL stars Chris Sandow, Petero Cioniceva and Mark O'Meley and members of the All Blacks Under 6 team and Darlington Public School at a ceremony pledging to improve the

life expectancy and health of Indigenous people.

The ceremony, at the Redfern Community Centre, marks the start of the build-up to the 'Close the Gap' round this weekend of the Telstra Premiership, in which rugby league will celebrate its Indigenous history and showcase its work with communities.

A feature of the round is the annual Reconciliation Cup match between the Cowboys and Bulldogs in Townsville.

As shown in the last edition of *The Koori Mail*, the Newcastle Knights have unveiled a one-off playing strip for their match

against Melbourne as part of a week-long celebration recognising the contribution Indigenous role models have made to the Knights and Hunter Valley.

"This is going to be an exciting round of footy but, more importantly, it will put the focus on the inspiring work our players do in Indigenous communities," Mr Gallop said.

'Opportunity'

"This is an opportunity for everyone in the game to celebrate rugby league's proud Indigenous heritage and one of the best ways to do that is to pledge to help

close the life expectancy gap."

Commissioner Calma welcomed the NRL's support and the opportunity to raise awareness of closing the gap.

"Closing the life-expectancy gap by 2030 requires a team effort by all Australians – Indigenous and non-Indigenous," he said.

"Solutions need to be devised that involve Indigenous people in the decision making and gives them control over the delivery of the health services in their communities.

"Partnering with the NRL and the naming of a dedicated Close the Gap round provides the

campaign with a great opportunity to take that message to a wide audience and to raise awareness of the challenges faced by Indigenous people growing up in this country."

Eleven per cent of NRL players are Indigenous, including some of the game's biggest stars in Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Scott Prince, Nathan Merritt, Sam Thaiday, Matt Bowen, Chris Sandow and Jamal Idris.

For more information about the Close The Gap campaign, log on to www.oxfam.org.au/closethegap.

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Time to get Deadly



Adam James performs at the announcement of the finalists for this year's Deadly Awards.



MANY of Australia's deadliest Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander people are in the final line up for this year's Deadly Awards.

Living Black presenter Karla Grant and Indigenous actor Luke Carroll announced the finalists on Friday at SBS-TV in Sydney.

Ms Grant said she was proud that SBS Television had significantly boosted its assistance to Vibe Australia for this year's Deadly Awards.

"It is such an honour to be a part of The Deadlys because I feel these are the most significant awards for Indigenous Australians," she said.

"This year's finalists are doing great things and will achieve more for themselves, their communities and Australia in the future. That is the whole point of these awards; to recognise Indigenous achievers, inspiring them and ourselves to work together for a better society."



Announcing the Deadly finalists: Vibe's Vic Simmons, nominee Adam James, Vibe Australia's Gavin Jones, SBS host Karla Grant and actor Luke Carroll.

From the finalists (listed below), Deadly Award winners will be selected by a popular, online vote.

Votes can be cast via Vibe's website: <http://www.vibe.com.au>

The Deadly Award winners will be announced at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 15 October from 8pm.

Previous Deadly Award winners have included Jessica Mauboy, Geoffrey

Gurrumul Yunupingu, Shakaya, Jonathan Thurston, Casey Donovan, Yothu Yindi, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter, Jimmy Little and both Tony and Anthony Mundine.

The nominees are...

MUSIC

Most Promising New Talent in Music: Dizzy Doolan, Anthony Green, Microwave Jenny, Yabu Band.

Single Release of the Year:

Ballooraman – The Last Kinnection; *Burn* – Jessica Mauboy; *Solid Rock* – (Street Warriors version) feat. Shannon Noll; *Ngarranga, Remember* – Emma Donovan.

Album of the Year: *Been Waiting* – Jessica Mauboy; *Simplify* – Zenith; *The Journey* – Charlie Trindall; *Nutches* – Last Kinnection.

Band of the Year: Dubmarine, Saltwater Band, Yabu Band, Zenith.

Outstanding achievement in R'n'B and Hip Hop: The Last Kinnection, Maupower, Tjimba and the Yung Warriors, Dizzy Doolan.

Male Artist of the Year: Buddy Knox, Dan Sultan, Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu, Adam James.

Female Artist of the Year: Casey Donovan, Emma Donovan, Jessica Mauboy, Christine Anu.

SPORT

Most Promising New Talent in Sport: Jamal Idris, Kyah Simon, Luke Boyd, Liam Jurrah

Outstanding Achievement in AFL: Patrick Ryder, Michael O'Loughlin, Cyril Rioli, Leon Davis.

Outstanding Achievement in NRL: Preston Campbell, Johnathan Thurston, Greg Inglis, Jamie Soward.

Female Sportsperson of the Year: Bo de la Cruz – Touch Football; Rohanee Cox – Basketball; Bianca Franklin – Netball; Josie Janz – Netball.

Male Sportsperson of the Year: Michael O'Loughlin – AFL; Nathan Jawai – Basketball; Patrick Mills – Basketball; Anthony Mundine – Boxing.

THE ARTS

Dancer of the Year: Nikki Ashby, Bboy 2Ezy, Waangenga Blanco, Yolanda Brown.

Male Actor of the Year: Aaron Fa'aoso,

Luke Carroll, Rowan McNamara, Brandon Walters.

Female Actor of the Year: Marissa Gibson, Ursula Yovich, Pauline Whyman, Leah Purcell.

Visual Artist of the Year: Judy Watson, Jenny Fraser, Ricky Maynard, Destiny Deacon.

Outstanding Achievement in Film: *Samson & Delilah* – Warwick Thorton; *First Australians* – Rachel Perkins; *Aunt Maggie and the Womba Wakgun* – Leah Purcell; *Fitzroy Stars: More than a Game* – John Harding.

Outstanding Achievement in Television: *Barefoot Rugby League Show* – NITV; *Marngrook AFL Football Show* – NITV; *Message Stick* – ABC-TV; *Living Black* – SBS-TV

Outstanding Achievement in Theatre Performance: *Muttacar Sorry Business* – Yirra Yaakin; *New Year's Eve fireworks* – Rhoda Roberts; *The Dreaming* – Rhoda Roberts; *Bangarra* – Stephen Page

Outstanding Achievement in Literature: *Noongar Nation* – Alf Taylor; *Hey Mum, What's a Half-Caste?* – Lorraine McGee-Sippel; *Under the Quandong Tree* – Minmia; *Sweet Guy* – Jared Thomas.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

(to be judged by Deadly Academy)

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment.

Community Broadcaster of the Year.

Young Leader of the Year.

HALL OF FAME

The Ella Award for lifetime achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sport (Deadlys Hall of Fame – sports)

The Jimmy Little Award for Lifetime Achievement to ATSI Music (Deadlys Hall of Fame – music)

NSW Seniors WEEK 21-28 March 2010

2010 NSW Seniors Week Grants Program

Call for Applications

The NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care invites applications for funding under the 2010 NSW Seniors Week Grants Program. The program supports the development and organisation of local Seniors Week projects and activities in NSW.

To obtain an application form visit www.nswseniorsweek.com.au or call the Seniors Information Service on 13 12 44 from Monday 10 August 2009.

Applications must be received by 5pm on Friday 18 September 2009.

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Pat Brahim new committee chief



PATRICIA (Pat) Brahim has taken over as Chair of the Aboriginals Benefit Account Advisory Committee (ABAAC). The Tennant Creek woman replaces Dr Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann, who has held the position for 12 years.

The ABAAC advises on the distribution of money from the Aboriginals Benefit Account, which holds and distributes statutory royalty equivalent monies generated from mining on Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

Mrs Brahim has more than 30 years of experience in the public and private sector, where she has held a number of positions on several boards, committees and councils.

She is currently General Manager of Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation and a member of the NT Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council.

Sisters of Mercy the hosts for conference



MAJOR social issues will be the focus for a conference later this year hosted by the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia.

The Institute says that Indigenous communities, refugees, asylum seekers and the effect of poverty on women are among the most pressing social issues requiring action.

Its Mercy Justice Conference, from 6-8 November at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre, near Canberra, will feature leading social justice campaigners and thinkers, including Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson.

For more conference details, go to www.mercy.org.au email Institute.Justice@mercy.org.au or call Carmel Heagerty RSM on 0408 426 876.

Moree the venue for corroboree festival



MOREE will host what is being touted as New South Wales' first country-wide corroboree festival of modern times. The Yanay to Gamillaraay (Y2G) 2009 Festival

will be held in the northern NSW centre from 21-27 September.

Artistic Director Paul Spearim says a large program of song and dance has been planned.

Acts on the line-up include Stiff Gins, Ducky Dennis, Jamie Smith, Sean Choolburra, Black Turtles and Impossible Odds.

"Bring your ancestral songs, your tribal language, show and share your culture with other tribes and take bold new steps with your oldest rhythms," Spearim said.

For more details, call Paul Spearim on 0431 978 949 or email paulspearim@yahoo.com

Central Desert Shire gets new president



THE Central Desert Shire Council in the Northern Territory has a new President. He is Norbert Jampijinpa Patrick, from Lajamanu. Cr Patrick, who represents the shire's Northern Tanami Ward, was elected at the meeting in Yuendumu on 5 August.

His appointment follows the June resignation of the previous Shire President, Cr James Jampajimpa Glenn.

George's artwork is TSI people's choice



GEORGE Gabey has taken out the 'People's Choice' Torres Strait Indigenous Art Award, hosted by the Gab Titui Centre. The winning entry by George, a Year 12 student at Tagai State College's Thursday Island Secondary Campus, was a pencil sketch titled 'Spirits of the Totems'.

He wins a \$1000 cash prize. He also received a \$500 gift voucher for winning the 'Best Secondary' category in the art award.

National Aboriginal and



Copper Marshall with his nan Theresa Sainty and Reeni Burgess with her nan Karen Burgess at the family fun day.

Tas concern over funding

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



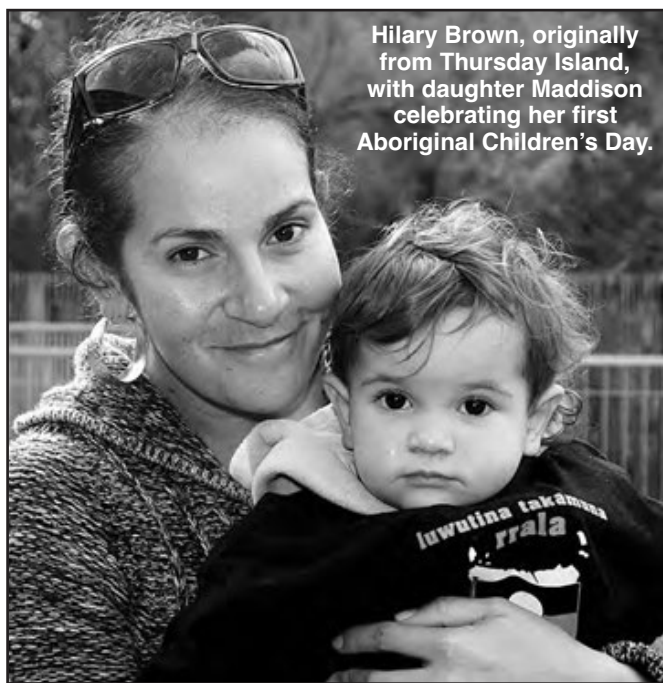
HOBART'S Aboriginal community celebrated National Aboriginal and

Islander Children's Day with a family fun day.

But while everyone appeared to enjoy the activities, healthy tucker, palawa kani book preview, photographic display and good company, concerns were aired over the use of Federal funding for child and family centres.

The celebration was held on returned Aboriginal land at Rison Cove, where it is planned to relocate Hobart's Aboriginal Children's Centre so that its family and childhood services can be expanded and housed together under one roof.

In March, the Tasmanian Government announced it would meet a shortfall in funds to bring about this plan. However, it remains to be seen if services can be



Hilary Brown, originally from Thursday Island, with daughter Maddison celebrating her first Aboriginal Children's Day.

expanded and how rising costs will be met.

"We've been announced as one of Premier (David) Bartlett's eight child and family centres, but technically that's not true," Aboriginal Children's Centre Director Alison Overeem told *The Koori Mail*.

"We've been funded for building capital, not operational or running costs.

"The \$8 million COAG (Council of Australian Government) funding seems to be going to the Bridgewater family and child centre.

"Bartlett's justification for that is that it's for mainstream

services, but it's under the Federal Government's closing the gap policy.

"It would be good if there was some kind of scoping on how all that money was put out under the National Indigenous Early Childhood plan, which was for 35 Indigenous family and child centres all over Australia, of which we thought we would be one."

Ms Overeem is hoping the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) will take on some sort of responsibility to monitor the roll out of the COAG funds.

She said there was a lack of recognition from the Tasmanian Government of existing Aboriginal community run early childhood centres.

A Tasmanian Government spokesperson said the COAG funding was meant for child and family centres that operate for Indigenous and other children and families. The spokesperson said Aboriginal parents were encouraged to participate in a consultation process, which begins this month.



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— Hobart Aboriginal Children's Centre Director Alison Overeem

Islander Children's Day – 4 August

'Combined Voices' will fight for kids

By DARREN COYNE



NATIONAL Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day was celebrated on 4 August, with the theme 'Good

Child Protection: We do it better together'.

Organised by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC), activities were held around the country.

One of the highlights was in Brisbane, with the start of a campaign to demand better life chances for Indigenous children.

Several leading groups have united to form 'Combined Voices', which will push for a better deal for Indigenous kids.

The official national launch was held at Awabakal Child Care in Newcastle, NSW, where SNAICC Chairman Steve Larkins said good child protection occurred when families, communities, government and other institutions worked together.

"It's about parents and families providing good role models, safe and loving home environments, good daily nutrition, time for healthy play, and encouraging learning at home and school," he said.

"Too often we only hear about the protection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children when things go wrong. We also know what is working well in protecting our children. The day also celebrates what works."

Mr Larkins said SNAICC was looking forward to seeing strong government investment in Indigenous child and family services when the Federal



At the official launch in Newcastle were, from left, Awabakal CEO Kevin McKenny, SNAICC Chairperson Steve Larkins and SNAICC Executive Officer Frank Hytten.



Murri children dancing in Brisbane, at the launch of the 'Combined Voices' campaign.

Government implemented the COAG National Child Protection Framework.

Queensland Council of Social Services Director Jill Lang said Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander children were six times more likely to come under a formal child protection order, or to be removed from their homes.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people make

up 62 per cent of those in youth detention centres," she said.

Ms Lang said one in three children accompanying an adult into homeless shelters were Indigenous, and Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander women were twice as likely to have a low birth-weight baby as other women.

"And only 45 per cent of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children complete Year 12 as compared with 86 per cent of non-Indigenous young people," she said.

"We have come together, calling ourselves 'Combined Voices', to bring these concerns to government and to offer our expertise in finding new and better ways to work with communities."

The Combined Voices includes the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Human Services Coalition, Queensland Council of Social Services, Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Protection Peak, PeakCare Queensland, and the CREATE foundation.

In Darwin, the Save the Children organisation used the day to release the findings of a pilot project in inner-urban Aboriginal communities in Darwin.

The project – which appointed cultural officers in several schools to support families – aimed to boost the numbers of Indigenous students attending school.

The findings included an increase in school attendance across the board; at one school the number of children attending doubled in less than four months; and parents were more likely to notify the school when their children were unable to attend.

Given the project's success, Save the Children has urged the NT and Federal governments to invest in a permanent program with a broader reach to support more children to go to school.

Perth institute joins the celebration



THE Beanang Kwurt Institute (BKI) in Perth helped

celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day with a picnic and fun day for families.

The institute is at the old Sister Kate's site in Queens Park and is sponsored by the Uniting Church as an outreach for Aboriginal families in the south-eastern suburbs of the West Australian capital.

A smoking ceremony

was held on the day before the celebrations because of the mixed history of the site, which is being developed with a social justice, healing and nurturing focus.

BKI has just completed a feasibility study for an early childhood centre being planned for the campus.

Organisers of the children's day said it was a great success and a similar event was being planned for next year.

● Pictured left: Face painting was a popular activity on the day.

Wary response to health report

By DARREN COYNE



A REPORT into the Australian health system has recommended the formation of a National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Authority

to look after the health needs of Indigenous people.

But the recommendation has been met with wariness from some Indigenous leaders, who say that without proper consultation and funding, any authority could be a 'double-edged sword'.

The Close the Gap Campaign welcomed the National Health and Hospital Reform Commission (NHHRC) report's recognition of Indigenous health as a priority issue, and its emphasis on the needs for partnerships.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, who chairs the Close the Gap steering committee, said he was pleased the NHHRC had engaged with stakeholders during the report preparation.

"Most importantly, the NHHRC's final report emphasises the need for a partnership between government and peak Indigenous health bodies as the starting point in addressing Indigenous health equality," he said.

"The onus is now on the Australian Government to ensure it establishes a partnership approach with Indigenous stakeholders in the next six months, as part of its commitment to 'road test' the report recommendations.

"Proposals such as the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Authority, in particular, have the potential to be a double-edged sword.

"It is vital that the Australian Government engages from the start with



'Our sector welcomes the chance to work to improve the authority idea'

— Dr Mick Adams

Indigenous stakeholders and the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation to get it right.

"Together, we must ensure the full potential of such an authority to progress Indigenous health equality, but also to ensure that its establishment is not at the expense of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services."

Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) Acting President Associate Professor Peter O'Mara said his organisation was supportive of health reform that puts people's needs front and centre.

"We want to see a health system where our people can access quality care in a culturally-safe environment no matter where they are treated. It is also important to develop the workforce, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, in terms of skills and numbers if we are to Close the Gap," he said.

Oxfam Australia Director of Policy James Ensor said the report affirmed the Indigenous health equality gap should be the top health priority for government in any reform initiatives undertaken.

"The report is right in highlighting the vital role that Aboriginal community controlled health services should play in delivering culturally appropriate services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Chair Dr Mick Adams said more detail was required about the proposed National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Authority.

"There's no detail on how the \$58 million health authority might work to ensure Aboriginal people's role in setting the priorities to improve our health, for example," he said.

"Our sector welcomes the chance to work to improve the authority idea."

More meetings for water taskforce



THE Northern Australia Land and Water Taskforce is planning more meetings in the coming month.

The taskforce, which is seeking new opportunities for water-based developments across the north, is due to report to the Federal Government in December.

Meetings have been held in several centres, with more planned for Broome (31 August), Darwin (2 September) and Cairns (3 September).

Taskforce Chair, prominent Kimberley Indigenous man Joe Ross, said he was focused on long-term sustainable development of water resources in northern Australia.

Interested parties are invited to make submissions to the taskforce by 16 September. Go to www.nalwt.gov.au for details.

SA grants on offer



SOUTH Australian community groups, local councils and other not-for-profit organisations are invited to apply for grants to improve safety and reduce crime in their community.

SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said grants of up to \$50,000 were available for projects that use problem-solving techniques to reduce crime and increase the safety of the community.

"The scope of the grants scheme is very broad – from improving safety in public spaces and encouraging young people to make positive life choices to offender rehabilitation," he said.

For further information about applying for a grant, contact the Attorney-General's Department on (08) 8204 9855, email policyandresearch@agd.sa.gov.au or visit www.agd.sa.gov.au

Bonalbo's big day



THE far northern NSW village of Bonalbo will have a multicultural day this Friday, 14 August.

Organised by the Bonalbo Aboriginal Corporation and Bonalbo Central School, a day-long program is scheduled. Highlights include a flag-raising, sports, bush tucker, stalls, availability of medical checks and more.

For details, call Fred Binge or Cedric Walker on (02) 6665 1360.

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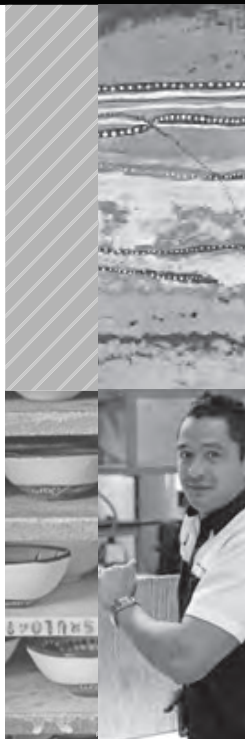
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A Victorian Government initiative



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Selection Criteria

- > Aboriginality
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The positions will be offered to individuals, not organisations.

If you are interested, please provide a 1-2 page summary letting us know how you meet the selection criteria. Please include a phone number so we can contact you.

Due date: 28 August 2009

Applications to: celia.pennycook@housing.nsw.gov.au or Celia Pennycook, Housing NSW, PO Box 164, Parramatta, NSW 2124.

For more information contact Celia Pennycook from Housing NSW on 9891 8262.



Former Palm Island Mayor Erykah Kyle near the monuments...“These create healing for us older people on Palm and I just wish the younger people who do this would show them the respect.”

Vandals urged to stop



FORMER Palm Island Mayor Erykah Kyle has appealed to youth to stop vandalising the monuments to seven men who took part in the 1957 Strike on the

North Queensland Aboriginal community. Gordon Tapau, Bill Congoo, George Watson, Albie Geia, Eric Lymburner, Sonny Sibley and Willy Thaiday were handcuffed, chained and removed from the island at gunpoint when they took part in a strike triggered by a system that meant every Indigenous person on Palm Island had to work for 30 hours a week, while being paid only in rations.

Special plaques commemorating the men are fixed on large white-painted rocks next to the beach not far from the Palm Island jetty and close to the Aboriginal Shire Council offices.

Ms Kyle said vandals often scrawled names and other graffiti on the rocks, and plaques had been stolen.

‘Disrespect’

“These men deserve the utmost respect for what they did. This (vandalism) is a sign of disrespect by those, who locals here suspect are youngsters,” an angry and emotional Ms Kyle said.

“These seven strong men took part in a dramatic action and they went down in spirit when the police took them away.”

Ms Kyle wept as she stood near the vandalised monuments.

“These monuments create healing for us older people on Palm and I just wish the younger people who do this would show them the respect. Some even write names on the rocks and it is terrible that one plaque is missing,” she said.

More than 4000 people paid

tribute to the seven men at services two years ago marking the 50th anniversary of the strike.

The monuments bear the inscription: “In memory of those who fought for our rights and equal opportunities and we remember them and stand proud to be painted in history – erected by the Palm Island Shire Council on behalf of the Bwgcolman people of Palm Island.”

Ms Kyle said council workers regularly painted over the graffiti and the local *Palm Island Voice* newspaper conducted a campaign against such graffiti over two editions.

● FOOTNOTE: One report about the 1957 strike read: “Whereas the European minority received ample supplies, Indigenous people were forced to queue for leftovers. Although wages and apartheid conditions were the major causes of the strike, the immediate trigger was (a) decision to deport one Albie Geia. Geia had committed the offence of disobeying the European overseer, Croker. When Geia refused to leave, the community rallied behind him, declaring a strike on June 10, 1957. For five days the strikers controlled the island. The strike was eventually broken through dawn raids on the homes of community leaders. The men and their families, manacled in leg irons, were led to a military patrol boat. The men remained in chains throughout the journey. Had the boat capsized, death would have been a certainty. It is difficult to comprehend the strikers’ fear that morning. What would the police do to them? Would they ever be reunited with their loved ones? Would they ever return home? The strikers were exiled to other reserves on the mainland. None were charged with committing a criminal offence and all were denied access to legal advice.”

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

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

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

“WHICH WAY?”

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

“OUR WAY”

a strong community way is the right way.

WHICH WAY OUR WAY

A STRONG COMMUNITY WAY

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



KIM O'DONNELL
Research Associate
Adelaide, SA

Favourite bush tucker?
Minmali berries from Peppimenarti in the Northern Territory.

Favourite other food?
Japanese.

Favourite drink?
Lemon, lime and bitters.

Favourite music?
All sorts, depending on my mood. When I'm missing family it's country ... funny that!

Favourite sport or leisure?
Walking my dog.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere away from computers, mobile phones and anything electrical.

What are you reading?
The Audacity of Hope, by Barack Obama.

What are you watching?
Nothing much.

What is the greatest highlight in your life?
My son, Jake Mirrumpillyi Berry.

What do you like in life?
Yarning up with people from all walks of life; finding common ground.

What don't you like?
Whinging people.

Who would you most like to meet and why?
The Obama family (the US First Family) – to yarn up inter-cultural ways of working.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Mary G!

Quote



'If a metropolitan suburb had the same suicide rate as the Kimberley, it would be declared a national emergency.... We need immediate action'

– Kimberley Land Council leader Wayne Bergmann

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Unquote

Youth, meat in the sandwich

On one hand, they've got Federal Government mob telling them they should get off their backsides, straighten up and get a job. On the other, there's another lot of Federal Government mob refusing to back a homegrown project specifically designed to help them do just that!

Once again, young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people appear to be the meat in the sandwich.

The refusal so far by the Federal Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to back the Boys from the Bush Projects, while apparently fast-tracking visa applications from abattoirs for overseas workers, appears ludicrous.

Why would the Government bring in foreign workers to do work its own citizens are ready and willing to do? Why would you not invest Australian dollars in developing the skills and confidence of some of the most disadvantaged of your citizens? It just doesn't make sense.

Surely, though, it makes 'cents' to invest in young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men, ready and willing to pack up and move from their remote locations for work in an industry which has always struggled to retain workers.

The majority of these young men – more than 100 at this stage – have signed up to the Boys from the Bush Projects because they want a better shot at life. They want to earn some decent cash, learn skills, and improve their prospects. Instead they are being denied



OUR SAY

that opportunity by red tape and, quite possibly as the project director Milton James claims, 'institutionalised racism'.

If the Federal Government's rhetoric on closing the gap is to be believed, it needs to take a good, hard look at the way sections of its bureaucracy are impeding its oft-stated good intentions.

The Boys from the Bush team have had to endure 16 months of dealing with frustrating red tape. They know their project works, and have the evidence to prove it, and the industry is ready to back it, but appears sick of the delays.

The young fellas are out there in remote communities right now waiting for a bit of action. And while working in an abattoir might not be everyone's preference, they would certainly see it as a major step up from a life on welfare.

Maybe it's time for the Prime Minister to step in and do a bit of slicing and boning himself. He could certainly begin by carving away those sections of the bureaucracy which impede such projects.

C'mon Mr Rudd, don't you reckon these young fellas deserve 'a fair shake of the sauce bottle' too?

Koori Mail – 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned

Igniting the potential of remote Australia



JAN FERGUSON

THE Rudd Government has set a target of halving the gap in employment outcomes between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians within a decade. To achieve this goal requires the creation of at least 100,000 more jobs for Aboriginal people by 2016.

Almost a quarter of all Aboriginal people live in remote or very remote Australia, far from the main centres of industry and employment. This calls for innovative thinking about how we raise the level of economic participation among desert Australians, who face the added disadvantages of remoteness and isolation.

Unemployment in remote Australia is extremely high. When the effect of the Community Development Employment Program (CDEP) is discounted, the unemployment rate among Aboriginal citizens is 34 per cent in remote and 49 per cent in very remote areas. Also, the age profile of the Aboriginal population is quite different from the wider population – for example Indigenous people have twice as many young people aged 15 or less.

This demands a far greater emphasis on transformation and innovation in education, transition to employment and job creation, so these young Aboriginal citizens – the future flower of their people – can play their full part in the nation's economy.

Wealth creation for local people in remote regions is a huge challenge. But there are also great opportunities. There is scope for the mining industry, pastoral industry, Aboriginal culture, tourism, renewable energy (solar and geothermal) and plant-based products to drive remote wealth creation and to provide real and worthwhile jobs and enterprises.

To take full advantage of these opportunities, we need the tools, skills and knowledge which will boost business competitiveness in remote Australia and equip remote residents to capitalise on it.

To tackle this vast challenge and understand the best ways to go about it, we propose to create a new national research organisation, the Remote Economic Participation Cooperative Research Centre (REP CRC). This unique alliance of the nation's leading desert research bodies, Aboriginal communities and remote enterprises will carry out research into the best ways to help desert residents to engage more fully with the national and global economies, build enterprises that support new opportunities and strengthen remote industries.



A remote part of the Pilbara, in Western Australia ... Guest columnist Jan Ferguson details a plan that she believes will drive remote wealth creation and provide real and worthwhile jobs and enterprises. Photo: Libby Kartzoff

In other words, our aim is to develop the knowledge, technology and tools that will build a robust and diversified economic future for remote Australia and so increase its independence and self-sufficiency.

The new CRC will target three key areas – people, enterprises and regional economies.

Main focus

In people, our main focus will be on finding ways to attract and retain quality teachers to central Australia, to design education systems that suit the needs of remote communities and to explore the connection between good education, good health and happy, stable desert communities.

Our second focus will be on developing resilient, successful business models suited to remote areas. We will find ways to help desert enterprises – like bush foods, art and

culture – to engage in value chains that link them to the global economy. We will work with Aboriginal communities who wish to make their culture the focus of entrepreneurial businesses.

Our third proposed research area will explore how we can best tap the enormous wealth generated by mining, pastoralism and sustainable energy to build regional desert economies, creating both jobs and spillover benefits for local regions. We will identify ways to draw on the essential mobility of the desert workforce. We will explore opportunities to attract large-scale new investment to desert areas in industries such as sustainable energy.

These aims are not only vital to desert and Aboriginal people, but to all Australians.

For too long we have neglected the deserts which make up the greater part of this great continent.

It is high time we drew on the deep well

of resources, wisdom and human talent that exists in our more remote regions, finding new ways to gather and interconnect it and to build stronger, brighter, healthier and happier futures for all.

The deserts are the essential Australia. The people of the remote regions hold the knowledge that we need to live here, peacefully and sustainably, into the future. It is time their voices were heard, their talents recognised, their opportunities fulfilled.

The proposed new REP CRC will help create the foundation of knowledge for this to happen. We seek your support – and welcome your participation.

Jan Ferguson is Managing Director of the Desert Knowledge CRC, a research and brokerage institution that links researchers with 28 partners and works in dozens of settlements across desert Australia.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

CNC Project Management seeks Expressions of Interest

from Aboriginal groups or individuals who wish to be consulted about a proposed gas pipeline project between Wellington and Young. The pipeline will be approximately 220 km in length. We seek first to identify any Indigenous stakeholder groups or individuals. In keeping with NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change guidelines, these will form part of the formal consultation group for the project. Written submissions should include demonstration of cultural interest in the subject area, experience and capability in the assessment of cultural heritage and specific local knowledge of Aboriginal culture.

Interested parties can phone CNC Project Management between 9am and 5pm week days on 02 6248 7337 [mobile 0428 692 798] to register their interest.

Written submissions should be emailed to: beau@cncprojects.com.au

or posted to: CNC Project Management, Suite 2, 20/244 David Low Way, PEREGIAN BEACH, QLD 4573.

Closing Date: Friday 21 August 2009

Re-advertise of the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Item 2: 2010 Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship

Call for Applications

The Associations are calling for applications for the Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Tertiary Scholarship for 2010. Applications close 19 October 2009. Aboriginal council staff and councillors are encouraged to apply.

The Cr Pat Dixon Memorial Scholarship is for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Local Government councillor, or community development/liaison worker to undertake part-time studies at the University of New England, Armidale NSW. The scholarship is open for either a Bachelor of Social Studies or any relevant course where the applicant can develop their community development, political, or professional career education through the study of politics, political science, or governance.

The late Cr Pat Dixon was a role model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who were either employed in Local Government or interested in serving on councils. Cr Dixon was the first Aboriginal Vice President of the Local Government Association.

In recognition of the significant role played by Cr Dixon, the Local Government and Shires Associations of NSW (LGSA) established a Memorial Tertiary Scholarship in her honour. The Memorial Scholarship was established in 2002 with contributions from Local Government councils and support from the NSW State Government. The Scholarship is managed by LGSA which acts as Trustee of the fund, on behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee.

Application forms can be downloaded from the LGSA website www.lgsa.org.au.

Contact: For further information on the scholarship, please contact the Associations' Aboriginal Liaison Officer, Constance Chatfield on 02 9242 4085, constance.chatfield@lgsa.org.au or visit the website www.lgsa.org.au

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(SPECIAL) PUBLIC NOTICE

Review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988

The Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation, the Hon. Jay Weatherill, MP is conducting a review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988* (the AHA Act).

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

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
Point Pearce

The purpose of the consultation is to provide opportunity for Aboriginal and interested non-Aboriginal people of the Yorke Peninsula 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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Our friends are forever

I'VE known my oldest friend forever. Way before Brenda Webb sang *Melting Pot* and way before the government gave out all them medallions to school kids in 1988. Remember them?

Apart from my mum there is no other person on this planet who has known me longer or knows more about me.

So when she recently got married up I was so happy for her. She had finally gotten one of the things she'd been searching for. She had found love with someone!

But now I'm not sure she knows me at all.

The other day we were having a yarn and she reckons to me 'Now don't you go stealin' my man! HA HA HA!'. Instead of launching into a



Ms KOORI LOVE

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yarn about my type of man (her man isn't my type), how long she'd known me (hello, over 20 years), I didn't say anything.

I just let her get away with basically calling me a relationship-wrecking skank. I sat there and took it like a stunned mullet 'cos I know my friend is just suffering a severe case of love. It's making her crazy!

At the start of a new relationship all them heady love feelings are swirling around. You can't eat, you can't sleep, you think about your new love 24/7.

Is it any wonder my friend said something as crazy as thinking I'm a man thief?

Once this relationship slows down a few gears and slides into boring everyday monotony, it will be much easier to spend time with my friend and her new man.

By that time, she may even start joking that she wants me

to steal her man 'cos she bored with him! Maybe she'll be wanting to use me as an excuse to spend time away from him.

Who knows how my friend will treat me by this time?

Until our married-up friends feel more comfortable and secure in their relationship, us singletons just gotta stick by our mob.

Girlfriends and boyfriends come and go, but friends are forever, aren't they?

Sticking with friends even when they think you are a man-stealing witch takes more than guts, it takes true friendship!

If your newly married-up friend is treating you like the enemy, come cry around about it with the rest of us at www.mskoorilove.com.au

In Mildura to plant seeds



Doctor's Advice

A column from the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association

with SEAN WHITE

Can you guess how many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors we have in Australia? 1000? 10,000? 50,000?

Actually, at last estimate we have about 130 doctors, but it was great to hear the enthusiastic responses from the kids at the Vibe Alive event in Mildura, Victoria.

As a national organisation advocating for Indigenous health, AIDA places a high priority on maintaining strong links with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across the country.

As part of our commitment to community engagement, AIDA doctors and medical students have been to community and career events in Broome, Mildura and Port Augusta, with many more planned for the rest of the year.

In the process, we hope to encourage kids to follow their dreams, be it a career in medicine, health or in any other field they choose.



Sean White and Dr Chantelle Stubna talking to students at the Vibe Alive Festival in Mildura.

I grew up around the Mildura area so it's always good to go back there. In Mildura, I joined up with AIDA doctor Chantelle Stubna, who is based in Geelong Hospital. We started off with the younger kids first, and we thought the best way to engage them was to have a few hands-on activities so they could have fun while learning about health and how the body works.

We had a model dummy and skeleton specially sent up for the day, and the kids loved pulling it apart, identifying the different body parts and putting them back together again.

One of the best things about engaging with the younger kids is seeing how excited they were about learning. They were smart, bright kids full of life and possibility. Most wanted to get

into sports... but quite a few of them wanted to be doctors.

Then came the older students.

They were cool, they were tough, they were ready to stare you down and test you out. I spared a thought for my old teachers in the days when I used to be just like that.

But behind the tough exterior, they were pretty shy.

When I asked them if they'd like to become a doctor, this was the typical response: "Nah, I'm not smart enough."

The trick to dealing with older students and winning the crowd over is making them identify with you:

"Who said you're not smart enough? When I was your age, I was just like you..."

I told them that I wasn't particularly smart. I didn't know of any black doctors when I decided to study

medicine. But I knew my heart was in it, and it had been for a very long time, mostly because I had spent so much time in and out of hospital with family who were sick.

I heard they had a pretty good program for Indigenous medical students at Newcastle University and I decided to go for it.

I had mixed feelings after my trip to Mildura. It's hard to change strongly-held beliefs in the short time that we had.

I wish I had more time to spend with the older students. I could see that a few of them were interested and wanted to believe my story. That studying medicine and becoming a doctor isn't just for rich, white kids.

I hope I managed to convince them that they are capable of achieving all their goals and all the things they thought they couldn't do.

Our small but growing group of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors and students are living proof that you can do anything if you believe in yourself and have the support of your family, community and culture.

It just takes someone to plant the seed.

● Sean White is a member of the student representative council of the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association. He is in his final year of medicine at the University of Newcastle. His people are the Baakintji from western NSW. He was raised in country NSW and worked in Sydney for several years in the public service before he decided to study medicine. He is interested in general practice, emergency medicine and basic surgery.



North Queensland man Kevin Wone reckons new Indigenous Business Australia Chair Dawn Casey (pictured) is the right person for the job. Find out why in his letter on page 24.

A sign of things to come? Lake Hume, straddling the Victorian/New South Wales border, at a very low level. Letter-writer Angel John Gallard fears for the future of our water and is urging fellow Indigenous Australians to take on their traditional roles as water keepers. AAP image



It's time to take care of our water

I WRITE on an issue of crucial importance not just to Indigenous people, but all Australians.

It's water, and its misuse is becoming a huge problem for all of us.

In Aboriginal lore, the two most important things are the sun – the energy and power of the Great Spirit which brings life to all – and water. Without water, nothing exists. Without the Sun, nothing exists.

Aboriginal people have known this for all time, but it seems people now – greedy, uncaring people – are forgetting

this fundamental truth.

So I'm calling on all us Aboriginal people to again take up our traditional roles as water keepers.

We always knew the value of water and how to care for it. We need to stand up now and do that again.

I'm 75-years-old and have seen what's happened to our water.

None of it's good.

I come from Dalgety in the Snowy Mountains region and was for many years a senior ranger in the Kosciuszko National Park.

Since the late 1970s I have seen the chain of lakes across the Monaro region dry up. The water table has gone so low it's frightening.

And still greedy people want to take the water – a gift to all from the Great God Biamiaie – and call it their own.

My traditional name is Gura-Dyrralang and I am in fact the River Keeper for the Upper Snowy River.

I urge all readers to get involved, as I am, with a mob called Waterkeepers Australia (www.waterkeepers.org.au).

It's part of a worldwide movement that was started in Canada by salmon fishermen who could see the destruction of their waterways.

We are all working to save our waterways and to pressure the authorities to act as they should for the benefit of all.

Indigenous Australians can – and must – play their part.

Our very existence depends on it.

ANGEL JOHN GALLARD
Jindabyne, 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



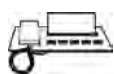
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The Koori Mail welcomes your Letters to the Editor. Preference will be given to submissions of interest to Indigenous Australians. Please include your town and State of residence, and daytime telephone number for checking purposes. Items may be edited and reproduced.

Lost Identity

Where Do I come from, Where do I begin
Is he my brother, is she my sister,
My next of kin?

Being not accepted by either race
This is what each day I have to face
Maybe this is my problem
But I don't really see how

Why were my parents taken away
And made to deny
Being of a fairer skin
And not brown like my brothers

I miss My Identity, My Culture, and
My Mother

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Ipswich, Qld

Pollies: They're odd birds

POLITICIANS!!! I often wonder what requirements are necessary to become one. Their pre-election behaviour is of running around selling themselves as intelligent, well-informed people whose main concerns are for the welfare of the country and its people – you and me.

Then when elections are over, the big fight begins. Governments make policy, and whatever that is it is nearly always opposed by the Opposition.

I wonder, is it mandatory to oppose just because one is in opposition?

Likewise to spend taxpayers' money mainly on trying to dig dirt on each other?

Well that is mostly what has happened since the last Federal election.

As if that is not bad enough, one has to question the mentality of these creatures.

The latest incident which brings this to mind is Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull's little stunt of putting on an apron and stacking bananas in a

supermarket. That, Mr Turnbull, does not make you one of us. It is the ultimate insult to suggest that we would see that supreme falsity as a sign that we are all equal.

If that is the best the Leader of the Federal Opposition can come up with, I believe he should try for a full-time position operating a stop/go sign on the main roads.

HAROLD J HUNT
St Mary's, NSW



DAWN CASEY

Casey has a big job

CONGRATULATIONS to Dr Dawn Casey on her appointment as the Chair of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA). But her task is a hard one.

That she comes from up here in the far north of Queensland is great. Her work ethic, her ability and determination and her humanity will make her a success at the job.

The brief glimpses into her life story written in your article (*TKM*, 29 July) still has too many parallels today.

Poverty is one of the major issues in Indigenous Australia. As a community we see it in our extended families daily.

Creating our own employment is one of the best ways to beat poverty – by creating business and wealth and giving us choices and discretion as to how we spend, save or invest.

Currently, the majority of our people have little option but to rely on welfare transfer payments, which provide sustenance but little choice.

Eleven years of denial during the Howard years has been a huge setback for Australia's First People.

Dr Casey's comments about the Howard years are only too true. Howard skillfully used the media to deny Indigenous disadvantage. In his 11 years in office his party spent \$4.4 billion on political propaganda, much focused upon blaming Indigenous problems on the victims.

Indigenous men in particular were vilified as drunks, women bashers and child rapists. The NT Intervention is the direct result of that waste of taxpayers' monies. That money could have brought a lot of health services, better housing and better employment opportunities for all Australians, including our people.

Dr Casey's road is a hard one, as is the road for any of our people in business. However, I have no doubt she will work hard to create the atmosphere for our people to gain opportunities to participate in this hugely important area so long denying access to Murrumbidgee.

KEVIN WONE
Edmonton, north Qld

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Seniors Week 2009
15 – 23 August

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Is it more than just talk?

THE Federal and State governments talk about 'Bridging the Gap' between Indigenous and other people in the broader aspect of education and health.

Without education there can be no real change in health outcomes for Australia's Indigenous people.

So why doesn't the Government exempt Indigenous students from university and other higher education fees?

They did this back in the 1960s for a range of people, including immigrants, so why not us?

It seems to me this government commitment to address the education and poor health outcomes of Indigenous people is a band-aid, and once again Australia's own people are left disadvantaged.

So 'bridging/closing the gap' is just another title to make Indigenous people feel that government is trying to make a difference.

I am an Aboriginal health worker in the Northern Territory with two children aged four and six. I work full-time and do a lot of bush trips.

I really want to go on to further medical-related studies, but I have a housing loan and I'm not entitled to any form of government or Centrelink payments.

So it really is impossible for me to afford further study.

It is a struggle just making ends meet, and sometimes you have to wonder if you're better off just living off government payments instead of trying to achieve anything significant in your life time.

RAELENE WING
Katherine, NT

Hey You Fella

Hey brother you an' me we go buy a car
Because the Government will pay
When we get behind far
An' they say us fellas we drinkum all that
grog.
But only up to 35% of our men
An' 40% of our women, drinkum that stuff
That give 'em the wog

So where have all these myths come from
I'm sure it's not from us
Because our people are dying 15 years to
20 years younger than any other race

So I'm tell 'em you fellas now
Don't believe all that you hear or see
'Cause we have to pay for our cars
They're not bloody free

Just you remember long before you came
We did not have all that disease and grog
If you left us alone we would not end up
With this bad wog

And we certainly don't get any privileges
like the dole an' such
Everything is means tested just like the
rest of you bunch

Yes, we have our own medical services
To try to give our people a better life
But if you didn't come here in the first
place
We would not be in this strife

So forget your myths and fantasies of
The true people of this land
It is you the wider community
Condemning wrongly unfound.

MARGARET ARMSTRONG
Ipswich, Qld



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your child's
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the cost of a local call to
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BHP Billiton chips in for Pilbara children



A NEW \$5 million BHP Billiton Iron Ore and World Vision partnership aims to boost care and health activities for hundreds of preschool-aged children in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The five-year partnership will help Indigenous parents and families improve health and learning activities for babies and preschool children.

The East Pilbara was selected after results from a study by the Australian Early Childhood Development Index raised concerns about the well-being and development of Indigenous children in the region.

"We are thrilled with BHP Billiton Iron Ore's support, and feel privileged to have the chance to work with communities in the Pilbara," said World Vision Australia CEO Tim Costello.

World Vision Australia Programs Head Mark Moran said: "It is the first time these communities will have been given a hand with specialised services for preschool-aged children and parents.

"Under-fives are particularly vulnerable and the earlier we start working with them, the better the long-term future is for them and their community. We have seen the benefits of this early intervention in our international work as well as here in Australian communities."

Call for single control agency



WEST Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott has called for one government agency to be responsible for co-ordinating the delivery of urgently required services to the people of the Fitzroy Valley.

Speaking following the release of the Notre Dame report on the effect of alcohol sale restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing, Ms Scott said it was clear the restrictions were helping to ensure children and their families were safer.

"I'm pleased families are safer, but I am concerned many urgently required support services are yet to be provided despite the fact alcohol sale restrictions have been in place in some communities for well over a year," she said.

"The need for these targeted services is well documented and I have been calling for their implementation over the last 12 months.

"One government agency should be given lead responsibility for working with local communities to implement these services as quickly as possible, and this agency should be reporting back to

the Government and the community on progress."

Ms Scott said the report was correct in saying there had been too little investment in the people of the Fitzroy Valley.

"Illustrating this are the recent reports outlining concerns that the number of paediatricians servicing the Kimberley will be reduced," she said.

"Paediatricians are critical to addressing the issues of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and other health issues that have devastating life-long consequences for children in this region.

"Another example of the lack of investment is the fact there is no child psychologist employed in the whole of the Kimberley by Mental Health Services."

With about 44 per cent of Aboriginal people in WA under the age of 18, Ms

Scott said the State had a vital opportunity to invest in services and create lasting generational change.



MICHELLE SCOTT

"I wholeheartedly support the report's call for a youth forum to enable the voices of local young people to be heard concerning the issues confronting them," she said.

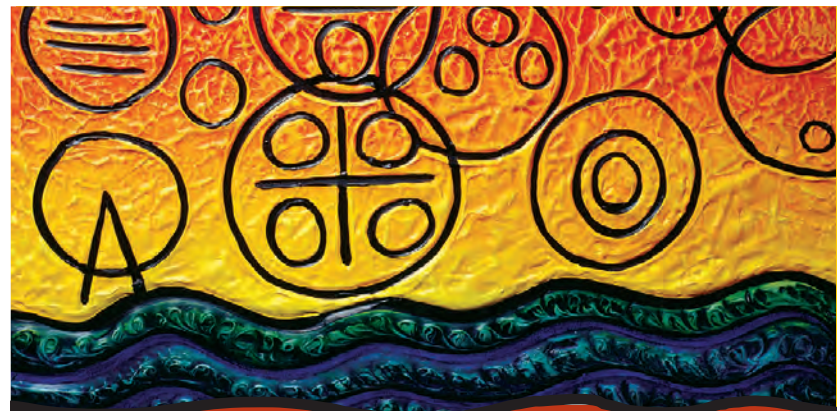
Ms Scott said she supported the report's other recommendations, particularly those that called for specific services required by the community such as:

- Alcohol abuse and mental health counsellors
- Increased rehabilitation facilities and

services

- Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder education campaign
- Safe houses for children
- Support for older people such as grandparents caring for children.

"Government departments need to work with community organisations and with local communities to get these services on the ground as quickly as possible," she said.



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
- Education students
- Aboriginal organisations
- Aboriginal community members
- Primary and secondary teachers
- TAFE and vocational staff
- Education policy makers
- Early childhood practitioners
- Higher education practitioners

Daily themes

- Engaging with Community and Culture
- Successful and Sustainable Practice
- Investing in the Future, Acknowledging the Past

Daily sub-themes

- Early Years
- Primary
- Secondary and Pathways
- Skills and Higher Education
- Community and Culture

Access the website www.nieco9.org for more information and to register for the conference

Keynote Speakers

- Tom Calma
- Dr Lorna Williams
- Tiga Bayles

Schooling Stream

- Dr Karen Martin
- A/Prof. Robert Sommerville AM

Training Stream

- Margaret Brown
- Linden Coombes
- Danny Lester

Higher Education Stream

- A/Prof. Colleen Haywood
- Dr Bob Morgan
- Professor Mark Rose

Important dates

Provisional program released	31 July 2009
Early bird registration by	01 October 2009
Registration of presenters by	11 September 2009

Emu Fest's broad scope



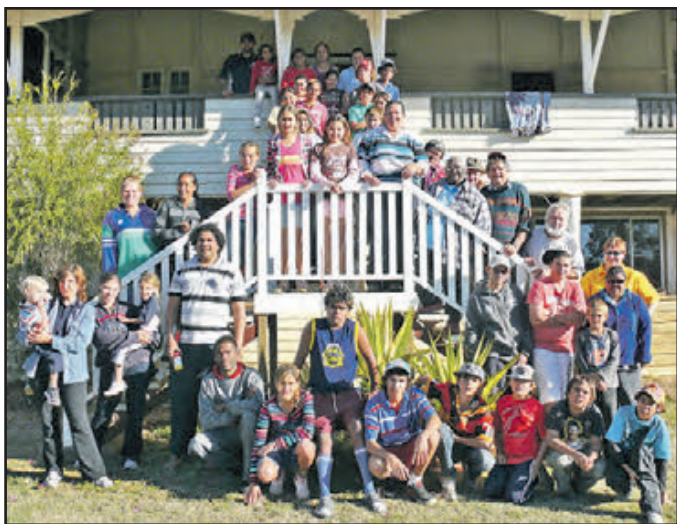
INDIGENOUS Elders and young people explored traditional culture, sustainable

environments, unity, self-determination, health and well-being at this year's Emu Fest in south-west Queensland.

The camp, supported by Queensland Health, was held on the Kooma traditional lands of Murra Murra, 120km south-east of Cunnamulla. The focus was inter-generational learning and healthy lifestyles.

Kooma Elder Uncle Herb Wharton opened the camp with Kooma Traditional Owners Chairperson Cheryl Buchanan, who extended a welcome to the 28 young people from Cunnamulla and Charleville and their supporters.

Solar power was also a focus, with volunteers from



Participants at the Emu Fest at Murra Murra.

Engineers Without Borders sharing their knowledge of the sun-powered energy.

Emu Fest Committee member Linda Wharton, of Paroo Shire Council, said these workshops and activities raised awareness of the Kooma Solar Energy Project, a partnership of

Kooma Traditional Owners Association and EWB, which aimed to help Kooma meet its energy needs at Murra Murra and neighbouring Bendee Downs in a sustainable way.

There was a smoking ceremony, dance workshops and more.

Groups call for nuclear test compo



A PETITION is being circulated calling on the British Government to compensate Aboriginal people for exposure to radioactive fallout during nuclear testing in the 1950s.

About 1200 Desert Aboriginal people were exposed to radiation during the testing. To date only five have been paid a total of \$200,000 in health compensation, with claims by another 14 Aboriginal people rejected.

According to the 1985 Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia, attempts to ensure the safety of Desert Aboriginal people during the tests demonstrated 'ignorance, incompetence and cynicism'.

A joint statement issued last week on Hiroshima Day, 6 August, by Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) and the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement of South Australia (ALRM) endorses the recent public statement by South Australian Premier Mike Rann that the British Government 'had 'absolute responsibility to do the right thing by its and our service personnel and of course our Aboriginal people'.

Anangu country

His comment comes after the decision of the British High Court to allow military veterans from Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and Britain to sue the British Ministry of Defence for compensation for damages related to radiation exposure from atmospheric nuclear tests that Britain carried out in Australia during the 1950s – seven of them in South Australia on Anangu country.

British law has previously prevented ex-servicemen from suing their government.

Meanwhile in Australia, only a handful of nuclear test veterans, and even fewer Aboriginal people, have won compensation through the courts, with the Commonwealth Government

vigorously opposing action by the claimants.

The joint statement demands that Aboriginal people be properly compensated for any adverse health and well-being effects they and their families have and will continue to suffer, as well as for the contamination of Aboriginal lands and waters, and ongoing effects of the fallout from the tests.

"Many Anangu were forcibly removed from their traditional lands in the lead-up to the tests," the statement said.

'Heartless'

"At the same time, the boundaries of the test fields were inadequately patrolled and the British dismissed concerns for Aboriginal people's safety with the heartless comment that 'a dying race couldn't influence the defence of Western civilisation'."

The joint statement notes that many hundreds of Anangu and other Aboriginal people were affected by what the Yankuntjatjara call the 'puyu' or black mist, the radioactive fallout that led to sore eyes, skin rashes, diarrhoea, vomiting, fever and early death, particularly amongst the elderly. Health testing of Aboriginal people in the 1980s identified a variety of health issues such as cancer and lung disease.

In 1991-92 a one-off payment of \$618,000 was made to Aboriginal groups around the Maralinga for land contamination, with the Australian Government then announcing the resumption of uranium sales to France worth \$60 million a year.

The joint statement also calls on the Commonwealth and other State and Territory governments to provide financial, legal and other support for Aboriginal people beyond South Australia who were affected by radioactive clouds travelling beyond the South Australian borders.

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PM's wife visits Wu Chopperen health centre



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd's wife Therese Rein visited the Wu Chopperen Aboriginal Medical Centre in Cairns last week as part of the Pacific Islands Forum meeting in the north Queensland city.

Ms Rein talked with Wu Chopperen staff about the Australian Nurse-Family Partnership Program (ANFPP) which aims to improve the long-term health, social and economic future of Indigenous children, by assisting first-time pregnant mothers and their families. "The survival rate for

Indigenous women, particularly in remote communities, is much lower than average, and the partnership is an attempt to raise the survival rate of women, particularly Indigenous women giving birth in remote communities," she told visiting delegates. Ms Rein also compared

the situation in Australia with the Pacific Islands, saying 'people who live on tiny little islands with no transport, what kind of care is best (for them), do you take them out of the communities to give birth, or do you send a birthing attendant in. These are tricky questions'. – **by Minelle Creed**



Therese Rein during her Wu Chopperen visit.



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Councils say law is racist



TWO Aboriginal councils say a law that stripped them of their liquor licences is racist. Lawyers for Aurukun Shire Council and Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council appeared in

the Court of Appeal in Brisbane last week in an attempt to have last year's amendments to Queensland's Liquor Licensing Act declared invalid on discriminatory grounds.

The amendments stripped all local government councils in the state of the

right to hold liquor licences.

However, the court was told this actually only affected Aboriginal councils, because they were the only ones to have obtained such licences.

Inconsistent

The Aurukun and Kowanyama councils of far north Queensland – whose licences lapsed in November last year – took the matter to court in Cairns, arguing the amendments were inconsistent with values set out in the Racial Discrimination Act.

But their judicial bid failed and they have now taken it to the higher Court of Appeal. The councils' barrister, Doug Campbell SC, told the court there was evidence the removal of the licences would adversely affect the remote communities.

Under the licences, he said, the types and availability of alcohol were severely restricted.

And, forcing the community to go dry would only lead to alcohol smuggling and home brewing, Mr Campbell said.

The hearing was continuing. – AAP

Port Augusta Vibe Alive 'the best yet'



MORE than 1600 students from across South Australia descended on Port Augusta last week, with young people from as far afield as Coober Pedy, Alice Springs and Booleroo joining

hundreds of local students to take part in the Port Augusta Vibe Alive Festival.

The sold-out festival has a special opening ceremony, featuring a Welcome to Country by local Elder Aunty Elsie and a speech from South Australian Premier Mike Rann.

Vibe Alive Executive Producer Gavin Jones declared the South Australian festival 'the greatest Vibe Alive event yet! Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of the local Port Augusta community, teachers and, of course, the students. Congratulations South Australia – you should all be proud!'

There was also the opportunity to explore future career options, with representatives from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations joining professionals from the legal, sport and education industries to share their experiences and knowledge with students.

Vibe Alive is a two-day festival for young Australians of all backgrounds that promotes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and encourages

tolerance and teamwork. It allows students to sing, dance, play, create and learn in an environment where they can express themselves, share their talents and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures. Participants also have the opportunity to explore healthy living and career options, as well as boost their literacy and numeracy skills.

The talents of the young people of

with the late Michael Jackson being honoured by some very young performers. The concert also featured performances by special guests Casey Donovan and *So You Think You Can Dance?* star Courtney Walter, who were on hand throughout the festival to hang out with students, offer advice and encouragement, and undertake judging duties.

Former Olympian Kyle Vander-Kuyp also attended as a Centrelink ambassador and role model. The champion hurdler oversaw the 100m dash, which was followed by an adults' race in which teachers, volunteers, Vibe Alive crew and role models thundered down the race track.

Overall winners of Port Augusta Vibe Alive, on 795 points, were the 'Tjallas' from Kirton Point Primary School, who also took out the Middle School age category. Winners of the Junior School age group were Flinders View Primary School's 'School is Out' on

643 points, while the Lincoln Chicks from Port Lincoln High School took out the High School age category with 766 points.

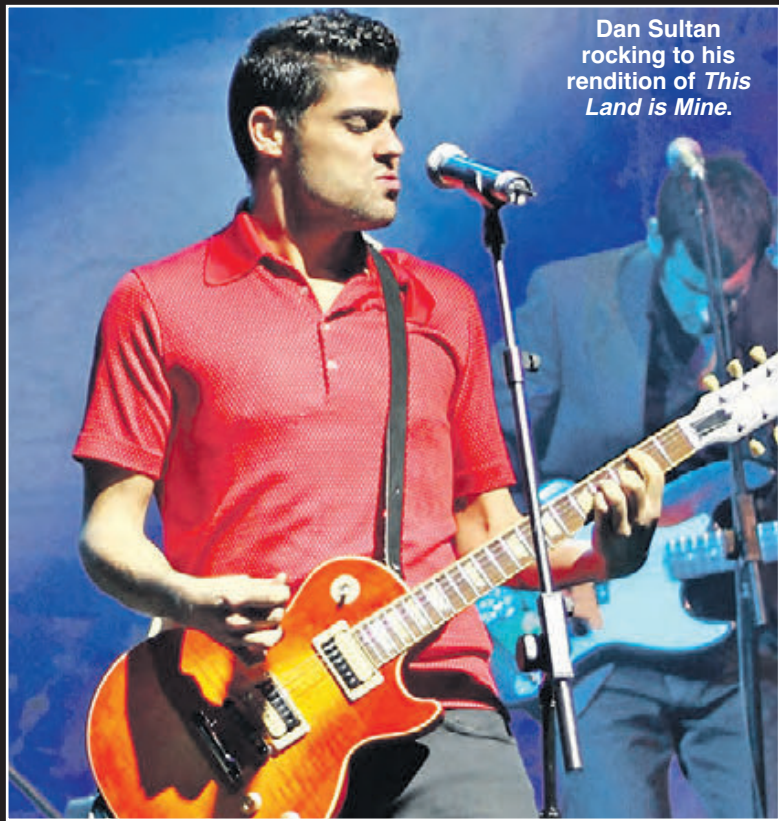
The 2009 Vibe Alive Festival Program has two events in other states this year, including Kalgoorlie, WA, on 12-13 August and Weipa, Qld, on 16-17 September.



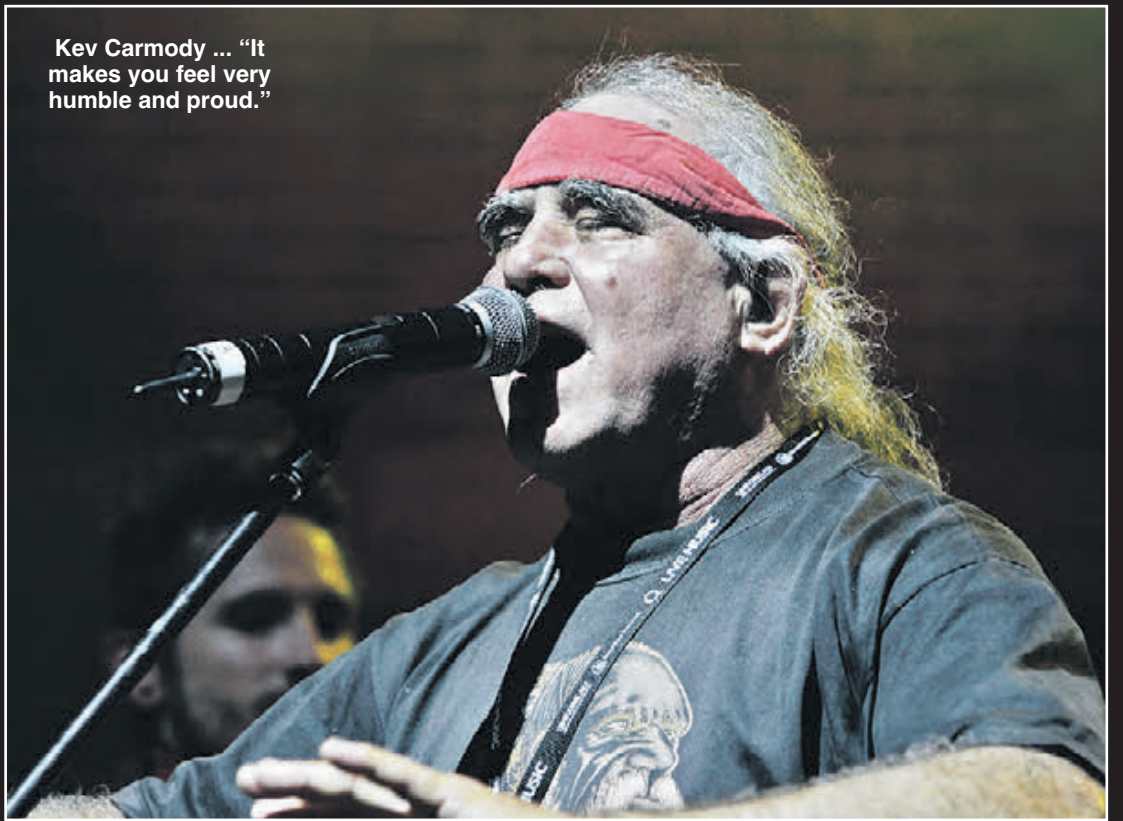
South Australian Vibe Alive Cup winners 'Tjallas' from Kirton Point Primary School. Photo: Andrew Rosenfeldt

South Australia were on display throughout the two-day competition, with judges and festival organisers saying they were amazed by participants' abilities.

A special community concert on the Wednesday evening was attended by more than 1800 people and gave students a chance to show off their skills,



Dan Sultan
rocking to his
rendition of *This
Land is Mine*.



Kev Carmody ... "It
makes you feel very
humble and proud."

Legend honoured



Aunty Valda Coolwell giving the welcome
to country.



Bernard Fanning on stage.

Words and photos by
DAVID WILLIAMS, of Gilimbaa



BRISBANE'S Riverstage was packed on 1 August for a sold-out tribute to Indigenous music icon Kev Carmody.

The crowning jewel in the Queensland Music Festival, 'Cannot Buy My Soul - The Songs of Kev Carmody' saw a line-up of some of the best acts in Australia pay tribute to a living legend and Queensland great.

Aunty Valda Coolwell gave a welcome to country in front of the audience, many of whom had donned bright red head bands, a well-known Kev Carmody trademark.

The line-up included Australian music icon and long-time friend Paul Kelly, Bernard Fanning, Dan Sultan, Missy Higgins, the Pigram Brothers, Tex Perkins, Troy Cassar-Daley, Sara Storer, John Butler and Indigenous hip-hop outfit The Last Kinection, among others.

The concert took the audience on a journey of recent history, political and personal, incorporating archival footage from protest movements over the past 40 years to accompany the messages in Carmody's songs.

Carmody addressed the crowd early on, saying: "We're lucky to be here tonight, because years ago this would have been classified as an illegal assembly."

The concert celebrated Carmody's life as much as his music, as the two have often been intertwined, with Carmody using poetry and song to talk about aspects of his life and Aboriginal Australia.

It was testament to his impact and contribution that such a wide and varied audience gathered to celebrate this iconic Aboriginal musician.

Speaking to the crowd about the tribute in his down-to-earth style, Carmody said: "It makes you feel very humble and proud."

Paul Kelly describes Kev Carmody's body of work as one of our 'great cultural treasures, incorporating oral history, the ongoing hurt of dispossession and the healing power of nature... influential and highly regarded in all corners of the country'.

A repertoire of Carmody's well-known songs took on new life as they were performed by the artists, who added their own interpretation of his work, as well as Carmody performing his own work.

This varied from Sara Storer's version of *Moonstruck*, to Dan Sultan's high-energy rocking rendition of *This Land is Mine*, to the haunting version of The Pigram Brothers performing *Eulogy for a Black Man*, accompanied by Carmody himself.

Troy Cassar-Daley took to the stage to perform *On the Wire*, with back-up singers including Clare Bowditch, Missy Higgins, Laurel Edwards, and Sara Storer.

This led up to the greatly anticipated crowd favourite *From Little Things Big Things Grow*.

The songs were as relevant on Saturday night as they were when they were first performed, showing Kev Carmody's enduring contribution not only to Australia's music scene, but to the Indigenous rights movement.



Tex Perkins was one of the performers.



Joel Wenitong of The Last Kinection.



Les Drahm, Jarab Cole, Sam Thaiday, Reuben Thaiday were there.



Sara Storer, Missy
Higgins, Glenn
Richards (Augie
March)
performing.



Awabakal and Worimi workers planting some of the 3000 trees around the edge of Hexham Swamp near Rocky Knob, a site of spiritual significance for the Awabakal people.

By BRITTA LYSTER



HEXHAM Swamp in the Hunter region of NSW has received a much-needed facelift with the help of local Indigenous people as part of a project aimed at regenerating plant and animal life in the area.

A total of 3000 trees were planted over two weeks late last month as part of a long-term management plan to provide opportunities for greater involvement and input from the local Awabakal and Worimi communities.

The project also marks what is being hailed as a new era in the management of Hexham Swamp, which holds great cultural significance to both tribal groups.

Archaeological evidence shows

Wading in to help swamp

that for many thousands of years the Worimi and Awabakal people thrived on the abundant food sources in the area.

The swamp rejuvenation plan

was developed in partnership with the Hunter Central Rivers Catchment Management Authority (CMA). Importantly, the project has the support of Awabakal Local

Aboriginal Land Council, whose CEO, Chery Kitchener, has praised the efforts of the CMA and local Indigenous people.

"A lot of work has been done

over the years by the CMA and other groups in the community on rehabilitating these areas, and we haven't really had the chance to contribute to this until now," she said. "We're pleased that the CMA has come to us and have extended a genuine invitation for us to be part of the future of these areas.

"For the first time, we're working with a government department in true partnership, where all parties have sat around the table and listened, with respect.

"We've talked and talked and talked and really listened, and respected each other's views. That's been the beauty of this project."

People wanting to get involved in the long-term project should contact Hunter Central Rivers CMA on (02) 4930 1030 or the Awabakal Local Aboriginal Land Council on (02) 4965 4532.



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Healing focus for program



By MARGARET SMITH



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the

Indigenous need for healing was the result of different experiences of trauma, including being forcibly removed from family, the inter-generational impacts of that removal, family violence and exiting the criminal justice system.

He said definitions of healing were often limited by medical concepts, so instead he referred to a Native American expression of healing as 'a spiritual process that includes therapeutic change and cultural renewal'.

"I like this definition because it makes us pay attention to the need for healing," he said.

"It makes us think about the renewal we need to bring into our lives to overcome the past and current traumas....I and the Commissioners who came before me have been pushing for healing in our communities long before the Apology."

Mr Calma was the guest speaker at a recent information night at the Gamarada Men's Life Skills Program in Redfern, which is ready to start another 10-week course for men wanting to make a difference in their personal lives and in their communities.

Mr Calma said he was committed to discovering the best programs in Indigenous healing from right across the country, and had included his findings in his Social Justice

Reports, including the most recent one in which he made specific mention of Gamarada.

He said the spirit of healing embodied by Gamarada was 'born from our men expressing their need to reconnect to spirit and self-healing, with service to family and community as important features of the program'.

Mr Calma has since embarked upon a consultation process to establish an independent Indigenous-controlled National Indigenous Healing Body funded by the Federal Government.

Traditional healer Gerry Bostock who was also in attendance, told *The Koori Mail* that previous attempts at Aboriginal healing had focused too heavily on drug and alcohol abuse, to the detriment of deeper issues such as trauma and dispossession and the lack of role models for children.

"The people at Gamarada are acknowledging the need for traditional Aboriginal healing and alternative medicine to foster individual and cultural renewal," he said.

The information night was opened by Sydney's Deputy Lord Mayor Marcelle Hoff who told the 60 people in attendance that she was proud to be associated with the Gamarada group and the excellent work they were doing.

Uncle Chicka Madden performed a welcome to country and Gamarada Director Ken Zulumovski, who is employed by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre to run the program, closed the evening after a lively discussion.

New skills for health worker



TORRES Strait Islander woman Ronniella Harry has gained new skills to help cancer patients after completing a four-day course in

Townsville for Indigenous health workers, run by Cancer Council Qld.

Ms Harry is a health worker at Dauan Island Primary Health Centre and was able to maximise her skills and improve her knowledge of

cancer said Cancer Council Qld community services project officer Robyn Fanning.

Participants networked with other cancer care health workers and cancer nursing specialists who shared their expertise. Health workers then returned to their workplace and community with a wider knowledge of the treatments, side-effects and support services available for people affected by cancer, Ms Fanning said.



Department of Education and
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The Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is inviting applications for inclusion support services for children with severe disabilities to access and participate in funded kindergarten programs in 2010.

This incorporates State Government funding for kindergarten inclusion support services for children with severe disabilities and funding for the Literacy, Numeracy and Special Learning Needs Program – kindergarten component from the Commonwealth Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

A copy of the information and application kit is available at:

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Top End adventure for young leaders

By LAURELLE PACEY



EXCITING, tough and awesome. These are the expectations of 18 Aboriginal and other students from high schools on NSW's far south coast who are walking part of the Larapinta Trail in the MacDonnell Ranges this week as part of a 13-day escorted leadership adventure.

Top End Together has been organised by the Far South Coast Command of the NSW Police in conjunction with the Wanga Ildingii Committee, set up several years ago to encourage Aboriginal youth and improve relationships with police.

Sergeant Janeene Michelle said the students from Years 10 and 11 were selected by their schools for their leadership potential, but activities together over the past 12 months, including a 30km walk, whittled the numbers down to the final selection.

"We're away for 13 days, 11 of them camping, and with the Larapinta Trail it's going to be full on," Sergeant Michelle said.

"One of the main things we hope they'll get out of this experience is the confidence they can actually achieve things."

Lizzie Slater, of Eden High, is already excited about the experience that led up to this expedition, the friends she has made and building relations with their local police.

She expects the two weeks will



The Top End Together expedition left the coast with the blessings of Inspector Gary Megay, centre left, Divisional Commander Superintendent Sean Gersbach and Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Fergus Thomson. Photo by LAURELLE PACEY

test them all physically and mentally.

Chris Brown, from Narooma, anticipates 'it will be a great experience and lots of fun'.

Escorts for the trip are two peer

supervisors who are veterans of a similar project on the Kokoda Track in 2007, seven local police and 11 community members.

There has been a huge amount of community goodwill from the

many organisations behind the project.

Only Aboriginal students went on the Kokoda Dreaming expedition, but organisers have included non-

Aboriginal students this trip to encourage understanding and acceptance between the groups. The two peer supervisors are Peter White of Batemans Bay and Josh Hedington of Bega.



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The Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs invites applications from organisations who are interested in becoming a 'Facilitating Partner' under the *Communities for Children* initiative.

The Facilitating Partner in each community will drive and manage a community development approach to improving outcomes for children. They will work in collaboration with the community and local service providers to develop and implement an Activity Work Plan tailored to the particular needs of disadvantaged and 'at risk' children and their families in Alice Springs.

All applications close at 2pm AEST on Wednesday 2 September 2009. All applicants are required to register by emailing childrenandparentingservices@fahcsia.gov.au An Application Form and other relevant information will be sent to organisations upon registration.

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South West Queensland (Ipswich): 4699 4268

Further information and submission forms are available at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar or by phoning 3224 4546.

Applications must be lodged by 5pm on Monday 21 September 2009.

Department of Communities



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Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation ranger Patrick White and sea country facilitator Nick Alexeyeff attach a satellite tracker to the turtle's back.

Rangers rescuing sea life



Six months ago Napranum Aboriginal Shire Rangers Peter Harper and Angela Christie found an olive ridley turtle, entangled in discarded fishing nets on Pennefather Beach, a significant turtle nesting site near Weipa on Cape York.

The turtle was so badly injured, scientists believed her front flipper would need amputation.

However after five-and-a-half months of intensive treatment at the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre, her flipper was saved, and on 2 July, Mr Harper and Ms Christie released the turtle they had named Jewell, back into the Gulf of Carpentaria, following a traditional ceremony attended by local Indigenous owners.

Dhimurru Aboriginal Corporation rangers from the Northern Territory travelled to Pennefather and fitted a satellite tracker to the rehabilitated turtle's shell prior to release. At an estimated 10 to 12-years-old, Jewell must survive another 20 years before she will be mature enough to breed.

Dhimurru sea country facilitator Nick Alexeyeff said the tracking device would help them understand more about the movements of the olive ridley turtles and to gauge the success of her rehabilitation.

Jewell was just one of 11 injured turtles found by Mr Harper and Ms Christie, entangled in discarded fishing nets.

The rangers were able to treat nine turtles on-site, in a make-shift triage where they cleaned their wounds and hand-fed the animals squid until they were strong enough to be released.

However Jewell suffered such extensive injuries that she, together with another critically injured turtle, were evacuated to Cairns.

"When Jewell first arrived from Pennefather, her injuries were extensive," said marine biologist Jennie Gilbert of the Cairns Turtle Rehabilitation Centre. "The top of her head had no skin, the right flipper had two broken bones while the left front flipper was cut to the bone."

Due to the nature of the ocean currents off Australia's northern coastline and the fact that the Gulf of Carpentaria is almost land-locked, thousands of tonnes of discarded fishing nets, known as 'ghost nets' and other marine rubbish flow into the Gulf from Asia each year, getting trapped and posing serious danger to turtle and other marine life.

The Carpentaria Ghost Net Programme (CGNP) coordinates the activities of 17 Indigenous ranger groups in the Gulf of Carpentaria to remove and catalogue ghost nets and rescue any animals found entangled in them.

CGNP coordinator Riki Gunn said the 'ghost net' problem was so severe that along the 42km Pennefather Beach in March last year, rangers found 63 turtles either maimed or killed after getting entangled in ghost nets.

"This has been a great joint effort on a valuable project," she said of Jewell's rehabilitation and release.

The CGNP, together with the North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA), have built partnerships that link Indigenous communities across north Australia to look after marine habitats, protect wildlife and develop long-term coastal management plans.

NAILSMA CEO Joe Morrison said the collaboration between the Napranum and Dhimurru rangers was an example of the benefits of Indigenous people working together across the migratory range of marine turtles.

"Indigenous people have long held responsibilities for managing marine turtles and are working together across Australia to ensure the sustainable management of these iconic species," he said.

"Their work not only benefits marine turtle conservation but is helping to protect internationally important eco-systems for all Australians."

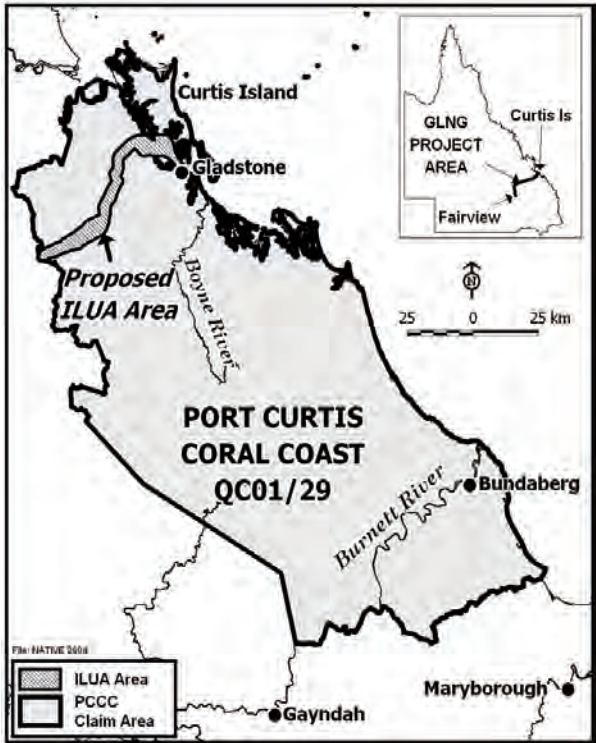
CGNP and the NAILSMA Dugong and Marine Turtle Project receive federal funding from the Caring for our Country program.

PUBLIC NOTICE - PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST CLAIM GROUP'S AUTHORISATION MEETING

AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST CLAIM GROUP AND SANTOS FOR PART OF THE SANTOS/PETRONAS GLADSTONE LNG PROJECT

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd and Petronas Australia Pty Ltd (**Santos**) propose to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with the Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim Group. The purpose of the agreement is to authorise the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline, a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island, and all other necessary infrastructure associated with the pipeline and the facility for part of the Santos/Petronas Gladstone LNG Project (the **Proposed ILUA**).

The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.



If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Kylie Boyd, Indigenous Affairs Unit, Santos on 1800 726 867 or 1300 726 867 by Friday, 14 August 2009 if possible, so that arrangements can be made for catering, travel, accommodation etc.

The Port Curtis Coral Coast native title claim (QUD6026/01; QC01/29) covers the majority of the ILUA Area. The claim group is described in the Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim as the biological descendants of: Dina; Jessie; Johnson Matemate and George Swain; Sandy and Fanny; Dulhu/Doolan; Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller); Alice Murray; Jane; Betsy; Rosie; Elsie Myers; Maggie Little; Rosie Blackman; Emma Jones; and Mary Anne (**PCCC Claim Group**).

A small part of the ILUA Area located between the Queensland mainland and Curtis Island, is not currently covered by a native title claim. The PCCC Claim Group assert native title rights and interests in relation to this area.

An authorisation meeting will be held in Bundaberg as follows:

Date and Time: Saturday, 22 August 2009 at 10.00am

Place: RJ Young Hall, Kepnock State High School, Kepnock Road, Bundaberg.

Purpose of the Meeting: to authorise the Proposed ILUA between Santos and the PCCC Claim Group.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you:

- fall within the description of the PCCC Claim Group; or
- hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area.

Public Notice



Local Community Grants Program 2009/2010

City of Sydney is seeking applications for Local Community Grants Programs.

We encourage local, non-profit organisations to apply for one-off grants of up to \$5,000. Local Community Grants are given to provide support for community based projects, events, activities, services and resources that enrich the lives of people in the City of Sydney.

Applications open on Monday, 17 August 2009, and close on Monday, 21 September 2009 at 6.00pm.

Guidelines and application forms are available from the City's One Stop Shop at Town Hall House or any of the City's Neighbourhood Service Centres.

For more information please visit the City's website at:

www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/grants

We can also be contacted by email at:

communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

or by telephone on (02) 9265 9333

To provide detailed information about the program, we will be hosting an information session in the Marconi Room, Town Hall House, on Tuesday, 25 August 2009 at 6.00pm.



Australian Government
Department of the Environment,
Water, Heritage and the Arts

Proposed changes to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, has invited written submissions on proposed reforms to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984. The reforms are intended to enhance the effectiveness of laws protecting Indigenous traditional areas and objects across Australia. A discussion paper detailing the proposed reforms and other information is available from www.heritage.gov.au/indigenous/lawreform or by calling 1800 003 164. Departmental officers will be available to discuss the reforms with members of the public during August and September at locations in all states and territories. Notice of these opportunities will be placed in local media and on the above web site.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, 6 November 2009.

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Australian Government
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Community Support Service - for Indigenous people and their families

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING

The Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) invites **suitably qualified organisations** to apply for funding for the provision of a Community Support Service to Indigenous community members.

The Community Support Service is seeking a service provider for each of the following locations or clusters:

- Taree/Wauchope (NSW)
- Toomelah/Boggabilla/Goondiwindi (NSW)
- Ballarat/Horsham Victoria (Vic)
- Mt Gambier (SA).

This new service is part of the Community Development Employment Projects (CDEP) program reforms. The Community Support Service will support Indigenous people and their families by providing links or referrals to a range of mainstream and Indigenous services, and access to information including via the internet.

It is planned to provide an information session in each cluster. **Please register your interest in attending an information session by Friday 14 August 2009** via an email to communitysupport@fahcsia.gov.au or by telephoning 1800 703 488.

Documentation and details on how to apply are available on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au/funding

Applications can be submitted by email to communitysupport@fahcsia.gov.au or posted to:

Community Support Service
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Locked Bag 5005
Tuggeranong BC ACT 2901

Applications must be postmarked or received via email by 5pm AEST Friday 4 September 2009.

Requests for further information should be sent via email to communitysupport@fahcsia.gov.au or phone (toll free) 1800 703 488 between 9:00am and 4:30pm AEST Monday to Friday. A TTY service is available for persons who have a hearing or speech impairment on 1800 260 402.

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www.fahcsia.gov.au

Taungurung caretakers for country



TRADITIONAL Owners in Victoria now have control of Aboriginal cultural heritage management across more than half the state.

At the July meeting of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council the ninth Registered Aboriginal Party (RAP) was appointed under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

Aboriginal Heritage Council Chairwoman Eleanor Bourke said the council's decision to appoint Taungurung Clans Aboriginal Corporation as a RAP over central Victoria was a significant milestone.

"The Council's highest priority is the appointment of RAPs. The Taungurung appointment means local Traditional Owner organisations have statutory responsibilities for Aboriginal heritage matters over 54 per cent of the area of Victoria," Mrs Bourke said.

"This is an important step towards the full implementation of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 which confirms Aboriginal people as the primary guardians, keepers and knowledge

holders of Aboriginal cultural heritage."

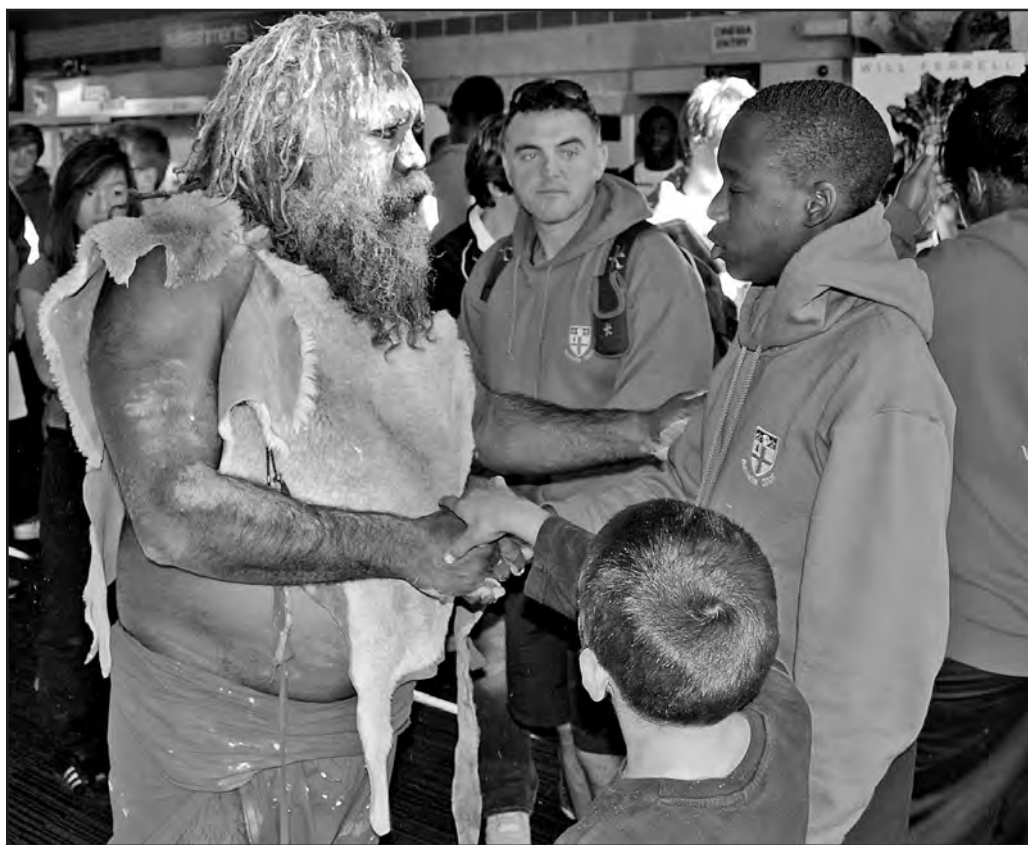
Mrs Bourke said this decision was another step towards recognising Aboriginal people's cultural rights to speak for their Country.

The Taungurung Clans registered area includes much of the Shires of Mitchell and Murrindindi as well as parts of Mansfield, Yarra Ranges, Strathbogie, Campaspe, Macedon Ranges and the City of Greater Bendigo.

Each RAP is responsible for evaluating cultural heritage management plans in their defined area. The plans are required where areas of Aboriginal significance might be impacted by development.

Victoria's Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Richard Wynne said the Aboriginal Heritage Act allowed Traditional Owners as RAPs to provide the best local advice to developers on cultural heritage issues, simplifying who to deal with and ultimately speeding up and reducing the cost of development."

For information about RAPs, the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council or for contact details for the new RAP go to www.aboriginalaffairs.vic.gov.au and follow the links to cultural heritage.



Goomblar Wylo shakes hands with a student from Christ's Hospital School in West Sussex during a recent visit.

UK visit for Goomblar

Students from Christ's Hospital School in England were recently treated to an afternoon of Indigenous culture by the Goomblar's Dreaming Aboriginal performers.

The school, established in 1552, is believed to be England's oldest.

It was the vision of King Edward VI to educate the poor children of London.

Distinguished past students

include poet and philosopher Samuel Taylor Coleridge and bouncing bomb designer Barnes Wallis.

Christ's Hospital School remains true to its founder's principles of supporting disadvantaged children and by remaining a school for the public.

Student Toto Odulaja said: "We got an insight into history and actual culture of the Aboriginal people and what

they believe in. It was fantastic!"

Goomblar Wylo, a Birri Gubba and Wakka Wakka man, has travelled throughout the world.

He is now based in Katoomba, NSW.

The Goomblar's Dreaming performers will reach their 500th show milestone this month. Live shows are performed daily at the Edge Cinema, Katoomba.

\$50,000 Indigenous art prize win to Torres Strait Islander



Murray Island man Ricardo Idagi with his winning entry.



WA artist Wakartu Cory Surprise and her artwork.



A TORRES Strait Islander artist has taken out Australia's richest Indigenous contemporary art prize.

Murray Island man Ricardo Idagi won the \$50,000 Western Australian Indigenous Art Award for his 2008 traditional Malo mask. Judges praised the mask, made from turtle shell, cowrie and

mussel shells, feathers, raffia, wicker, saimi saimi seeds, human hair and ochre.

Wakartu Cory Surprise took out the \$10,000 Western Australian Indigenous Artist Award for her painting 'Kurtal Jiwari 2009'.

The winners were named by WA Arts Minister John Day in a ceremony late last month at the Art Gallery of WA in Perth.

This year's award featured 15

shortlisted finalists from a total of 213 nominations – up from 157 in last year's inaugural event.

Mr Day congratulated the winners and said the awards exhibition was a 'superb showcase of outstanding works by Indigenous artists from across the nation', with work exhibited in a range of media.

"The Western Australian Indigenous Art Awards exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity

to bring national artists to this State, celebrate WA artists nationally, and to enrich WA audiences with the finest Indigenous art in this country," he said.

Judges said Mr Idagi's 'exceptional body of work expresses his profound honouring of ancestors and his commitment to culture'.

Wakartu Cory Surprise, from Fitzroy Crossing, won praise for

her 'intuitive use of colour and free gesture which reveals an affinity to her country'.

The People's Choice Award of \$5000 will be selected by visitor ballots during the exhibition of award works at the Art Gallery of WA, which runs until 15 November.

More information, including a full list of the finalists for the 2009 Awards, is available at: www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

Darwin hosts Telstra Award



WINNERS in this year's 26th Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award will be announced this Friday (14 August).

The announcement will be at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) in Darwin, where all works will be displayed until 25 October.

The aim of the award is to recognise outstanding Indigenous artists and to promote appreciation and understanding of the quality and diversity of art from regional and urban Indigenous artists, working in traditional and contemporary media.

The award is an important showcase for established and emerging artists

and has come to be regarded as one of the premier national events in the Australian Indigenous arts calendar.

Among the 93 pre-selected artists in this year's awards will be Jean Baptiste Aputimi, of the Tiwi Islands, who has just returned home from the United Kingdom where she had her first international solo exhibition.

Significance

The exhibition, Tapalinga (star), was at the Rebecca Hossack Gallery in London. Its significance was recognised by the British Museum, with the acquisition of one of Aputimi's natural pigments on paper pieces titled Tumulangini. Aputimi is the mother of 11 children and widow of the famous artist Declan Aputimi.

MAGNT Director Anna Malgorzewicz said the Telstra Award had attracted a diverse range of artworks, from general paintings, three-dimensional works comprising sculptures, fibre works and ceramics, bark paintings and works on paper.

Telstra Indigenous Directorate General Manager Georgia Symmons said the award provided incredible exposure for Indigenous artists around Australia.

"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," she said.

For more information go to www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa



Jean Baptiste Aputimi, of the Tiwi Islands, who is part of this year's Telstra Award.



Coraki lads, from left, Jake Gomes, Harry Cavanough, Dale Gomes, Andrew Cavanough, Taryll Cowan and Cedrick Roberts, were there.



Sheldon Harrington and Kasii Donnelly, both from Lismore, were at the NAIDOC celebration.



Tornisha Williams, Jane Williams, Mundhra Williams, 2, Mary Roberts and Katey Williams, all from Casino and Coraki.



Billy Jack Kapeen, 2, Alvena Kapeen, Seth Kapeen, 10 months, and Terri-Anne Kapeen.



● Above: Sisters Loreal and Mary Torrens, left, and their cousin Burlena Robinson, all from Casino.

● Left: Zariah Roberts, Layeka Roberts and Syvannah Hickling, all from Casino.

Perfect day in Lismore

Photos by THERESA DALTON



HUNDREDS of people packed Lismore's Heritage Park, in the heart of Bundjalung country on the NSW far north coast, for this year's weather-delayed NAIDOC celebration.

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people from across the NSW far north coast took advantage of perfect weather to join in the busy program.

Highlights included a hip-hop workshop, sausage sizzle, Old McDonald's Farm, a jumping castle, roving clown, information stalls and more.

Organiser Leanne Emzin, from Lismore City Council, was more than pleased with the event.

"This day would not be possible without the stall-holders and the community's involvement," she said.

"But it's the kids who really make this all happen. Seeing them dancing and enjoying themselves truly brought tears to my eyes."



Charlotte Williams, Marie Delbridge, Josie King, Richard Close, Gwenda Williams and Greg Smith.



Lismore girls, from left, Cherece Close and Kiarra and Jasmine Bolt.



Taylor Williams, from Coraki, with her son Juwarn, 1.



Fired up ... Aaron Cora from the Bundjalung Kunjiel Dance Troupe performing.



Pride on show ... the NAIDOC street march in Tweed Heads, on the NSW-Queensland border. Photos: GINA COMBO



Paris Rawlings and Azeikel Cora were the Tweed NAIDOC Princess and Prince.



Aaron Cora and Jude Sandy were named Mr and Miss NAIDOC at the dinner-dance.

Tweed turns it on!

NSW THEY know how to celebrate in the Tweed region on the NSW-Qld border, and NAIDOC was no exception. This year the local Indigenous and wider community enjoyed a packed week of activities, all in perfect weather. Highlights included cultural dancing by the Bundjalung Kunjiel, Dubai and Goodjinburra troupes, music, art and crafts, bush tucker, a disco, church services, cultural displays, a baby show, Elders

luncheon – even a reptile show.

There was a street march, sports day, corroboree in the park and dinner-dance as well.

The Tweed NAIDOC Organising Committee of Deidre Currie, Desrae Rotumah, Ronella Phillips, Clare Lena, Leweeena Williams, Nicole Rotumah, Lesley Mye, Victoria Slockee, Elder Aunty Kath Lena, Coral Lena, Alinta Currie and Sharna Lazer won praise from locals for their efforts.

Planning has already started for next year's NAIDOC Week.



Taleisha Simon and Riley Weir at the reptile show held at Minjungbal Museum.



Elise Tonkins and Lorraine Payne get the spirit at the sports day.



Elders Buckoi and Joycey Fay catch up.



The Dubai Dance Group at the cultural day.



Junior Mr NAIDOC Mandu Currie, centre, with runners-up Caleb Sims, left, and Dylan Clarke.



Junior Miss NAIDOC Zamara Compton, centre, with runners-up Riley Weir, left, and Indiana Morrissey.

Juvenile Justice centres take part



YOUNG offenders at Juvenile Justice Centres

across NSW participated in this year's NAIDOC Week with a series of events aimed at celebrating Indigenous culture and recognising the contribution of Indigenous people.

NSW Juvenile Justice Minister Graham West said NAIDOC was an ideal opportunity for young offenders to learn the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"Some young offenders feel disconnected with their Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, so NAIDOC Week helps them reconnect and boosts their self-esteem," he said.

Goal-setting

Activities included cultural talks by local Elders, goal-setting sessions with Indigenous sports stars including Adam Goodes of AFL club the Sydney Swans, motivational sessions by community groups, bush tucker cooking classes, dance lessons, Aboriginal art classes, spirituality sessions, traditional games, and more.

"The visits by Indigenous role models and members of the local community encourage young offenders to work hard on their rehabilitation and inspire them to make responsible behavioural choices when they return to the community," said Mr West.

"The young people enjoy meeting with local Aboriginal Elders, who speak to them about the meaning of NAIDOC Week. This year's theme of 'Honouring Our Elders, Nurturing Our Youth' encouraged young offenders to acknowledge Elders as leaders and role models.

"NAIDOC Week celebrations are just one activity within a juvenile justice centre's Aboriginal cultural program.

"The aim of the program is to provide young people in custody with the opportunity to learn the importance of Aboriginal culture, and enables Aboriginal young offenders to reconnect to their identity."



The all-important NAIDOC cook-off attracted many members of the Titjikala community for a good feed.

Titjikala focus on celebration



● ABOVE: The Titjikala Band performed as part of the celebrations.

● RIGHT: Red sand country ... the venue for this year's celebrations. About 250 people, whose primary languages are Luritja, Arrernte and Yankunytjatjara, live in Titjikala, which is on the edge of the Simpson Desert.



THIS year's NAIDOC activities held in Titjikala,

about 120km south of Alice Springs, have been captured on film.

The celebrations coincided with a photography workshop being run by Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV), and local participants Stephanie Campbell and Arnette Gilligan snapped many of the activities.

ICV staff said the women's efforts were outstanding and would make a permanent record for the community.

During NAIDOC speeches, Titjikala Elders highlighted the importance of young people attending meetings of the local council.

They also emphasised the need to be 'strong and stand up to the Government to get Indigenous rights back so that their community and children's children could live as all Australians'.

NAIDOC launch for Broadlex strategy



At the Broadlex event were, from left, Broadlex Indigenous Employment Co-ordinator Mick Coombes, DEEWR's Gannon Da Silva, Broadlex manager Nick Kazakonis and DEEWR's Greg Noyes.



MAJOR cleaning organisation Broadlex Services launched its Indigenous strategy as part of NAIDOC celebrations.

The event, in Sydney, was attended by Broadlex management and corporate officials, as well as Indigenous staff from various sites. Also taking part were representatives from government departments, Australia Post, Gadigal Services, the Lloyd McDermott Rugby Development Program and the Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

Features of the event included a didgeridoo performance by Glen Doyle and supporting dances by Henrietta Baird and Rosalie Pearson, as well as a welcome to country from Athena Mumbulla.

Operating for more than 39 years, Broadlex provides cleaning and related services to many commercial, industrial, government and education organisations.

Broadlex is privately owned and employs more than 2000 staff representing more than 70 nationalities. It is looking to employ more Indigenous staff as part of the new strategy.



Community leader Sam Watson speaks during his South-East Qld NAIDOC address.



Community Development Award winners from Inala Wangara with local MP Kerry Rea.



Young Famara Tyson was one of the Gudamji Dancers who performed at the event.



Dr Norm Sheehan with his Distinguished Services Award.

Highlights in Brisbane



Softballer Gemma Stevens with her award.



Brisbane Lord Mayor Campbell Newman



THE release of the Anti-Discrimination Commission of Queensland's 'Tracking Your Rights' education package was a highlight of this year's South-East Qld NAIDOC activities. The package was launched on the same day as the official start of celebrations across the region.

In Brisbane, Lord Mayor Campbell Newman welcomed all to the celebrations, which featured the Nunukul Yuggera Aboriginal and Wagga Torres Strait Islander dancers. Community leader Sam Watson gave the South-East Qld NAIDOC address, and other performances were held.



Commissioner Susan Booth launching the 'Tracking Your Rights' education package.

Awards were another highlight, with the University of Queensland's Dr Norm Sheehan receiving the

Distinguished Service Award for his ongoing commitment to Indigenous students. Other awards were Sport (softballer Gemma Stevens), the Arts (Tania Orchard), Community Development (Inala Wangara) and Business (Mookin Bibonmari Aboriginal Tours).

The 'Tracking Your Rights' package is a social justice community information resource developed to help Indigenous people facing discrimination or vilification.

NAIDOC event organiser Geoff Coakley, of First Contact, was pleased with the turnout.

"We want all Queenslanders to be proud of our culture, and NAIDOC is a great way for all to participate," he said.



The Wagga Dancers were among the performers at the Brisbane ceremony.



At DFAT were, from left, Toni Lalich, Barbara Ware, Zena Armstrong, Susan Moore, Kimberly Radford, Michael L'Estrange, Deborah Cheetham, Tom Walter and Tina Lawson.

High note at DFAT



DEBORAH Cheetham and Company entertained staff and guests with a classical and contemporary opera performance during the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) NAIDOC Week celebrations in Canberra.

The performance, titled 'Til the Black Lady Sings in Company', formed the centrepiece of the department's NAIDOC Week evening reception, co-sponsored by the Australian Public Service Commission (APSC) and attended by Commissioner Lynelle Briggs.

Mixing excerpts from the yet-to-be premiered contemporary Indigenous opera 'Pecan Summer' (working title) and opera classics, Ms Cheetham

performed accompanied by pianist Toni Lalich and first-time Indigenous performers Zoy Frangos, Don Bremrose and Tiriki Onus.

Ms Cheetham, a soprano and Yorta Yorta woman, was awarded a fellowship from the Australia Council for the Arts in 2008 to develop the first Indigenous Australian contemporary opera, tentatively titled 'Pecan Summer'. 'Pecan Summer' is expected to open in October next year.

Ms Cheetham has performed internationally in theatres and concert halls in the United States, Europe, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and across Australia and is strongly involved with the University of Melbourne's Wilin Centre for Indigenous Arts and Cultural Development, where she works as programs manager.



Performing at DFAT, from left, Zoy Frangos, Deborah Cheetham, Don Bremrose and Tiriki Onus.



Relationships are stronger



RELATIONSHIPS Australia, Victoria in Ballarat has strengthened its relationship with the local Wathaurong people. The organisation, which provides relationship support services, unveiled a plaque which reads 'We are proud to acknowledge the Wathaurong people as the traditional owners of these lands and waters' during NAIDOC Week.

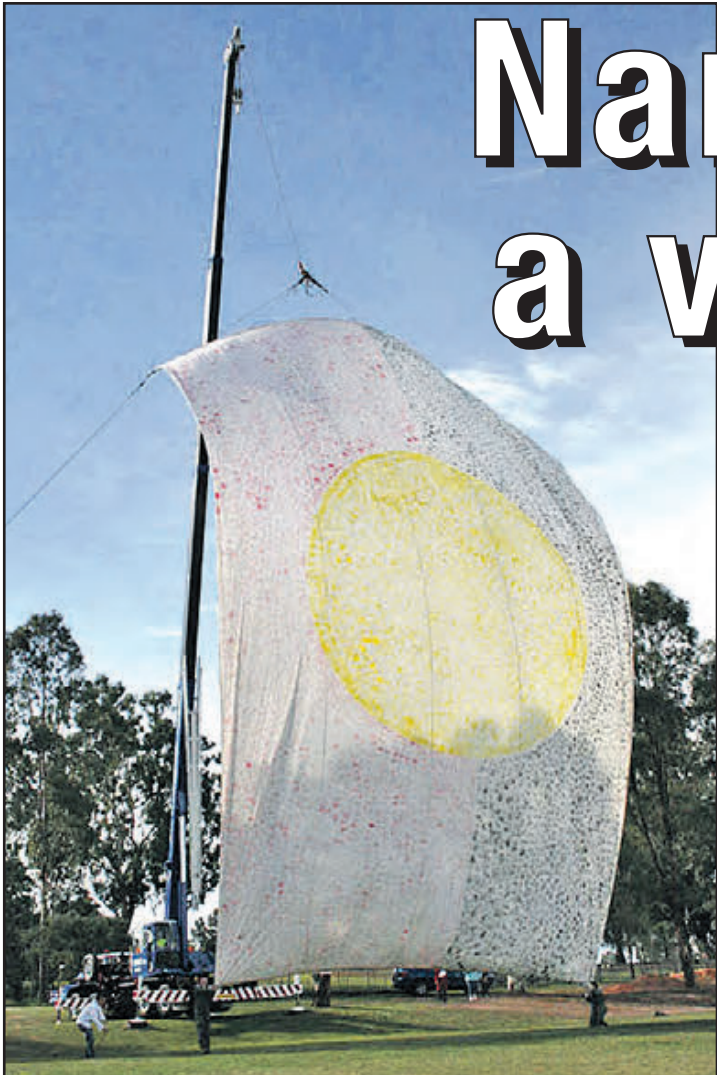
On hand were Relationships Australia's Michael Hunt and Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative CEO Karen Heap, as well as staff from both organisations.

Ms Heap said Relationships Australia had helped local Aboriginal families, couples and individuals.

The Ballarat Co-operative had worked with Relationships Australia staff on cultural awareness issues for more than five years, she said.

● Pictured left: Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative CEO Karen Heap and Relationships Australia Victoria CEO Michael Hunt in front of the recognition plaque.

Narrandera flies a very large flag



NARRANDERA High School flew the flag – a very big flag – for NAIDOC this year.

Students at the western NSW school constructed a giant 20m by 12m Aboriginal Flag out of calico fabric, featuring thousands of red, yellow and black handprints.

Strong winds prevented the flag from being raised above Narrandera beneath the visiting Royal Australian Air Force Hot Air Balloon, so a 200 tonne crane was called in to do the job.

The flag-raising ceremony was the culmination of a full day of activities where students united to share in activities that celebrate Indigenous culture.

The NAIDOC celebration was supported by Rotary, the NSW Police, Army Reserves, the RAAF through its balloon and many local businesses, all working with the Narrandera Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

● Pictured left: The Aboriginal flag flies from the crane in Narrandera.



A special didgeridoo performance was one of the NAIDOC activities for students in Narrandera.

Softball star speaks out



INDIGENOUS people across Australia are making major decisions to

improve their futures and that of our nation, according to young Indigenous woman Jacara Egan.

She was speaking late last month at the NAIDOC celebration at the Department of Primary Industries complex in Irymple, north-west Victoria.

Ms Egan lamented the decline of Indigenous culture and the loss of native languages, but said she continued to be inspired by 'ordinary, every-day Indigenous people who were taking steps to change the path of their lives and the future of their community'.

The 21-year-old is known in the Sunraysia region for her softball prowess. She was part of the first Indigenous Australian softball team, and this year won gold with the Indigenous All-Stars team at the Arafura Games in Darwin. She is now completing a degree in social work and social policy at La Trobe University in Mildura.

In her speech, Ms Egan spoke of a friend who had risen above the challenges of growing up in a remote Aboriginal community in northern Australia to become one of only three people in her small school to graduate. Her friend has gone on to become a nurse.



Jacara Egan, centre, with local students at the 2009 NAIDOC celebration in Irymple.

Ms Egan also spoke of another friend who, despite peer pressure, does not drink because she has witnessed the effects of alcohol abuse.

"It's actions such as these that will not only improve these women's lives, but will provide positive role models for other young Indigenous people," she said.

"When we all work together, support each other and recognise the inspirational actions of

Indigenous people who are not rock stars or famous athletes, we can help close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians."

Also at the event, six \$1000 NAIDOC scholarships were awarded to local schools, with money made available each year by Parks Victoria, the Department of Sustainability and Environment, the Mallee Catchment Management Authority and the Department of Primary Industries.



Our mistake...



In our coverage of the NAIDOC celebrations in Musgrave Park, Brisbane, on 15 July, we incorrectly named a dance troupe as the Nunukl Dance Group. They are in fact called Biliir Yulay Yanaay Yulu-Gii.

The group is from the Gamilaraay/Gamilaroi tribe of north-western NSW and south-western Queensland. The dancer shown above is Keegen Munro, of Tingha. The *Koori Mail* strives to maintain high levels of accuracy when covering events, and apologises for this omission.

Education – Achieve, Share and Enhance

THE decision to take on study as a mature-age student can be a difficult one. There are many questions you ask yourself such as: Do I have the time? Do I have the ability? Can I afford it? Can I juggle study and family responsibilities?

Achieving higher levels of education is an important pathway to accomplishing both career and personal goals. The knowledge and skills gained are invaluable to advance your career, but once shared, it can also enhance the development of your community.

The recently released '2009 Overcoming Indigenous Disadvantage: Key Indicators Report' points to a large gap in the level of education of Indigenous Australians compared to non-Indigenous Australians.

The low numbers of well-educated Indigenous people in Indigenous communities is often cited as a contributing factor to the frequent lack of economic development and participation by those communities in the mainstream economy.

With encouraging Indigenous economic development in mind, IBA has developed its Indigenous Scholarship Fund.



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education which will contribute to economic development in Indigenous communities.

It is well-recognised that mature-aged people make great personal and financial sacrifices in order to achieve greater levels of education. By providing financial and structural support mechanisms, this scholarship program is designed to reduce many of the obstacles encountered by aspiring mature-age students wishing to achieve educational qualifications.

IBA Scholarships are intended for mature-age Indigenous Australians facing financial barriers that prevent them from undertaking study. The Fund will provide tailored financial assistance to successful applicants, allowing them to undertake study in commercial and economic management at their preferred institution. Qualifications can be achieved at recognised education institutions such as TAFE, university and other relevant education providers.

Applications for this round of scholarships close on 30 September and are open for mature-age Indigenous Australians looking to study in the first semester of 2010.

● Application forms, eligibility criteria and further information are available at the website www.iba.gov.au or for other enquiries, email scholarships@iba.gov.au or call 1800 107 107.



At the new bunkhouse are, from left, Brian Gurruwirri, Clint Mead (Fairbrother), Mickey Munggunurr, site foreman Jim Mansfield, Samuel Gurruwirri, Ryan Brown (Fairbrother), Russell Gurruwirri and Sylvani Babui.

Tassie links help Gumatj



THE Gumatj people of east Arnhem Land will get jobs and training, a timber milling industry and the chance to build houses on their own homelands as the result of a deal with

Forestry Tasmania and the support of a Tasmanian building company.

A five-bedroom timber bunkhouse at Garrathiya, in the Top End, was opened last week, before the start of this year's Garma Festival.

The bunkhouse at Garrathiya, a Gumatj cattle station about 100km south of Nhulunbuy (Gove), is a tangible outcome of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in March this year between the Gumatj Corporation and Forestry Tasmania, says Gumatj Chairman Galurrwuy Yunupingu.

Under the terms of the memorandum, Forestry Tasmania had been working with the Gumatj Corporation to develop a sustainable timber industry, based on selective harvesting and management of hardwood on the Gumatj clan estate, he said.

"This project is helping to create a future for Gumatj people, letting them use local materials, from their own land, to build their own homes," Mr Yunupingu said.

The Gumatj are Yolngu people and traditional owners of land on and around the Gove Peninsula in north-east Arnhem

Land, including the Rio Tinto Alcan bauxite mine and alumina refinery near Nhulunbuy.

"So far, this partnership has delivered a house in a remote homeland built by local men using local materials, which is the foundation for future business opportunities," said Mr Yunupingu.

Forestry Tasmania has provided training and instruction for the local Indigenous workers who harvested and milled the timber.

Forestry Tasmania Managing Director Bob Gordon said the skills and

guidance for the young Indigenous workers.

The carbon neutral bunkhouse, designed by representatives from the University of Tasmania and Mr Yunupingu and his family, is built to cyclone standard and designed for the climate, with features such as an overhanging roof to create shade.

The bunkhouse is also designed to suit traditional Yolngu lifestyle, with an outside communal living area, kitchen and a separate ablution block.

Mr Yunupingu said the partnership with Forestry Tasmania is not only providing training, employment and housing, but will result in other business opportunities such as collection and sale of seeds, sales of sawn timber, processing of timber products for high-value uses such as furniture, the use of waste wood instead

of bunker fuel to generate power, carbon credits and fire management.

The construction of the bunkhouse has enabled the partners to test building methods, improve skills and identify issues with the construction method.

After successfully completing the bunkhouse on time, the construction team will soon start work on construction of a second building, a four-bedroom dwelling at Dhanaya.

A furniture-making factory has been established and will become operational next month.

'So far, this partnership has delivered a house in a remote homeland built by local men using local materials, which is the foundation for future business opportunities' – Galurrwuy Yunupingu

knowledge the Gumatj men had gained from the project, from sustainable forest management through to construction, augured well for future development.

"We've provided the training so the local men can operate a Lucas mill, and size and grade timber so they will be able to harvest timber for other projects in the future," he said.

Two workers from Fairbrother Builders, specialists in building and construction, have supervised the construction of the bunkhouse on-site, providing mentoring, training, and

Govt backing for biodiesel plant



THE Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation in the Pilbara region of Western Australia has received \$145,000 in funding from the Pilbara Regional Grants Scheme to support its biodiesel manufacturing business, transforming potential hazardous

waste products into fuel for heavy machinery and power generation.

While visiting the corporation in Tom Price late last month, WA Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls said the biodiesel project represented an excellent opportunity for the local Indigenous community.

"I'm delighted that Royalties for Regions can support a project that will achieve such strong community and regional development outcomes," he said.

"This project will result in ongoing employment for six Indigenous West Australians and provide industrial skills training that will assist others to move into employment in the mining sector."

The Ashburton Aboriginal Corporation also has a partnership arrangement with the Shire of Ashburton to be their preferred biodiesel supplier.

"Importantly, the profits from this business will stay within the Indigenous communities of the Pilbara, funding further social and economic development," Mr Grylls said.

Heritage protection comment is sought



FEDERAL Heritage Minister Peter Garrett has released a discussion paper for public comment on laws to protect Indigenous heritage.

Mr Garrett said it was an opportunity for the public to contribute ideas on

making the Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984 (ATSIHP Act) more effective as a way to protect traditional areas and objects significant to Indigenous Australians.

He said that during the public submission period representatives of the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts would visit about 30 regional centres across Australia to help explain the proposals and provide information on how to comment.

Comments on the proposed reforms should be made in writing to the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts. More information about the consultation process and access to the discussion paper is available at www.heritage.gov.au/indigenous/lawreform



PETER GARRETT

Bundanon to host two-week workshop



A TWO-week residential workshop for Indigenous artists will be held later this year on the NSW south coast.

Called IndigeLab, the workshop is for performers, writers, directors, dancers, choreographers, screen-based artists, sound artists, designers, lighting designers, visual and web artists.

Interested people are invited to apply for IndigeLab, which will be held at Bundanon from 31 October-13 November.

For more information and an application form, email indigelab@performancespace.com.au go to performancespace.com.au or call (02) 8571 9111.



Open for business again – the Burringurrah store in remote Western Australia

Store is back in business



THE store in the remote Aboriginal community of Burringurrah, Western Australia, is

back in business.

And the community is also in line to receive regular fuel supplies, thanks to action initiated by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

The store re-opened for trade on Monday 27 July.

The store was until recently operated by an independent local trader, who had for some time faced trading difficulties.

In March the Registrar of

Indigenous Corporations appointed Mike Carmody as the special administrator of the Burringurrah Community Aboriginal Corporation (BCAC).

He was asked to improve corporate governance at BCAC and address community concerns about the store.

In July, Mr Carmody took control of the store from the local trader, and on behalf of BCAC, he put a management agreement in place with experienced store retailer Remote CMS.

"While this agreement was being negotiated, I arranged for an immediate delivery of food from

Foodbank. I'd like to thank them for their assistance and efficiency," Mr Carmody said.

"The first food delivery from Remote CMS has arrived and stock is on the shelves.

"Fuel is also on the way."

Some families moved away from the community because of the store problems.

"Re-opening the store is a big step forward for Burringurrah," Mr Carmody said.

"BCAC and the community are planning a 'Back to Burringurrah' day for former residents to see

and hear about the new store management, and discuss a way forward for BCAC when its special administration ends.

"I am pleased that we now have an experienced operator in place with a commitment to food security for the community and the ability to ensure access to a healthy range of food," Mr Carmody said.

"I am confident that the store will remain stable."

● Burringurrah, famous for its rock, is a six-hour drive from Meekatharra. Burringurrah, or Mt Augustus, is the biggest rock in the world. It is about double the size of Uluru.

Plan is ready for next step



TORRES Strait leaders have signed off on an historic regional plan for the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

The plan, signed on 23 July, is based on the results of community consultations and will be reviewed each year to ensure its goals are being addressed.

Torres Strait Regional Authority Chairman Toshie Kris said formalising the

plan was a key step towards shaping a regional partnership to guide whole of government planning and program delivery in the region.

"We will now work together to negotiate a regional service delivery agreement, based on our regional plan, with all government agencies servicing our communities," Mr Kris said.

Torres Strait Council Mayor Pedro Stephen said the plan set a strong pathway towards closing the gap and addressing the unique needs of communities.

"This plan is the spark to achieving integrated service delivery and will go a long way towards reducing

duplication," he said.

"It is important that our communities receive the maximum amount of support from all levels of government to address their needs."

Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela said the plan would inform all levels of service delivery and for the first time would allow leaders to set targets and time-frames.

"Not only does the Regional Plan provide a clear direction to begin to close the gap, for the first time, milestones and time-frames will be allocated against aspects of the service delivery to definitively track progress and hold government accountable," Cr Gela said.

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council Mayor Joseph Elu said integrated planning would maximise benefits to the region.

"We need to do this right so that our children and grandchildren will have a better future," he said.

The Torres Strait leadership will now approach Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, as well as Queensland Premier Anna Bligh and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Partnerships Minister

Desley Boyle to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to secure their commitment to the Regional Plan.

Meanwhile, the Queensland Opposition has said the Torres Strait Regional Council has struggled financially since island councils were amalgamated in the State's far north.

Opposition spokesman Howard Hobbs said he had been told the council was burdened with extra costs for travel and freight.

Mr Hobbs questioned Ms Boyle at the budget estimates hearings, demanding to know whether the Government would provide more funding or de-amalgamate the council.

Ms Boyle acknowledged the council was struggling, but said this was not a result of the new council.

"We have accepted that the Torres Strait Island Regional Council has some very real financial difficulties," she said.

"Those difficulties are not of the new council's making.

"The new council is sorting out a whole lot of financial matters that have not been well managed by the individual island councils dating back some years."

The regional planning process began in August 2008.

Centrelink starts remote service



CENTRELINK has started a new Remote Service Division aimed at focusing on the needs of Northern Australia.

Federal Human Services Minister Chris Bowen said the division would 'strengthen the Australian Government's commitment to servicing remote and rural communities'.

The division will be overseen by experienced health administrator Roxanne Ramsey, who will be responsible for Centrelink's operational response to the Northern Territory intervention, the Kimberley and Cape York welfare reform initiatives, as well as developing new approaches to servicing customers in remote communities.

Ms Ramsey comes to Centrelink from Queensland Health where she served in a number of senior positions, including Director of the Queensland Health Reform Implementation Team and General Manager of the Northern Area Health Service.

Indigenous media company a finalist



BRISBANE Indigenous Media company Carbon was a finalist in this year's Telstra Business Awards.

Carbon, a privately owned Indigenous new-media agency and content creator based at QUT Creative Enterprise Australia in Brisbane, was short-listed from a record number of entries in the AMP Innovation category Award at state level.

Managing Director Wayne Denning welcomed the recognition.

"We're thrilled to have been selected as finalists in such an important award, and in a category that rightly defines one of our most strategic selling points," he said.

Carbon offers an all-in-one service, developing screen media strategies, producing and editing digital content, designing productions and distributing media to clients on-air, on-line and on-mobile.

Minister's appeal to Illawarra community



NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney is appealing to the Illawarra Aboriginal community to consider becoming foster carers for local Aboriginal children who cannot live safely with their parents.

"Sadly, some Aboriginal children and young people living in the Illawarra are not safe living with their families and have to come into care," she said.

"To make sure that these children stay connected to their community and culture, the Department of Community Services prefers to place Aboriginal children with their kin and, if this is not possible, with other Aboriginal families."

She said at the moment there were only a handful of Aboriginal people who had put themselves forward as carers.

For more details, contact Sean McPhellamy at the Department of Community Services (DoCS) in Shellharbour on (02) 4255 6718 or email sean.mcphellamy@community.nsw.gov.au

New Commissioner at the helm in NSW



A WOMAN with wide experience in government and working with children has been named the new NSW Commissioner of Children and Young People.

Gaye Phillips takes over from incumbent Commissioner Gillian Calvert on 7 September.

NSW Youth Minister Graham West said Ms Phillips had extensive experience in advocating for the rights of children and young people in Australia and overseas, and had been successful as a leader in the field of social justice and human rights for many years.

"Gaye brings more than 15 years' experience to the role of Commissioner of Children and Young People, and is widely respected for her advocacy work with the Indigenous community," said Mr West.



Wire sculptures made at the camp, as taught by local Alice Springs artist Al Bethune.

Artists come together for 3-day camp

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ARTISTS and art centre managers have enhanced their skills and discussed major

issues during a gathering at an Aboriginal camp near Alice Springs.

The three-day camp was the brainchild of Desart, the professional association of Aboriginal art centres, which covers a wide area of central Australia.

Executive Officer John Oster said the camp – the first of its kind for the central desert region – had been a resounding success, and planning for the next was already under way.

"The most important thing is self-determination, artists freely coming together to create their own work, being open-minded and learning new things while engaging in the sector," he said.

Travelling from 15 different art centres across the desert region, the 40-strong group discussed the draft Indigenous Australian Art Commercial Code of Conduct as well as the effects of the global financial crisis on the industry.

Mr Oster said that in the Desert regions, while the effects of the global crisis on small Indigenous art centres

were starting to show small signs of improvement, many artists, especially those who were the main 'breadwinners', were still struggling.

"It is important to deal with this and other issues with input from the artists and art centre managers, and we would like to see that they become a part of the solution," he said.

"We created the camp to promote more engagement of artists in their industry by providing industry knowledge and news through meetings, and to also inspire creativity in their artworks."

Alice Springs artist Al Bethune was on hand to fine-tune the group's wire-sculpting skills. He joined fellow artist Siri Omberg for an afternoon of Batik workshops, and there were also business workshops.

"We expect the collaboration between art communities will help overcome many issues of isolation and will bring out some really creative ideas," Mr Oster said.

"We also wanted the artists to feel confident in looking for new ways of telling their stories through their art."

"One of the most important questions we can consider is how traditional art and traditional stories of country melds with the modern marketplace."



From left, Pansie Napangardi, Emma Daniel and Rosie Stafford, from Nuritjuta Art Centre, with their Batik scarves.



Al Bethune and Belinda Hayes, from Keringke Arts.



Unveiling is a good sign for TAFE institute



CULTURAL signage is now a feature at the North Coast Institute of TAFE in Lismore, northern NSW. The signage and mural work were officially unveiled in a ceremony last week attended by local officials and Aboriginal people.

The signage program is aimed at supporting local Bundjalung culture, history and traditional custodianship, as well as sharing cultural knowledge.

A mural has been painted in the main institute foyer leading into the Bundjalung Elders room and the Aunty Fay Smith Room.

The program also includes the naming of buildings using plaques with traditional animals and language created by Aboriginal arts students at the institute.

The MC at the unveiling ceremony in Lismore was TAFE official Tony Driese, with a welcome to country by Aunty June Gordon and a smoking ceremony by Rory Close.

● Pictured at left: In front of the mural work leading to the Bundjalung Elders and Aunty Fay Smith rooms at Lismore TAFE Institute are, from left, Jenny Smith, Aunty June Gordon, Tony Driese, Aunty Patty Cook and Dianne Harrington.

Photo: THERESA DALTON

Kimberley program helps kids



THE Reading Recovery program in the Kimberley region of Western Australia has been praised for transforming the lives of local Aboriginal children.

Under the program, Grade 2 students at local community schools receive specialised teaching in reading and writing.

Starting in 2006 with six schools, the program this year has 10, with another five to start next year.

Reading Recovery, backed by the Kimberley Land Council (KLC) with a range of partners, has secured Federal Government funding of \$700,000 towards next year's expansion.

The KLC facilitates the Reading Recovery Advisory Group, which runs the program.

Group members say students entering the program who were unable to read and write left after one year with skills at Grade 3 level.

KLC Deputy Director Nolan Hunter has no doubt the program is life-changing for Kimberley kids.

"At the KLC we are focused on taking action to create change. The Reading Recovery program is creating that change by improving Indigenous

equips our children with the power to determine their own futures.

"Along with improving skills, the Reading Recovery program is promoting self-confidence and improved well-being, which has lasting effects on people's lives."

KLC special adviser Irene Davey said the students involved in the program often knew several cultural languages but needed help in reading and writing English.

She said the program also recognised the cultural needs of Aboriginal children.

The Reading Recovery Advisory Group manages the program. Its partners include the KLC, the Catholic Education Office of WA, the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations, Mary Ward International Australia and the Aboriginal Independent Community Schools Support Unit, Melbourne University and the West Australian Department of Education and Training.



KLC Reading Recovery special adviser Irene Davey with St Mary's Primary School children in Broome.

education and making sure our children learn how to read and write," he said.

"This program is making a difference and providing Aboriginal children with real outcomes. Learning to read and write is the first step in improving the lives of Indigenous people. It

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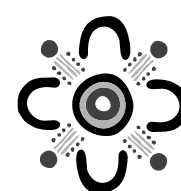
The program offers:

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Batchelor has new Deputy V-C



BATCHELOR Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education has a new Deputy Vice-Chancellor. He is Dr Greg Shaw.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Jeannie Herbert said Dr Shaw would bring a wealth of

experience to the role, having previously worked at the Institute as the Head of the Educational Media Unit and having spent more than 20 years in teaching, research and management roles at Charles Darwin University.

"The Institute is at a critical stage in its development as a leading Indigenous education

and training provider and we are working hard to improve our delivery and outcomes for Indigenous Australians especially those in regional and remote areas," Professor Herbert said.

"Dr Shaw has a strong academic background in distance learning and adult

education and has built both a national and international reputation for working in cross cultural contexts."

Dr Shaw said he was looking forward to the challenges and making a contribution to closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage, particularly in education and training.



GREG SHAW

Koori Express direct to RMIT

ABOUT 60 Indigenous students and their families were taken to RMIT University's open day in Melbourne last Sunday as part of an initiative called the 'Koori Express'.

Now in its third year, the free bus service took students from their home areas to RMIT and back, with lunch provided, in an attempt to encourage them to explore a range of options at RMIT including pre-apprenticeships, TAFE, undergraduate and post-graduate programs.

This year, students came from Morwell, Moe, Drouin, Warragul, Bairnsdale and Hamilton.

Encouraged

RMIT Indigenous Education Liaison Officer Eric Clarke said people who did not have school-based qualifications but had professional and life experience were also encouraged to attend, and prospective students had a chance to meet staff and current RMIT Indigenous students.

"It's an exciting occasion for us," he said.

"Many of our students are now taking part in RMIT's Lead program as ambassadors and mentors, and they will help us to encourage and motivate new Indigenous students to study at RMIT and follow in their successful footsteps.

"Meeting current Indigenous students and hearing about their experiences, some of which include study overseas, as well as their academic achievements and support, is one of the highlights of the Koori Express day trip for the students."



Trainee of the Year Dianne Fleming holding her award with other members of RMIT's Ngarara Willim team, from left, Manager Stuart McFarlane, student Advisor Anne Holland and Indigenous Education Officer Eric Clarke.

RMIT's Dianne is a role model



DIANNE Fleming juggles work, study and motherhood – and now she can add Trainee of the Year to her list of achievements. Ms Fleming works in RMIT University's Ngarara Willim Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Centre as an administration officer, through the 370 Degrees Group.

She celebrated NAIDOC Week by winning the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) Victorian State Traineeship

Employment Award for 2009 in the Participant Achievement Award category. There was a record field of 13 entrants in her category.

"I'm delighted and honoured to win this award," Ms Fleming said.

"I finished my Certificate III in Administration through RMIT's Business TAFE School in seven months, rather than 12. And now I'm undertaking my Certificate IV.

"My next step is to get my management skills through RMIT and get a job here and further my career in education."

Ms Fleming receives three

hours' tutoring a week through the Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme and, in turn, tutors a student undertaking the Certificate III program.

Life has changed a great deal for Ms Fleming (nee Dixon), who left her home town of Narrabri, NSW, seven years ago to find work in Melbourne.

"There aren't many opportunities for Aboriginal people in Narrabri," she said. "All it offers is seasonal cotton work, the dole or Aboriginal art."

"Now I've become a role model. Other people can come

as far I've done. My message would be: When you get an opportunity, take it, grab it and run with it."

Ngarara Willim Manager Stuart McFarlane congratulated Ms Fleming.

"It's a fabulous result for Dianne. And it sums up what Ngarara Willim is about – giving our people a chance to pick up training in a mainstream environment while still providing supportive, ongoing cultural immersion with directional leadership for our trainee staff like Dianne," he said.

Morgan to feature at WA forum



ABORIGINAL author and artist Sally Morgan will be among a host of high-profile participants at this year's Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge (ISIK) Conference, in Fremantle, Western

Australia, later this year.

Professor Morgan will run a writing workshop as part of the Stories and Storytelling session.

Conference organisers say the session will be a fun, free-ranging discussion for anyone interested in creative writing or writing their own or their family's life story.

Professor Morgan is an award-winning and best-selling author, an ambassador for the National Indigenous Literacy Project and a highly regarded visual artist with works in many private and public collections in Australia and internationally. Her work at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of WA is focused on publishing projects that offer a platform for a range of Aboriginal voices.

The 2009 ISIK Conference, on 30 November and 1 December, is the fourth in

an annual series hosted by Australian Indigenous academics and researchers to discuss and share developments in the field.

The theme of this year's conference is 'Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge: Dialogue or Conflict in the Academy?' with a focus on:

- Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science: Knowledge in Conflict?

- Indigenous Studies: Implementation in the Academy

- Stories and Storytelling: Indigenous Knowledge in the Academy

- Healing People and Healing Country

The 2009 ISIK conference convenors are the School of Indigenous Studies (UWA) and The University of Notre Dame. The Department of Indigenous Affairs (WA) is the exclusive government sponsor and *The Koori Mail* is the exclusive Indigenous newspaper partner.

Those interested in attending or presenting

on any of the conference themes are encouraged to apply. Conference registration forms and further information is available on the website – www.isik.org.au



Aboriginal author and academic Professor Sally Morgan.

Trainees have drive to complete course



A 12-MONTH Indigenous trainee program conducted by the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) in the Hunter has produced its first graduates.

Nine Aboriginal people were awarded the Certificate III in Aged Care, and also gained their NSW provisional driver's licence.

State Minister for

Disability Services Paul Lynch said the difficulty involved in obtaining a driver's licence had been identified as a significant impediment to Aboriginal people obtaining employment.

"This program has played a significant role in changing that," he said.

"The trainees were employed for 20 hours a week through the department's Aboriginal Home Care Branch and were deployed into work

experience placements while undertaking study at TAFE and driver training.

An Indigenous driving school based in the Hunter provided the driver training.

Mr Lynch said the program had not only achieved all the goals of equipping and training Aboriginal people to work with Aboriginal clients in Home Care, but it had also achieved other significant benefits.



Veronica Ecenarro at the Charles Darwin University mid-year graduation ceremony for Central Australia, held in Alice Springs.

Helping parents help their kids



HELPING parents to help their children is proving truly satisfying for former Charles Darwin University student Veronica Ecenarro.

The teaching graduate co-ordinates the Alice Springs arm of an international program that helps struggling parents teach their children at home. Ms Ecenarro is based at the Indigenous Yipirinya School and runs the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters (Hippy).

She devotes her time to many families in Alice Springs town camps and surrounding communities where she helps parents tutor their children and become more engaged in their school studies.

The program introduces structured materials, readers and role plays to the parents and youngsters, empowering families with tools and confidence to understand and harness Western education.

"It's just having someone out there building up their confidence and self-esteem, and it's remarkable

to see what happens after this," Ms Ecenarro said.

"They want to be part of their children's schooling and I really enjoy helping them."

Ms Ecenarro originally came from One Arm Point, 200km north of Broome in Western Australia's far north, and moved to Alice Springs after 'falling in love with the place' when she visited her sister in 1996.

Qualifications

Armed with vocational education qualifications, Ms Ecenarro took up an assistant position at Yipirinya School in 2003. It was there she decided to further her studies at CDU, graduating with a Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) – now known as a Bachelor of Teaching and Learning.

"My passion has always been in education and working at the school. It was the right time for me to gain tertiary qualifications," she said.

"If you get the parents involved in teaching their children from an early age, it opens that channel between them and the school."

WA services join forces

By Perth Correspondent KEN BOASE



THE Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service (DYHS) in Perth and Bunbury Aboriginal Medical Service have united to form the Nyoongar Health Service in a move designed to bring

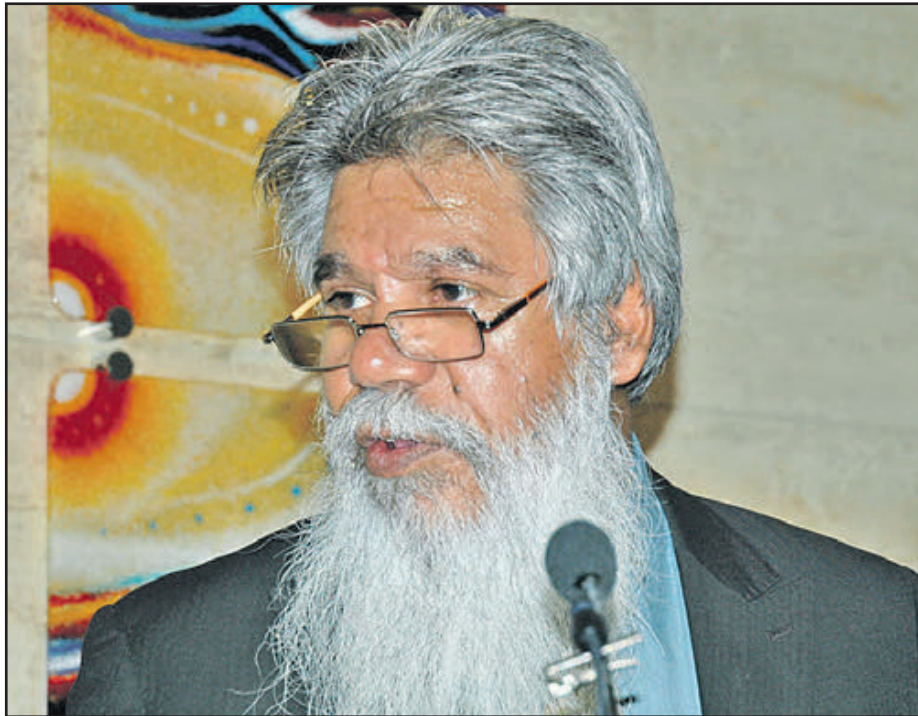
greater funding and focus to Indigenous health issues.

The service was formed at a recent Nyoongar Nation meeting in Mandurah. Another new health service is also planned for the Peel region, just south of Perth.

The change is part of a Nyoongar Nation initiative to take control of health and other vital services to help 'close the gap' and give Nyoongar people control over their lives.

DYHS President Ted Wilkes says the formation of the new umbrella organisation will result in the West Australian and Federal governments giving far more attention to Aboriginal health issues in the WA south-west.

Professor Wilkes said the Nyoongar nation of 30,000 people, the largest Indigenous language group in Australia, suffered the same problems as communities in more remote regions, but because of the high non-Aboriginal population, many issues were largely ignored. "We're aware that in the Northern Territory a lot of money has been put into the Aboriginal needs. And we're basically saying 'well don't forget about us over in the south-west corner of Australia'," he said.



Professor Ted Wilkes ... "We feel as though the Nyoongar people have been left out of the equation more often than not."

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The infrastructure already in place through the DYHS and Bunbury AMS will be used to better meet the health needs of Nyoongar people, as well as giving government the necessary compliance measures for increased funding.

"We're saying to government this time

around, here's the structure," Prof Wilkes said.

"We're putting it in place. You now need to look at how you're going to resource and fund it because it's in your interests because this is the most economical and viable way forward."

The planned Peel health service will be funded initially by DYHS and the Bunbury AMS.

Indigenous trainees on the job



ALMOST 50 Indigenous trainees have been recruited to help improve Aboriginal people's access to mental health services, NSW Minister

Assisting on Health (Mental Health) Barbara Perry says.

The mental health trainees have been recruited from local communities to work in areas that have a significant Aboriginal population.

"These new Aboriginal trainees form a crucial part of the mental health workforce in NSW," Ms Perry said.

"Rates of mental illness are higher among Aboriginal people, with the rate of suicide and self-harm in Aboriginal communities at least twice the national average.

"The trainees have a cultural understanding and knowledge of local communities that will encourage Indigenous people to seek access to mental health services.

Important

"That's why it's so important that the number of trainees has been growing steadily since the Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce Training program started in 2007."

The program, now in its third year, is also designed to help build and expand the Aboriginal mental health workforce in NSW.

The Aboriginal Mental Health Workforce program trainees are permanent, full-time employees of NSW Health. Under the program, trainees complete a Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) degree while also receiving on-the-job supervision and training.

The trainees are working in regional areas around NSW including Queanbeyan, Pambula, Goulburn, Young, Dubbo, Tumut, Albury, Griffith, Deniliquin, Moruya, Cowra, Bourke, Lightning Ridge, Taree, Armidale, Narrabri, Moree, Parkes, the Central Coast, Lithgow, Wollongong and Broken Hill.

Indigenous trainees have also been recruited to Sydney metropolitan positions in areas such as Maroubra, Mt Druitt, Parramatta, Bankstown, Camperdown, Blacktown, Ryde and Penrith.

A review of the Aboriginal Mental Health Worker Trainee program has found that the program has been implemented successfully in the areas of workplace preparation, recruitment, workplace training and support, and combining work and study.

DADHC cadets leading the way



SEVEN young Aboriginal people are working with community support teams from the

Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) in Sydney under a NSW Government cadetship program.

Disability Services and Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the young people were the first to be enrolled by DADHC under Indigenous Cadetship Program.

He said the seven would spend 12 weeks working with teams in Fairfield, Burwood, Rosebery and Hurstville to gain hands-on experience in their fields of study.

The six women and one man are also undertaking full-time tertiary study.

Five are enrolled in social work courses at the University of NSW, one is studying speech therapy at the University of Sydney and the other physiotherapy at Newcastle University.

"As part of their structured



PAUL LYNCH

induction program, they are working with a workplace buddy, or mentor, who is a member of the Aboriginal Network and are participating in Aboriginal Network training and team building events," Mr Lynch said.

Service spreading word on swine flu



SOUTH Eastern Sydney Illawarra Health is stepping up its swine flu public information campaign for Indigenous people. The service is producing more health messages

and updating information at www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/aboriginal_people/index.asp

The flu and other seasonal viruses are expected to continue to spread across the state.

Further information is also available from the swine flu hotline on 180 2007.

Health authorities continue to warn people not to be complacent despite falling numbers of people presenting with the flu.

NSW chief health officer Dr Kerry Chant said pregnant women, Aboriginal people and anyone with underlying chronic medical conditions, such as diabetes, lung, heart and kidney disease, who have moderate to severe illness should consult their doctor immediately.

Queensland Government



mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services. In addition there are also mobile and relocatable services.

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Early August, Georgetown. Mid to late August, Thursday Island. Early September, Dimbulah. Mid September, Chillagoe. Late September, Kowanyama & Wujal Wujal. Early October, Hopevale. Early to late October, Cooktown. Late October Yarrabah.

Gold Coast: August & September, Beenleigh.

Ipswich: Mid to late August, Plainland. September to early October, Goodna.

Mackay: Mid August to early September, Sarina. Mid September to late September, Proserpine. Early October to late October, Cannonvale.

Rockhampton: Early August, Tambo. Mid August, Blackall. Late August, Barcardine. Early September, Capella.

Sunshine Coast: Early August, Bribie Island. Mid September to mid October, Buderim.

Toowoomba: Early August, Allora. Mid August to late September, Gatton. Late September to December, Warwick.

Townsville: August to early September, Mt Isa. Early September, Julia Creek. Early October, Richmond. Mid October, Hughenden. Late October, Pentland. Late October to mid December, Charters Towers.

Wide Bay: Mid October, Agnes Water & Miriam Vale. Late October to late November, North Burnett.

As age is the biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer, the program targets women aged 50-69 years. Women over the age of 40 are also eligible. Women can arrange a free BreastScreen by calling 13 20 50, for the cost of a local call, and will be connected to their nearest BreastScreen Queensland Service. Individual and group bookings are also available.

EARLY DETECTION COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Doctor's high hopes

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ABORIGINAL doctor Mark Wenitong has left the 11th National University Rural Health Conference in Cairns with a renewed sense of hope.

Now more than ever, the Kabi Kabi man sees students motivated to learn all they can about Indigenous rural and remote issues.

"The one thing I saw was the amount of motivation and enthusiasm these students have for these issues," Dr Wenitong said.

The conference attracted almost 400 medical, nursing and allied health students to far north Queensland, with this year's theme 'Rural Health: Diverse Landscapes, Endless Opportunities' reflecting what Dr Wenitong says is a growing shift towards rural and remote postings.

Once the final frontier of health placements, Dr Wenitong said he was buoyed by the genuine interest he found at the conference, and he said this was in line with a growing national trend. "We've seen a fair bit of change in the past decade. What we are starting to see is a core group of medical and allied health students who are passionate and want to make a change in Indigenous health," he said.

Dr Wenitong is a strong advocate of a different approach to Indigenous health, with the dominant medical model being replaced with a more culturally appropriate and holistic one.

"We want to see real community consultations and real partnerships, how we communicate to our people and how we fit health into their lifestyle is the key," he said.

"Our communities have all the ideas, it's just that nobody ever thinks to ask them."

But Dr Wenitong does concede that, post-Apology to the Stolen Generations, there are stronger working relationships between Indigenous and mainstream health organisations.

As Senior Medical Officer of Apunipima Cape York Health Council, Dr Wenitong



Senior Medical Officer at Apunipima Cape York Health Council Dr Mark Wenitong with National Rural Health Students' Network Co-chairs Fiona Langelaan and Luke Smith and Rural Health Workforce Australia CEO Dr Kim Webber.

knows first-hand the burden of ill health that continues to plague remote Indigenous communities. "We need to seriously incorporate different ways to approach health in communities, consider the overarching traditional knowledge, culture and relationship to land," he said.

Dominant culture

"If health services are designed for and by the dominant culture, we need to consider how we go about being part of a change."

When the 2008 Federal audit of the rural health workforce highlighted an obvious disparity – the more remote the area, the more severe the shortage in health workers – it came as little surprise to remote Aboriginal communities.

The National Rural Health Students' Network (NRHSN) now has about 8500 members from universities across Australia and is, according to general consensus from the recent conference, growing.

NRHSN Co-chair and medical student Fiona Langelaan said the emphasis had been the shortage of doctors, but now there was evidence to suggest that Aboriginal health workers, dentists, nurses, midwives and other allied health professionals were also in great demand.

"It is widely accepted that the health of Australians proportionally decreases with their distance from major cities. Inequitable health care is a significant contributing factor, with the closest accessible health service often several hours away," she said.

Fellow Co-Chair and medical student Luke Smith added that recent research indicated students were motivated to 'go rural' if they were encouraged by their teachers, had opportunities to become involved in rural health clubs, experienced rural and remote placements and established peer supports and rural mentors.

"Income does not appear a significant factor in deciding whether to choose a rural or remote career. Instead, it is the professional and lifestyle opportunities that entice them," he said.

"And it is the multi-disciplinary initiatives which could prove the keys to attracting and supporting the next generation of health professionals in the rural and remote communities that need them so urgently."

Indigenous artists' hearts in exhibition



ABORIGINAL artists Lloyd Hornsby, Laurie Nilsen, Peter Muraay Djerippi Mulcahy, Debbie Taylor, Raquel

Jackson, Jennifer Herd and Bianca Beetson have taken their work north to raise awareness of Indigenous heart health. All are showing at the Heart Foundation's East Coast Aboriginal Art Exhibition, on now until 23 August at the

Townsville Cultural Centre.

The free exhibition celebrates the strength, tenacity and generosity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in taking a stand to join the fight against heart disease and demonstrate their commitment to 'closing the gap'.

"Over the last 35 years, rates of heart disease have significantly declined in Australia and other developed nations. Unfortunately the same

cannot be said of Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities," said Heart Foundation CEO Cameron Prout.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people between the ages of 25-34 are seven to 12 times more likely to die of heart disease than other Australians of the same age."

Through their work, these Aboriginal artists are able to share their personal stories and culture.

Better support goal of funding



PEOPLE with chronic disease are set to have improved access to a range of

support programs designed to help them better manage their conditions.

The Federal Government has approved a total of \$13.1 million to 82

organisations to deliver specific chronic disease self-management and lifestyle-risk modification.

About 2.5 million Australians suffer from a chronic disease, with this number predicted to rise to 3.5 million by 2016.

The 82 projects will concentrate on three areas:

- The education of health

professionals in chronic disease self-management

● Embedding chronic disease self-management into the health professional curriculum

● Education to reduce the risks of people developing a chronic disease and to help those with chronic disease to better manage their condition.



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Barkly's best at Tandanya



THE artistic landscape of 11 different language areas of the Barkly region in the

Northern Territory is being showcased at the National Aboriginal Cultural Institute – Tandanya this month in the exhibition 'Artists of the Barkly'.

The seeds for the exhibition were planted in December 2007 when a group of 10 Aboriginal women artists from Julalikari Arts in Tennant Creek, NT, sat down with staff and management from Tandanya.

Representing five different language groups from the Barkly region, which straddles the Northern Territory and Queensland borders and

covers 283,606 sq km, the women were on a professional development and arts industry study tour.

Barkly Regional Arts CEO Alan Murn said discussions began in earnest last year, and artists in the area were eager to join with Tandanya to help celebrate its 20th anniversary.

'Opportunity'

"They also saw an opportunity to tell their story through their most effective medium, the arts," he said.

Selection was not about artistic excellence alone, Mr Murn said, with the works telling an important regional story, addressing themes of country, culture, family, kinship, language, bush tucker, animals and community life.

He said the exhibition offered a 'visual conduit' to assist an audience 'down south' to understand.

As Junior Jupurrula Frank, from Nyinkka Nyunyu Arts, Tennant Creek, NT, explained: "Us Aboriginal people, we respect our country and our trees."

"When I go out and cut trees I respect that tree and I respect that country."

"When I make it into a boomerang or coolamon or something I put time and effort into it. We've got respect for everything we do and everything takes time and effort and patience."

Artist and curator Dr Brenda Croft will officially launch the exhibition tonight at 6pm. The exhibition runs until 27 September.



Barkly artist and exhibitor Junior Jupurrula Frank ... "Us Aboriginal people, we respect our country and our trees."

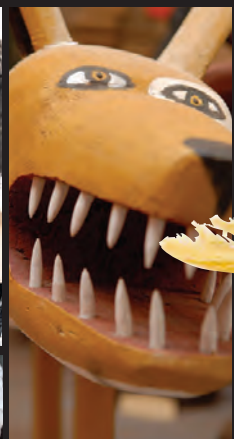
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Adelaide centre hosts 'Our Mob'



THE fourth annual 'Our Mob' exhibition is now on display at the Adelaide Festival Centre until 20 September.

Held as part of the 2009 SALA (South Australian Living Artists) Festival, this year's exhibition features 92 works by 84 South Australian Aboriginal artists from around the state, including the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, Ceduna, Port Lincoln, Yorke Peninsula, Port Augusta, the Riverland, Mt Gambier, the Coorong, Coober Pedy and more.

In what organisers say is a bright and colourful testament to South Australia's Aboriginal art community, the exhibition includes paintings, sculptures and prints and is an opportunity for artists to share their stories and traditions.

There's also an artist-in-residence program this week where visiting artists will demonstrate their skills and knowledge and explain stories behind their works through workshops for primary and secondary school students and teachers in the Artspace Gallery.

Bookings are essential and can be made through the Artspace Gallery on (08) 8216 8850.

All artworks are selected from submissions and are available for purchase, with entry free and open to all Aboriginal artists living and working in regional or remote areas of South Australia. Most of the money is returned to the artists and their communities, with the gallery's commission used to help run the exhibition and workshops.

As well as individual submissions,

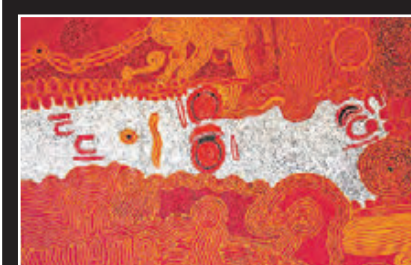
works have been submitted from 16 remote and regional Aboriginal arts centres.

'Our Mob' features partnerships between the Adelaide Festival Centre and Country Arts SA Arts Officers, Anangu Arts

and remote community art centre managers and the SICAD (Statewide Indigenous Community Art Development) project.

'Our Metro Mob', showcasing works by emerging and established Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists, is also at Tandanya until 4 October.

For more information, go to the website www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au



David Miller's 'Minyma Kutjara' 2009, Tjunga Palya will be part of the 'Our Mob' exhibition.

Success has Narisha thinking big



EMERGING Indigenous event producer Narisha Cash isn't sure what's next in

store for her – but she's thinking big.

And why not, after helping to steer this year's successful Blak Nite celebration of Indigenous culture in Adelaide.

Blak Nite – a signature event for Carclew Youth Arts and Kurruru Youth Performing Arts – celebrates Indigenous youth culture through music, fashion, food and art.

Since 1997 Blak Nite has been taken place every two years, offering a platform, especially for emerging artists and events crew, to gain experience.

With this in mind, for each Blak Nite event Carclew employs an emerging event producer to be mentored under the guidance of Program Manager Lee-Ann Buckskin.

This year, Cash jumped at the chance to take on a leading role with Blak Nite.

"Sometimes we don't choose our life paths, they choose us," she said.

"Being an artist myself, I



Indigenous event producer Narisha Cash, right with Blak Nite Program Manager Lee-Ann Buckskin.

wanted to stay connected to the arts and gain the industry experience.

"I was told I wouldn't succeed at finding the work, but that just made me try

even harder – and here I am now."

Cash said the role was intimidating, as she only had basic skills.

But she was also hungry

for the challenge.

"I was so surprised when this role was offered to me. But through this mentoring program, I've learnt so much!" she said.

"I've overcome the challenges and now feel a sense of achievement. It's been the biggest satisfaction of my whole career.

"My first involvement with Blak Nite was in 2005 as an aerosol art workshop participant.

"This opened my eyes up to this event, especially how much it can impact on one's development. I never thought that I would

eventually take the reins and put on Blak Nite!"

With the success of Blak Nite 2009 firmly under her belt, Cash acknowledges that her mentoring and hands-on experience have taught her much about herself.

"I know now that I am far more capable than I originally thought, and I have a knack for working under pressure," she said.

"I also know that confidence and organisation are skills to learn along the way.

"At this stage, I'm not 100 per cent sure what's next – but I'm thinking big!"

Grants a boost for WA arts



THE latest round of Indigenous Arts grants in Western Australia has been released.

State Arts Minister John Day

said the grants covered a range of artistic endeavours, including three projects that support the artistic development of Indigenous artists with disabilities.

He said the more than \$210,000 allocated would contribute to increasing capacity for Indigenous artists and arts projects in Perth and regional communities.

While \$80,000 of the funding would assist Indigenous artists with disabilities to develop their professional arts practice through the Access Indigenous Arts pilot initiative.

All applications to the Indigenous Arts Grants Program are peer-assessed by members of the arts sector including artists, arts managers and individuals with expertise and knowledge of Indigenous arts.

Recipients include:

● **City of Albany, Albany:** \$9000 for the involvement of local Indigenous and wider communities in various

sections of the annual Sprung: the Word Released Writers Festival program in Albany.

● **Pinjarra Katijin, Pinjarra:** \$10,000 for the Pinjarra massacre Interpretation Project.

● **Gascoyne Aboriginal Heritage and Cultural Centre, Carnarvon:** \$9000 on behalf of Jillinbirri Weavers, to employ an Indigenous arts development support worker.

● **Stalker Stilt Theatre Inc in collaboration with Marrugeku Theatre Company, Newtown/Broome:** \$18,620 to create a laboratory exploring notions of contemporary dance theatre in Indigenous contexts, including new influences and cultural pathways.

● **Mangkaja Arts Resource Agency, Fitzroy Crossing:** \$14,290 for a publication to accompany an exhibition by four Kimberley Aboriginal art centres.

● **Yarliyil Art Centre Aboriginal Corporation, Halls Creek:** \$41,000 for development of new art/craft work by artists in Halls Creek for exhibitions in Broome and Perth.

● **Yirra Yaakin Aboriginal Corporation, Perth:** \$19,800 on behalf of Maitland Schnarrs

for the development of a new play *If I Drown I Can Swim*.

● **Aboriginal Legal Service, Perth:** \$10,900 on behalf of Mrs Delores Roe, publication of a memoir by a member of the Stolen Generation.

● **Access Indigenous Arts Pilot Project, Three applications were funded to a total of \$81,014:** This is a Disability and the Arts Inclusion Initiative (DAII), run in partnership with the State Disability Services Commission.

● **Waringarri Aboriginal Arts, Kununurra:** \$19,920 to provide engagement, access and skill development opportunities for artists with disabilities.

● **Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts Australia (DADAA) Western Australia, Fremantle:** \$21,560 auspiced on behalf of Aquinas Crowe and Lisa Uhi to support an exhibition in Fitzroy Crossing and Fremantle by two Indigenous artists with disabilities.

● **Mungart Boodja Inc, Katanning:** \$39,534 to deliver a comprehensive professional development program for member artists in 2009-2010.

Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship



■ national gallery of australia Wesfarmers Arts

Consultation workshops are beginning for the Wesfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship, the new partnership between the National Gallery of Australia and Wesfarmers.

Designed to foster the next generation of professional Indigenous leaders in the visual arts, the Fellowship will focus on the many professional opportunities within the sector such as:

**Exhibitions
Management
Events**

**Development
Sponsorship
Marketing**

**Curatorship
Publishing
Education**

The National Gallery of Australia and Wesfarmers are seeking input from the visual and Indigenous arts sectors to inform the structure of this top level professional development opportunity with the Gallery.

Consultation workshops will be held on the following dates:

Sydney: Monday 17 August
Melbourne: Tuesday 18 August
Canberra: Wednesday 19 August
Cairns: Thursday 20 August
Adelaide: Tuesday 8 September

Alice Springs: Thursday 10 September
Darwin: Friday 11 September
Perth: Tuesday 20 October
Broome: Wednesday 21 Oct

Individuals and organisations working in the Indigenous visual arts sector across Australia are encouraged to participate in the national series of workshops.

Interested participants are invited to contact John Saulo at Cox Inall Ridgeway for further information johns@coxinallridgeway.com.au or 02 8204 3876

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Kids' artworks, fun on program at Macleay



THE Macleay Museum will mark the start of the University of Sydney's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Week (24 - 28 August) with the opening of a new exhibition of children's artwork and a fun art day that celebrates Indigenous culture and reconciliation. 'Living and

Working, Learning and Playing Together: Children's Reconciliation Artworks' officially opens at the Macleay Museum on Sunday, 23 August. It features some of the most imaginative works from the 2009 Reconciliation Week Primary Schools Art Competition, organised by the Eastern Region Local Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Forum.

The exhibition will display individual and group pieces by children aged five to 12 from participating schools including Darlington Primary, Kensington Public, Saint Fiacre's Leichhardt, Glebe Public, Annandale Public, St Andrew's Primary, Malabar, Gardeners Road Public Rosebery, La Perouse Public and Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo. With the theme of 'Living and

Working, Learning and Playing Together', the children have used paintings, drawings and sculpture to portray reconciliation.

The exhibition will be on display at the Macleay Museum at the main campus of the University of Sydney until Sunday, 4 October.

To officially launch the exhibition, children are invited to a kids Indigenous art day on

Sunday, 23 August, from noon to 4pm. From 1.30pm to 3.30pm, artist and printmaker Jeffrey Samuels will help children silk-screen print their own t-shirts (at a cost of \$10 a t-shirt) while free activities include making artworks to take home, touch tables, museum trails and mini-tours of the Macleay's Indigenous collection. Activities suit five to 12-year-olds.

Cairns set for fair

Inaugural event is 'start of a new era'



FOR artist Linda Jackson, this month's inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) heralds the start of a new era for art on Cape York.

"We're hoping there will be many more," she said.

Jackson is also the co-ordinator of the Mossman Textiles project, although these days she prefers the term 'story cloths', in reference to the stories which are passed on via the printed artworks.

For the past year she has been working with four Kuku Yalanji women – Pamela Salt, Lorna Shuan, Judy Shuan and Fiona Creek – transferring their artwork on to screen-printed silk scarves, in readiness for the CIAF, which runs from 21 to 23 August at the Tanks Arts Centre.

"Things have been hotting up towards the end," Jackson said.

"Working to a deadline, which is always good. It's exciting. People are coming from all over Cape York. It's a huge meeting place and it'll be great for all the artists to see what the other artists are doing."

CIAF will showcase work from dozens of Australia's leading Indigenous artists, galleries, arts organisations, publishers and Queensland's Indigenous art centres.

Finalists in the Telstra Art Awards Sally Gabori and Dennis Nona will be represented, as will Ricardo Idagi, who won the WA Indigenous Art Award.

CIAF Director Michael Snelling said the fair had been built up from scratch and he was delighted with how it was shaping up, although he could already see potential for it to grow.

He said the intention was to run it as an annual event, and the Qld Government had already committed to supporting the first three fairs. Geographically, he said, the fair covered artists from the south-east corner of the state to the Torres Strait and there already seemed to be plenty of interest from across the country.

"One of the artists was judging in Perth and he said they were all talking about it, which I thought was pretty good. From Cairns to Perth is about as far as you can go in Australia," he said.

On Friday 21 August there's a



From left, Pamela Salt, Krissy Thompson, Lorna Shuan, Fiona Creek, Hannah Parker and Linda Jackson with one of the paper works which will be featured at the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair from 21-23 August. Photos by DAVID CAMPBELL.

symposium exploring issues facing Indigenous art and artists, with contemporary Aboriginal artist Judy Watson and Walkley Award-winning journalist and author Nicolas Rothwell leading the debate as keynote speakers.

On the Friday night, some of Queensland's finest musicians will take to the stage for the concert event Bipperra Kymel: Sounds of FNQ and the Torres Strait. Christine Anu and Kuranda roots reggae outfit Zennith are headlining, with King Kadu (aka Ricardo Idagi), and multi-instrumentalist Will Kepa rounding out the bill.

Meanwhile, the Kids Art Corner features a program of activities on the Saturday and Sunday. Artist and educationalist Barbara Piscitelli will be running a special project called Children's Picture Diaries, supported by the State Library of Queensland, exploring identity and self. Several emerging artists will also be working with the children, conducting workshops and guiding them in practical classes. Activities are free and include drawing, mural work, multi-media and crafts.

For more information go to www.ciaf.com.au



Lorna Shuan with the beginnings of a traditional woven basket, which has been used as a design feature in one of the screen-prints.

Melbourne premiere for Jimmy Chi classic

The new Australian film *Bran Nue Dae* premiered at the Melbourne International Film Festival last Saturday. AAP's Diana Plater spoke to the creator of the musical it's based on, Jimmy Chi, in his hometown of Broome, and the film's director, Rachel Perkins, before the launch.

THE film and musical *Bran Nue Dae* is based on Jimmy Chi's own story. It tells of a young Aboriginal man, Willie, growing up in the old pearling town of Broome in the 1960s.

His mother has high hopes for him and sends him to a Catholic school in Perth for further schooling, but he runs away after an incident and heads back home.

At his home in Broome, Chi explains he grew up in this much-loved town, the son of a Bardi/Scots Aboriginal woman and a Chinese/Japanese wharfie.

In the late 1960s there wasn't a state or Catholic high school in town so, like other bright children, he was sent to Perth to continue his education. With him was his friend and fellow altar boy, singer and actor Stephen (Baamba) Albert (who later was to perform in *Bran Nue Dae*).

Both had wanted to be priests and would get up in the early hours of the morning to help with mass. But boarding at the Pallotine Training Centre they changed their minds when the priests 'belted all the spirituality out of us'.

"When we went down to Perth we really believed we had a purpose in life – we had to go out and save people," Chi says.

But they discovered priests were just human beings like everybody else.

"It was shattering," he says.

Chi went on to become one of the first Aboriginal university students in WA. Then a car accident changed all that.

"My mates told me, at least it'll make you go to church," Chi recounts with his infectious laugh.

The rest was not so funny. Coming out of a three-week coma, Chi found he had developed mental illness – first diagnosed as schizophrenia but now considered bipolar.

He became depressed and suicidal, eating gallons of ice-cream and ending up weighing 127kg.

If it wasn't for his faith, his doctors and nurses and people he met along the way, he probably wouldn't be here today.

Life has been a constant struggle with moments of creative brilliance and others of deep depression, despite the support of family and friends.

It was music that helped him keep some sort of equilibrium.

Back in Broome in 1970, he bought himself a guitar and started writing songs, by himself, then with Stephen Pigram and Michael Manolis. Then in the early 1980s Jimmy, Stephen, Michael, Garry Gower and Patrick Bin Amat (the band Kuckles) went to Adelaide to study music at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM).

Later, with the support of Andrew Ross and Duncan Ord from the WA Theatre Company in Perth, he was able to turn these songs into an award-winning

New day for *Bran Nue Dae*



Director Rachel Perkins on the set in Broome with actors Jessica Mauboy and Rocky McKenzie during filming of *Bran Nue Dae*. AAP Image

stage musical, which toured the country.

His next musical, *Corrugation Road*, was Chi's take on 'mental health and staying alive despite the suffering'.

"*Bran Nue Dae* was about me and Baamba's and others' journeys and to explain the Aboriginal viewpoint of Broome on the issues surrounding what

was happening in Australia," he says, pointing out he's happy with what he's seen of the film.

While some of the songs are beautifully romantic, some such as the title song biting satire the way white Australia views Aboriginal people – a view that's still relevant in 2009.

Rachel Perkins, the daughter of activist the late Charles

Perkins, fell in love with the musical and even wanted to be in it when she first saw it in 1991.

In the meantime, she directed a musical film, *One Night The Moon*, with Paul Kelly and the feature, *Radiance*, in 1995 with Deborah Mailman, then became one of the directors, co-writers and producers of the SBS documentary series *First*

Australians, which has won a 2009 NSW Premier's Literary Award for best script and a Logie for the most outstanding documentary series.

Graeme Isaac, who produced landmark film *Wrong Side of the Road*, about the Aboriginal bands No Fixed Address and Us Mob, had bought the rights to the musical and Perkins came on board about eight years ago.

The script has very slowly been developed and the story changed with the assistance of Chi and eventually in late 2008 the film was shot in Broome and Perth.

Perkins loved the experience, describing Broome as a 'magical, beautiful, exotic place' despite the heat of the 'suicide season' before the Wet.

She describes the tale as a multi-cultural one of Germans, hippies and the people of Broome, many of whom are descended from Asian pearl divers and Aboriginal women.

"It's a rite of passage of a young boy becoming a man and the struggle he has between his love for his girl, his respect for his mum and his faith, those three things that are driving his life and ultimately he has to choose his own path ... It's perhaps a journey all young people make to forge their own path," she says.

"...It's the pull of Broome that makes him want to go home, so it's rooted very much in Broome.

"...We needed Jimmy to always be there ... to make sure we hadn't gone off on some serious tangent, that the tone and the joyousness and the celebratory nature, that everybody's poked fun at and everybody's forgiven...that they're okay in the end, that that was maintained.

"... he contributed dialogue, lines and ideas and also kept the project on track, in terms of its view on the world."

For those who saw the musical, the love story between Willy and Rosie is more developed, but the original 26 songs have been cut back to 12. The cast includes Geoffrey Rush playing Father Benedictus, Jessica Mauboy as Rosie, Ningali Lawford playing Willie's mum, Dan Sultan, and two new characters – Deborah Mailman as a wild Kimberley woman, and Magda Szubanski as a gun-toting roadhouse lady.

"It's so over the top, it's hyped and surreal and a bit ridiculous and fun and entertaining," Perkins says.

"That's what people love about it. We were conscious when we began that we didn't want to mess with the thing that people love about it – the joyousness and its cheekiness and we tried to keep that intact. So, yes, Geoffrey hams it up, everybody does."

Perkins answers the obvious question about whether the film has a political message by saying, 'I think it's a story that everyone is human and everyone has faults and in the end you can get over things and people can be forgiven for their faults.'

"... There is an undercurrent of history and politics that run under the film, but it's only there for the people who really understand it and have an insight into those things. Other people can just watch it as a funny comedy/road movie. And hopefully that's the success of it, that it can speak to people on different levels."

Message Stick celebrates 10 years

Presenter Miriam Corowa, Uncle Bob Randall and other staff, former staff and guests at the 10th anniversary celebration for *Message Stick*.



PRESENTER Miriam Corowa loves her job hosting ABC-TV's Indigenous program *Message Stick*.

The Bundjalung (northern NSW) woman told *The Koori Mail* it was a pleasure to work on the program because it

gave a voice to Indigenous people.

And that is what it has been doing for the past ten years.

The half-hour program features profile stories, interviews, short films and even cooking segments, and allows Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to tell their stories in their own way.

The cast, crew and friends gathered in Sydney last month to celebrate the 10-year milestone, and the 10th birthday show was due to air last Sunday.

Among the guests were Uncle Bob Randall, Richard Frankland, Sean Choolburra and Casey and Emma Donovan.

Past presenters of *Message Stick* have included Rachael Maza, Kelrick Martin, Deborah Mailman, Aden Ridgeway and Trisha Morton-Thomas.

● *Message Stick* screens at 1.30pm Sundays on ABC1 and is repeated at 6pm on Fridays on ABC1 and 5pm Mondays on ABC2.

Race to understand languages



The last speaker of the Martuthunira language, Algie Paterson, shown just before his death. Photo printed with permission



LINGUISTS at The University of Western Australia are in a race against time to understand

how Australian Aboriginal languages conceptualise time, before their last speakers die.

In many cases, languages have already disappeared without a trace, and in others only a handful of Elders still speak the language of their parents.

Professor Alan Dench and Associate Professor Eve-Marie Ritz are working on a collaborative project with linguists from Melbourne, Paris, Manchester and Leuven (Belgium) universities to analyse languages from communities in the Pilbara, the Northern Territory, Torres Strait and Cape York.

Understanding the ways in which all humans employ

grammar to express concepts such as past/present/future, the sequencing of events, necessity and possibility, is the work of linguistic semantics – and this has not yet been done in any detail with Australian Aboriginal languages, Associate Professor Ritz said.

Content

Professor Dench has spent the past 30 years working on Australian Aboriginal languages. His 1995 book, *Martuthunira: Language in the Pilbara Region of Western Australia*, was written with the help of Martuthunira's last fluent speaker, Elder Algie Paterson, who died within days of its publication, but content in the knowledge that his language would not be forgotten.

"There's an urgent need to document what is still known of Australian Aboriginal languages and to analyse

aspects of them, such as the ways in which their different grammars reflect concepts found in every language," said Associate Professor Ritz.

"What we learn may well influence the direction of future theoretical work in understanding the expression of time in natural language."

With their co-researchers in the International Researcher Exchange Scheme, the UWA pair will analyse a large body of existing texts to develop hypotheses about how each language system codes time, and then design questions that can be put to speakers to test their hypotheses.

Associate Professor Ritz said she became interested in Australian Aboriginal languages while working on contemporary Australian English, which reflects medieval French in its use of the present perfect tense to describe an event in the past.

Welcome to The Koori Mail's National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to calendar@koomail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

Until 14 August: NAIDSA Audition Program. If you are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander 18-30 years of age, you can audition for NAIDSA Dance College for free. A three-day October audition for 2010 enrolments. No dance experience or school qualifications required. Details: 1800 117 116 or (02) 4340 3100 or email naisda@naisda.com.au or visit www.naisda.com.au

Until 19 August: Youth Challenge Australia/Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Expression of Interest. This is a seven-week community development and cultural exchange project in Vanuatu between 5 December 2009-18 January 2010. Ages from 18-30 years. Spaces are limited. For more information on eligible criteria call (02) 0514 5512 or visit www.youthchallenge.org.au

Until 23 August: Ricky Maynard 'Portrait of a Distant Land'. The artist is the focus of this exhibition which comprises a selection of 60 images from six bodies of work developed over more than two decades of practice. Talks and performances, Elders' tour, panel discussions and more. Held at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George 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 12 September: Kambarang Treasures – the Paintings of Shane Pickett-Art Exhibition. All welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay

www.stkildafilmfestival.com.au

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

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

12 August-12 September: Two art exhibitions. *From Puunyas to Paintings* – Old Girls from Lockhart River, Qld, and *Essence* – Veronica Collins, Griffith NSW. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or email info@hogarthgalleries.com or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

21-23 August: Cairns

sharon.todd@kormilda.nt.edu.au or visit www.kormilda.nt.edu.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

4 September: Kirinari Hostel golf day. Come and join in on this fantastic fundraising event to support the hostel. Plenty of prizes, men, women and junior players welcome with breakfast and lunch included. All welcome. Held at Kareela Golf Course. Details: Frank Gorrel on (02) 9522 6241 or Mick Coombes (0434) 607 697 or email coombesmp@broadlex.com.au

5 September: La Perouse Community Ball. Theme – Honouring Our Elders and Nurturing Our Youth Ball. All welcome. Held at the Mercure Hotel, Sydney Airport. Details: Ruth on (0425) 290 066 or call (02) 9311 4282.

13-19 September: Disability Action Week. The Disability Action Week Awards are an opportunity to recognise individuals, groups and organisations contributing to making life better for people with a disability. All welcome. Held at the Ipswich Girls Grammar School hockey fields, corner of Chermiside Road and Jacaranda St, East Ipswich. Details: 1800 177 120 or visit www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek

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

3-5 October: Darug Reunion and Corroboree. All welcome.

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Cape York culture at centre of Weipa event

WEIPA, in far north Queensland, is gearing up for a festival organisers hope will shine a spotlight on the region's rich culture.

Weipa Fest, with the theme 'Land and Sea, You and Me', will be held from 18-20 September at Rocky Point, near the Cape York town.

Organisers from the local Malaruch Aboriginal Corporation, together with event co-ordinator Dr Farvardin Daliri, have planned a diverse program of song, dance, art and more.

Traditional Indigenous foods will be a focus, with kup murriss (traditional ground ovens) planned, and there will also be stalls at the festival site.

Dr Daliri is also organising this month's Townsville Cultural Fest, and he has invited Malaruch corporation's Weipa Fest organisers Jacqui and Katrina Madua to attend.

"I think they will gain a lot from what they see in

Townsville," he said.

The Malaruch Corporation, the recent recipients of returned traditional lands around Weipa and Napranum, are seeking to

revive their traditions and culture, and see the festival as an ideal way to do this.

● More details on Weipa Fest at www.weipafest.com.au



Farvardin Daliri and Jacqui Madua.

Street, Subiaco, WA. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.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.stkildafilmfestival.com.au

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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

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

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

28 August: Essendon Football Club's Reconciliation Action Plan launch. Launched by Professor Mick Dodson. Morning tea provided. All welcome. Held at the Essendon Football Club Hall of Fame, Napier St, Essendon. Details: Coco Eke on (03) 9230 0363 or email ceke@essendonfc.com.au

28-30 August: Kormilda College 20th anniversary. Celebrating 20 years of teaching and learning as an Anglican and Uniting Church School (1989 to 2009). There will be an Australian rules football game, basketball game – current students v past students, live music and performances, food and drinks and more. All welcome. Held in Berrimah, NT. Details: Sharon Todd on (08) 8922 1639 or email

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Held at Muru Mittigar, 1951 Castlereagh Rd, Cranebrook. Details: Sandra Lee (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 325 or email darug_tribal@live.com.au or visit www.darug.org.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

28-30 October: Indigenous Health Delivery Forum '09. This forum will bring together key agencies to discuss their experiences with different models of Indigenous health delivery. Speakers include Professor Lisa Jackson-Pulver from Uni NSW, Frances Rigney from SHINE SA, Gil Hainey from Royal Flying Doctor Service, Darlene Robertson from Regional Health and more. All welcome. Cost involved. Held at the Novotal Hotel, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email conferences@TonkinCorporation.com

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

22-25 November: Fifth National Indigenous Education Conference. Theme: 'Strength in Community: Closing the Gap'. Keynote speakers include, Tom Calma, Dr Lorna Williams, Tija Bayles and more. All welcome. Held at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania. Details: (03) 6231 2999 or email info@cdesign.com.au or visit www.niec09.org

30 November-1 December: Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge (ISIK) Conference 2009. Title 'Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge: Dialogue or Conflict in the Academy? This conference will draw colleagues from across the field of education and research to discuss and share developments in areas of Indigenous knowledge and Indigenous Studies. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle campus, Perth, WA. Details: Joy Neri on (08) 6488 3428 or email jneri@sis.uwa.edu.au or visit www.isik.org.au

Indigenous flavour at Townsville festival

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS Australians are set to play a major role in this week's Townsville Cultural Fest.

Thousands pack the north Queensland city's Strand Park for the Fest, which this year has the theme 'Unity in Diversity'.

The depth of Indigenous Australians' involvement was detailed at the official launch of the Fest on 31 July.

The program includes performances by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance groups, bush tucker stalls and more.

Looking on at the launch, Boigu Islander Thomas Auda said he would attend 'for sure'.

Among the entertainers was the Logohu group, consisting of John Manaao, Rose Tatnell, Maggie Baison and five-year-old Manuela Arua.

Indigenous women holidaying from Mount Isa, Narrie George, 27, and Desirae Caulton, 20, were impressed with the launch. "We will be here for sure," Ms George said.

Other events on the program for the five-day 15th anniversary festival include hula extravaganzas, mega drumming circles, the Global Village, ZincFM's Q150 Tropigo Street Carnival, Bollywood night and the Cultural Fest Idol competition.

Manuela Arua beats the drum.



Narrie George, left, and Desirae Caulton, from Mount Isa, in front of the dragon boats where entertainers stood.

SBS offers journalism opportunities



IMAGINE a job where you could travel Australia, meet interesting mob, and help to tell their stories.

If the idea of that appeals, then the SBS Indigenous Cadetship program could be just for you.

Now in its third year, the cadetship program provides one year of comprehensive journalism training within SBS's News and Current Affairs Department as well as training in all facets of TV production.

At the end of the cadetship, there could well be a job waiting in a show like *Living Black*.

SBS Director of News and Current Affairs Paul Cutler said the cadetship program recognised just how tough it was for Indigenous people to make it through to mainstream journalism.

"Journalism is a very competitive profession in Australia. The bar has been raised and as a result, it's been particularly difficult for Indigenous

candidates to win media jobs and university places in journalism courses," he said.

"But we do need Indigenous faces in journalism in Australia and SBS is leading the way on this front."

Living Black Executive Producer and Presenter Karla Grant said the cadetship program was very important for Indigenous Australia.

"Australia needs more Indigenous journalists and this cadetship is a great way to boost our numbers in the mainstream media," she said.

Ms Grant told *The Koori Mail* that *Living Black* journalists were often required to work alone, travel to remote areas, and needed good technical knowledge.

"On *Living Black* you can be sent out on your own to various parts of the country, into places you normally couldn't get into," she said.

"If you go to remote areas with a huge crew, that can be a bit daunting for the community, so being able to send one

person is a huge plus.

"You can move about easily and get people to feel more comfortable telling their stories.

Ms Grant said the SBS cadetship program offered a great 'leg-up' for the right Indigenous person.

"There's a lot of people out there who are interested, but it is a very competitive industry," she said.

She said a degree was not required to apply for an Indigenous cadetship.

The cadetship will be advertised on the SBS website and national newspapers in late September. There will be a rigorous selection process with the new cadet commencing at SBS in late January 2010.

Meanwhile, Ms Grant said *Living Black* would return to air at 6pm on 31 August.

And although enjoying her leave, she said she was looking forward to the program's return, as it would be aired from Uluru.

"I've never been to Uluru so I am really looking forward to getting back to work," she said.



KARLA GRANT

Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Former Yarrabah baker Darrell Geary with his best apprentice award ... "I encourage anyone considering an apprenticeship to give it a go. It can be a truly rewarding experience."



Ex-Yarrabah lad is cream of crop



FORMER Yarrabah baker Darrell Geary can truly claim the mantle of cream of the crop after being named north Queensland's best apprentice at the 2009 North Queensland Training Awards, held in Townsville. The 28-year-old Tropical North Queensland TAFE apprentice was selected from more than 100 finalists from across north Queensland, including the Torres Strait. Tropical North Queensland TAFE

Director Jo Pyne said Mr Geary demonstrated the strength of local talent on show at the awards. "All three Apprentice of the Year finalists were from far north Queensland, which is a credit to them, their employers and their TAFE teachers," Ms Pyne said. "It is a tremendous honour to be recognised at this level and Darrell is a deserving winner. "He is a great role model to not only Indigenous youth but young apprentices all over Queensland."

Mr Geary started his apprenticeship with Yarrabah Bakery in 2006 after being approached at an opportune moment. "It was about 7am and I walked into the Yarrabah Bakery to pick up the bread order for the local service station," he said.

Offered a job

"The bakery was flat out and while waiting for my order I was offered a job, right there and then, so I took it." Mr Geary has also worked at

Gordonvale's Pie-Faction Bakery, and was awarded Best NQ Bakery Apprentice at the recent Queensland Bakery Awards.

"I never thought I would get this far in my career – I just set out to do the best I could," he said.

"I encourage anyone considering an apprenticeship to give it a go. It can be a truly rewarding experience."

Mr Geary will now compete at the Queensland finals in Brisbane on 11 September.

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GENERAL MANAGER, OAK VALLEY

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Full Time (2 Year Contract)

Vac No: C5127/2009

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Enquiries and Applications to: Diana Quaglia, Human Resource Support Officer, GPO Box 2343, Adelaide SA 5001, ph 08 8226 8931 or email quaglia.diana@dpc.sa.gov.au

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You will use your significant experience of community life of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders and their cultural traditions, histories and protocols to establish new, and maintain current partnerships to develop our campaign.

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APS Level 5

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Closing Date: 27 August 2009

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Enquiries: Ann Landrigan

T: 02 6248 2040 E: ann.landrigan@nfsa.gov.au

Selection Documentation: For all necessary selection documentation please visit www.nfsa.gov.au/about_us/employ-jobs.html

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Applications, addressing the Core Selection Criteria must be received by close of business on **Friday 21st August 2009**.

Completed applications should be forwarded to:
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Reference Number: 09-0555

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Reference Number: 09-0556

Applications are sought from energetic and motivated people with skills and experience from a number of different backgrounds including policy development, program management, analysis and reporting, and budget and finance or a combination of these. This is an opportunity to play a vital part in improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' access to comprehensive primary health care.

Contact officer: Stephanie Maycock on (02) 6289 5294 or stephanie.maycock@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 27 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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High performing, motivated, enthusiastic and committed people are needed to join the General Employment Services Group within DEEWR. Interested individuals should have strong problem solving skills, be strategic thinkers and have excellent communication skills. These positions will interest you if you have experience in program management, including Indigenous programs, or if you are looking to extend your experience in operational policy.

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Contact Officer: Lynne Stevenson (02) 6121 7928

Applications close: 27 August 2009

How to Apply

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In this role you'll undertake projects interpreting accounting policy, procedures and systems, while liaising with stakeholders to ensure the integrity of the SAP Financials system. Performing property related quality assurance activities, you'll also contribute to the development and implementation of plans and strategic procedures for asset, property and contract management.

To succeed you'll have an understanding of our financial management framework, coupled with practical accounting experience and the capacity to analyse information and provide solutions. If you can operate relevant financial management information systems and software applications and have strong interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills, apply now.

Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively. Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees. Applicants to submit detailed applications as their primary claim to the position. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting www.ato.gov.au/careers. You must submit your application by 20 August 2009.

More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Allison Pratt on (02) 6216 6112.

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Ideally you'll have knowledge of relevant systems, including SAP Assets and Financials, coupled with the ability to work independently. If you can liaise effectively with a range of stakeholders, plus interpret and apply property operations legislation and policies, we'd love to hear from you.

Applicants must be prepared to be security cleared at the appropriate level. Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively. Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees.

Applicants to submit detailed applications as their primary claim to the position. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

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More information

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Western Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Incorporated

The Western Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Inc. (WDVCAS) is a community based non-profit organisation funded by the State Government and managed by Legal Aid NSW through the Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Program. Due to the expansion and restructure of the WDVCAS we are seeking the services of an appropriately qualified woman to fill the position of:

Aboriginal Specialist Worker

18 hours per week

The worker will assist women seeking protection from domestic violence through the justice system at Dubbo, Wellington, Narromine and Gilgandra local courts.

One of the essential criteria is a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the dynamics, complexities and legal and social welfare consequences of domestic violence.

Being an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander woman is a genuine occupational requirement for this positions pursuant to Sections 14d and 31 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Applicants are requested to seek an employment package by phoning (02) 6884 9489 or emailing admin_wdvcas@crt.net.au

An offer of employment will be conditional upon satisfactory criminal and working with children checks.

Applications close on **Wednesday 26th August** and must include the names and telephone numbers of two referees and be addressed to the **Chairperson, Western Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service Inc. P O Box 274, Dubbo, NSW, 2830.**

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



SENIOR POLICY OFFICER

Koori Justice Unit

\$73,104 - \$88,450 plus superannuation

Position No DJ5012

The Koori Justice Unit, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategy Branch, is primarily responsible for co-ordinating implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) across the Victorian Government and the justice system.

The AJA is in it's second phase and its strategic focus is to prevent further progression of young Koories into the criminal justice system as well as the reduction of re-offending.

The Aboriginal Justice Forum (AJF) is the peak body responsible for overseeing the development, implementation and monitoring of the AJA. The AJF meets quarterly and gives expression to the Government - Koori community partnership at the highest level.

We are currently seeking a Senior Policy Officer to join the Policy team to provide secretariat support (policy and administrative support) to the AJF.

This is an Identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Identified Positions do not have an exemption under the Equal Opportunity Act (1995) for the filling of an Identified Position by an Indigenous person only.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 26th August 2009

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National Development Officer

In this role you will work closely with NAISDA staff, National agencies, funding bodies and communities throughout Australia. The implementation of the strategy will result in positive and sustainable employment outcomes for NAISDA staff, students and Indigenous people in communities throughout Australia.

The successful applicant will have expertise and experience in strategic planning and program implementation in the education and performing arts fields.

Duration: 12 months with view to permanency

Go to www.naisda.com.au for information package or call Sue Gosson 02 43403100.

Applications close: 7 September 2009

NAISDA considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)

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Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Administrative Officer – Level 3

Obstetrics and Gynaecology,
John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Perm Part Time, 16 hpw

Position No: 64128

This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Enquiries: Pauline Williamson, (02) 4921 4385.

Clinical Support Officer

(Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)

John Hunter Hospital New Lambton (Newcastle) and The Maitland Hospital

Multiple positions, Perm Full/Part Time Position No: 64208

This position has been targeted to be filled by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Enquiries: Julie Smith, (02) 4985 3286.

Closing Date: 26 August 2009.

Endorsed Enrolled Nurse

Muswellbrook

Perm Full/Part Time and Casual positions
Eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions Position No: 64044
Enquiries: Hilary Walker, (02) 6542 2081.

Registered Nurse

Merriwa

Perm Full/Part Time Position No: 63458
Enquiries: Cheryl Mead, (02) 6532 5000.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Integrated Chronic care for Aboriginal People Program
Community Health, Cessnock

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 64154
Enquiries: Suzanne Buckman, (02) 4991 0438.

Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife

Scone

1x Temp Part Time, 12 hpw
1x Temp Part Time, 16 hpw for 3 months
1x Temp Part Time, 20 hpw for 12 months
Position No: 63912
Enquiries: Lesley Roser, (02) 6540 2160.

Aboriginal Sexual Health Worker

Population Health, Tamworth

Temp Full Time, until June 2011 Position No: 64047
Enquiries: Ailsa MacKenzie, (02) 4924 6244.

Trainee Administrative Officer (Aboriginal)

Greater Newcastle Cluster, Wallsend

Temp Full Time Position No: 62806
Enquiries: Lynette Abramow, (02) 4985 5135.

FOR ABOVE 4 POSITIONS:

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

**Closing Date for all positions
(unless specified): 28 August 2009**

Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. Salary and conditions in accordance with relevant award. Hunter New England Health promotes the values of Teamwork, Honesty, Respect, Ethics, Excellence, Caring, Courage & Commitment and is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

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Relevant formal tertiary qualifications will be highly regarded. Experience in policy development and implementation, strategic program development and business management are essential.

Applications close 8am, 17 August 2009. To obtain a position description and a copy of selection criteria, please email bmlaw@bowden-mccormack.com.au

Applications to: Mutchirr Corporation Ltd
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GPO Box 2644 DARWIN NT 0801
bmlaw@bowden-mccormack.com.au

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To obtain further information and the position requirements please download a copy of the recruitment package and application form at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/jobs

Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package to apply.

Inquiries: email graduates@environment.nsw.gov.au, or phone (02) 9585 6802.

Information Packages: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/jobs or phone (02) 9585 6802.

Closing date: 11 September 2009



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Assistant Hostel Manager

Tamworth

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\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

- Part time 15.20 hours per week
- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Chris Allan on 02 6761 3859.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 28 August 2009.

This is a Medical Transient/Transient hostel.

Assistant Hostel Manager

Sydney, Marrickville

Ngadu Hostel
APS Level 2
\$264.54 - \$315.76 per week, plus superannuation

Duties

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- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

Want to know more?

Contact Ralph Rigby on 02 9554 7954.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

Closing date

By 5pm 28 August 2009.

This is a Transient hostel.

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Careers in Health

Nursing

Enrolled Nurse (Pacific Islander) – Chronic Disease Management Service, Community Health Services, Ipswich Health Plaza, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District. Salary between \$32 676 - \$45 810 p.a. (Nurse Grade 3) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09WM07609. **Duties/Abilities:** The Enrolled Nurse, under supervision, participates in the prevention and management of chronic disease, particularly Diabetes, within the Pacific Islander Community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Pacific Islander community. **Enquiries:** Tracey Tellam (07) 3817 2445. **Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Allied Health/Clinical Support

Community Dietitian/Nutritionist (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health) – Indigenous Health Service, Division of Community, Aged Care and Rehabilitation Services, Gold Coast area, Gold Coast Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$84 093 p.a, comprising salary between \$50 145 - \$73 704 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (HP3) (Temporary position for up to 12 months from September 2009. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy.) JAR: H09GC07527. **Duties/Abilities:** Develop, deliver and evaluate culturally appropriate nutrition promotion and prevention interventions at District level in collaboration with the Indigenous Health Service team; Statewide Nutrition Promotion Network; the Gold Coast Population Health Unit Network's Public Health Nutrition Team; District health staff and other government and non-government organisations. **Enquiries:** Melissa Browning (07) 5525 5707 or 0416 258 266. **Application Kit:** (07) 5537 0394 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Advanced Health Worker – Sexual Health, Primary Health Program, Ipswich Sexual Health Service, Community Health, Ipswich Health Plaza, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$64 546 p.a., comprising salary between \$51 305 - \$56 572 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09WM07500. **Duties/Abilities:** The position functions in the multidisciplinary Sexual Health Team within the Primary Health Program to promote efficient and effective team work and to ensure a proactive public health response in the areas of sexually transmitted infection, HIVAIDS and Hepatitis C particularly to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of this community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. **Enquiries:** Dianne Farrell (07) 3817 2428. **Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Generalist Health Workers – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Mount Isa, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49 675 p.a., comprising salary of \$41 354 - \$43 538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Three positions. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI07490. **Duties/Abilities:** Possess the skills, experience and training to perform a range of duties in the provision of day to day support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the delivery, maintenance and promotion of health care, including high quality preventive health care while operating within the structure of a multidisciplinary field Health Team. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Enquiries:** Leanne Parker (07) 4744 7109. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 31 August 2009.

Advanced Health Worker – Indigenous Child Health, Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Normanton, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$56 983 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 403 - \$49 943 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09MI07576. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide high quality culturally appropriate services and work collaboratively with other members of a multidisciplinary team in the provision of child health services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Normanton working with the Community Midwife/ Nurse and in collaboration with the community and other health professionals. **Enquiries:** Leanne Parker (07) 4744 7109. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Allied Health/Clinical Support continued...

Advanced Health Worker – Cardiac/Chronic Heart Disease, Mount Isa Hospital, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$56 983 p.a., comprising salary between \$45 403 - \$49 943 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09MI07566. **Duties/Abilities:** Support clinicians to provide cardiology inpatient and outpatient health care including cardiovascular health and rehabilitation for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples accessing the Mount Isa Health Service District with suspected or at high risk of developing cardiac disease. This will be achieved using approaches that are both clinically and culturally acceptable. **Enquiries:** Michael Newman 0400 144 498. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Generalist Health Worker – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Mornington Island, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49 675 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 354 - \$43 538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI07487. **Enquiries:** Leanne Parker (07) 4744 7109.

Generalist Health Worker – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Normanton, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49 675 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 354 - \$43 538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09MI07488. **Enquiries:** Jocelyn Turner (07) 4745 1241.

Generalist Health Worker – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Doomadgee, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$49 675 p.a., comprising salary between \$41 354 - \$43 538 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (003) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09MI07493. **Enquiries:** Anne O'Keefe (07) 4745 8232.

To apply for the positions grouped above:

Duties/Abilities: A Generalist Health worker will have the skills, experience and training to perform a range of duties in the provision of day-to-day support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the delivery, maintenance and promotion of health care including high quality preventive health care while operating within the structure of a multidisciplinary field Health Team. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

Trainee Health Workers – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Doomadgee, Mount Isa Health Service District. Salary between \$37 276 - \$41 135 p.a. (002) (Two temporary positions up to 18 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI07426. **Enquiries:** Judy McDonald (07) 4744 4456.

Trainee Health Worker – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Normanton, Mount Isa Health Service District. Salary between \$37 276 - \$41 135 p.a. (002) (Temporary position up to 18 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI07436. **Enquiries:** Jocelyn Turner (07) 4745 1241.

Trainee Health Workers – Aboriginal and Islander Health Program, Primary Health Care Unit, Mount Isa, Mount Isa Health Service District. Salary between \$37 276 - \$41 135 p.a. (002) (Four temporary positions up to 18 months. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI07437. **Enquiries:** Leanne Parker (07) 4744 7109.

To apply for the positions grouped above:

Duties/Abilities: This trainee position is responsible for providing, under supervision, a range of health services that assists in the prevention, early detection and management of health problems and to work with the community, to address health issues in partnership with community and other government departments. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. **Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus **Closing Date:** Monday, 24 August 2009.

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Permanent Full-Time Caseworker

Great Lakes/Manning Aboriginal Childrens Service

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Essential

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated ability to engage & work effectively with aboriginal communities.
- Current NSW drivers licence.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills.
- Effective time management and personal organisational skills.
- Ability to work independently, as a team member.
- Self motivated.
- Tertiary qualifications in welfare or related area.
- Strong case-management skills.
- Strong Computer Skills

Desirable

- Experience working in an Aboriginal organisation.
- Knowledge of the Children and Young Persons (Care & Protection Act) 1998.
- Knowledge of the Out of Home Care Standards.
- Previous work history in Out of Home Care or related area.

For further enquiries please contact Amanda Bridge on 65512088. For an application package please contact Wayne Taylor on 65912444 or email wtaylor@biripi.org.au

Applications Close: 3pm Friday 22/8/09



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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply.

Packages and further information may be obtained from: Alisha Pengelly, HR Officer by contacting her on Ph: (08) 8939 1800, Mobile: 0400 341 625 or Email: alisha.pengelly@laynhapuy.com.au

Applications close on: COB, 28th August 2009.

Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



MANAGER EVALUATION AND MONITORING

Koori Justice Unit

\$89,668 - \$119,995

Position No : DJ4468

The Victorian Government, in partnership with the Koori community, is responding to the over-representation of Koories in the criminal justice system and improving their access to a fair and equitable justice system through the Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA). The Koori Justice Unit (KJU) is responsible for co-ordinating the implementation of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA2) across the Victorian Government and justice system through extensive community networks such as the Aboriginal Justice Forum and the network of Regional and Local Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committees.

The Manager, Evaluation and Monitoring, is responsible for overseeing management of the quantitative and qualitative information system that supports evaluation and performance analysis activities, leading the evaluation of the AJA and managing the Unit's reporting obligations. The position forms part of the KJU Management Team and will contribute to developing ERC submissions, budget management, and other corporate obligations. The role requires a person with an understanding of the Victorian Koori community and the issues impacting on it in the context of the criminal justice system.

This is an identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Positions Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Please contact **Antoinette Gentile** on 8684 1742 for further information or go to www.careers.vic.gov.au

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 26 August 20095

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**Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited**



Clinical Nurse

Alice Springs

Hetti Perkins Home for the Aged
APS Level 6

This role offers a total remuneration package of \$92,526 which consists of:

- \$70,000 cash salary
- \$10,780 pa employer superannuation contribution
- \$10,400 pa accommodation subsidy (\$200 per week)
- 5 weeks Annual Leave
- \$1,346 pa additional one week Annual Leave pro-rata in lieu of being on-call

Duties

- Coordinate the day-to-day nursing and personal care of residents
- Oversee the clinical assessment process including development of individual care plans
- Oversee completion of the Aged Care Funding Instrument assessments
- Supervise daily staffing levels
- Maintain clinical and other forms of documentation and records

Want to know more?

Contact Jean AhChee on 08 8952 6544.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone Tresna Appo on 08 8952 6544.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, Alice Springs NT 0871.

Closing date

By 5pm 21 August 2009.

This is an Aged Care home.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check. A probationary period applies.

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COOKTOWN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE

POSITION VACANT - Readvertised

Playgroup Leader

Mobile Playgroup & Children's Activities Services

We are seeking enthusiastic and suitably qualified applicants for this opportunity to work with families and children in the Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Laura areas.

Based in Cooktown the Playgroup Leader will work with the Mobile Playgroup team to deliver mobile playgroup activities to 0-5 year olds and their families. Core goals are to promote healthy development in children, to promote strong, functional and well-supported families and to reduce and prevent child abuse and neglect in participating families.

This position is permanent full time SACS level 4-5 and is funded by Dept. of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA).

For more information and a position description please contact:

Alison Ward - Coordinator
Cooktown District Community Centre,
13 Charles St, PO Box 763, COOKTOWN
T: (07) 4069 6098 F: (07) 4069 6934
E: reception@cooktowndcc.org.au

All applicants must address the selection criteria to be considered.

Applications close 5pm, 21st August 2009.



ABORIGINAL FAMILY WORKER

Casino Neighbourhood Centre Inc is seeking to employ an Aboriginal Family Worker for 38 hours per week with the Brighter Futures Early Intervention Program.

Package - \$51,264 (salary \$46,456) includes Superannuation and Annual Leave Loading. Salary Sacrifice is also offered.

Applications close: 14 August 2009.

For Application Package email: cnci.noeline@bigpond.com or phone 02 6662 2898.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Indigenous Services Liaison Officer

Relationships Australia
VICTORIA

Part Time Position of 3 - 4 days

Relationships Australia (Victoria) (RAV) is a not-for-profit, secular community based organisation committed to enhancing the lives of communities, families and individuals, by being a leading provider of quality relationship support services. We are now seeking an enthusiastic and experienced person to help us facilitate the provision of culturally appropriate services to, and improve our engagement with, Indigenous communities and organisations. This position reports directly to senior management, is based in metropolitan Melbourne, and will require significant intrastate travel.

If YOU have:

- An ability to communicate effectively with Indigenous organisations and communities, and
- Can demonstrate an understanding of the issues affecting Indigenous people and communities today and,

You are passionate about working in the community sector and would enjoy:

- Improving the cultural competence of RAV
- Supporting organisational change initiatives by engaging staff across all levels of the organisation
- Attractive and flexible employment conditions

...then this opportunity may be for you.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing date for applications is Monday 24th August at 5pm.

TO APPLY, you need to visit:

www.relationshipsvic.final5.com.au to view a Job Description and application process for this role.

If you require further information please contact
Romany Amarasingham via romany@rav.org.au

Applications will only be accepted using the process outlined on the RAV website.

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Join the National University of Inland Australia

Charles Sturt University is a dynamic and progressive employer whose innovative approach to education has earned it an international reputation for excellence. The career opportunities for supporting our research and teaching initiatives at CSU abound.

The Division of Student Services is dedicated to providing students with holistic support in all areas including academic support, health and welfare, social and sporting activities, accommodation and food and beverage services.

Indigenous Student Services is dedicated to the provision of support to the Indigenous community within CSU and linking students to support and service.

Team Leader – Support (1 x position)

Team Leader – Programs and Support (1 x position)

- Continuing, Full time
- HEW General Level 7 - \$73,510 - \$80,402 (Including 17% Superannuation)
- Albury-Wodonga or Bathurst or Dubbo or Orange or Wagga Wagga

The Team Leader will design, promote, coordinate and deliver support programs for all Indigenous students, to integrate with service and academic programs of the University, contribute to operations of the Indigenous Student Services unit across all campuses and report and analyse support program performance.

Indigenous Student Support Officer (2 x positions)

- Continuing, Full time
- HEW General Level 6 - \$66,618 - \$72,129 (Including 17% Superannuation)
- Albury-Wodonga or Bathurst or Dubbo or Orange or Wagga Wagga

The Indigenous Student Support Officer will deliver student support programs in the area of social, recreational, cultural or other support activities. Indigenous Student Support Officers will work closely with the University and community in designing appropriate programs to enhance the student experience.

These are identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander positions under Section 14 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applications Close: 5 August 2009

Applicants need to complete all aspects of the online application form and address the selectin criteria.

www.csu.edu.au/jobs



Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.



COMMUNITY AGENT – CERTIFICATE IV IN ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT

Part-time (50%), fixed-term (HEO6) position in the School of Historical and European Studies.

An opportunity exists for a Community Agent to engage and build relationships with the Aboriginal community and other organisations as part of a Certificate IV in Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management.

CAMPUS: MELBOURNE [BUNDOORA]

REMUNERATION: Package of \$65,673 to \$71,088 pro-rata p.a. (inclusive of 17% employer superannuation).

REFERENCE NUMBER: 50025953

CLOSING DATE: Close of Business, Friday, 21 August 2009.

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Reconciliation Australia

ABN: 76 092 919 769

Executive Assistant

Full-time position in Canberra

Reconciliation Australia is committed to ensuring equal life chances for all Australians while respecting the special place, culture and contribution of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians. It is an independent, non profit organisation that works to: model success stories in reconciliation; improve community awareness about the need for major change; and influence policy and public debate on these issues.

An opportunity has come up in the Reconciliation Australia team for a talented individual to use their administrative and coordination skills to support the Chief Executive Officer.

The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills, an ability to manage competing demands from both internal and external stakeholders, be organised and work effectively with minimal supervision. The successful applicant will work with the CEO and other managers in a strong team environment.

This is a three year contract position open to renewal. Further information about this position including the job description and selection criteria is available from our website at www.reconciliation.org.au.

The salary is \$70K plus 9% superannuation.

Applications close Friday 21 August 2009 at 5pm

Written applications and inquires should be directed to:

Kate Leonard
Human Resources Manager
Reconciliation Australia
PO Box 4773, Kingston ACT 2604
phone: 02 6272 2633, email:
Kate.Leonard@reconciliation.org.au



Australian Government

Attorney-General's Department

SUMMER CLERKS LIVE LEARN & LEAD

The Attorney-General's Department is seeking undergraduate students who are interested in achieving a just and secure society for all Australians through participation in a Summer Clerk Program between November and February.

Summer Clerks need to be enthusiastic, motivated, possess integrity, and have strong analytical, communication and interpersonal skills.

We are looking for Summer Clerks with a background in:

- Accounting
- Arts
- Business
- Commerce
- Humanities
- Information Technology
- Law
- Political Science
- Public Administration, or
- Social Sciences

To be a Summer Clerk you will have recently graduated or have no more than two semesters to complete in your undergraduate degree.

Summer Clerks may have the opportunity to work in:

- Civil Justice
- Corporate Services
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Management
- Financial Services
- Information Technology
- Legal Services
- National Security

How to apply

For information on the application process, salary and flexible working conditions visit the Department website:

www.ag.gov.au

P: 02 6141 3572

E: graduatecoordinator@ag.gov.au

Applications close
Friday 21 August 2009

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"One of the most rewarding aspects of the program was meeting some amazing people, learning from them and forming great friendships."

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Australian Government



Centrelink is part of the Human Services Portfolio and aims to serve Australia by assisting people to become self-sufficient and support those in need. Merit based selections ensure a talented and diverse workforce. Applicants must be Australian citizens.

Indigenous Network Co-ordinator

APS 5 | \$58,950 – \$62,510*

Moree, NSW

Job Reference: IS0709/007

Contact: Amanda Tootell

Closing Date: 28/08/2009

The Indigenous Services Branch provides high level advice and direction to assist Centrelink with improving service delivery for Indigenous Australians. This position is for an Indigenous Network Co-ordinator to provide a connection point that assists Indigenous communities to identify issues and service gaps in Centrelink's business.

The successful applicant will be required to work with minimal supervision both independently and collaboratively across the Indigenous community and Centrelink with the aim of improving network capacity, community engagement and to promote access and equity across programs and services. Strong cross cultural communication skills plus the ability to engage customers and the community are essential. Exceptional organisational skills when co-ordinating conferences, data collection and visiting services to rural, regional and remote communities are highly desirable. Ability to travel within the region is a major requirement of this position.

Please note this is an Identified Indigenous position.

* Salary may be negotiated depending on skills, experience and knowledge.

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FAMILY CASEWORKER

Are you wanting a job that has:

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Do you enjoy assisting people with disability to achieve their goals and maximize their potential and community participation????

If so this position will be of interest to you!!

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.

We are extremely excited to be offering the position of a full time Aboriginal Family Caseworker for our Aboriginal Intensive Family Support Program based in Moree .

We would like to invite interested people to drop into our office for a yarn to discuss the programs, positions and what working with Northcott can offer you.

We encourage you to visit our website to obtain a position description and more information about our organisation: www.northcott.com.au

Enquiries: Please contact Alirra on 6752 6953.

Applications to: The Human Resources Coordinator
Northcott PO Box 4055, Parramatta NSW 2124 or E-mail to: employment@northcott.com.au

CLOSING DATE: Friday 21st August 2009

Northcott is an EEO Employer and encourages women, people with a disability & people of NESB/ATSI to apply for this position

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted.

It is an offence under the NSW Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position.

ABORIGINAL LEGAL SERVICE

Exciting new opportunities available at the Aboriginal Legal Service (NSW/ACT) Ltd. The ALS provides culturally appropriate legal advice and representation for Aboriginal people across NSW and the ACT.

We are seeking reliable and committed people for the following indigenous positions:

- **Zone Manager CSEZ**
- **IT Support Officer** – Head Office
- **IT Helpdesk Administration Officer** – Head Office
- **Receptionist / Administration Officer** – Head Office
- **Accounts Officer** – Head Office
- **Administration Officer** – Redfern (12 Month contract position)
- **Administration Officer** – Dubbo Office
- **Field Officer** – Dubbo Office
- **Field Officer** – Redfern Office
- **Field Officer** – Parramatta Office

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for the following:

- **IT Manager**
- **Community and Media Relations Officer** (part time 3 days per week)
- **Care & Protection Solicitor** Wagga Wagga Office
- **Care & Protection Solicitor** Canberra Office

For more information and selection criteria, please contact Vikki Lennon on (02) 8842 8000 or email vikki.lennon@alsnswact.org.au.

Closing date: 24 August 2009.

Career opportunities in the tropics

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Liaison Librarian/Officer

Ref. No. 9143 - Townsville

JCU Library is seeking a Librarian (or librarian-to-be) who is enthusiastic about providing library services for the University's Indigenous students and staff and for Indigenous courses and research. The appointee will be part of a team providing library services to the whole University community from the Eddie Koiki Mabo Library. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Assistance in gaining librarian qualifications is available. Equal opportunity in employment is University Policy.

Please note: Applicants will be expected to provide a reference from a member of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community regarding their ability to satisfy the Selection Criteria relating to their understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and ability to communicate effectively with Indigenous people.

Employment Type: Appointment will be full-time on a continuing basis subject to a probationary period.

Salary: Higher Education Worker Level 5 - \$49,080 - \$55,730 per annum. Benefits include generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

Applications close on 28 August 2009.

For more information go to: www.jcu.edu.au/jobs enter the Reference Number in the search field and follow the links.

www.jcu.edu.au/jobs



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Chief Executive Officer

- Supplier diversity initiative for major corporate and Indigenous business enterprises



The Australian Indigenous Minority Supplier Council (AIMSC) is a not-for-profit public company which has been established to foster the integration of Indigenous businesses into the supply chain of private sector corporations and Government institutions. Based on successful supplier diversity models operating in the US, UK and Canada, this initiative aims to help significantly in the goal of reducing long term welfare dependency and establishing further self sufficiency for Indigenous Australians.

Following the approval of three years' pilot funding, the AIMSC Board is seeking to appoint a Chief Executive Officer to drive the establishment of the organisation, and facilitate commercial connections between certified Indigenous businesses and corporate and Government members seeking to purchase goods or services from those certified Indigenous businesses. Leading a small team, you will be responsible for establishing appropriate governance and administrative arrangements, and operating and promoting AIMSC with a view to positioning the organisation to be self-funding on completion of the pilot program. Key activities will

include recruiting and assisting corporate members; sourcing, mentoring and guiding Indigenous businesses through the certification process; and facilitating partnerships and information exchange between key stakeholders.

To fulfill the needs of this groundbreaking role, you will need to be at home in running a small business with limited resources, including insight into the challenges faced during the start up phase, combined with a proven understanding of large corporate procurement environments and processes. Candidates will need experience in dealing with major corporates, underpinned by the executive credibility required to quickly gain the respect and trust of major corporate CEOs and senior executives. Candidates will need a passion for Indigenous issues, and an interest in working to reduce welfare dependency and poverty among Indigenous Australians through business engagement with the economy.

The AIMSC three year pilot is being funded by the Australian Federal Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Indigenous Employment Program.

Please send an application quoting Ref No. 5753 to Watermark Search International, GPO Box 2708 Sydney NSW 2001. Email: search@watermarksearch.com.au Fax (02) 9221 4229. Tel: (02) 9233 1200. (Please note we will reply to the email address used for your application).



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Your role as a TAFE teacher includes delivery of educational programs using a range of delivery strategies, development of learner resources, administrative duties related to the role, and providing advice and assistance to students, employers, and the community in regard to educational programs. Further information on the role and conditions are available in the jobs @ Illawarra Institute link at www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au.

PERMANENT FULL-TIME TEACHERS

Remuneration package up to \$86,809 pa including salary (\$66,332 - \$78,667), employer's contribution to superannuation, and leave loading.

CARPENTRY & JOINERY (IDENTIFIED ABORIGINAL POSITION)

Moruya Campus

Job Reference No: I109/021

HOW TO APPLY

The information package, including selection criteria and application forms, is available from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or telephone Recruitment on (02) 4221 8951.

Applications Close 21 August 2009

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for these positions.



Senior Project Officer (Specified)

Community and Youth Justice Services

(One permanent full-time position available. Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities

Salary: \$72 515 - \$77 584 p.a.

Location: Toowoomba

REF: QLD/COM1209/09

Key Duties: Manage community engagement processes, including the monitoring and reporting of actions and outcomes from negotiation table processes. Provide regular reports to the Regional Director on the effectiveness of projects, programs and service delivery to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Collect and analyse data to inform the development and implementation of whole of government service delivery responses to community issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Friday, 21 August 2009

Transition Officer (Evolve)

Service Delivery

(Ten temporary full-time positions and one temporary part-time position available until 31 August 2013)

Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Various Locations

REF: QLD/COM1250/09

Key Duties: Transition Officers support young people with a disability who are transitioning from care. The role is to provide ongoing assistance to young people with a disability who have transitioned from care to ensure that they experience safe and stable placements.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7689

Closing Date: Tuesday, 25 August 2009

Senior Housing Officer

Housing and Homelessness Services

Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Mackay

REF: QLD/COM1199/09

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality housing services to a diverse range of clients. Support and supervise a small team.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Dennis Leicht (07) 4967 0982

Closing Date: Monday, 17 August 2009

Business Support Officer

Cape York Region, Northern Group, QBuild

Public Works

Salary: \$46 874 - \$52 277 p.a.

Location: Thursday Island

REF: QLD/QB621/09

Key Duties: Supervise small team of administrative staff; ensure work order management requirements are met; and coordinate incoming urgent maintenance/housing calls determining the appropriate response.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to supervise staff; negotiate and communicate effectively with staff/management/clients/contractors; and operate effectively within a small team.

Enquiries: (07) 3405 0944 or David Faulkner (07) 4069 1127 or E-Mail: jobvac.dpw@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 24 August 2009

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a.

(\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Woorabinda

REF: P0247/09

Enquiries: David Peff (07) 4932 3503

Closing Date: Monday, 17 August 2009

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Community Access Worker

Indigenous Women's Program
35 hrs per week/12 month fixed term
\$46 026 - \$47 162 p.a. (salary packaging available)

Women's Legal Services NSW is a community legal centre for disadvantaged women in NSW. We are looking for a Community Access Worker for the Indigenous Women's Program. Selection criteria include a commitment to social justice, demonstrated experience in Community Education and Development, capacity to consult with Aboriginal women and develop strong networks. Ability to travel to rural NSW. We offer flexible working conditions and fringe benefits.

Please call Women's Legal Services NSW 1800 639 789 for a full job package and selection criteria. Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the IWP Coordinator, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 by 28th August 2009.

"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"



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- Personal Care Worker
- In-home Respite Giver
- Home Care Worker
- Care Team Leader
- Day Activity Worker

Duration 2 days a fortnight for 18 weeks + placement hours

- Start: September
- Location: Heidelberg

Phone or Email rhondad@etea.edu.au

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ABORIGINAL HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICER

An exciting opportunity exists for a skilled and enthusiastic person to undertake the running of the Aboriginal Health Promotion program. This position is based at the Warrnambool Community Health Centre and also works across our partner agencies at Kirrae Health Service (Framlingham) and Gunditjmara Health Service.



This position aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people in the Moyne, Warrnambool and Corangamite communities through providing health promotion program planning and delivery. This position will primarily focus on people with poor nutrition and physical activity levels and those at risk of acquiring a chronic illness.

A position description is available from the Human Resources Department on (03) 5564 4155 or humanresources@swh.net.au

For further information regarding the role please contact Lee-Anne Green (Manager Aboriginal Health/Aboriginal Liaison Officer) on (03) 5564 4192 or lgreen@swh.net.au

Applicants will be required to consent to and undergo a police record check.

Written applications stating full personal particulars, qualifications and experience: together with the names of three (3) referees; should be forwarded to the Human Resources department at the address below or via email to humanresources@swh.net.au by Friday 21 August 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILIES

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE TO THE LIVES OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Move your career into new territory.

REMOTE CHILD PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS

Northern Territory Families and Children are seeking social workers, psychologists and community welfare professionals with an interest in expanding their horizons, rising to a challenge and experiencing the unique day to day.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to develop skills in a cross cultural context, work closely with Aboriginal children and families in communities and remote locations and experience working with Aboriginal co-workers in a dynamic multi disciplinary setting.

Travel to unique parts of the Territory by light aircraft and four wheel drive, while contributing to a child protection system at a time when significant investments are being made to improve services to children and families in remote communities.

TEAM LEADER

Professional 2 (\$64,175 - \$77,803)

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$90,000)

This includes market allowance, professional allowance, superannuation, 6 weeks recreation leave and annual leave bonus

NT Families and Children - Katherine

Temporary vacancy for 2 years

Provide direct supervision to the Peace at Home project and provide skill development to the Northern Territory Families and Children Katherine team.

Quote vacancy number: 26060

MOBILE ADVANCED PRACTITIONER

Professional 2 (\$64,175 - \$77,803)

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$81,000)

This includes professional allowance, superannuation, 6 weeks recreation leave and annual leave bonus

NT Families and Children - Darwin

Several permanent vacancies are available

The Mobile Child Protection Team is based in Darwin, but works across the whole of the Northern Territory to conduct child protection investigations.

Quote vacancy number: 26927

COMMUNITY WELFARE WORKER/ADVANCED PRACTITIONER

Professional 1 (\$50,174 - \$61,897)

Professional 2 (\$64,175 - \$77,803)

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$59,000) Professional 1

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$81,000) Professional 2

This includes professional allowance, superannuation, 6 weeks recreation leave and annual leave bonus

NT Families and Children - Darwin Rural

Several permanent and temporary vacancies available

These positions are based in Darwin and require regular travel to remote Aboriginal communities. Selection will be made at the P1 or P2 level depending on the experience of the successful applicant.

Quote vacancy number: 26059

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- Generous salaries and conditions
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- 6 weeks annual leave with 17.5% leave loading
- Tailored relocation packages including:
- Airfares for employee and dependants, relocation of a motor vehicle, household furniture and effects for permanent appointments

- Airfares for employee and dependants and relocation of a motor vehicle for contract appointments
- 8 weeks free accommodation on arrival

Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (preferably an email address). Interviews will be conducted on 2nd and 3rd September 2009.

Applicants must have a relevant qualification and be eligible for registration with the Australian Institute of Welfare and Community Workers, Australian Association of Social Workers or the Australian Psychological Society.

For further information please contact Susan Moffett on (08) 8922 7460 or email susan.moffett@nt.gov.au

HEALTH SERVICES

ABORIGINAL MENTAL HEALTH WORKER

AHW 4 (\$58,918-\$62,060)

(Employment package valued in the vicinity of \$68,000)

This includes superannuation, 6 weeks recreation leave and annual leave bonus

Barkly Mental Health Team - Barkly Region

Permanent

As a member of a multi disciplinary mental health team, provide assessment and treatment of Indigenous mental health clients within a primary Health Care Focus.

Quote vacancy number: 23076

For further information please contact Bronwyn De Aldi, Team Leader, Barkly Mental Health Services on (08) 8962 4300

Closing date: 21 August 2009

APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applicants should address the selection criteria and provide a current CV and contact details for 2 referees (preferably an email address). A full job description can be obtained by visiting www.nt.gov.au/jobs Further information about these positions can be obtained by FREECALL 1300 659 247 or email recruitment@nt.gov.au

Information on the Territory and its great lifestyle is available at www.theterritory.com.au

Note: The preferred or recommended applicant will be required to undergo a criminal history check. A criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is a relevant criminal history.

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Murray-Darling Basin Authority

The Murray-Darling Basin Authority (the Authority) is an Australian Government statutory agency formed in 2008. We are responsible for planning the integrated management of the water resources in the Murray-Darling Basin. Our work is an integral part of the Australian Government program, Water for the Future.

This role presents an opportunity to be part of a dynamic and passionate team where your challenge will be to assist and support in developing and implementing the Indigenous Engagement Strategy on a Basin wide scale. We encourage Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to apply.

Executive Level 1
\$79,556 – \$92,433

Assistant Director, Indigenous Engagement

This newly created position is required to assist in the provision of policy development, interpretation and application associated with the responsibilities of the Authority. Indigenous engagement across a broad range of areas is a key component of both roles in the preparation of the Basin Plan and Authority's program implementation.

For further information on the position above please refer to our website: <http://employment.mdba.gov.au> or contact Neil Ward on 0419 010744.

Applications for all positions addressing the selection criteria and providing a current curriculum vitae should be included in your online application and completed by Sunday 16 August 2009.

To be eligible for employment, applicants must be Australian citizens or be eligible to apply for Australian citizenship within a reasonable period of time. Successful candidates may be required to undertake a security clearance.

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DARKINJUNG LOCAL ABORIGINAL LANDS COUNCIL

Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Lands Council (DLALC) is located on the Central Coast of New South Wales bounded by Catherine Hill Bay to the north, the Hawkesbury River to the south, the Pacific Ocean to the east and Watagan Mountains to the west. Headquarters are located at Watanobbi near Wyong.

Applications are invited from suitable qualified Aboriginal men and women to join the DLALC Office in the following position. Attractive salary package applies.

Aboriginal Heritage Officer, Land and Assets

INFORMATION

- Before applying, you must obtain an Employment Package for the position. The Package includes a position description, selection criteria, information about the appointment process, and advice on how to apply including standard formats for your resume and claim.
- To request an Employment Package, please call 02 43512930.
- For further information please call Sean Gordon, CEO, telephone: 02 43512930 or mobile 0400 890 420.

CLOSING DATE:
COB FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST 2009

Applications may be emailed, posted or delivered to DLALC, attention Sean Gordon CEO:

Email: s.gordon@dlalc.org.au

Post: PO Box 401 Wyong NSW 2259

Courier or Personal Delivery: 168 Pacific Highway Watanobbi NSW 2259

SOUTH COAST MEDICAL SERVICE ABORIGINAL CORPORATION - NOWRA, NSW

Psychologist (3 days per week, one year contract)

SCMSAC requires a registered psychologist who wants to work in an Aboriginal Community controlled organisation. The person will be an experienced counselling psychologist who can provide a range of programs and supports to Stolen Generation, social and emotional wellbeing and drug and alcohol clients. Aboriginal psychologists are strongly encouraged to apply. Experience working in Aboriginal Communities would be highly valued but is not essential.

Mental Health Nurse

Permanent - Full Time or Part Time

The Mental Health Nurse will work as part of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing team and in collaboration with the SCMSAC clinics and provide mental health nursing services to Aboriginal people and their families living in the Shoalhaven, including mental health monitoring, medication management and establishing and enhancing links with health professionals and other clinical service providers. The Mental Health Nurse will be required to adhere to the Medicare care planning and billing procedures.

To discuss these position contact:
Beverly Hansell ph: 02 4428 6666

Applications Must Address the Selection Criteria: The Selection Criteria is available in the Information pack which can be obtained from Mark King on 4428 6666 or by email recruitment@southcoastams.org.au.

Applications close: COB Monday 24th August 2009



City of Whittlesea

We are one of Victoria's fastest growing and diverse municipalities renowned for our innovation and service excellence. Our modern offices are located in the Metropolitan area of South Morang.

Building Active Indigenous Communities Project Officer

(Job Reference Number: 200988)

Remuneration: Band 6 - \$62,419 - \$67,851 pa

Key Responsibility

The Building Active Indigenous Communities project will deliver physical activity and active recreation opportunities for indigenous people in the City of Whittlesea and surrounding areas. This is to be done in accordance with the VicHealth 'Active participation' grant. The project will work closely in partnership with the Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation Cooperative (VAYSAR) to implement their Active Centres Model at a local level in the City of Whittlesea.

The position objectives are to:

- Increase community and organisational understanding of the role of sport and active recreation in promoting diversity, social inclusion, positive health and wellbeing.
- Increase community and organisational understanding of the barriers and enablers to participation for indigenous groups.
- Increase DIRECT participation opportunities for indigenous groups by building individual, organisational and community capacity.
- Increase INDIRECT participation opportunities for indigenous groups by building individual, organisational and community capacity.

For more information please contact Felicity Jackson on (03) 9217 2106.

To apply, please visit our website www.findyourbalance.com.au and follow the employment links.

Applications close 5pm Friday 21 August 2009

Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Durri considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupation qualification under s 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1997.

Over the last 33 years, Durri Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (Durri) has provided essential and culturally appropriate health and medical services to Aboriginal communities. Durri's main priority is to improve the health and wellbeing of our Aboriginal community. Located in Kempsey, northern NSW, Durri also is committed to making primary health care and education accessible to all members of the community so as to improve both the health status and wellbeing of the local community. A rare and exciting opportunity has arisen for a suitably experienced Chief Executive Officer to join the motivated and passionate team at Durri.

As the Chief Executive Officer you will be responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of Durri, and play the lead role in developing relationships with community members, government agencies and other key stakeholders and determining the future direction of Durri.

You will be an experienced, outstanding leader with a passion and focus for the resolution of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and will have successfully led a complex stakeholder organisation through change using your high level strategic thinking and comprehensive leadership capability. You will be able to provide examples of these skills in areas such as strategic influencing, stakeholder engagement, policy formulation and staff development. You will have demonstrated experience in negotiating and managing complex government funding requirements as well as have an understanding of legislation impacting on Aboriginal Medical Services and community controlled organisations.

Relevant tertiary qualification/s in business, health management or similar are essential, as is the ability to hold all relevant security clearances such as National Police Check, and Working with Children clearance.

To obtain a detailed application pack please contact Jo Clarke on 1300 136 131 or jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au.

Applications close 24 August 2009 and should be sent to jclarke@humanresourcescentre.com.au

BIRIPI ABORIGINAL CORPORATION MEDICAL CENTRE



Biripi AMS is seeking applications from experienced Midwives & Child and Family Health Nurses with the appropriate qualifications and registrations to join our Maternal, Infant & Child Health Team.

This team will be working in partnership with Hunter New England & North Coast Area Health Services towards meeting the aims of the Maternal and Infant Health Strategy as well as work in partnership on the provision of Child and Family Health Services to Aboriginal babies, infants & children aged up to 8 years of age & their parents.

Positions available:

1. Full-time **Co-ordinator/Midwife**
based at Biripi Clinic - Purfleet (**Aboriginal designated authorised under section 14d of Anti-discrimination Act**)
2. Full-time **Child & Family Health Nurse**
based at Werrin Clinic- Port Macquarie.
3. Full-time **Child & Family Health Nurse**
based at Biripi Clinic- Purfleet
4. Full-time **Child & Family Health Nurse/Midwife** base at Tobwabba Clinic- Forster.
(This could be a job share position 2 days midwifery, 3 days Child and Family Health)

All positions are Female designated and authorised under section 31 of the Anti-discrimination Act. Above award salary packages are negotiable based on experience.

People wishing to apply must contact Wayne Taylor on 65912444 or email wtaylor@biripi.org.au for an application pack. Applications that do not address the essential criteria or are late will not be considered. If you require further information on the positions please contact Amanda Bridge on 65512088 or email abridge@biripi.org.au.

Applications Close:
3pm Friday the 22/8/08.



For people going places

Indigenous Road Worker

VicRoads manages the Victoria arterial road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system. We currently have a number of exciting opportunities for a Road Worker to join our VicRoads Road Services team based at the following locations;

- Dandenong
- Ouyen
- Sale

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Undertake manually intensive tasks
- Work effectively in a team environment
- Learn to operate a variety plant and equipment

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

VicRoads may ask you to consent to a medical assessment as part of the selection process. All information provided to VicRoads will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Salary is in the range of \$31,625 to \$38,476 p. a. plus 9% superannuation. Starting salary is normally at the base of the range.

For further information contact Ebony DeArango on (03) 54345026 or Brian Westley on 0417159622.

Visit the 'Employment at VicRoads' section of the VicRoads website www.vicroads.vic.gov.au to obtain a full position description and to submit your application.

Applications close on 28 August 2009.
www.vicroads.vic.gov.au





DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
CLINICAL NURSE CONSULTANT
Community Access Hunter Region Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-DADHC-20416

Total remuneration package valued up to \$94,452 per annum (Salary: \$83,678 pa - \$85,593 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide specialist clinical advice, support, training and supervision to nursing and healthcare staff within the Community Support Team regarding contemporary nursing practice and the management of complex healthcare issues/procedures to ensure optimal health outcomes are achieved for clients and their carers. Acts as an interagency consultant, liaising with other health care professionals, both internal and external to DADHC, to ensure quality outcomes in health care planning, promotion and management.

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant qualifications and registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW as a Registered Nurse as well as a current Driver's Licence.
- A thorough working knowledge of contemporary clinical nursing practices and a high level of clinical expertise in working with people with a disability with complex needs, incorporating more specialised and complex intervention strategies.
- An in-depth understanding of the relevant issues, legislation, policies, trends and philosophies which underpin the provision of services to persons with a disability combined with significant experience working within the Disability Services Sector.
- A demonstrated capacity to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team with sound interpersonal and relationship building skills, excellent written and oral communication skills to provide high level advice, engage and consult effectively.
- Proven competence in developing and delivering learning and development programs for staff and other key stakeholders, together with a proven ability to supervise, coach and mentor others.
- Strong conceptual, problem solving and analytical skills to develop and evaluate frameworks and undertake research projects.
- Sound organisational and resource management skills to support project delivery in an evolving environment of competing priorities.
- A focus on continuous improvement and commitment to ongoing professional development and training.

Job Notes: An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Work with children and adults with intellectual disability and their families. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Sue Easton (02) 4978 6108

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 21 August 2009.

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**WINNUNGA NIMMITYJAH
ABORIGINAL
HEALTH SERVICE INC.**

Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service is a community controlled health service providing holistic health care to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities of the ACT and surrounding areas. The Service manages approximately 30 programs through various funding agreements and employs more than 60 staff offering salary sacrifice pursuant to tax office regulations and organisational policy. We are looking for highly motivated and experienced people for a number of positions.

Social Health Worker

Social and Emotional Well Being Program

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Social Health Workers to work within our Social Health Team. The role of the Social and Emotional Wellbeing Health Worker is to ensure that the programs objectives are met whilst under the supervision and direction of the Social Health Team Manager. The successful applicant would need to have the ability to problem solve effectively on a day to day basis and in crisis situations, liaise with medical staff and negotiate complex issues with clients and their families. The successful applicant would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Social Health Worker

Drug and Alcohol Program

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Drug and Alcohol worker to work within our Social Health Team. The successful applicant will have experience in liaising with other drug and alcohol services and build productive working relationships with service providers. Assist clients to work towards self empowerment through education and the provision of information and appropriate referrals and by developing daily living skills such as budgeting, drug and alcohol awareness and confidence building skills and able to work effectively and appropriately with families. The successful applicant would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Social Health Worker

Youth Detox Program

We are seeking a fulltime experienced Youth Detox Worker to work within our Social Health Team. The successful applicant will have experience working with young people who are trying to detox from drugs or alcohol, the ability to work closely with other services such as, rehabilitation services, other drug and alcohol services and Family and Community Services on case management, initiate case management plans and work closely with other Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service services on developing and implementing case management plans, facilitating and initiating group meetings and support services that involve clients, families and community members. The successful applicant would demonstrate excellent interpersonal and communication skills, extensive counselling experience and a demonstrated capacity to work effectively, positively and collaboratively within a multi-disciplinary team.

Aboriginal Health Worker

We are seeking an experienced Aboriginal Health Worker; the Healthy for Life Aboriginal Health Worker is situated within the Clinical Services team. The Clinical Services provides a holistic approach to culturally appropriate health care for clients.

The role of the Healthy for Life Aboriginal Health Worker is to enhance the clinical services offered at Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service and to work in collaboration with the Practice Nurse on the implementation of health promotion, disease management and prevention and education programs for clients and the community.

Applicants must obtain a copy of the selection criteria and address all criteria in their application.
For more information and / or a copy of the position description and selection criteria please call: Selena Lyons, Operations Manager on phone (02) 6284 6215 or email Selena.Lyons@winnunga.org.au

All applications should be addressed and mailed to Julie Tongs, CEO, Winnunga Nimmityjah Aboriginal Health Service 63 Boolimba Crescent, Narrabundah ACT 2604 or by email to Selena.Lyons@winnunga.org.au

Applications close Friday 28th August 2009.

Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for these positions and is authorized under section 42 of the Discrimination Act 1991 (ACT) and S8 of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 (Cth)



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
24/678	Strathmerton Pty Ltd	51.99ha	43km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°19'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/504	North Kalgurli Mines Ltd Barrick Gold of Australia Ltd	120.62ha	9km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
31/379	Leonora Metals Pty Ltd	734.52ha	78km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°32' Long 121°49'	Menzies
38/915	Deep Yellow Ltd Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd Barrick (GSM) Limited	25.51ha	35km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°40'	Laverton
38/1047	Barrick (GSM) Limited Deep Yellow Ltd Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	18.12ha	32km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°47' Long 122°40'	Laverton
38/1178-9	Eleckra Mines Ltd	1858.48ha	73km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission 20km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°06' Long 123°37'	Laverton
38/1248	Christopher Robert Flesser James Andrew Hanna	0.48ha	20km NW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°27' Long 122°18'	Laverton
57/632	Troy Resources Ltd	252.93ha	12km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°04' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
70/1144	Mineral Sand Mining and Development Pty Ltd	596.28ha	38km S'ly of Cervantes	Lat 30°48' Long 115°12'	Dandaragan

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: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 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.



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Permit applications applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* (WA)..

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
06/08-9 EP	ERM GAS PTY LTD AND EMPIRE OIL AND GAS NL	1159.1 km²	The application comprises 15 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheets S150 (Albany) and is located in the Perth Basin. The North-East corner of the application is situated approximately 2 kilometres south-west of the town of Armadale. The South-West corner of the application is situated approximately 9 kilometres south-east of the town of Mandurah, on the edge of the Peel Inlet. The application occupies an area of 1159.1 km² and falls within 7 different shires. The GDA co-ordinates of the application are: - NE corner (Lat 32°09'55.72"S, Long 116°00'05.36"E), - SW corner (Lat 32°34'55.74"S, Long 115°45'05.38"E).	Serpentine- Jarrahdale (36.6%) Rockingham City (18%) Murray Shire (25.2%) Mandurah City (2.7%) Armadale City (4.4%) Kwinana Town (10.3%) Cockburn City (1.8%)
07/08-9 EP	ERM GAS PTY LTD AND EMPIRE OIL AND GAS NL	1348.4 km²	The application comprises 22 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheets S150 (Albany), 6 of them along the coastline from Mandurah to Preston Beach. The application is located in the Perth Basin. The North-West corner of the application is situated approximately 45 kilometres south-west of the town of Armadale. The south-east corner of the application is situated approximately 11 kilometres south-east of the town of Waroona. The application occupies an area of 1348.4 km² and falls within 3 different shires. The GDA co-ordinates of the application are: - NW corner (Lat 32°29'55.73"S, Long 115°45'05.37"E), - SE corner (Lat 32°54'55.73"S, Long 116°00'05.39"E).	Murray Shire (51.5%) Mandurah City (13.7%) Waroona (34.8%)
13/08-9 EP	ENERGETICA RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	559.7 km²	The application comprises 7 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheet SF50 (Hamersley Range) and is located in the Northern Carnarvon Basin. The North-West corner of the application is situated approximately 28 kilometres east of Barrow Island. The South-East corner of the application is situated approximately 21 kilometres north-east of Mardie Homestead. The application occupies an area of 559.7 km² and falls entirely in internal waters. Within the application area are three named islands: Sholl Island, Round Island and Mardie Island. The GDA co-ordinates of the application are: - NW corner (Lat 20°44'55.24"S, Long 115°45'04.66"E) – SE corner (Lat 20°59'55.21"S, Long 116°00'04.67"E).	Roebourne (2.6%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permits, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 12th August 2009

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **12th November 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*. Enquires 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 exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12th December 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

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:

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EPC1315	Approx. 98 km NNW from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.24°58'S Long.148°30'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 671 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 216 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>629</td><td>z</td></tr><tr><td>630</td><td>v, w, x</td></tr><tr><td>701</td><td>e, k, p, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>702</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>773</td><td>d, e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>774</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>845</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>846</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>917</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>918</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>989</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>990</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>991</td><td>a, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>992</td><td>a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y</td></tr><tr><td>1063</td><td>d, e</td></tr><tr><td>1064</td><td>a, b, c, d</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	629	z	630	v, w, x	701	e, k, p, u, y, z	702	a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	773	d, e, j, k, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	774	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	845	c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	846	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	917	c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z	918	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	989	c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p	990	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	991	a, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z	992	a, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y	1063	d, e	1064	a, b, c, d	Queensland Coal Corporation Pty Ltd 130 691 904								
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EPC1435	Approx. 38 km NW from Injune Centred at approximate Lat.25°32'S Long.148°23'E Local Government Area: Roma Regional Council	Area: 882 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 285 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>1131</td><td>m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1132</td><td>v</td></tr><tr><td>1203</td><td>b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1204</td><td>a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w</td></tr><tr><td>1275</td><td>b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1276</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>1347</td><td>b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>1348</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>1349</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>1350</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>1351</td><td>l, q, v</td></tr><tr><td>1420</td><td>e</td></tr><tr><td>1421</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1422</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>1423</td><td>a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1493</td><td>d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>1494</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, v</td></tr><tr><td>1495</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p</td></tr><tr><td>1565</td><td>c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u</td></tr><tr><td>1566</td><td>a, f, l, q</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	1131	m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	1132	v	1203	b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	1204	a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w	1275	b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	1276	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	1347	b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p	1348	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, z	1349	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	1350	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	1351	l, q, v	1420	e	1421	a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z	1422	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	1423	a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	1493	d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z	1494	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, v	1495	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	1565	c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u	1566	a, f, l, q	Winzil Energy Pty Ltd 131 402 072
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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 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.

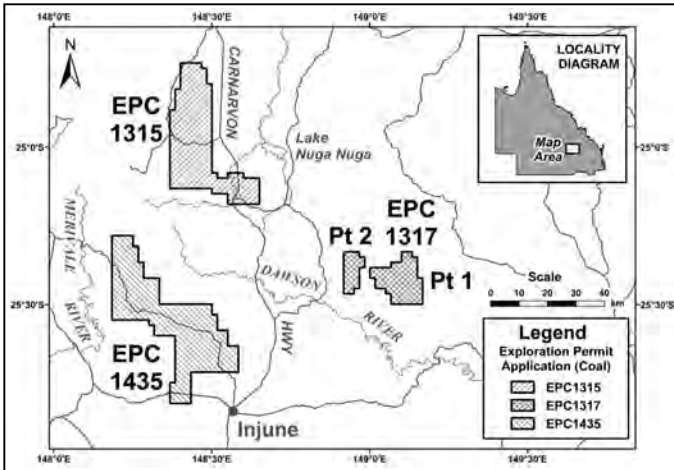
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government



Action Research Evaluator

Konnect Indigenous Transitional Support Program

0.5 EFT until end of June 2010

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply
Position based at ACSO 1 Hoddle St, Richmond, Victoria.

Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) is currently working in conjunction with the Department of Justice and a consortium made up of **Jesuit Social Services (Brosnan Centre)**, **Salvation Army (Adult Services)** and the **Victorian association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders (VACRO)** to implement an intensive support program for Indigenous people leaving prison, known as Konnect.

The Konnect Program consists of a small team comprising of a Co-ordinator, Case Managers and a Research Evaluator to assess the delivery of the program in a state wide capacity.

Responsibilities include; develop a monitoring and evaluation methodology, provide high-level advice regarding the research and evaluation needs of the program and provide advice on service gaps for Aboriginal men and women leaving prison

Please contact Jaime Binks (Konnect Co-Ordinator) for further information and a position description on: 9413 7006 or jbinks@acso.org.au or Lisha Constantinio (LinkOut & Konnect Program Assistant) on 9413 7124 or lconstantino@acso.org.au

Applications close cob Friday 28th of August, 2009

Executive Assistant to the Management Team



Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council (GLALC) is looking for an enthusiastic person to join our management team as a junior manager. The position requires a highly motivated person who is looking for an exciting and rewarding career.

REQUIREMENTS OF THE POSITION

Essential Criteria:

- Degree qualifications in Business, Management, Economics or equivalent;
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- High level understanding of Aboriginal Land Rights Act NSW (1983);
- Demonstrated leadership skills;
- Understanding of the needs of the Indigenous community.

Attractive Salary Package by negotiation and dependant on qualifications

**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 Karen Maltby 02 9602 5280 or email kmaltby@glalc.org.au

Applications close 4pm Friday 28th August 2009.



HOUSING NSW SENIOR CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

(PRIVATE RENTAL SPECIALIST)

Clerk Grade 5/6

Private Rental Brokerage Service (PRBS)

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division

Wagga Wagga

Temporary Part-Time

Position No: 09-HNSW-20425

Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,503 per annum (Salary: \$66,116 pa - \$72,952 pa). Full-Time salary quoted includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Hourly rate: \$36.20 ph - \$39.95 ph

Job Description: The Private Rental Brokerage Service (PRBS) aims to help homeless clients with complex support and housing needs to access and sustain tenancies in the private rental market.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent communication skills, in the areas of negotiation, facilitation, mediation and problem solving.
- Demonstrated experience in case management of people with complex needs.
- Understanding of, and demonstrated ability to work with human service agencies.
- Ability to initiate and sustain networks.
- Ability to advocate on behalf of clients to facilitate access to housing and support services.
- Capacity to develop an understanding of the private rental market business environment and relate to real estate agents and landlords.
- Ability to use initiative and work independently.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Part-Time position of 21 hours per week for a period of up to 12 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Scott McKee (02) 6921 0026

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 21 August 2009

GA1-793880

Indigenous Apprentice Road Worker

VicRoads manages the Victorian road network and its use as part of the State's overall transport system.

We currently have an exciting opportunity for an Indigenous Apprentice Road Worker to join our VicRoads Road Services team based at Horsham.

The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Undertake manually intensive tasks
- Work effectively in a team environment
- Learn to operate a variety plant and equipment.

This identified Indigenous position is an initiative of the VicRoads Indigenous Employment Program. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A116/2006). Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

Salary is in the range of \$32,432 to \$33,554. For further information contact Ivan Jones at Simpson Personnel on (03) 5382 5801 or 0417 355 399 or email ivan@simpson.net.au

Applications close on Friday 28 August 2009.

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
**OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST
GRADE 1**
Western Region
Mudgee
Temporary Full-Time
Position No: 09-DADHC-20428

Total remuneration package valued up to \$77,374 per annum (Salary: \$50,100 pa - \$70,117 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: The position works as part of the team to meet the referral needs of eligible clients in relation to issues relevant to occupational therapy practice.

Selection Criteria:

- Current understanding of the issues, trends and approaches underpinning the provision of services to people with a disability and their families and carers.
- Recognised Degree/Diploma in Occupational Therapy and eligibility for membership to professional association.
- Experience in, or the ability to provide the provision of occupational therapy services to people with a disability with a range of needs.
- Demonstrated analytical and problem-solving skills. High level oral and written communication skills.
- Ability to work collaboratively as a member of multi-disciplinary teams and in partnership with other services.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time (maternity relief) position available for a period of up to 1 February 2010 under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Jenny Shumack (02) 6363 8655.

Information Package:

www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 6392 8250.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2552 Orange NSW 2800.

Closing date: Friday 21 August 2009.

GA1-803647

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mining Lease

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of Mining Leases shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mining Leases to which this notice applies:

Mining Lease Number and Name	Location of Mining Lease (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
ML20583 Mid Battle Creek	Approx. 8Km East from Mt Garnet Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 228 on OL463 – Occupation Licence 22/228 (mining and access) Lot 40 on SP158035 – Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 22/1246 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 161.8189 Ha	Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606
ML20585 Upper Battle Creek	Approx. 8Km East from Mt Garnet Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 228 on OL463 – Occupation Licence 22/228 (mining and access) Lot 40 on SP158035 – Grazing Homestead Perpetual Lease 22/1246 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 106.3271 Ha	Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606

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 term is for twenty (20) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty (20) 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.

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.

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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 0065881

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1466	Approx. 24 km WNW from Emerald Centred at approximate Lat.23°24'S Long.147°58'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council	Area: 28 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2928 j, o, t, x, y, z 3000 b, c, h	Matilda Coal Pty Limited 131 923 692

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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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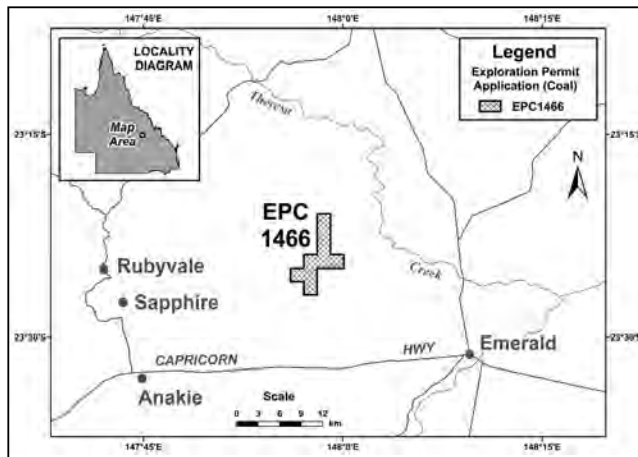
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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 0067148

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
EPM17210	Approx. 58 km NNE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'S Long.139°38'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 200 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 91 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 92 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, y 164 d, e, j, k, o, t, u, y, z 236 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, z 237 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17215 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 3 km E from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°43'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 10 km SSE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°48'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 595 f, l, m, n, r, w 667 b Area of Part 2: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 667 m, r	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17221	Approx. 128 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.19°42'S Long.138°53'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 316 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3035 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3107 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3179 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3251 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 3323 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3324 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17226 This Application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 116 km N from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.19°40'S Long.139°35'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 122 km N from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.19°36'S Long.139°34'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 116 km N from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.19°39'S Long.139°33'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3115 u, z 3187 e, k Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3115 h, j, k Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3115 x	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17716	Approx. 27 km NW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°31'S Long.139°21'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 449 a, b, f, g	Deep Yellow Limited 006 391 948

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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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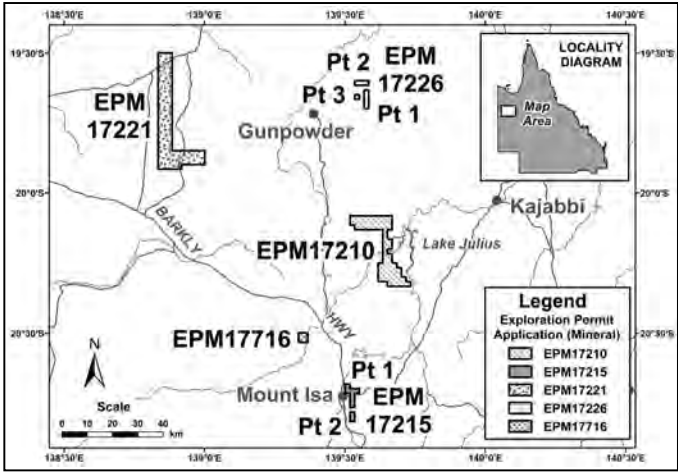
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

TNP 0097153



Central West

CMA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE
CHANGE NSW
Central West Catchment Management Authority
Catchment Officer
(Aboriginal Communities)

Clerk Grade 7/8
Bathurst/Orange/Wellington/Mudgee/Negotiable

Employment Status: Temporary
Job Reference No: CMA2009/028

Salary Package: \$91,779

Salary Start: \$75,137 **Salary End:** \$83,171

Job Description: Support and deliver on-ground focussed Aboriginal cultural heritage programs and projects across the Central West.

Job Notes: Applicants should obtain an information package for full details of the role and must address the selection criteria outlined in the advertisement. Temporary position under Sections 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period up to 30/6/12. Please note that this position is located at either Bathurst, Orange, Wellington or Mudgee and is negotiable within the area of the Central West CMA. When emailing applications please quote the Job Reference number and your name in the subject line.

Selection Criteria

- Aboriginality.
- Well developed understanding of Aboriginal cultural and heritage issues.
- Ability to deal with cross-cultural issues.
- Well developed written and oral communication, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work with community groups, including facilitating meetings and workshops.
- Demonstrated ability to manage projects and organise and prioritise work with conflicting deadlines.
- Understanding of natural resource management issues and reforms and the NRM policy framework. Good analysis, research and problem solving skills.
- Ability to work cooperatively as part of a team. Current driver's licence.

Inquiries: Jane Chrystal phone (02) 6840 7803

Information Packages: Please send an e-mail to cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 028 in the subject line. This is an auto response.

Applications: E-mail your application to applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au with the Job Reference Number & your name in the Subject line. Or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124

Closing Date: 21/8/09

GA1-802980



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
REGISTERED NURSE
Community Access
Hunter Region
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-DADHC-20422

Total remuneration package valued up to \$73,813 per annum (Salary: \$47,628 pa - \$66,890 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Provide clinical advice, support and service delivery to DADHC clients and their carers to enable health maintenance and promotion and encourage the prevention of adverse health outcomes. Act as an inter-agency liaison and coordinator to ensure quality outcomes in health planning, promotion and management.

Selection Criteria:

- Relevant Registered Nursing qualifications and eligibility for registration with the Nurses and Midwives Board of NSW combined with a demonstrated level of contemporary clinical competence.
- A demonstrated capacity to work effectively as part of a multi-disciplinary team in formulating healthcare plans and delivering holistic person-centred services to people with a disability.
- Knowledge of and capacity to apply all relevant legislation, policies and procedures impacting on the delivery of services to people with a disability (including the Disability Services Act, 1993).
- Excellent verbal and written communication, interpersonal and relationship building skills to work effectively with and convey information to clients, client families and health care professionals.
- Sound judgement and analysis skills in assessing needs and applying clinical registered nursing skills.
- Time management and organisational skills managing caseload priorities.
- Resilience and adaptability in coping with work pressures and changing work requirements.
- A current Driver's Licence and willingness to drive.

Job Notes: An eligibility list may be created for future reference. Work with children and adults with intellectual disability and their families. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Sue Easton (02) 4978 6108.

Information Package:

www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, Hunter Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309.

Closing Date: Friday 21 August 2009.

GA1-803648



Deadly Solutions
Business - Employment - Coaching

"Providing Positive Change One Step At A Time"

Administration Officer

Deadly Solutions is an innovative and strategic Indigenous owned and managed company situated in Logan City, Brisbane.

The administration officer will perform all administrative duties relating to delivering Deadly Solutions' services and programs, as well as ensuring that Deadly Solutions program staff are on track with their work.

The administration officer will possess the following characteristics:

- high level of energy and initiative
- passion for working within the Indigenous community
- superb attention to detail
- attitude of excellence

Highly desirable: experience with MYOB, Cert III in Business Administration.

Please email your resume and a cover letter to pauline@deadlysolutions.com.au, call (07) 3299 1889 or navigate to the web at www.deadlysolutions.com.au

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing date for applications is 26 August 2009.



Community Connections
North Coast Inc
LISMORE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

Manager, Client Services

- Progressive Human Services Organisation
- Far North Coast of NSW
- SACS Award (NSW), Grade 6 + Salary Packaging

Community Connections North Coast Inc is the lead youth services provider in Lismore, located in the NSW Northern Rivers area.

Your challenge will be to lead and develop the Client Services Unit during an exciting period of growth and change due to new initiatives, government reform, and investment in this sector.

Ideally the successful applicant will:

- hold a relevant tertiary qualification and have 3 to 5 years senior level management experience leading and developing diverse multi-disciplinary teams in a human services environment
- have knowledge of contemporary case management theories and principles, contemporary youth issues and legislation and standards affecting service delivery in a human services environment

Information packs available through Jasmyne Sheppard at Community Connections on (02) 6622 3143. Applications outlining skills and experience and addressing the selection criteria should be emailed to the General Manager, Community Connections margih@communityconnections.org.au

Applications close at 4pm Friday 21st August 2009.



Aboriginal Casework Specialist

(Readvertised Position)

(Indigenous Identified Position)

Salary Package: \$72,210

(Inclusive of leave loading, superannuation and salary sacrificing opportunities).

Want the chance to be part of an organisation that strives to make a difference for Indigenous children and young people in care?

Have the motivation and experience needed to actively assist and mentor a team of caseworkers?

If you answered yes, then we have the perfect job for you!

We at KARI are looking at strengthening our Out of Home Care division and are currently looking for people interested in applying for our Aboriginal Casework Specialist position.

The Aboriginal Casework Specialist will hold a small caseload and be responsible for providing assistance to other caseworkers on high needs cases when required in a mentoring capacity. The position will also be responsible for completing Ombudsman reports, special needs assessments and facilitating workshops to fellow OOHC team members on occasion.

The positions role is varied and requires the successful candidate to have a multitude of skills including high level communication and interpersonal skills, proficient report writing ability, significant casework experience, peer mentoring skills and the ability to work both independently and within a team as required.

To be considered for this position you must address the selection criteria contained in the information package which can be obtained by contacting recruitment on (02) 9822-4922 or sending an email to recruitment@kari.com.au.

(Previous applicants for this position need not apply. Only applicants selected for interview will be contacted)

Applications Close:

1st September 2009



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
25/2095	Mark Andrew Cedro	9.92ha	34km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°47'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City

Nature of the act: Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 1 year from date of grant.

Notification day: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 2009**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700. For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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
EPM17214	Approx. 14 km SE from Collinsville Centred at approximate Lat.20°40'S Long.147°55'E Local Government Area: Whitsunday Regional Council	Area: 276 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 86 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 551 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, x, y, z 552 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 623 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 624 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	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17792 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 63 km SSE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°37'S Long.146°25'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 63 km SSE from Charters Towers Centred at approximate Lat.20°38'S Long.146°21'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 45 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 14 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 533 d, j, k, p, t, u, z 534 f, l, m, q, r, v, w 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 533 q, r	NQM Gold 2 Pty Ltd 129 020 248 (60%) HSK Gold Australia Pty Ltd 128 947 419 (40%)

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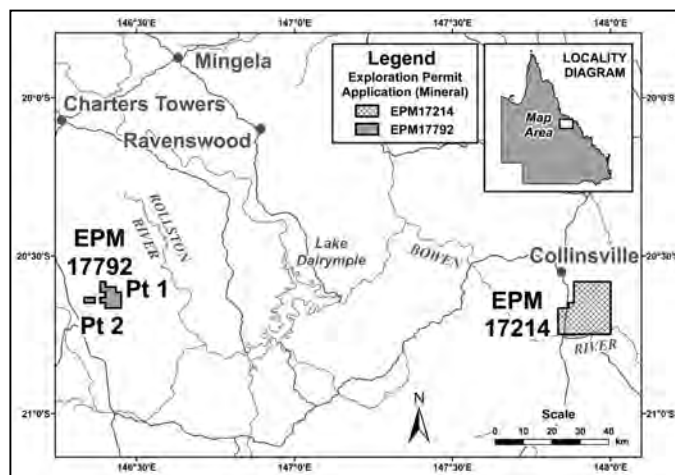
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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



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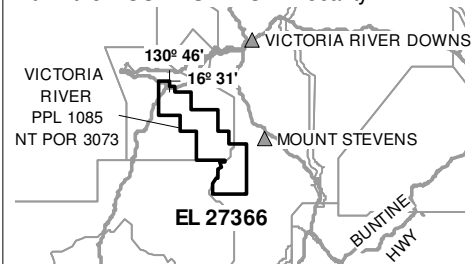
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

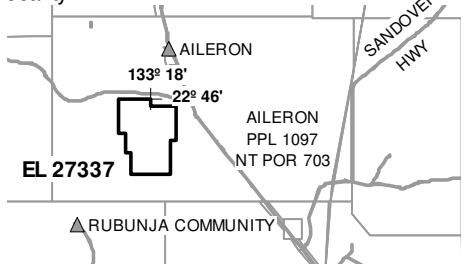
Applications to which this notice applies:

Exploration Licence 27366 sought by ANGLO AUSTRALIAN RESOURCES N.L., ACN 009 159 077 over an area of 127 Blocks (414.56 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MOUNT SANFORD locality.



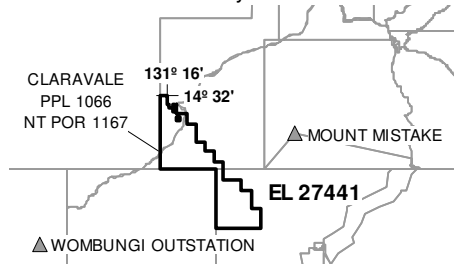
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Exploration Licence 27337 sought by ARAFURA RESOURCES LIMITED, ACN 080 933 455 over an area of 81 Blocks (256.36 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.



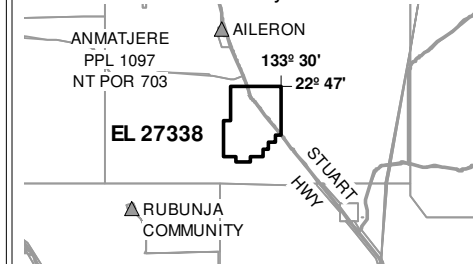
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Exploration Licence 27441 sought by CROSSLAND MINES PTY LIMITED, ACN 099 478 127 over an area of 54 Blocks (168.69 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FLORA locality.



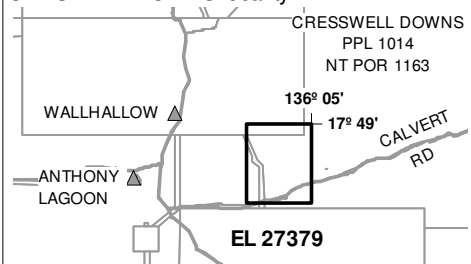
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Exploration Licence 27338 sought by CROSSLAND NICKEL PTY LTD, ACN 099 477 915 over an area of 81 Blocks (256.32 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AILERON locality.



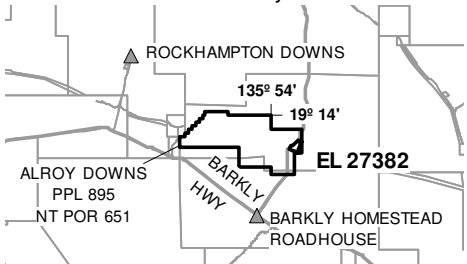
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Exploration Licence 27379 sought by MURPHY URANIUM PTY LTD, ACN 126 180 818 over an area of 168 Blocks (548.97 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CRESSWELL DOWNS locality.



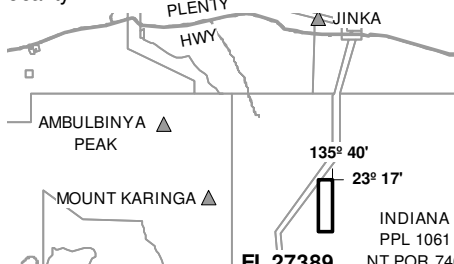
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Exploration Licence 27382 sought by NORTHERN URANIUM LIMITED, ACN 119 966 353 over an area of 397 Blocks (1262.76 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PLAYFORD locality.



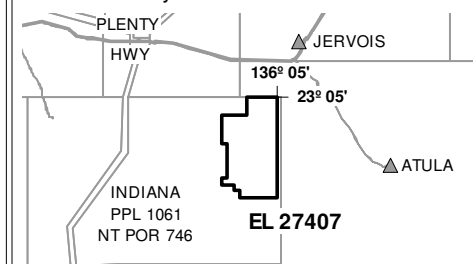
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Exploration Licence 27389 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 14 Blocks (44.15 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BRAHMA locality.



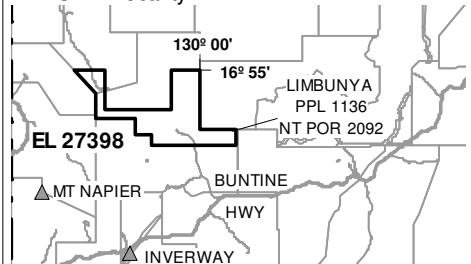
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Exploration Licence 27407 sought by RED METAL LIMITED, ACN 103 367 684 over an area of 113 Blocks (352.42 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PLENTY DOWNS locality.



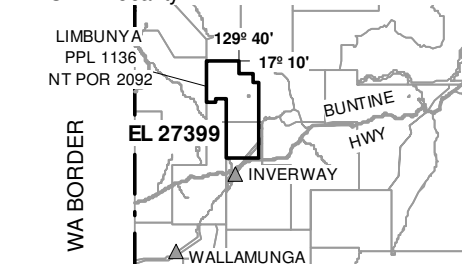
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Exploration Licence 27398 sought by SPITFIRE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 125 578 743 over an area of 498 Blocks (1559.53 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LIMBUNYA locality.



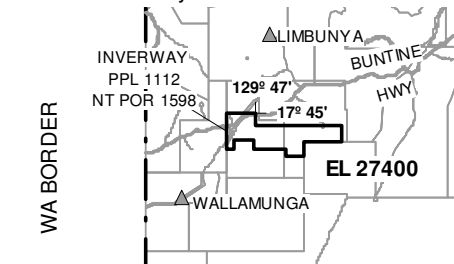
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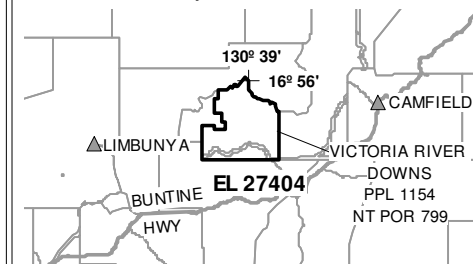
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Exploration Licence 27400 sought by SPITFIRE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 125 578 743 over an area of 494 Blocks (1586.65 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the INVERWAY locality.



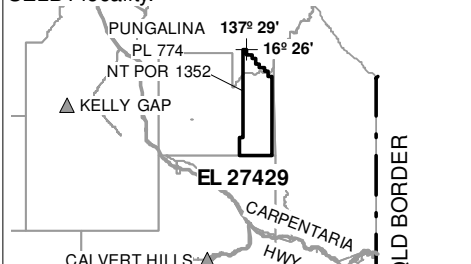
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Exploration Licence 27404 sought by SPITFIRE RESOURCES LTD, ACN 125 578 743 over an area of 414 Blocks (1288.26 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WAVE HILL locality.



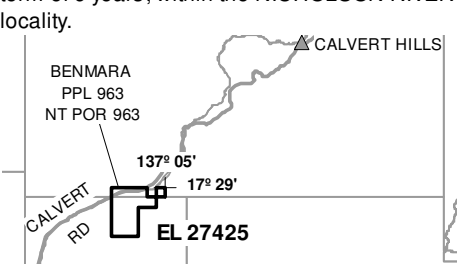
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Exploration Licence 27429 sought by TORO ENERGY LIMITED, ACN 117 127 590 over an area of 151 Blocks (496.84 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the SELBY locality.



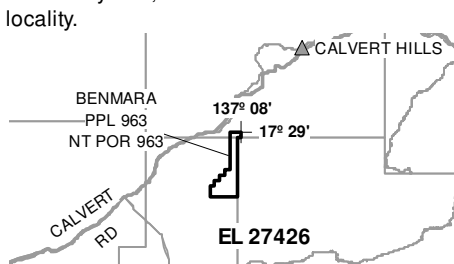
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Exploration Licence 27425 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 19 Blocks (62.23 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NICHOLSON RIVER locality.



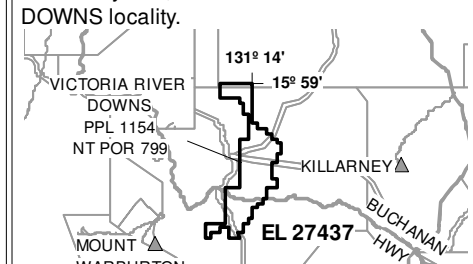
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Exploration Licence 27426 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 38 Blocks (99.35 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NICHOLSON RIVER locality.



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Exploration Licence 27437 sought by UNIVERSAL SPLENDOR INVESTMENTS PTY LTD, ACN 132 522 715 over an area of 187 Blocks (616.53 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the VICTORIA RIVER DOWNS locality.



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Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 12 August 2009



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
04/1876	JML Resources Pty Ltd	201.65km²	44km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°28' Long 125°52'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
04/1882	State Resources Pty Ltd	150.15km²	92km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°35' Long 124°58'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1896	Cullen Exploration Pty Ltd	634.24km²	39KM SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°28' Long 125°48'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
08/1951	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	90.84km²	69km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°49' Long 117°36'	Ashburton/Meekatharra/Upper Gascoyne
08/1952	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	104km²	154km E'ly of Coral Bay	Lat 23°05' Long 115°16'	Ashburton
08/1974	Brockman Exploration Pty Ltd	6.31km²	115km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°48' Long 116°38'	Ashburton
08/1994	Raisama Pty Ltd	63.04km²	159km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 23°02' Long 115°25'	Ashburton
08/1998	Raisama Pty Ltd	63.01km²	170km S'ly of Onslow	Lat 23°05' Long 115°39'	Ashburton
09/1433	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	174.98km²	124km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°09' Long 117°02'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1505	Ausquest Ltd	610.16km²	158km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°07' Long 115°38'	Murchison
09/1583	Ausquest Ltd	231.49km²	136km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°18' Long 115°32'	Murchison
09/1599	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	174.98km²	124km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°09' Long 117°02'	Upper Gascoyne
15/1111	Mincor Resources NL	93.73km²	57km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°25' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
15/1120	Crosspick Resources Pty Ltd	8.76km²	35km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°37' Long 121°55'	Coolgardie
15/1134	Regency Mines Australasia Pty Ltd	20.45km²	31km E'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°33' Long 121°53'	Coolgardie
15/1143	Mwyn Exploration Pty Ltd	2.95km²	61km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°46' Long 120°09'	Coolgardie
20/705	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	210.48km²	48km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°06' Long 118°11'	Cue
20/707	Independence Group NL	197.67km²	74km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°29' Long 118°37'	Cue/Sandstone
25/393	Alan Paul Rudd	61.82km²	59km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°51' Long 122°08'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/395	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	11.79km²	33km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/396	Rubicon Resources Ltd	5.87km²	39km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°04' Long 122°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/399	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	8.84km²	27km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/400	Heron Resources Ltd	2.94km²	64km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°51' Long 122°12'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/401	Heron Resources Ltd	8.82km²	65km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°53' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/402	Oroya Mining Ltd	67.56km²	72km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°03' Long 122°24'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/141	Independence Group NL	17.6km²	16km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°10' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/410	Empire Resources Ltd	5.91km²	45km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°29' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1871	Adelaide Prospecting Pty Ltd	2.94km²	66km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°44' Long 122°09'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1895	Image Resources NL	102.45km²	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°23' Long 122°43'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1913	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	93.8km²	119km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 122°55'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1915	Independence Group NL				
28/1915	Southern Magnesium Pty Ltd	204.51km²	99km N'ly of Balladonia	Lat 31°34' Long 123°43'	Dundas
28/1916	Southern Magnesium Pty Ltd	228.47km²	118km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 31°21' Long 124°02'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1918	Carrick Gold Ltd	8.86km²	75km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°28' Long 122°11'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1920	Heron Resources Ltd	29.44km²	70km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°48' Long 122°14'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1921	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	11.69km²	103km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°28' Long 122°42'	Dundas
28/1928	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	35.14km²	106km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°20' Long 122°46'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1929	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	99.23km²	118km NE'ly Norseman	Lat 31°39' Long 122°51'	Dundas
28/1930	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	8.76km²	123km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°31' Long 122°54'	Dundas
28/1954	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	184.2km²	97km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°31' Long 122°37'	Dundas
28/1967	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	186.79km²	92km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°39' Long 122°31'	Dundas
29/726	Jupiter Mines Ltd	3km²	122km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°53' Long 120°00'	Menzies
30/378	Great Western Exploration Ltd	125.44km²	73km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°33' Long 120°18'	Menzies
30/379	Treppo-Grande Gold Pty Ltd	5.97km²	47km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°30' Long 120°36'	Menzies
31/723	Jackson Minerals Ltd	53.69km²	102km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°12'	Leonora/Menzies
31/797	Heron Resources Ltd	38.78km²	85km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°31' Long 121°53'	Menzies
31/858	St Barbara Ltd	50.73km²	92km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°29' Long 121°59'	Menzies
36/698	Mark Gareth Creasy	12.18km²	70km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°22' Long 121°02'	Leonora
36/717	Xstrata Nickel Australasia Operations Pty Ltd	36.49km²	41km N'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°34' Long 120°33'	Leonora
37/999	Meteoritic Resources NL	63.29km²	57km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°26' Long 121°37'	Laverton/Leonora
38/1938	Regis Resources Limited	3.05km²	135km NW'ly of Cosmo Newbery Mission	Lat 26°56' Long 122°12'	Laverton
38/2280	Anthony Paterson Stehn	15.02km²	37km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°45' Long 122°45'	Laverton
38/2282	Independence Group NL	188.46km²	116km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°29' Long 121°46'	Laverton
38/2283	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	12.02km²	31km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°42' Long 122°42'	Laverton
38/2284	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	9.02km²	25km E'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°39' Long 122°39'	Laverton
38/2295	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	69.06km²	47km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°50'	Laverton
38/2296	AFMECO Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd	297.68km²	117km SE'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°41' Long 123°41'	Laverton
38/2303	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	20.98km²	44km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°00' Long 122°16'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1462	Rubicon Resources Ltd	8.95km²	91km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 122°20'	Leonora/Menzies
39/1471	Murrin Murrin Holdings Pty Ltd	2.99km²	89km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 123°21'	Menzies
	Glenmurrin Pty Ltd				
45/3418	Yilgarn Mining (WA) Pty Ltd				
45/3418	Witx Pty Ltd	41.51km²	21km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°21' Long 119°40'	East Pilbara
47/1719	YanyareX Pty Ltd	520.55km²	48km SW'ly of Karratha	Lat 21°04' Long 116°33'	Roebourne
47/2012	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	110.76km²	96km W'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°24' Long 116°55'	Ashburton
47/2031	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	28.33km²	8km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°09' Long 117°36'	Ashburton
47/2032	Warwick Resources Ltd	9.44km²	47km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°18' Long 119°16'	East Pilbara
47/2033	Warwick Resources Ltd	12.59km²	39km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°18' Long 119°21'	East Pilbara
47/2035	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	25.27km²	117km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°40' Long 116°33'	Ashburton
47/2037	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	189.85km²	81km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°24' Long 117°04'	Ashburton
47/2041	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	22.25km²	17km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 21°47' Long 116°18'	Ashburton
47/2042	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	18.94km²	56km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°54' Long 119°28'	East Pilbara
47/2044	Murchison Metals Ltd	222.21km²	22km N'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°02' Long 118°22'	Ashburton
51/1312	Rosane Pty Ltd	215.68km²	63km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°08' Long 119°51'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2213-7	De Grey Mining Ltd	2299.08km²	166km S'ly of Newman	Lat 24°15' Long 119°54'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2282	Talisman Mining Ltd	260.31km²	139km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°35' Long 119°24'	Meekatharra
52/2313	Talisman Mining Ltd	43.32km²	143km NW'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°33' Long 119°23'	Meekatharra
52/2314	Southern Magnesium Pty Ltd	99.38km²	157km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°10' Long 120°11'	Meekatharra/Wiluna
52/2327-9 & 52/2332	Warwick Resources Ltd	847.99km²	102km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 24°08' Long 119°11'	Meekatharra
52/2330	Warwick Resources Ltd	165.67km²	109km S'ly of Newman	Lat 24°16' Long 119°20'	Meekatharra
52/2342	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	210.1km²	166km NW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°33' Long 117°18'	Meekatharra/Upper Gascoyne
52/2380	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.59km²	14km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°26' Long 119°49'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
52/2382	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	91.24km²	13km S'ly of Newman	Lat 23°28' Long 119°43'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
53/1392	Bogada Gold Ltd	215.3km²	48km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°17' Long 120°34'	Wiluna
53/1401	Newera Uranium Ltd	160.11km²	41km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°14' Long 120°08'	Wiluna
53/1433-7	Kingx Pty Ltd	1073.33km²	136km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°08' Long 121°29'	Wiluna
53/1460	Ausquest Ltd	92.36km²	155km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°03' Long 121°39'	Wiluna
53/1461	Hemisphere Resources Ltd	43.05km²	52km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°32' Long 120°44'	Wiluna
53/1480	Leahy Haulage Pty Ltd	24.42km²	63km S'ly of Wiluna	Lat 27°09' Long 120°23'	Wiluna
53/1484	Alloy Resources Ltd	6.13km²	72km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°31' Long 120°56'	Wiluna
53/1485	Alloy Resources Ltd	18.39km²	74km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°37' Long 120°58'	Wiluna
53/1486 & 53/1488	Alloy Resources Ltd	27.6km²	66km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°34' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
53/1489	Alloy Resources Ltd	3.06km²	70km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°36' Long 120°55'	Wiluna
57/794	Independence Group NL	204.64km²	78km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°40' Long 119°07'	Sandstone
57/795	Independence Group NL	202.09km²	53km S'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°27' Long 119°09'	Sandstone
58/374	Windy Knob Resources Ltd	212.27km²	33km N'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 27°47' Long 117°58'	Cue/Mount Magnet
59/1163	Tyson Resources Pty Ltd	24.31km²	111km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°33' Long 115°40'	Murchison
	William Staverton Hitch				
63/1291	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	63.52km²	37km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 121°23'	Esperance
69/2586	Milford Resources Pty Ltd	24.69km²	210km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°42' Long 122°05'	Wiluna
69/2615	Chandling Pty Ltd	203.72km²	97km NW'ly of Balladonia	Lat 31°56' Long 123°02'	Dundas
69/2616	General Mining Corporation Ltd	62.51km²	55km NE'ly of Cocklebidy	Lat 31°39' Long 126°27'	Dundas
70/3100	Image Resources NL	520.09km²	43km SW'ly of Moora	Lat 30°57' Long 115°44'	Dandaragan/Gingin
70/3154	Olympia Resources Ltd	135.56km²	10km NW'ly of Waroona	Lat 32°47' Long 115°50'	Murray/Waroona
70/3158	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	344.32km²	44km S'ly of Mullewa	Lat 28°56' Long 115°29'	Mingenew/Mullewa
70/3190	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	155.65km²	34km W'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°08' Long 115°40'	Mingenew/Morawa
70/3395	Atriplex Ltd	438.45km²	61km NE'ly of Nornalup	Lat 34°28' Long 117°00'	Cranbrook/Manjimup/Plantagenet
77/1504	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	11.74km²	35km E'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°13' Long 119°41'	Yilgarn
77/1581	St Barbara Ltd	23.33km²	86km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°53' Long 119°48'	Yilgarn
77/1582	St Barbara Ltd	2.91km²	86km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°55' Long 119°43'	Yilgarn
77/1669	Golden Zen Pty Ltd	8.88km²	53km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°25' Long 119°49'	Yilgarn
80/4251	Zinc Co Australia Ltd	123.78km²	48km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°12' Long 126°02'	Derby-West Kimberley
80/4252	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	94.6km²	84km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°34' Long 128°03'	Halls Creek
80/4254	AFMECO Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd	39.39km²	69km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°19' Long 128°25'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4255	AFMECO Mining and Exploration Pty Ltd	147.8km²	60km SW'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°12' Long 128°24'	Wyndham & East Kimberley

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 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 MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO AND PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/129 Search for Groundwater	Glenmurrin Pty Ltd Murrin Murrin Holdings Pty Ltd	8385.93ha	27km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°41' Long 121°09'	Leonora
40/24 Search for Groundwater	Glenmurrin Pty Ltd Murrin Murrin Holdings Pty Ltd	27014.25ha	24km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°05' Long 121°15'	Leonora/ Menzies

Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 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 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
09/1101	Alan Frank Cleland James Arthur Millar	322436	11.99ha	157km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°07' Long 116°32'	Upper Gascoyne
20/606	Silver Lake Resources Ltd	324970	809ha	22km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°25' Long 118°07'	Cue
20/608	Silver Lake Resources Ltd	324969	23.42ha	26km E'ly of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 118°08'	Cue
29/640	International Goldfields Ltd (ACN 118 108 615)	325489	106.83ha	87km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°03' Long 120°30'	Menzies
37/859	Alan Paul Rudd	325798	460.34ha	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°54' Long 121°04'	Leonora
		325804	1110.3ha	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°58' Long 121°04'	
		325805	373.31ha	38km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°48' Long 121°05'	
46/747	Mark James Thompson	322737	12.12ha	63km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°46' Long 120°42'	East Pilbara
53/1101	Michael Francis Madigan	325263	22.62ha	49km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°25' Long 120°40'	Wiluna

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 12 August 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 **12 November 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. 12 December 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.



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit
SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

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 Permit application applied for under section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967* (WA).

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	SHIRE
12/08-9 EP	ENERGETICA RESOURCES PTY LIMITED	717.2 km ²	The application comprises 9 graticular blocks of the one million map sheets SF50 (Hammersley Range) and is located in the Northern Carnarvon Basin. The south-west corner of the application is situated approximately 25 kilometres north-east of Onslow. The North-East corner of the application is situated approximately 44 kilometres south-west of Mardie Homestead. The application occupies an area of 717.2 km ² and falls partly within the Shire of Ashburton and partly within the Shire of Roebourne. Within the application area are many named islands such as False Island, Yammadery Island., North, Middle, and South Mangrove Islands, Weld Island and Little Rocky Island as well as many unnamed miscellaneous smaller islands. The GDA co-ordinates of the application are: -NE corner (Lat 21°19'55.26"S, Long 115°19'04.67"E), -SW corner (Lat 21°34'55.31"S, Long 115°20'04.67"E).	Shire of Ashburton: 200.7km ² (28%) Shire of Roebourne: 8.2 km ² (1%)

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 12th August 2009

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **12th November 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*. Enquires 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 exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 12th December 2009**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).



LEON DAVIS

Davis stays with Pies



COLLINGWOOD star Leon Davis has agreed to a two-year contract extension, which will keep him at the Australian Football League (AFL) club until at least the end of the 2011 season.

Davis, 28, is playing career-best football in 2009, alternating between the midfield and attack for the Magpies. After being selected with pick

34 in the 1999 national draft, he has played 177 games, the most ever by an Indigenous player for Collingwood.

Davis joins the likes of Collingwood skipper Nick Maxwell, Scott Pendlebury, Dane Swan, Heath Shaw and Dale Thomas, all of whom have signed new contracts this year.

The fourth-placed Magpies played Adelaide at AAMI Stadium last Saturday night.

– AAP

Soccer to distribute kits to youngsters

SPECIAL soccer kits are to be distributed to more than 50,000 young players in regional and urban Australia as part of the Optus Small-Sided Football (OSSF) program.

The kits are being provided through Optus and Football Federation Australia (FFA).

All under six registered OSSF players across the country will receive a football kit, which includes a T-shirt, football and backpack. Their local club will also receive equipment and resource materials.

OSSF is football for children, played on smaller fields, with fewer players on a team and with an emphasis on having fun through playing football. Organisers say OSSF maximises participation for all players and is an important component of FFA's commitment to building for the future.

"For more than a decade football has had the highest participation rates of any sport for boys aged 5-14," FFA chief commercial officer John O'Sullivan said.

"It is also the fastest growing team sport for girls. We are thrilled, that together with Optus, we are able to support grassroots football in a practical way.

Optus Football Ambassador and Socceroo Lucas Neill said: "Local clubs play a vital step in developing football skills and fitness and opening up opportunities. I am delighted to be part of the Optus team as a football ambassador and support the work they are doing for football community development."

With the Hyundai A-League 2009/10 season starting last weekend, players from the nine Australian clubs will be visiting OSSF clubs in their local areas in support of the initiative.

Cox carries weight of Aussies in China series



AN Australian Opals women's basketball team shy of its Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) stars will rely on National Basketball League MVP Rohanee Cox and fellow Olympians Emma Randall, Hollie Grima and Alicia Poto for a three-match series against China this month.

The Olympic silver medallists and reigning world champions was to take on China in Canberra yesterday and Geelong and Dandenong on 17 and 21 August.

Natalie Hurst, Elyse Penaluna and Liz Cambage, who all debuted for the Opals against China in May, have garnered re-selection.

But missing are the likes of Lauren Jackson and Penny Taylor who are playing in the WNBA. "There's no question that this is a critical part of our preparation for the World Championships and to get us ready for New Zealand," coach Carrie Graf said.

"We have a good chunk of Olympians and we're on home soil so we're looking to avenge our 2-1 series loss in China in May."

A team of 12 athletes will be selected at the conclusion of the three-game series to contest the 2009 FIBA Oceania Championship against New Zealand on 31 August (Wellington) and 2 September (Canberra).

Australia's performance at that event determines qualification for the 2010 FIBA World Championship for women.

China, who finished fourth in Beijing, are preparing for the 2009 FIBA Asia Championship and will also contest friendly matches on tour against three WNBL teams Bendigo Spirit, Dandenong Rangers and Bulleen Boomers.

-AAP



Rohanee Cox in action for the Opals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

Groote Eylandt gears up for football finals



AUSTRALIAN football has returned to Groote Eylandt, and with the finals approaching, people wanting to visit the island to watch the action have been advised to book soon.

There's not a lot of accommodation on the island and Australian Football League (AFL) Groote Eylandt regional development manager Robert Clements says people who make arrangements early will be the winners.

Clements said that considering the important ceremony in Numbulwar for the Anindilyakwan people over the past month, rounds had been proceeding smoothly.

"There's been some fantastic football played on Groote, with the run to the finals looking interesting and an exciting grand final on the cards," he said.

The grand final will be played on Sunday 20 September at 3pm.

Junior matches will be played as curtain-raisers, and according to Clements, it will be a fun day for the community.

Airmorth (<http://www.airnorth.com.au/>) and Vincent Aviation (<http://www.vincentaviation.com.au/seat-bookings/>) fly daily to Groote Eylandt, and is recommended that bookings be made in advance. Accommodation is available at the Dugong Beach Resort (<http://www.dugongbeachresort.com.au/>)

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1486	Approx. 132 km E from Hughenden Centred at approximate Lat.20°58'S Long.145°28'E Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Area: 956 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 299 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 664 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 665 f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 666 q, r, v, w, x, y 736 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 737 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 738 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 739 a, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 740 q, r, v, w, x 809 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u 810 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 811 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 812 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 882 e, k, p, u, z 883 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 884 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y, z 954 e 955 a, b, c, d, e 956 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 957 v 1028 a, b, c, d, e	Matilda Coal Pty Limited 131 923 692

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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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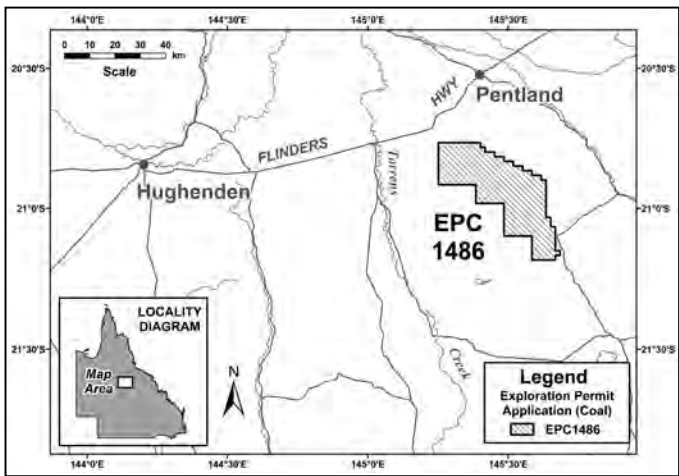
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

Cape league flourishes



By ALF WILSON



LOCKHART River Scorpions beat Coen Colts 32-24 in the final of round two of the new Cape York rugby league competition played at Weipa Football Oval on 1 August before a crowd of 500.

The majority of players are Indigenous and the competition is a major boost for rugby league in Cape York, with the six teams being Weipa Force, Napranum, Mapoon, Pormpuraaw, Lockhart River and Coen.

Each side played two qualifying games and Lockhart River Scorpions defeated Napranum Brothers 26-12 in the first game.

Weipa Force, with Cape Torres Foley Shield star forward Garreth Smith making a comeback, beat Mapoon Magpies 20-12 in game two.

However, the Weipa team was disqualified for playing an unregistered player and lost the points for the win.

Weipa-based QRL development officer David Westley told *The Koori Mail* on 6 August that the points were deducted because one Force player from game one had lined up with Coen in the previous round.

"I contacted the QRL and decided to deduct the points as we want to run these games under the rules," Westley said.

This had implications later when it came time to decide who would play in the finals on a points countback.

The Scorpions played the Pormpuraaw Crocs in the third game and won 36-6 and the Weipa Force rolled Coen Colts 16-10 in game four.

The fifth game of the day saw Brothers beat the Crocs 24-20.

The sixth game before the final resulted in a 30-14 win by the Coen Colts over the Magpies.

A large crowd was there and quality of the games had improved significantly since the last round in July with fewer handling errors and penalties.

Alistair Bowie (Scorpions) was named the player of the carnival, while Jimmy 'Shaka' Bero (Colts) was the best forward and Chris Johnson (Scorpions) the best back.

There are two more carnivals planned for the rest of the year – 22 August and 12 September.

Earlier, on 11 July at Weipa, the Mapoon Magpies defeated Weipa Northern Force 30-18 in the final of the round-robin competition.

Mapoon is an Aboriginal community 80km by dirt road from Weipa, while Napranum is just 8km from Weipa.

In the decider, Mapoon led 14-4 at half-time then its bigger forward pack was the difference in the second session.



The Mapoon Magpies, who won the opening round of the Cape York rugby league competition at Weipa on 11 July. They beat Weipa Northern Force 30-18 in the final.



Lockhart River Scorpions defending against Coen Colts in round one of the Cape York competition.

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EPM17671	Approx. 57 km S from Bamaga Centred at approximate Lat.11°25'S Long.142°24'E Local Government Area: Cook Shire Council and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Area: 335 km ² Block Identification Maps: Torres Strait Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2789 b, g, m, r, w, x 2861 b, c, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x 2933 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 3005 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3077 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3078 l, q, v 3149 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 3150 a, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	Charlotte Aust Holdings Pty Ltd 126 768 143

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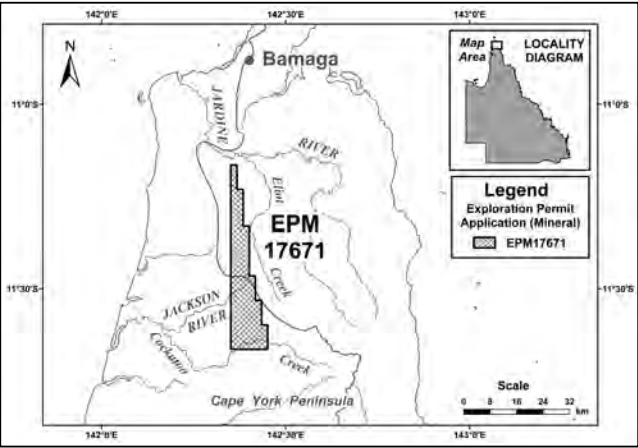
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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

Sport

Tahu keen
for return
to rep
footy



TIMANA Tahu has his sights set high ahead of his return to the NRL, with the former Wallaby saying he wants to play Test and Origin football in 2010.

Tahu, who was on Wednesday granted a release from the final two years of his Australian Rugby Union contract, allowing him to take up a three-year deal with Parramatta starting next season, said he was excited about returning to rugby league.

The 29-year-old last played the 13-man game in 2007, but told the Nine Network he was keen to add to his 11 State of Origin games and five Tests for Australia.

“I’d love to play at the top level again, playing Origin and for the Kangaroos,” Tahu said.

While Tahu’s experience would no doubt hold him in good stead when it came to breaking into a NSW side that has lost the last four Origin series, getting back into a Test side dominated by the the all-conquering Maroons could pose bigger problems.

Tahu admitted the frustration of not playing for the NSW Waratahs and Australian Wallabies on a regular basis had led to his decision to walk out on the code, but he insisted he harboured no hard feelings against rugby.

Something different

“I’m not leaving rugby because I hated the game, it was something different to do,” Tahu said.

“I do love playing the game, I’ll still watch the game.”

Tahu, who played four Tests for the Wallabies and 20 Super 14 games for the Waratahs, denied his time in rugby union had been a failure.

“People are going to say I wasn’t successful in rugby – they said it to Wendell (Sailor), they said it to Mat Rogers,” Tahu said.

“But the three of us played at the top level. That’s something they can’t take away from us.”

Tahu will undergo surgery to repair a broken hand before starting pre-season training with Parramatta in late November.

He was expected to be paraded before the Eels crowd at Parramatta Stadium before last Sunday’s game against Newcastle.

Frustrated

Thee 28-year-old Tahu became increasingly frustrated by limited opportunities with the NSW Waratahs and the Wallabies, and when close friend Paul Osborne took over as Eels chief executive, he eventually decided to return to the NRL.

Tahu exercised a release clause from his ARU contract, which was triggered by his non-selection for the Wallabies.

It is believed the devastating open-field runner would have been picked in a Test match if not for a hamstring injury earlier in the season.

The NRL said there was no way they would have allowed the Eels to sign Tahu for this season, with 30 June the cut-off date for contracts to be registered.

“Importantly, the release allows him to join Parramatta, which we would not have allowed had he been breaking a contract,” an NRL spokesman said.



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE 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 general purpose lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
37/25-35 Tailings Storage Facility	St Barbara Ltd	109.45ha	6km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°56' Long 121°19'	Leonora

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 12 August 2009

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For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.

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EPM17179	Approx. 24 km SW from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°27'S Long.150°08'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council	Area: 217 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 70 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1225 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 1226 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 1227 a, f, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1228 l, q, v	Iron Duyfken Pty Ltd 125 811 912
EPM17183 This Application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 28 km SSE from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°32'S Long.150°23'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council and North Burnett Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 28 km SSW from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°32'S Long.150°14'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 36 km SW from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°30'S Long.150°02'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council Part 4: Approx. 41 km SW from Cracow Centred at approximate Lat.25°34'S Long.150°02'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 56 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 18 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1301 d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 53 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 17 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1299 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, t, u, z 1300 a, f, l, q, v Area of Part 3: 12 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 a, b, c, d Area of Part 4: 9 km² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 v, w, x	Iron Duyfken Pty Ltd 125 811 912

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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.

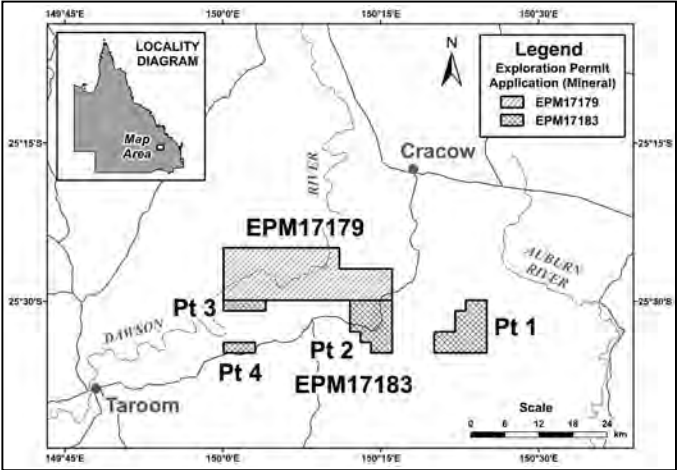
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

Lovett-Murray vows to clear his name

‘I want to be tested’

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
EPM17812 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 44 km E from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°08'S Long.140°43'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 42 km ESE from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°13'S Long.140°40'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 22 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 969 g, m, r, s, w, x, y Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1040 o, p, t, u, z 1041 l	Sumitomo Metal Mining Oceania Pty Ltd 059 761 125
EPM17838 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 64 km ENE from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°0'S Long.140°54'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 53 km E from Malbon Centred at approximate Lat.21°07'S Long.140°48'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and McKinlay Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 339 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 106 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 684 t, x, y, z 755 u, v, w, x, y, z 756 c, d, h, j, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 826 e, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 827 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, l, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 828 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, w, x, y 899 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, s, t, x, y 971 d, j, k, m, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y 1043 b, c, f, g Area of Part 2: 86 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 898 n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 899 l, q, v 970 c, d, e, h, n, q, r, s, t, v, w 1042 a, b, c, h	Levuka Resources Pty Ltd 112 095 440 (90%) Breakaway Resources Ltd 061 595 051 (10%)

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Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government



ESSENDON utility Nathan Lovett-Murray (*pictured*) has asked to undergo Australian Football League (AFL) testing in a bid to clear his name after being charged with possessing a drug

of dependence.

Lovett-Murray, 26, was charged after a single ecstasy tablet was allegedly found in his home on 3 August during a police search.

The raid on his home was one of 11 conducted by police in Melbourne and the regional centres of Swan Hill and Ballarat, after which five men were charged on offences, including drug trafficking, possessing firearms and possessing proceeds of crime.

As one of the Bombers' most-respected players, Lovett-Murray has told his club he would vigorously contest the charge when the case went to court in October.

Essendon stressed there was a presumption of innocence and have decided to let Lovett-Murray continue to train and play before his case goes to court.

The Bombers were to play the Brisbane Lions last Saturday night at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), a game crucial to their aspirations of reaching the finals.

"This is a serious matter and we, as a club, are treating it as such," Essendon managing director Peter Jackson said.

"However, there must also be a presumption of innocence and Nathan is determined to contest the charge.

"Understanding the process that has unfolded, the character of Nathan and the work he does in the community, the Essendon Football Club intends to support him in this matter and as such he will continue to train and play.

"It is now a legal matter which will run its course over the next few months."

In a press conference at Windy Hill, Jackson said Lovett-Murray had also requested he undergo AFL blood, hair and urine testing to prove he did not use drugs.

Under the wider police operation, officers seized cash, firearms and ammunition, drugs, including amphetamine and steroids, and three vehicles.

Among the five men charged with trafficking offences were Lovett-Murray's brother Dane, 19, and his cousin Robby, 35.

Nathan Lovett-Murray, originally from Heywood, in western Victoria, has played 94 games for the Bombers since his debut in 2004, and nine this season.

Essendon said he was also charged on a separate matter, of driving while unlicensed, because he failed to have it renewed when it expired in July.

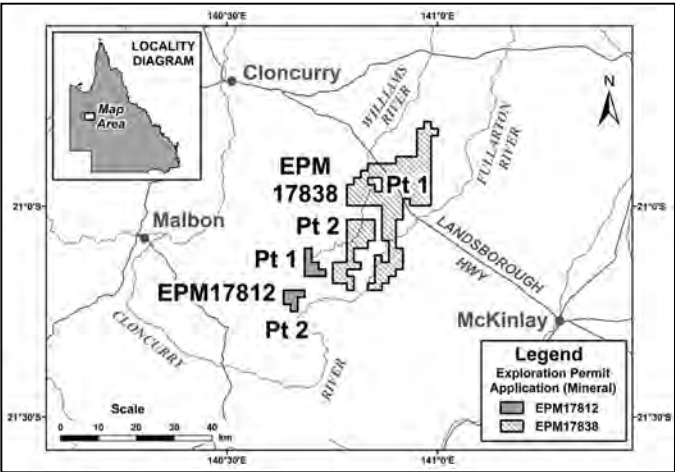
Under the AFL's out-of-competition drug policy, had Lovett-Murray tested positive to recreational drugs, he would not have been named in the first or second instance, and the only people informed would have been he and medical officers from the league and his club.

The AFL Players' Association (AFLPA) said Lovett-Murray would receive the organisation's full support.

"Nathan is entitled to the presumption of innocence," AFLPA chief executive Brendon Gale said.

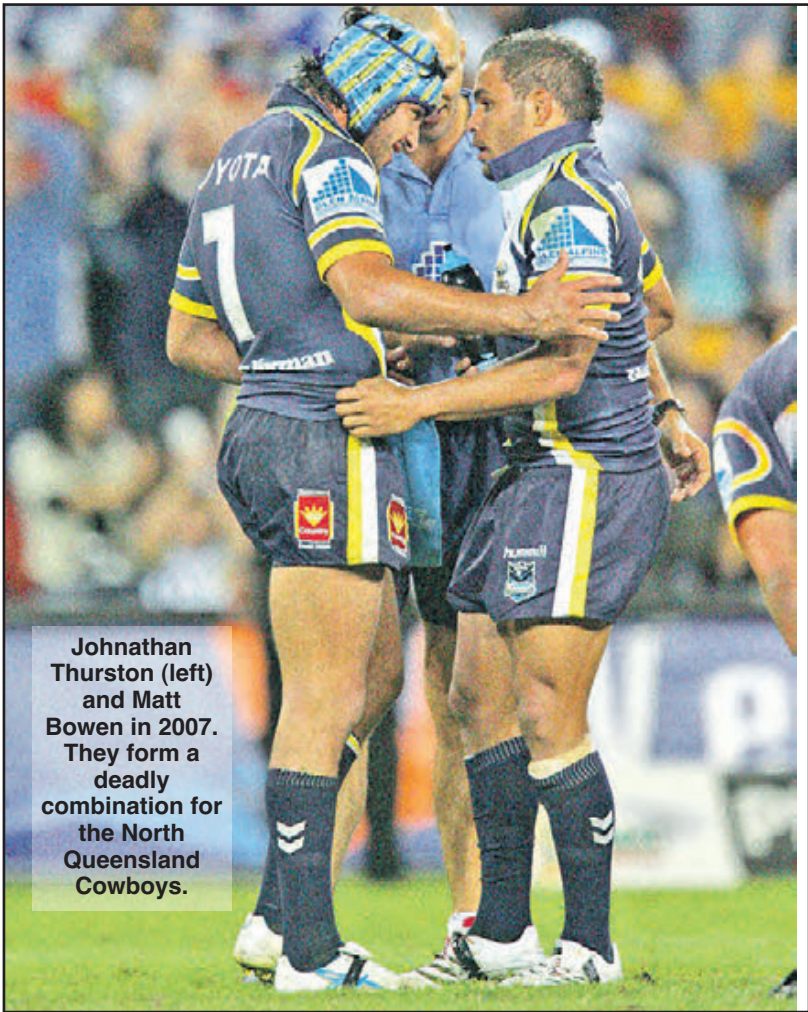
"Nathan Lovett-Murray is an outstanding member of the community, whose contribution to the Indigenous community in particular, has been long-term and exceptional.

"Nathan will receive the full support of the AFL Players Association in this matter." – AAP



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‘Matty Bowen was on fire tonight, he was everywhere’



Johnathan Thurston (left) and Matt Bowen in 2007. They form a deadly combination for the North Queensland Cowboys.

Old firm back to very best



BOTH coaches were lining up the superlatives for North Queensland dynamo Matt Bowen after his brilliant display in the

Cowboys’ 34-18 upset National Rugby League (NRL) win over Gold Coast at Skilled Park on 31 July.

Under normal circumstances, Cowboys halfback Johnathan Thurston would have walked in man-of-the-match honours, but Bowen’s sublime performance in attack and defence stole the show from his classy team-mates.

“Matty Bowen was on fire tonight, he was everywhere,” Titans coach John Cartwright said after the Titans’ nine-game winning streak at home was brought to an end.

Titans skipper Scott Prince concurred.

“Matt B had a field day,” was Prince’s assessment of the 175cm fullback’s best night out of the season.

Bowen took his NRL career try tally to 101 with his double, but it was his courageous defence that impressed his coach and team-mates the most.

“Everyone praises his attack but

his two try-saving tackles, that’s what we value most,” said Thurston, who was also at his dangerous best with the ball in hand.

“He’s only a little man, but he put his body on the line, that’s what we expect.”

Cowboys coach Neil Henry rated Bowen’s exhibition as his best game of the year and a return to his brilliant best following a serious knee injury that ruined his 2008 season.

“Matty was very involved, and defensively he came up with two try-saving tackles,” said Henry, who also rated the team’s first half as close to its best.

The game was all but over after the Cowboys raced in four first-half tries for 22-0 lead.

“It was a result we needed,” said Henry.

“We needed to be desperate. “I thought the first 20 minutes, our defence was outstanding.

“I don’t think we’ve put 40 minutes together like that first half, we had to hang in early, they don’t give you much.

“We were desperate for a win. We didn’t want to drop out of the eight.” – AAP



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the Mining Act 1978:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/5249	Allan Brian Stockwell William Graham Stockwell Robert Maxwell King	4.98ha	6km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°00' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
15/5252	Ngan Kwan Li Li Chun Huang Jian Hua Xu	85.62ha	13km NE'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°51' Long 121°14'	Coolgardie
15/5271	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	123.54ha	27km NW'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 121°30'	Coolgardie/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
15/5378	Brendon Chevely Deshon	170.02ha	17km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°47' Long 121°08'	Coolgardie
15/5381, 15/5386 & 15/5388	Jervois Mining Ltd	379.72ha	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
15/5382	Jervois Mining Ltd	91.28ha	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°56' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
15/5383-5	Jervois Mining Ltd	472.67ha	22km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°53' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
15/5390-1	Mincor Resources NL	397.46ha	6km S'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°33' Long 121°34'	Coolgardie
15/5397-8	Independence Group NL	297.76ha	15km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°13' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
15/5401	Lloyd George Holdings Pty Ltd	121.38ha	20km SW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°01' Long 120°58'	Coolgardie
15/5409	Frederick Charles Saunders	17.22ha	10km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°27' Long 121°28'	Coolgardie
15/5411	Wilbroash Mining And Exploration Pty Ltd	3.51ha	60km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°44' Long 120°08'	Coolgardie
15/58387	Jervois Mining Ltd	140.91ha	23km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°54' Long 120°56'	Coolgardie
16/2027	Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd	199.39ha	40km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°06'	Coolgardie
16/2584	Michael Laurence John Doyle Wendy Dawn Faithfull	10.4ha	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°41' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
16/2588	David Woodiwiss	117.49ha	36km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°01'	Coolgardie
16/2597	Cliff Charles Watts	170.6ha	47km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°35' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
16/2620	Christopher Bruce Thomas	10.04ha	67km NW'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°27' Long 120°44'	Coolgardie
20/2087	Legend Resources Pty Ltd	186.72ha	2km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°52'	Cue
20/2097	Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd	4.32ha	57km N'ly of Cue	Lat 26°56' Long 117°41'	Cue
20/2098	Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd	3.4ha	57km N'ly of Cue	Lat 26°56' Long 117°40'	Cue
20/2099	Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd	0.33ha	57km N'ly of Cue	Lat 26°56' Long 117°40'	Cue
20/2103-5	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	416.16ha	39km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 118°04'	Cue
20/2100-1 & 20/2107	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	513.15ha	43km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°05' Long 118°06'	Cue
24/4444-6 & 24/4448-9	Clinton Dean Hood	929.02ha	39km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°25' Long 121°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2073-6	Plasia Pty Ltd	708.34ha	40km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°46' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3688	Heron Resources Ltd	191.31ha	12km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3695	Craig Paul Horton	188.44ha	14km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°52' Long 121°30'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2071 & 26/3705-10	Clinton Dean Hood	1232.36ha	23km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3711	Boris Dobaj	10.85ha	34km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°58' Long 121°54'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3712	Raymond John Francis	203.22ha	9km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°49' Long 121°27'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3713	Zeedam Enterprises Pty Ltd	120.96ha	27km N'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 121°41'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/3714-5	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	388.48ha	24km S'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1966-7 & 27/1969	Heron Resources Ltd	405.55ha	13km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°33'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1981	Lyndon Scott Mahoney David Malcolm Saggars Frederick Charles Saunders	199.03ha	17km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°38' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1985	Manfred Kielhauser Robert Mark Henning	99.94ha	51km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°21' Long 121°45'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1989	Neville Bruce Worrall	49.01ha	50km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°40'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1999	Peter Charles Curtis	10.1ha	25km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°32' Long 121°35'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2106	Clinton Dean Hood	29.14ha	4km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°04'	Menzies
29/2107-9	Clinton Dean Hood	496.55ha	5km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°03'	Menzies
29/2110	Clinton Dean Hood	168.02ha	7km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°41' Long 121°06'	Menzies
29/2113-4	McVerde Minerals Pty Ltd Willie Grocer Pty Ltd	400ha	10km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°40' Long 121°08'	Menzies
37/7696	Metallon Resources Pty Ltd	132.56ha	31km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°04'	Leonora
37/7745-6	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	330.88ha	67km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°29' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/7748-50	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	364.79ha	65km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°31' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/7772-3	Enterprise Exploration Ltd	394.37ha	58km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°38' Long 121°11'	Leonora
38/3625-8	Regis Resources Limited	798.58ha	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°36' Long 122°17'	Laverton
38/3751	Anthony Robert Frederick Maslin	47.78ha	74km NW'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 27°39' Long 122°14'	Laverton
39/4832	Robert Anthony Majstrovich	168.88ha	26km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°08'	Laverton
39/4833	Regal Resources Ltd	156.9ha	25km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°41' Long 122°09'	Laverton
39/4912	Trevor John Dixon	219.93ha	47km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°46'	Leonora
40/1248-9	Hawthorn Resources Limited	252ha	42km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°13' Long 121°31'	Menzies
40/1251	Peter Andrew Wiltshire	9.52ha	37km S'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°12' Long 121°23'	Menzies
45/2689-91	Simon John Smith	29.46ha	22km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°59' Long 119°50'	East Pilbara
45/2743	Mallina Exploration Pty Ltd	100.28ha	60km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°28' Long 119°15'	East Pilbara
45/2744	Mallina Exploration Pty Ltd	8.25ha	8km S'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°14' Long 119°44'	East Pilbara
45/2745	Mallina Exploration Pty Ltd	3.02ha	2km NE'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°09' Long 119°45'	East Pilbara
52/1326	Warwick Resources Ltd	53.05ha	38km SW'ly of Newman	Lat 23°24' Long 120°12'	East Pilbara
53/1496	Gerard Victor Brewer	124.73ha	131km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°46' Long 121°31'	Wiluna
53/1497	Gerard Victor Brewer	97.03ha	127km E'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°45' Long 121°45'	Wiluna
53/1514	Abra Mining Ltd	116.51ha	26km W'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°32' Long 119°58'	Wiluna
57/1246	Troy Resources Ltd	23.79ha	14km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 28°05' Long 119°22'	Sandstone
58/1288	Mount Magnet South NL	121.33ha	9km SW'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 117°48'	Mount Magnet
63/1682	Lignite Pty Ltd	128.75ha	36km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°15' Long 121°51'	Esperance
63/1723-9	Petrus Resources Pty Ltd	1218.39ha	101km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°30' Long 120°43'	Dundas
63/1730	Petrus Resources Pty Ltd	162.77ha	89km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°38' Long 120°47'	Esperance
63/1731	Petrus Resources Pty Ltd	23.56ha	95km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°34' Long 120°45'	Dundas/Esperance
63/1734	Saruman Holdings Pty Ltd	67.53ha	16km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°05' Long 121°53'	Dundas
70/1581	Lake Hillman Mining Pty Ltd	8.56ha	47km W'ly of Bencubbin	Lat 30°56' Long 117°23'	Koorda
80/1658	Platquest Resources Pty Ltd	109.97ha	9km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°10' Long 127°44'	Halls Creek
80/1659-61	Platquest Resources Pty Ltd	540.05ha	8km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°11' Long 127°36'	Halls Creek
80/1662-4	Platquest Resources Pty Ltd	510.09ha	15km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°06' Long 127°43'	Halls Creek
80/1653-4 & 80/1670-2	Platquest Resources Pty Ltd	800.67ha	3km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°12' Long 127°38'	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: 12 August 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 12 November 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. 12 December 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.

Clash of the season



IT is shaping up as the match of the season – Northern United versus Lower Clarence in the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League first grade competition.

The game will be played at the Maclean Showground this Sunday and will celebrate the United Nations International Day of Indigenous People.

It also just so happens to coincide with the National Rugby League’s Reconciliation Round next weekend.

Before last weekend’s round of matches, the Lower Clarence Magpies were leading the NRRRL competition by two points from Northern United.

The two teams have strong Indigenous representation.

Northern United had led the NRRRL competition for most of the season, but surrendered the top of the table to the Magpies after two successive losses.

When these teams last met, Northern United won 28-20 at United’s home ground in Lismore on 19 April.

The Magpies will be looking for revenge next weekend, and statistics suggest they will extract it.

Prolific scorers

Before last weekend, Northern United and Lower Clarence each had scored 580 points, but Northern United had leaked 412 points, compared with just 248 points conceded by the Magpies.

The Northern United Dirrawongs are in their first year in the NRRRL competition and have made a stunning debut.

To celebrate the Maclean game next Sunday, officials from the two clubs are planning an Aboriginal cultural day from 10am.

There will be Elders’ storytelling, traditional tucker, contemporary art and craft, Aboriginal photographic collection, historian, music, dancing plus three games of rugby league.

● *The Koori Mail* is a major sponsor of Northern United.



Northern United centre Fred Waters leaps over a defending Grafton Rhino in a Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League game earlier this season. The Dirrawongs were leading the competition at the time but have since surrendered the top position to the Lower Clarence Magpies.

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EPM17212 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 70 km SSE from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.21°19'S Long.139°39'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 45 km S from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.21°07'S Long.139°30'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 198 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 62 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1029 v, w 1100 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1101 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1172 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1173 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w Area of Part 2: 122 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 38 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 811 v 883 a, f, l, q, v 954 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 955 a, f, l, q, v 1026 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1027 a, f, l, q, v 1028 y, z	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17217 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 57 km SW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°57'S Long.138°54'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 73 km WSW from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°54'S Long.138°43'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 270 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 84 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3394 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 3395 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 3396 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 3397 a, b, f, l, m, q, r, v, w Area of Part 2: 16 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3321 v, w, x, y, z	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944
EPM17225 This Application consists of six separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 19 km ESE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°47'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 24 km ESE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°49'S Long.139°34'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 13 km SE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°47'S Long.139°27'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 4: Approx. 20 km SE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.139°29'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 5: Approx. 16 km ESE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°45'S Long.139°31'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 6: Approx. 23 km SE from Gunpowder Centred at approximate Lat.19°50'S Long.139°32'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area of Part 1: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3258 j, k, p, u 3259 d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3259 x, y, z Area of Part 3: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3258 m, n Area of Part 4: 6 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3330 d, e Area of Part 5: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3259 a Area of Part 6: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3331 b	Duyfken Explorations Pty Ltd 124 925 944

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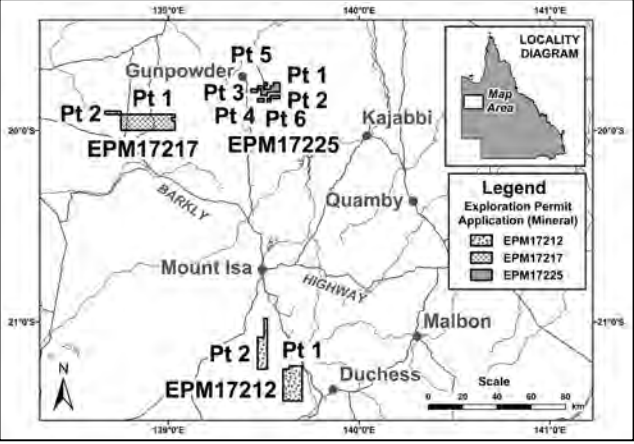
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EPC1464	Approx. 38 km NNE from Miles Centred at approximate Lat.26°23'S Long.150°25'E Local Government Area: Dalby Regional Council	Area: 126 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 41 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2021</td><td>b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2022</td><td>f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>2093</td><td>c, d, e</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	2021	b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z	2022	f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	2093	c, d, e	Matilda Coal Pty Limited 131 923 692
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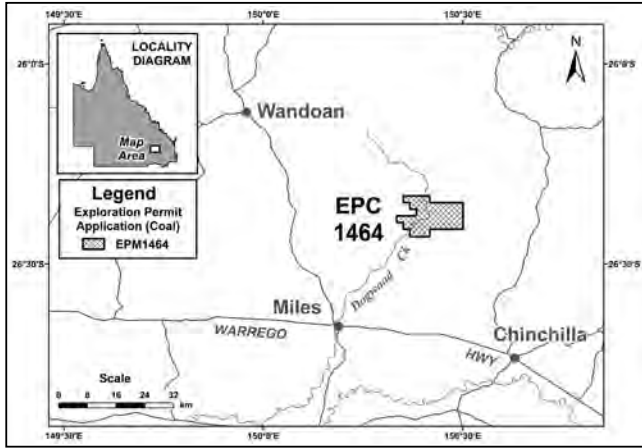
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Sport

Another All Blacks carnival for Q'land

YET another Indigenous rugby league carnival is being planned for Queensland – this time in Brisbane on 11-12 October.

Murri Vibrations and Champion Sound are behind the concept.

They are calling for nominations from Queensland Indigenous teams.

The carnival will be held at South Logan Magpies Rugby League Club at Davies Park, West End.

Organisers say that in addition to the football, there will be reggae, hip-hop and RnB music.

Details: www.championsound.com.au

Storm hit turbulent weather in season openers



THE Northern Territory Storm emerged with one win and two losses from the opening round of the *New Idea* Australian Netball League competition.

The season began on a high for the Storm when they beat the Canberra Darters 52-49 in Sydney on 31 July.

But over the next two nights, the Storm were beaten 58-44 by the NSW Blues and 59-47 by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

The action moved to Glen Waverley, Melbourne, last weekend, where the Storm were to play South Australia on Friday, Victorian Fury on Saturday and NSW Waratahs on Sunday.

The competition then will move to Marrara, Darwin, where the Storm will be at home to Tasmania on 15 August and Queensland Fusion on 16 August.

The storm's round-five games will be against Western Australia and Singapore in Singapore on 22-23 August.

The Storm squad includes two Indigenous netballers – Sarrita King and Stacey McKenzie – but McKenzie was missing from the squad sent to Melbourne last weekend.

Competition leaders had the weekend off



CENTRAL Australian Football League (CAFL) leaders **Federals** had the bye in last weekend's matches.

Before the weekend round, **Federals** led the table with 36 points from nine wins and two losses, followed by **Pioneer** (30), **MacDonnell Districts** (22), **Anmatjere** (22) and **Ltyentye Apurte** (22).

Out of the top five were **Wests** (20), **Hermannsburg** (16), **Yuendumu** (16), **Robers** (12) and **South** (12).

In last weekend's games in Traeger Park, Alice Springs, **Anmatjere** were drawn to play **Rovers**, and **Pioneer** was to play **Ltyentye Apurte** in the Saturday games, while on Sunday, **Yuendumu** was to play **West** in the early game and **Heremansburg** and **MacDonnell Districts** were to play the 4pm game.

He's back on track

I could have packed it in – Johncock



GRAHAM Johncock admits the death of his mother earlier this year could easily have brought his Australian Football League (AFL) career to a premature conclusion.

Always very close to his Port Lincoln-based family, retirement to live in the South Australian coastal town was one of the many thoughts that rushed through a grieving Johncock's head as he spent time away from football in March.

But with the benefit of a few days' reflection, Johncock chose instead to play on as a tribute to his mother, recalling her devotion to the game from which he makes his living.

"The passing of my mum was a bit of a shock, which I found pretty difficult," Johncock said last week.

"But the club and the people involved in the club and the players were very supportive of that and it's definitely made it a lot easier for me to come back and get into footy.

"It would've been pretty easy for me to say 'stuff it' and go home to family and friends (after she died).

"But that's not what she would have wanted and she'd definitely be pretty happy the way things are going at the moment."

The family bereavement, which caused Johncock to miss Adelaide's round one victory over Collingwood at the MCG, came only a matter of months after Johncock's career was also threatened by personal problems.

While Johncock remains reticent to reveal what was behind it all, team-mates noticed in the latter half of 2008 that his preparation dropped away dramatically.

Dropped

Adelaide's match committee responded by dropping Johncock until the players were satisfied he was doing justice to himself and the team.

A round of counselling was also organised, helping Johncock to find a better appreciation of the life he leads.

"It puts things in perspective, there was a bit of a period there where I was just

taking things for granted I guess," he said.

"The program I went through opened up my eyes a bit and made me realise what's important.

"The club's been very supportive, if I was at another club they probably would've shown me the door pretty quickly but the support of the club has been fantastic.

"I've had a few instances (of difficulty) in my time, but the toughest has probably been the last 12 months that I've had to go through."

Long-serving

Interestingly, Johncock, who turns 27 in October, has already reached the top ten longest-serving players wearing Adelaide tri-colours

From the famous breeding ground at Mallee Park, in the fishing village of Port Lincoln, on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula, Johncock was Adelaide's fifth round selection in the 2000 AFL national draft, being something of a gamble in many punters' eyes.

Hasn't he proved the doubters wrong. Graham Johncock had already enjoyed premiership glory back at home before coming to Adelaide.

A decade ago, as a slightly built 16-year-old, he was high among the best players in Mallee Park's tenth senior flag

in 1999 when they beat the Waybacks by 44 points.

He still has a real affinity with his foundation club, home town and country upbringing.

"The players of my dad's era played a total different brand of football than other local teams – a highly skilful fast running style of game – which had that Aboriginal magic," Johncock told *The Koori Mail*.

"People from all over the coast would come and watch Mallee Park play this exciting form of football.

"As kids we'd look forward to Saturday. I loved watching Fabian Davey, my Dad (West Coast icon Jack Johncock) and uncle Harry Miller play and we'd be on the boundary trying to recreate their feats, taking marks and kicking to each other.

"When we get a chance to get back to Port Lincoln between our busy program, we always try and get out to the club – whether it's to run some water or just to have a chat to the lads."

Since his AFL debut back in round one 2002, against the Western Bulldogs and playing 25 games in his rookie season, he has been a regular fixture the Crows tri-colours.

'Mr Cool'

Noted as a courageous, hard running and fearless defender, Johncock is well-balanced and cool under pressure.

Johncock admitted early in this season, as he was preparing for his milestone 150th game against Geelong in April, the candour of team-mates, after issues in 2008, helped him refocus on the game and rekindle his enjoyment of football.

Accolades along this journey for Johncock have included being placed third in the Adelaide football club's best and fairest in 2006, the year he played for his country in the international rules hybrid game against Ireland.

In just his second year of AFL football in 2003, he won the Crows' leading goal-kicker award with 30 goals, and he was also a part of the Adelaide club's pre-season premiership in the same season. – AAP and PETER ARGENT



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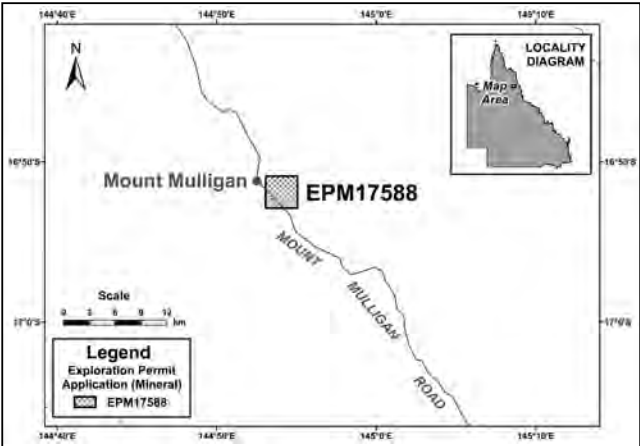
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My inspiration

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist
PRESTON CAMPBELL

FLYING above my home country of Tingha gave me a strange sensation. I was obviously excited to return home as I always am, but this visit was a little special.

The main reason I was a bit emotional was the fact that I was there to help my cousin John Kennedy in his dream to build a drop-in centre for all the kids.

Last year the Dreamtime team conducted an auction to raise money for a number of programs and I asked them to include my jersey and head-gear from the match against the Broncos when I broke my jaw.

Fortunately, somebody was silly enough to pay \$5000 for the privilege of a used head gear and a smelly jersey, so I had a real contribution to make.

But as much as I was motivated to help the kids, it was my cousin who really got my emotions running.

When we grew up together, we were almost inseparable.

We did everything together and he was more like a true brother to me.

Unfortunately, while football gave me a pathway to a better life, John got distracted and went down the pathway of drugs and alcohol.

The fact that he has come out the



Gold Coast Titans player Preston Campbell returned to his home town of Tingha, northern NSW, to open a community centre he and his club is helping financially. Here, he talks to his cousin and community centre organiser John Kennedy and Quentin Williams, 12, outside the building that will house the centre.

other side and is now dedicating his time to ensure that his kids and all the other kids in the area – Indigenous and non-Indigenous – don't make the same mistakes makes him an inspiration.

He inspires me as he has shown more courage and determination than I have shown at any time in my footy career.

He is a true hero and he will have my full support.

Safe place for kids

His dream – with the support of the Mrangalli Corporation and the local Christian Fellowship – is to renovate the broken-down old family centre in the middle of town and create a place where the kids can experience a fun and safe environment.

More importantly, he wants to build a space where the kids can work together

with adults on their school work in a designated study area with a small library, desks and stationery.

It's all about the kids having mentors to help them make the right decisions and, as my cousin says, education is the key.

That is why the NRL Dreamtime game against the NRL All Stars is so important to me and the other players.

Part of the monies raised from the game will help us establish a mentoring program and – like most of the boys – I will want to help my own community in the process.

Tingha might only be a small community of 800 people, but every kid there deserves the same chance as a kid anywhere else in Australia.

Tingha is still home for me and I want all those kids to enjoy the opportunities I have had in pursuing my dream.

When I grew up in Tingha, we made our own fun and enjoyed the wide open spaces.

I want them to enjoy that, but also to concentrate on their education – their education for life and body.

I want them to grow up, stay fit and healthy and be educated enough to make smart decisions, because while there is plenty to do here when you are kids, as they get older, the fact is the only way they are going to get anywhere in life is to get out of Tingha.

As much as I hate saying that, because home is where the heart is and Tingha will always be my home, you have to get out if you want to go somewhere or to make the 'bread' as Choc (Anthony Mundine) would say.

It is disappointing to see Tingha suffer high levels of unemployment and this will only get worse when the CDEP program finishes.

Work gives a person dignity and independence.

Lack of work or the prospect of work takes away a person's or a community's sense of hope.

And hope is what gets you out of bed every morning.

It was great to see hope in the eyes of the kids when I visited my old school – Tingha Public School.

I got a pleasant surprise to see my old teacher – Mrs Lennon – was still there and was now the principal.

I think she thought I was there to catch up on the rubbish duty I missed in Year Six!

I had a lot of fun with the kids and it took me right back to the days when John and I used to get up to mischief!

Importance of education

Seriously, I owe Mrs Lennon and all my teachers so much.

Kids don't understand that even in sport, you need a good education.

Rhys Wesser and I completed our Youth Work course at the Panthers and Greg Inglis is doing a similar course in Melbourne with some of the other Storm players.

Nearly all the boys in the NRL have done some sort of course while they are playing.

Education is the key to success.

It is a message that I deliver to young kids wherever I go.

But what made it special on this visit is that it meant so much to my family and friends.

I was able to catch up with my Mum and Dad – Zandra and Thomas – as well as my Nan and Pop, Earl and Betty Munro.

They – along with my cousin John – are the real reason why Tingha remains my home.

That is why Tingha will always be my real inspiration – because home is where the heart is.



Gold Coast Titans player Preston Campbell at Tingha with Ben Ghabiliha, left, and Jackson Rocky, far right.

Micky O notches up 300 magic matches

It was 15 years ago that a shy kid named Michael O'Loughlin made his AFL debut for Sydney.

Wearing the number 38, the then 18-year-old from Central Districts, in South Australia, kicked three goals, helping his side to a big win over Adelaide.

Many saw his potential that day, but few could have predicted that he would become the first to play 300 games in the red and white.

When O'Loughlin ran on to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) against Richmond last Sunday, he achieved a feat that even club greats Paul Kelly and Bob Skilton could not.

"Back in those early days I didn't know whether I'd be here for a year or two or whatever," he told reporters in Sydney last week.

Since then, he has won a club best and fairest, been named All-Australian twice, and was the Swans' leading goalkicker in 2000 and 2001.

He is second behind Bob Pratt on their all-time goal-kicking list.

He also played in the side's

2005 premiership, which helped entrench the club – and the code – in NSW.

But the man they call Magic was humble as always, saying that Richmond would be as fired up for Ben Cousins' 250th – even though he had played just 11 of them for the Tigers.

"Benny's playing his 250th this week as well, so they've got a bit to play for," he said.

Prepare

"I've been around long enough to know you've still got to prepare the way you've always done to get up for the weekend."

Swans coach Paul Roos, who played alongside O'Loughlin in his first game, said it was important that the club put on a show for Micky O as he was a club legend.

Following the departure of Barry Hall, O'Loughlin has had to play a bigger role in the forward line, despite the old legs not being quite what they used to be.

"It feels like I've played 400 (games) ... it's been a bit of a

struggle getting up," he said.

"I come to training and all I want to do is get out there, but I can't train as much as the other boys."

He ruled out coaching as a future career path, but said he would look for a mentoring role, particularly for young Aboriginal players.

"There's a lot more players out there that could come in that just need to be nurtured a bit," he said.

"What's going on in the outside world, and what's going on with Indigenous people, that plays a big role with me."

He said the club was in a strong place, despite his and Hall's departure, as well as the expected retirements of Leo Barry and Jared Crouch.

"We've been around, we've battled, we've struggled and now we've come good," said the 32-year-old O'Loughlin.

"Whether or not we make the finals next year, I don't know, but I do know that the team will always have a burning desire to get better and always having a dip." – **AAP**

Intervention blamed for Lake Nash woes

By ALF WILSON

THE Northern Territory Intervention has been blamed for the Lake Nash Aboriginal team being forced to forfeit half of their games in the 2009 Mount Isa Australian rules competition.

The Lake Nash Bulldogs have to travel almost 300km from their home over the Northern Territory border one way to get to Mount Isa in Queensland for fixtures.

In round 13 of the competition on 1 August, the Lake Nash Bulldogs forfeited their match in Mount Isa against Buffs.

There are just four teams in the competition and the Bulldogs are at the bottom of the table, having yet to win a game.

Lake Nash Bulldogs spokesmen could not be contacted by *The Koori Mail*.

However, Mount Isa AFL President Maddo Fidler said that since the NT Intervention, Lake Nash had been unable to

come to many games this year because of transportation issues.

"The police have required all vehicles are required to be roadworthy, which unfortunately most of the vehicles at Lake Nash are not, so they haven't been able to make half the games," Fidler said.

Fidler said the governing body wanted Lake Nash to remain in the competition.

"We have been wracking our brains trying to work out a solution, but it is very difficult given the number of guys and the terrain and distance we must cover to get them here and back," he said.

Another Mount Isa AFL official with ties to Lake Nash is Leif Welin.

"They are hampered by distance and their access to finance has been affected by the Intervention as they have less control of cash.

"These are very talented players who love their football and are great entertainers," Welin said.

Sport and fame

THE fact that I have reached the rare milestone of playing 300 AFL games will be something I will really reflect on after I finally hang up my boots at the end of the season.

The week leading up to the game has been filled with media commitments and the like, but all I have been trying to focus on recently is preparing for the game and hoping that I can contribute to keeping our finals hopes alive.

I have also been trying to ensure that I enjoy every last step of my journey as the final whistle approaches.

In many respects, the two are combined because winning achieves both ends!

But if I was to allow myself a moment of emotion, it would probably be an overwhelming sense of gratitude that would dominate.

The hype surrounding the game makes me feel uncomfortable, but if I can use the moment to thank the fans and the club for their support, then I am happy.

It will also be a big day for my family and friends who have supported me through the highs and the lows.

Humbling

The fact that I will be the first Sydney Swans player to reach the milestone when I run onto the Melbourne Cricket Ground against Richmond I find both humbling and embarrassing.

When I think of all the great players – too many to mention – who have proudly worn 'The Bloods' colours before me, it is almost impossible to believe that nobody has reached the mark previously.

While I have remained relatively calm, it has been difficult to contain my family's excitement – especially with the kids due to run out with me on to the field.

I think Mum would lace up the boots

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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This column was written on Friday night as Michael O'Loughlin was preparing for his historic 300th AFL game.

and play if we asked her to!

My personal journey has been immense.

I came here as a pretty shy person.

Now I'm sort of pretty confident of knowing what I want to do and where I'm heading in terms of what's going on in the outside world and helping Indigenous people.

That plays a big role with me and has given me direction.

Back in those early stages though, I didn't know if I'd be here for a year or two.

THE other thing that I have reflected on during the week is how much the game has changed during my career – particularly living in the heart of rugby league territory.

I must say I have become a fan of rugby league and am amazed by the pure physical toughness of the athletes who play the game.

When I first came to Sydney, I didn't see any footy fields – I saw a lot of rugby fields.

Now that's changed a bit and with a second AFL side coming, it will be interesting.

Obviously, the Swans bringing the flag back to Sydney and people in the streets pulling you up and talking about the Swannies has had an impact.

Media hype

But that has been nothing compared with the media attention caused by the signing of Karmichael Hunt from the NRL to the new Gold Coast team.

It has perhaps reinforced that I am retiring at the right time.

To think that Karmichael will join the AFL ranks as one of the top five earners in the game alongside premiership-winning superstars Jonathan Brown, Chris Judd and Dean Cox, and Saints captain Nick Riewoldt is astonishing.

Good luck to him!

But it does call into question whether administrators or athletes are now involved in sport for glory rather than the glory of the sport.

I am the first to admit that I have been privileged to be rewarded by the game and would not enjoy my current standard

of living without it.

But even if Hunt is successful and I believe he can be, I have to agree with Paul Roos that his current price calls into question the fairness of the system.

The AFL has achieved a great publicity coup for the game, but how Karmichael can be paid the reported \$1 million a year in comparison with the rest of the competition must be called into doubt.

The Gold Coast Football Club will enter the AFL in 2011 with the No 1 draft pick and as many as seven from the top ten, but their salaries combined will not match Hunt's.

This must make the investment in Hunt a huge gamble.

If they think Karmichael is worth \$1 million a year, imagine what they'd be prepared to pay Buddy Franklin and Gary Ablett Jnr.

The introduction of Gold Coast and Western Sydney and the increased salary caps and draft concessions the two new sides will receive could spark the AFL's first real wage war.

It could be detrimental to the culture of the game and turn the fans away.

Fans currently don't begrudge the players their salaries because they can relate to the passion on show.

When the game chases athletes from other codes and the dollar overrides everything else, then it will be interesting to see the reaction of fans.

I am happy that when the final whistle calls the end of my career that I will be able to thank the fans for every moment of their support.

Three hundred games is beyond my wildest dreams – it's just a pity that it feels like I've played 400!

Thank you all for your support! Until Next Time.... Keep Dreaming!

Inglis 'open' to AFL offers



RUGBY league star Greg Inglis says he will consider following Kangaroos team-mate Karmichael Hunt to the Australian Football League (AFL) after his NRL contract expires with the Melbourne Storm in 2012.

In a worrying sign for rugby league, the State of Origin centre confirmed if a solid offer was put to him by the AFL, he'd look at it closely.

"To be honest, I wouldn't mind having a crack, I played a few games when I was in high school but that was about it," Inglis said.

"You never know what happens in the future, look at what happened to Karmichael, he signed and that was a shock.

"You don't know what the future brings, you know if the opportunity's there, then we'll definitely have a look, but I can't promise anything at the moment.

"All I can say now is I'm still with Melbourne until 2012."

Athletic and skillful with the ball in hand, Inglis is still only 22, but has already played ten games for his State and 12 for Australia.

Despite Hunt's news piquing his own interest, Inglis said he was still surprised that he and Storm team-mate Billy Slater were already being talked about as possible targets of the AFL.

"It's more shocking that our names were thrown up than hearing that Karmichael signed with them," he said.

Goodes' invitation

Sydney Swans co-captain Adam Goodes has offered an open invitation to Inglis.

"I'd love to invite Greg Inglis to come up and play for the Swannies, or come and try out. Or Israel Folau to come play as well as a forward," Goodes said.

Hunt sent shockwaves through the NRL when he announced he would leave the Brisbane Broncos at the end of the year after signing with AFL newcomers Gold Coast FC.

Former Kangaroos coach and Cronulla mentor Ricky Stuart said the NRL shouldn't be alarmed by Hunt's defection to the AFL.

"It's a very expensive publicity stunt for the Gold Coast team," Stuart said.

Stuart said he believed the Origin star would return to the 13-man game.

"It was certainly a shock. He's played Origin and for his country and turns around and it's Aussie rules," Stuart said.

"We'll certainly replace those people who leave, we have before, but they all come back."

Gold Coast Titans coach John Cartwright labelled the AFL's move as an assault on his code.

"It's just an attack on rugby league maybe, it would be a bit like us signing a Barry Hall or a Jonathan Brown," he said.

"You don't really know what you are getting, it is a lot of money to spend.

"We can't fight them (AFL), they have a war chest of money.

"But we have a good product and a lot of players that want to play it, good TV figures so we will get on with playing the game."

NRL boss David Gallop said he believed Hunt's defection was a unique circumstance and it wasn't the start of a cross-code recruitment war. —AAP



Black Bream XI and supporters at the 2009 Goldfield Ashes.

Showdown a possibility

By ALF WILSON



THERE is a strong possibility that the winning teams from the coming Charters Towers Indigenous cricket carnival and the Rainforest Cup in Tully

will meet at a neutral venue to decide the best Aboriginal team in north Queensland.

The highly successful Rainforest Cup Indigenous carnival will be held at Tully from 31 October-1 November under the Twenty/20 format.

The winners are presented with the Shirley Huxley Memorial Shield in memory of a tireless worker for Indigenous people.

The second Charters Towers carnival was to be held in the mining city during NAIDOC Week in July but was cancelled due to the V8 Supercars in nearby Townsville, which was attended by more than 100,000 people.

Dick Davidson is the organiser of the Charters Towers carnival and told *The Koori Mail* that the carnival would be held in early October.

"We will be having a meeting in mid-August to decide the exact dates, but at this stage it will be early October," he said.

Davidson said his committee would be interested in showdown between the winners of the Rainforest Cup and the Charters Towers tournament.

The Towers carnival will be contested by six or eight teams and one newcomer would be a Townsville side consisting of members of the Stout family, including Queensland Imparja Cup captain Bradley Stout.

The inaugural carnival during 2008 NAIDOC celebrations was held at Mosman Park, Charters Towers, and four teams battled it out with local side King's XI defeating Innisfail



LARRY BUDD

Waru in the grand final.

Another strong contender for honours would be the Black Bream XI, which won the B-2 division of the Charters Towers Goldfield Ashes held last January, where they outpointed more than 100 teams over three days.

Malanda Eels took out the 2008 Rainforest Cup, beating the Cooktown Crocs in the final in a competition that will be also played under the Twenty/20 format for Indigenous cricketers.

'Confident

"I'm pretty confident that the six teams that took part last year will be back this year," organiser Stan Lenoy said.

"I have spoken to the people involved with the Tully and Jumbun teams about the possibility of merging, this would leave a spot for another team. I have received interest from Mareeba and the NSW women's team (that competed at this year's Imparja Cup) however, nothing is certain yet.

"We may extend the competition to eight if we are able to build another pitch before November."

Once again there has been talk that a Palm Island side may enter the 2009 Rainforest Cup, and Lenoy is attempting to contact a newly-formed sporting association there after seeing a *Koori Mail* story about four members of the Australia A side conducting a coaching clinic there recently.

Palm Island-born brothers Bernie and Colin Lamont, now living in Tasmania, have indicated they would line up for such a side.

Lenoy was also supportive of a match-up between the winners of the Tully and Charters Towers tournaments, but was concerned that the Rainforest Cup winner may be overshadowed by the Towers champions.

"While the standard is good at the Rainforest Cup, most players who compete are very much new to cricket," he said.

"Waru, who don't compete at our carnival because it clashes with their normal cricket season, attended the Towers carnival and were beaten.

"Waru, for example have six A-grade players in their side and two of them have been selected for the national Indigenous cricket teams in the past."

Queensland Cricket Association Indigenous Cricket Advisory Committee chairman Larry Budd said he had spoken to Dick Davidson about the carnival.

"I am hopeful of attending their meeting in regards to taking the Imparja Cup along and info on Indigenous cricket across the State and possible talent scouting," Budd said.

In a humorous twist, Davidson was asked about the possibility that a team like Black Bream or Stout's XI could win both carnivals.

"There wouldn't be a final then because they couldn't play themselves," Davidson said.

Closing the gap

Six Indigenous players in Hyundai A-League



AN expanded ten-team Hyundai A-League national soccer competition kicked off last weekend as the football code seeks to attract more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players.

Indigenous players represent more than ten per cent of the elite level in rugby league and Australian football, and soccer officials want to see that statistic reach similar proportions in their code.

All eyes will be on the two new clubs – Gold Coast United and the Townsville-based North Queensland Fury – which happen to have the highest Indigenous participation of any of the A-League clubs.

Indigenous players in the North Queensland Fury squad are Fred Agius, late signing Paul Henderson and David Williams.

Gold Coast United has Tahj Minniecon and James Brown. The only other Indigenous A-League player is Adelaide United captain and Soccerroo Travis Dodd.

Jade North, a former Indigenous player with the Newcastle Jets, is now playing overseas.

Late signing

Former Leicester City goalkeeper Paul Henderson signed for North Queensland just days before the club's A-League debut.

Fury coach Ian Ferguson wasted no time in putting Henderson, 33, to work. He was named in the Fury's historic season opener against Sydney FC last Saturday.

Henderson, who was born in NSW, played for now-defunct NSL club Northern Spirit before heading overseas.

After a two-month trial period, Henderson said the decision to join the new Hyundai A-League club was easy in the end, but he had to be sure it was the right move for his young family, which recently grew by one with the birth of a daughter.

"I was looking forward to coming back from playing overseas and I'm a big family man so being only a three-hour flight from Sydney is a big help," he said.

His family will soon join him in Townsville.

David Williams was another late signing by the Fury.

Fury coach Ian Ferguson said Williams was an exciting prospect. He would bring goal-scoring ability and speed to the squad.

"He's played for his country at under-age levels and for the

Socceroos in a World Cup qualifier against China last year," Ferguson said.

"David's got a great reputation even at his young age and being an under-21 player and hopefully he'll continue to develop as a player."

"It's great to have a young player of his talent in the squad."

Williams has already been privy to a wealth of opportunities through training with Belgian Club RSC Anderlecht, Liverpool FC and the Queensland Roar in the Hyundai A-League 2005-06 season.

The 21-year-old striker scored 12 goals in five reserve team matches when he joined Brondby and was promoted to the club's first team squad in December 2006.

"He's been playing in Denmark with Brondby IF since 2006," Ferguson said.

"We heard the club had lent him out for a trial in South Africa and thought we'd make a play for him and it's paid off."

Midfielder Fred Agius moved to the Fury from Adelaide City.

He played for Sydney Olympic from 2001 to 2003 before joining Adelaide United in 2004.

Down at Gold Coast United, home-grown product James Brown will join another rising Indigenous star – Tahj Minniecon.

He may take a while to establish himself, but big things are expected of Brown.

He grew up at Kingscliff, just down the road from the Gold Coast, and was signed from the Australian Institute of Sport, where the midfielder was one of the most highly thought of youngsters.

He established himself as a Qantas Young Soccerroo, and featured in the AFC Under 19 Championships in Saudi Arabia.

Speed to burn

Gold Coast United officials say Brown is blessed with pace and vision.

He has been offered a three-year deal by United.

Tahj Minniecon was Gold Coast United's youth marquee signing and is one of the hottest properties in the A-League.

A club spokesman said searing, explosive pace and power made him one of the league's most difficult opponents.

"The best is yet to come from Tahj," the official said.

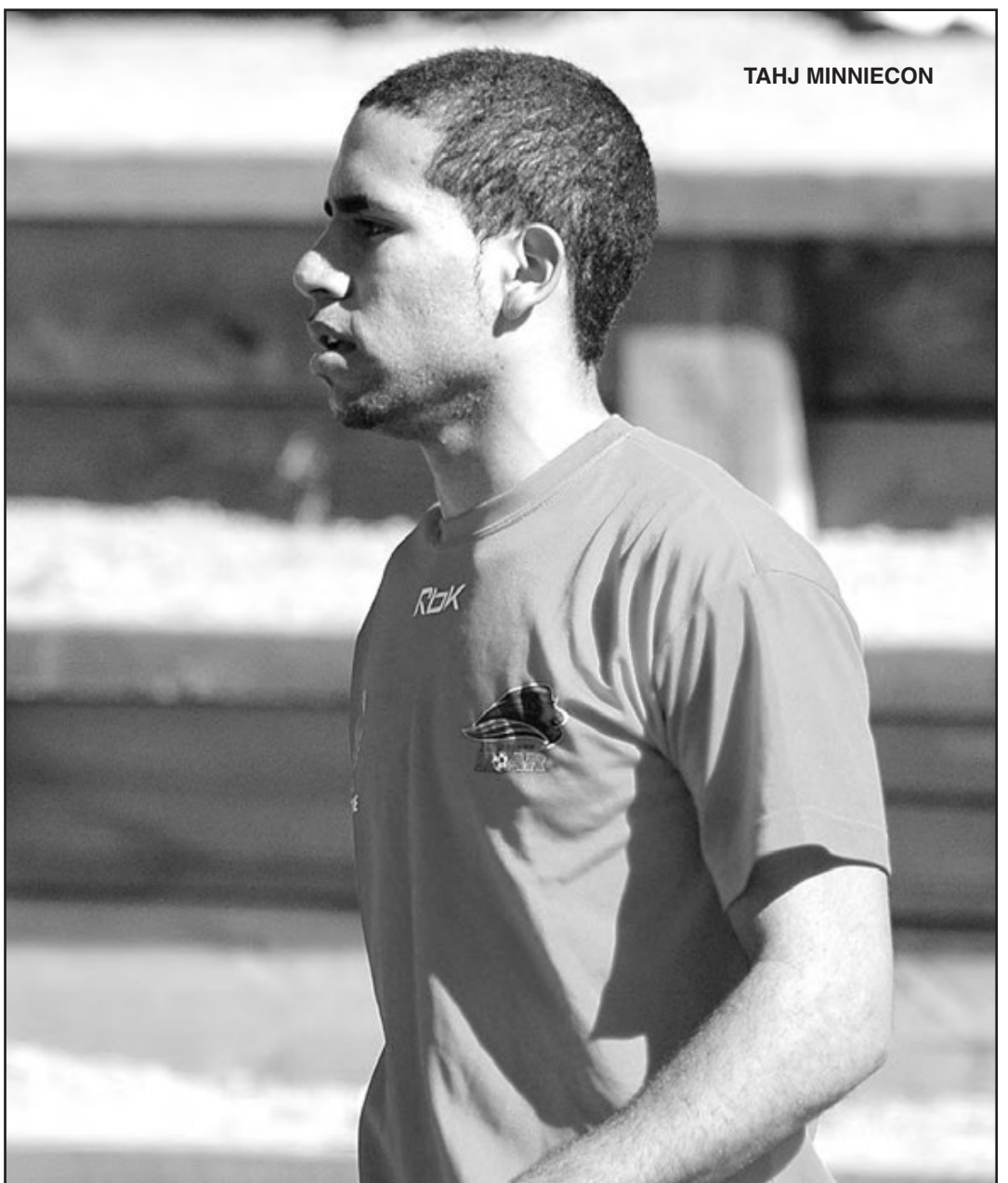
He said that despite his potential, the Qantas Young Soccerroo was little more than a bit-part player for Frank Farina at Queensland Roar.

"Tahj could be in for his best season so far in the Hyundai A-League," the spokesman said.

Fred Agius speaking at the opening of Football Federation Australia's Indigenous Football Festival at Townsville in July.



TAHJ MINNIECON



2010 Island of Origin rugby league series: Badu wins out

By ALF WILSON



BADU Island will host the Jubilee Seaswift Island of Origin rugby league series next year, but the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL), which is the official organisation running the sport in the Torres Strait, has requested that the sporting association there (Badu) affiliates with the QRL before the huge event.

For the past year there has been conjecture over where the 25th birthday celebrations of the most popular sporting event in the Torres Strait, Northern Peninsula Area and Cape York would be held.

The 2009 carnival was held at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island (TI) after the previous few events had been hosted by Badu.

Badu side Mulga United defeated Western Bears in the grand final of the 24th carnival.

Badu councillor Wayne Guivarra, one of the stalwarts of the competition and a parochial



WAYNE GUIVARRA

advocate for his island hosting the carnival, made these statements to the large crowd at the last presentation ceremony.

You could have heard a pin drop as Cr Guivarra looked at the Seaswift Origin trophy and said:

"You see this SeaSwift Island of Origin trophy. It has only ever left Badu Island on one occasion, and that was on the dinghy ride coming into TI for this event. Now it's going back to Badu. Only Badu has won the shield since SeaSwift secured naming rights sponsorship in 2003."

But there still has been division about whether TI would relinquish hosting of the most important birthday celebrations.

Speculation ended on Sunday 26 July when Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) President Harry Cook told *The Koori Mail* that Badu would host the carnival next year.

"Yes, Badu will host 2010 Seaswift Island of Origin. Providing they affiliate their organisation with the QRL to

allow QRL-registered players to participate," Cook said.

"The QRL has to sanction the carnival by registering under Cairns District Rugby League (CDRL) or KRL is another option," Cook said in an email to *The Koori Mail*.

It is no certainty, however, that the event will be held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend and whether the tournament will be restricted to players of Torres Strait Islander descent from TSI, NPA and Cape York.

"We haven't settled on a date yet because we have to take our proposed dates to our community for agreement, but we will be recommending the 10-14 or 11-14 June. We will also be seeking community direction on an early July date so that it falls

in line with school holidays and doesn't affect some of our Torres Strait students and their schooling," Guivarra said.

NITV is also expected to cover the carnival after missing out sending a crew to TI in June because of the high costs.

In 2008, more than 20 contractors made the journey from Sydney to Badu, bringing an outside broadcast truck with them to film the games.

Those games were shown on NITV over several months and were a big hit with viewers around Australia.

NITV's *Barefoot Footy Show* also sent a team of three to Badu, including former NRL star Wes Patten, who provided reports and also played with Wagadagam Storm.

Palm Island team to take on Army

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG Palm Island Skipjacks Maverick Fox, Vernon Noble and Patrick Baira are confident their side will perform well against the Australian Army

Thunder team on Sunday at Townsville's Brothers League club.

The teams will battle it out for the Bill Coolburra Shield in honour of the Palm Island Elder who will be at the ground to present the trophy in the reconciliation match.

Palm Island-born Bill 'Kookaburra' Coolburra was an Australian Army sapper who served in Vietnam, Borneo, Singapore and Thailand from the 1960s.

The game will be played as a curtain-raiser to the Townsville and District A-grade competition rugby league game between Indigenous side Sharks United and Brothers.

Under coach Alex Morgan, Skipjacks won the inaugural game held in July last year as part of NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The scores were deadlocked 28-all at full time, but Palm Island was awarded the game because they scored the first try.

Skipjacks was running second in the Palm Island domestic competition after round seven behind premiers Butler Bay Bulls.

The Koori Mail came across Maverick, Vernon and Patrick in Townsville's Flinders Mall on 5 August and they were enthusiastic

about their chances against the Army Thunder.

Halfback Maverick and fullback Vernon said the Army Thunder would almost certainly have a heavier forward pack like last year.

"But we have very speedy backs and it should be a good game," Maverick said.

"I am hoping to get a game in the side and everybody is talking about it," said Patrick.

The game also gives Skipjacks an ideal preparation for the Palm Island finals series, in which the club will figure prominently.

Last year, Skipjacks was beaten in the A-grade and reserve-grade grand finals by Butler Bay Bulls.

Skipjacks are also expected to enter a team in the Sharks United All Blacks carnival in Townsville in early October.

The Army-Skipjacks game will start at 3pm with the nearby backdrop being Dairy Farmers Stadium – home of the North Queensland Cowboys.



Skipjacks players Maverick Fox, Vernon Noble and Patrick Baira can't wait for the game against Army Thunder.

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Looking for revenge



THE Wilcannia Boomerangs are looking for revenge when they take on the Broken Hill Saints in the grand final of the NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) development program competition on Sunday 16 August.

Four teams – Boomerangs, Menindee Yabbies, Saints (Broken Hill) and Geebung (Broken Hill) – have taken part in the 2009 competition.

They come from the former CRL Group 12 region, in the NSW far west.

The Wilcannia Boomerangs were beaten by the Broken Hill Saints in last year's grand final.

The Boomerangs are looking forward to squaring the ledger next weekend at Broken Hill.

They went through the 2009 minor premiership undefeated and have since progressed to the grand final.

Should they win that title, the Boomerangs reckon they can present a good case to be awarded the Clayton Cup – a trophy presented to the team considered by the CRL to have been the most successful throughout country New South Wales.

Such is the overall strength of the Wilcannia Boomerangs that their teams will feature in three other grand finals next



The Wilcannia Boomerangs after beating Broken Hill Saints 42-12 in the NSW Country Rugby League development program major semi-final. The Boomerangs have beaten the Saints each time they have met this season, but are looking forward to next weekend when they reckon they can avenge last year's grand final loss to the Saints.

weekend – the under 17s, under 14s and under 12s.

Wilcannia (population 700) is a two-hour drive from Broken Hill. The

majority of the players in the senior team are Indigenous.

Club spokeswoman Nola Whyman told The Koori Mail that many of Wilcannia's

people faced challenges in their day-to-day lives, but were still able to come together as a community every weekend to support 'our boys'.

Thunder's home win record goes



THE Northern Territory Thunder's home ground bubble has burst, with the Redland Bombers beating

the Thunder by three points in a thrilling Queensland Australian Football League (QAF) match at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.

It was the Thunder's first home loss in their debut year in the QAF competition.

The Thunder actually have two home grounds, sharing between Alice Springs and TIO Stadium (Darwin).

In another high-scoring shoot-out, the Bombers inflicted a blow on the Thunder, winning 19.12 (126) to 19.9 (123).

Giving the incredible first quarter blitz by the Bombers (kicking 10.0), the Thunder did well to claw their way back into the game.

The Bombers' win enabled them to join the Thunder on 40 competition points, with the Thunder holding the lead on percentages.

QAF leading goal-kicker Darren 'Boof' Ewing increased his lead on the

Bombers' Jason Eagle, kicking seven, taking his total to 71, with a lead of nine.

Ewing was voted the Thunder's best player, with Peter MacFarlane second best, Shane Thorne third, Mark McLean fourth and Cameron Ilett fifth.

Nineteen-year-old Mitchell Taylor made an impressive debut with the Thunder, but was charged with bumping. With his clean record and an early guilty plea, the points will now carry over for Taylor as the video footage was reviewed and the contact viewed as low grade.

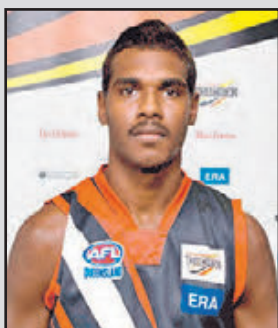
A week earlier, also at Traeger Park, the Thunder beat the Labrador Tigers 13.9 (87) to 12.8 (80).

Mark McLean sealed the win in the final moments.

The Thunder were drawn to play competition leaders Morningside last Saturday night at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Before that game, Morningside led the competition with 52 points, followed by Southport (44) and Thunder and Redland (40).

The Brisbane Lions made up the top five with 36 points.



MITCHELL TAYLOR

Britain to host next RL World Cup



THE next rugby league World Cup will be held in the United Kingdom in 2013, the Rugby League International Federation (RLIF) says.

The tournament will be played in 2013 as opposed to 2012 to ensure it is outside an Olympic year.

The RLIF, following a two-day meeting in Singapore, has also outlined the future of the international calendar and discussed funding for emerging rugby league nations such as Papua New Guinea, which will host the Pacific Cup this October.

Four Nations tournaments will be played this year in England, Australia and New Zealand next year, England in 2011 and then in Australia in 2014.

It was decided there would not be a Four Nations tournament in the year prior to a World Cup. A separate Test match schedule among nations will be developed.

RLIF Deputy Chairman Richard Lewis said he hoped the UK could build on the success of the last World Cup in Australia.

"It is a great boost for rugby league in the Northern Hemisphere to secure the World Cup in 2013," he said.

"I thought that the 2008 tournament was an outstanding success and our goal is to build on that success and to deliver a profitable tournament that further enhances the International prestige of rugby league."

The Pacific Cup will see the Pacific nations – Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, the Cook Islands and Papua New Guinea – compete in a two-week tournament in Port Moresby in October-November with the winner given the chance to play in the 2010 Four Nations in Australia and New Zealand. – AAP

Harness racing driver is on crest of a wave



A CHAMPION pacer named Cuttheattitude is raising the profile of Indigenous

driver Jimmy Brown. Brown has been involved in the sport since his days at school.

Harness racing can have its ups and downs, and as for many people involved in the sport it's been a rollercoaster ride for Jimmy Brown.

But the 36-year-old trainer-driver is riding the crest of a wave, thanks mainly to Cuttheattitude, regarded as the best two-year-old in Australia.

Cuttheattitude has been sweeping all before him, and Brown – the horse's driver – says Cuttheattitude is the best he's driven.

He also has had success with Standelle, a horse he trains on his property at Appin, south of Sydney.

Racing has always played a part in Brown's life. He remembers that as a child in Sydney's west he and some of his brothers and sisters would go to Harold Park with their dad. The kids would wait in the car and listen to the races on the car radio while their father was

inside having a bet.

"We knew the horses Dad was going to back, so if Dad won, we would join him on the racetrack, and if he lost, we would go home," Brown said.

It was like a dream come true when he obtained work experience in 1988 with trainer Dennis Wilson.

He then became a stablehand and, at the age of 22, Brown had his first race drive. That was at Fairfield.

Career

His career has taken him to tracks throughout NSW, Queensland and Victoria.

Brown told *The Koori Mail* he loved harness racing.

"You have to love it," he said. "You are with the horses 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

In recent times Brown has won a string of Group One races. Most recently, driving Cuttheattitude, he won a heat of a \$300,000 race at Menangle Park.

He expects Cuttheattitude to qualify for the final on 14 August when he contests the semi-final in Melbourne, followed a week later by the \$300,000 final, also in Melbourne.

By KEN BOASE in Perth



A RECORD number of competitors attended this year's NAIDOC Week netball carnival in Perth,

with teams from Narrogin, Katanning, Bunbury, Northam, Mandurah and Perth playing in six divisions from 12 and under through to the open A and B grades.

The carnival is an annual event organised by the Indigenous sports unit with the WA Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR), and a total of 46 teams competed this year with a total attendance of about 1200 at the netball complex at Langford.

The WA 17s Indigenous State team selected from last year's carnival to compete in Brisbane was crowned the B-grade open division winner, defeating the Shades of Black team 20-10.

The team travelled to Brisbane shortly after the carnival to attend a five-day development camp, originally planned as preparation for the Arafura Games in Darwin,

46 teams in tournament

which were cancelled earlier this year.

DSR sports development officer Nick Abraham said organisers at this year's Perth carnival had to accommodate 16 more teams than last year.

Pathways

"I think the increase can be attributed to the recognition that the carnival provides pathway opportunities, such as state

team selection, for our Aboriginal youth and women to further enhance their development and support their access into mainstream competitions," Abraham said.

"It's about bringing together people from regional Western Australia, including some isolated areas, with those from the metropolitan area to test their skills at a higher level, meet new people

and to celebrate their culture.

"On another level, netball and the carnival is also used by some of these communities as a means of working through social problems that can come with their isolation, for instance, as an incentive to go to school.

"Sport is a great equaliser and an effective way of bringing people together, so a carnival like this is a fitting way to celebrate NAIDOC Week because that's what the week is all about."

Carnival results:

12 and Under: Katanning All Stars d Black Pearls 15-7.

13 and Under: Wanderers d Mandurah 10-4.

15 and Under: Bullets d Bunbury Moorditj Yorgas 21-14.

17 and Under: West Coasters d Narrogin 26-11.

Open A Division: West Coasters d Jindy's 17-13.

Open B Division: WA Indigenous 17s d Shades of Black 20-10.



● LEFT: The Katanning All Stars Under 12s get ready for action.



● RIGHT: Emily DeJong, Kayla Gaugg and Lakescha Nannup, from the Mandurah Yirra Djinda Under 13s.



The WA Indigenous 17s State team consists of Paige Dann, Renae Stack, Kimberley Davis, Jacinta Anderson, Breanna Taylor, Deserae Garlett, Clara Garlett, Nadine Garlett, Karinda Eggington and Leshia Farmer. Kerry Stack is coach and team manager is Glenda Kickett.



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Empty trophy cabinet

Adelaide United's Indigenous captain has a few goals to achieve

By PETER ARGENT



WITH the 2009-10 season of the Hyundai A-League soccer competition just under way, Adelaide United's Travis Dodd knows only too well the responsibilities of being captain.

He told *The Koori Mail* that captaincy was a challenge and that he was 'still learning the ropes'. "I feel confident in leading the team, although we do go into our first couple of games a little underdone – not being able to play a lot of trials – but we'll be right two or three weeks into the year," he said.

"Our pre-season was too long from a player's perspective.

"Being four months in total, it was about a month-and-a-half too long."

Dodd said he was reasonably happy with his 2008-09 season, but he did suggest the captaincy affected his on-field performances.

High expectations

He qualified this by saying he had high expectations of himself, and a year down the track he had a greater understanding of the role.

With his blistering pace as his trademark, Dodd led Adelaide United to last season's A-League grand final and to the final of the Asian Champions League, against Jumbo Osaka.

United missed out on both trophies.

"We would like to see some silverware in our trophy cabinet," he said.

"It was disappointing to do as well as we did, travelling to different parts of the world and then fall at the final hurdle twice. That was a big let-down.

"A driving force behind this campaign is to rectify the results of the past couple of years.

"We have lost three finals and missed out on the minor premiership on goal difference last season.

"Adelaide has played in finals every year except for one and I am confident we'll be contenders again in the major round.

"It would be great to get rid of the bridesmaid's tag."

From a personal perspective, Dodd has set himself lofty goals as well, with a specific aim to score ten goals as a mid-fielder and finish his season with six to seven goal assists.

He is also looking for more consistency in his game and to be defensively more accountable, tracking his opponent into the back half.

At 177cm and 80kg, Dodd has now played 92 A-League games for the Reds, scoring 20 goals mainly as a right mid-fielder.

When you look at his 20-metre sprint time of 2.88 seconds, this alone is a clear indication he is an elite athlete, but he is still working to improve his game and become a more technical player.

First Indigenous scorer

He was the first Indigenous footballer to score a goal for his country.

It was a decade ago that the 19-year-old Dodd moved to Newcastle as an early step in his career as a professional footballer.

He gained national honours with Socceroos, Young Socceroos and Qantas Joeys, and in 2007 became the first Australian player to score a 'hat-trick' in the AFC Champions League game against Vietnam's Gach Dong Tam Long An.

"I had a solid platform going into this season and hope to still play for three to four years yet," Dodd said.

"I'm keen to win a few trophies before considering life after playing."

A family man, married to Bronwyn and with two young children, Jake, 8, and Mia, 4, Dodd understands there are a number of sacrifices he needs to make, including testing pre-season training routines, time away from his loved ones and even missing his son's soccer on Saturday morning, to get the most out of himself as a player.

One step at a time

INDIGENOUS ambassador for the new Football Federation of Australia (FFA) program, Adelaide United captain Travis Dodd believes there should be more Indigenous talent playing in the Hyundai A-League.

"The FFA have started a great new initiative where they are looking for 5 per cent of the A-League playing personnel being from Indigenous heritage by 2018," Dodd said.

"Last month there was an Indigenous football festival in Townsville for boys and girls between the age of 12 and 16.

"The kids had a lot of fun and players from that event have been identified for elite junior programs in their home states.

"I want to see more Indigenous kids playing our game and would be keen to help the next generation of Aboriginal soccer players reach their potential."



Adelaide United captain Travis Dodd in United's colours.

Dodd off to flying start

A CONTROVERSIAL penalty converted by Adelaide United captain Travis Dodd secured United full points in their A-League opener against Perth Glory at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, on Friday night.

Referee Craig Zetter awarded the spotkick after a 29th minute free kick from Scott Jamieson

eluded a number of players in front of the Glory goalmouth.

Dodd was deadly with his penalty strike in the 31st minute to put Adelaide's stamp on a scrappy first half and stretched their winning record against Perth to four matches in a row.

Adelaide's 1-0 win was watched by 13,847 fans. – AAP

● Six Indigenous players in A-League – page 86

By CHRIS PIKE in Perth



SWAN Districts' West Australian Football League (WAFL) excitement machine Lewis Jetta is part of a tremendous initiative by the club

for young country players, and he is not afraid to aim high for this year's AFL draft.

Jetta, along with older brother Graham, has moved to Perth from Bunbury this season to play League football at Swan Districts.

To help the brothers do so, they are living in the Steel Blue House, which allows young players to move to Perth to further their education, work and football.

The house is also especially designed to offer a residence for students from the Pilbara and WA's south, and not only have Lewis and Graham played league football as a result, have set themselves up off the field.

Lewis, 20, is in his first year of turf management at Guildford Grammar, while Graham, 23, is employed by Australia Post.

The house has been named Steel Blue House, with club major sponsor Steel Blue securing the naming rights. Steel Blue sales general manager Ross Fitzgerald is delighted to be involved in such a worthy initiative.

"I can't think of a better way to support our Indigenous and regional players to achieve their goals. As a business in the local community, we can promote a service like this with confidence and pleasure," he said.

"We have great faith in the Steel Blue House program and know that any young players who utilise the facility are being nurtured and supported on to greater success, including building skills for their life outside of football."

Lewis has had a brilliant season in his first year of senior WAFL football and has set the competition alight with his lightning quick runs but, even more impressively, his brilliant kicking skills while at top pace.

He played every game this season, including a starring role in the State game victory over South Australia.

But Graham has found it more difficult.

He is a solidly-built small forward and has played six games, but their family is tremendously proud to see them play together and Lewis is now desperate to play finals with his older brother.

"It's just good how the club have set it up for us. They take our rent money out of our pay, and that covers everything for us so we don't have to worry about it," Lewis said.

"It was hard to move up from Bunbury at first, but to do it with my family made it so much easier and it's great.

Dream

"Graham is my second oldest brother and it's every father's dream to see his sons playing League footy together, and he was so proud when we did it this year. Our oldest brother was there too and even cried.

"I had a chat to Graham and we really want to play finals together now, that's another massive goal that I have. He just needs to kick some more goals and we can do that. He's always been very good around goals, so I hope he goes well."

Lewis' skills as well as his lightning pace have seen him catch the eyes of AFL talent scouts all season. He has already heard and spoken with several clubs and is a near certain draft pick, but he wants to go very high up.

"I have had some contact with AFL teams already. I've had interviews with West Coast and Adelaide, and have got letters from North Melbourne, Brisbane and Collingwood. It's every kid's dream to play AFL, so I just have to keep working hard and hopefully be successful," he said.

"I'm confident I will get drafted, but not only drafted, I hope to go in the top five. I want to play

well in the finals to hopefully make that happen."

Lewis had played in the 2007 Colts premiership with Swan Districts, but never League football before this season, but has had no trouble stepping up. Playing mostly on a wing, he has lit up WAFL grounds and is averaging over 15 possessions a game.

Lewis was somewhat shocked to be picked in WA's original squad to play South Australia, but not only was he picked to play, he starred with two brilliant first-quarter goals in wet conditions, and then a thrilling long-range bomb from outside 50 after weaving through two opponents.

That is the highlight of his career, and his team-mate for the day, Jeff Farmer, gave him the confidence to do it.

"At first I was just happy to be nominated in the squad and be part of training, but then to get picked in the team and start on the ground was an amazing feeling. To then kick the winning goal too topped it all off," he said.

"That was the biggest thrill of my career. I was just trying to set the ball up to the top of the square, but it sailed right through.

"Jeff helped me a lot at training and was happy to teach me some of his tricks. He also gave me advice to use my Aboriginal talents when I'm out there and to take on the opposition, so I did that and it worked."

Wants to play part

Swan Districts currently has three more games to go this season in an attempt to secure a top-two spot on the ladder and then try to win the club's first premiership since 1990. Lewis wants to have a big say in that, and Chris Lewis and Peter Matera have been a great help in his development.

"I can't wait for the finals and it's going to be a big series. I want to give it my best shot on the big stage and hopefully play well, and hope the team win too," Lewis Jetta said.

"Peter and Chris have been really good. Peter always gives us advice and tells us like it is, which is what you need. If we play a good game, he tells us and congratulates us, but if we played bad, he also tells us and lets us know what we need to work on."

Jetta thrives



West Australians Lewis Jetta, left, and Jeff Farmer sloop on a South Australian during the interstate game earlier this season. Jetta said playing in that game was a highlight of his short career. He was thrilled to play alongside Farmer. He said Farmer helped him a lot at training and was happy to show him some of his tricks.



Lewis Jetta flanked by Swan District Indigenous team-mates Chris Lewis (left) and Peter Matera. Jetta says Lewis and Matera have played a big part in his development.



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Magic's moment



Koori Mail columnist and Sydney Swans player Michael O'Loughlin last Sunday played his 300th Australian Football League (AFL) game when the Swans took on Richmond at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. He is pictured here training at the Sydney Cricket Ground in preparation for the big game. — AAP image

● See page 84 for O'Loughlin's column and more about this great of the game.

Rugby league unites

Another dimension to Reconciliation Round



THE Reconciliation Cup match between the Cowboys and Bulldogs in Townsville on Friday will kick off a round of Indigenous celebrations and activities as rugby league unites to help close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

Other games this weekend will be the Rabbitohs against the Gold Coast Titans at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, Roosters v Sea Eagles at the Sydney Football Stadium, Raiders v Dragons at Canberra Stadium, Eels v Warriors at Parramatta Stadium, Sharks v Wests Tigers at Toyota Stadium, Broncos v Panthers at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane, and Knights against the Storm at Energy Australia Stadium, Newcastle.

Rugby League last week became the first national sporting code to join the Close the Gap campaign which is Australia's largest ever campaign to improve the life expectancy and health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. (See story page 14)

The ceremony, at the Redfern Community Centre, marked the start of the build-up to the 'Close the Gap' round of the Telstra premiership, in which rugby league will celebrate its Indigenous history and showcase its work with Indigenous communities.

The Close the Gap round, Round 23 of the Telstra premiership, will be played from 14-17 August and will feature the annual Reconciliation Cup match between the Cowboys and Bulldogs in Townsville.

Already, the Newcastle Knights have unveiled a one-off playing strip for their match against Melbourne as part of a week-long celebration recognising the contribution Indigenous role models have made to the Knights and the Hunter Valley.

The round will also feature a series of matches that will have a significant bearing on the race for the Telstra premiership finals series, including the Rabbitohs-Titans match at ANZ Stadium, Sydney, and the Broncos-Panthers clash at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane.

"This is going to be an exciting round of footy, but more importantly, it will put the focus on the inspiring work our players do in Indigenous communities," National Rugby League (NRL) boss David Gallop said.

"Just recently we have seen the impact the visits of Greg Inglis and Preston Campbell (See page 83) have had on their home towns, and as a game we want to make a similar impact in raising awareness about Indigenous health issues.

"Already this year we launched the game's Eat Well, Play Well, Stay Well health initiative, which included a special focus on Indigenous communities, and our support for the Close the Gap campaign will add to the work of that program.

"We want to help provide a level playing field for Indigenous Australians, who today live over a decade less than other Australians and who face higher risks of diabetes, heart disease, cancer and kidney failure."

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