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Aurukun women weave their magic



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AURUKUN ghostnet weavers Mavis Ngallametta and Doreen Marpoondin get down to business on the opening night of the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Arts Fair last weekend. The work of more than 150 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists from across Australia was on display and for sale at the north Queensland fair, which organisers hope will become an annual event. Look for more coverage from the fair in our next edition, out on 9 September.

Focus on our rights

BY KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Australian Government, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and social justice groups will learn this week what the United Nations' top envoy on Indigenous human rights thinks of our situation.

The UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous people, James Anaya, will tomorrow brief the Government on what he heard and saw during his 10-day mission, encompassing fleeting visits to remote, rural and urban communities.

Indigenous people and organisations with international human rights experience have hosted the visits in every state and territory except Victoria and Tasmania.

Mr Anaya's albeit preliminary findings will be keenly anticipated by thousands of people who've written to him about perceived violations of Indigenous human rights in Australia.

Many of those people – including Aboriginal residents of communities prescribed under the Northern Territory intervention, Uniting Church representatives and Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) – have raised the ongoing suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* and key intervention measures such as welfare quarantining and town leasing as issues, as well as the nature of the Government's consultations with Indigenous people across the board.

Mr Anaya was guarded about his views when he began his whirlwind itinerary in Canberra, and still



SPECIAL RAPPOREUR JAMES ANAYA

non-committal about halfway through after visiting Alice Springs.

While the Government described Mr Anaya's visit, undertaken at its invitation, as an 'opportunity for an honest and open exchange of views and experiences', it will likely be bracing itself for criticism.

Highlighting the Government's support in April for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and last year's national apology, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin told Mr Anaya 'Your visit around Australia will shine a light on human dignity'.

After presenting feedback and his preliminary findings to the Government, the Special Rapporteur will prepare a final report for the UN Human Rights Council, for presentation possibly early next year.

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My FAMILY

KEITH GREEN – Woodenbong, NSW



My family lives at Woodenbong, which is in northern New South Wales. It's Githabul country.

It's a fair way out so we have to travel around a bit to watch the boys play footy at the weekends.

It's important family time though, because I work as a truck driver.

Jessica and I have three boys – Keith Junior who is 19, Timothy, 17, and Jerome who is 13-years-old. The youngest two are going to Woodenbong Central School.

Keith Junior finished his HSC last year and is now doing some work with Border Rangers contractors, where they do bush regenerating.

The young fella, Jerome, is playing footy with the Kyogle Turkeys and they're going really well. They won the grand final for the past two years.

Timothy has just got a two-year

scholarship with the Gold Coast Titans so he should be starting up there with his training in November.

If all goes well he'll be going to school up at Palm Beach next year so I guess we'll have a bit more travelling to do with the footy.

Working as a truck driver takes me all over. I transport livestock from around Roma in Queensland right down to Tamworth in New South Wales.

That's why the weekends are a special time for us. It's our time as a family, and we really enjoy getting out supporting the boys.

● **Enjoying the Northern United rugby league game against Marist Brothers at Oakes Oval in Lismore were Kasii Donnelly, of Lismore, and Timothy, Keith, Jessica and Jerome Green, of Woodenbong.**

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OUR CHILDREN



Snack time for children in the Awabakal Mobile Playgroup run in inner Newcastle. The playgroup has a new custom-built van equipped with play equipment, and recently received Federal funds for a new family worker and two child care workers to help improve the health and wellbeing of local Indigenous children.

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Tyus Arndt, front and centre, in the new Qantas advertisement.

THURSDAY Island teen Tyus Arndt, 13, only began singing in choirs a few years ago, but he's now the face of the new *I Still Call Australia Home* commercial for Qantas.

The fourth version of the campaign was officially launched on Saturday night, in conjunction with the Bledisloe Cup rugby union match in Sydney. It sees Tyus singing out to choristers around the world in one of the languages of the Torres Strait Islands, Kala Lagaw Ya, calling them home to join together in the Bungle Bungle Ranges of Western Australia's Purnululu National Park.

Tyus also performed a solo as part of the Bledisloe Cup pre-match entertainment, before being joined on the field by members of the three children's choirs featured in the ad – the Gondwana

Thursday Island's Tyus at home in Qantas ad

National Indigenous Children's Choir, the National Boys Choir of Australia and the Australian Girls Choir.

'Coming Home', a behind-the-scenes special on the making of the commercial featuring Ernie Dingo, Tom Williams and Jennifer Hawkins, also aired before the broadcast of the match.

Tyus' mother Tanya Loban said hers wasn't a particularly musical family so it

was 'a mystery' where Tyus got his talent.

"We're just really proud of him," she told *The Koori Mail*. "I can't describe the feeling when I saw the ad for the first time."

The commercial was filmed in May this year and 180 children feature in the final shot in the Bungle Bungle Ranges.

Ms Loban was with Tyus for part of the shoot. She said the days were long and

the weather was hot.

"It was just amazing how good the kids were," she said. "And how patient they had to be between takes, or when they were getting different scenery shots. It really opened their eyes to how much work they would have to put in if they want to follow this as a career."

Qantas Chief Executive Officer Alan Joyce said it was the first time the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir had featured in the campaign, and along with Tyus's leading role, it was the first time Australia's Indigenous peoples and cultures had been such a prominent part of the campaign's narrative. "We felt it was the right time to create an *I Still Call Australia Home* that would build on the campaign's 10-year heritage in a modern and relevant way," he said.

Elder starts battle for lost wages



AN Aboriginal Elder has launched a legal battle for the return of wages he claims were stolen by the Queensland Government.

Conrad Yeatman lodged last week a claim in the Brisbane District Court seeking the return of money he earned while working as a carpenter and labourer in the north Queensland community of Yarrabah, where he was born in 1940.

During his employment in the 1950s, the *Aboriginals Preservation and Protection Act* of 1939 required Mr Yeatman to surrender his wages to the Director of Native Affairs.

Under the Act, the director was tasked with establishing savings accounts for Indigenous workers to hold the wages in trust.

Mr Yeatman says he was given a token amount of pocket money from his wages between 1954 and 1958 as well as incidental payments for clothes and rail fares.

However, he claims the Government failed to pay out the balance of his trust account when he was made exempt from the Act in February 1958.

Breach

Mr Yeatman says the Government 'wrongfully failed to give effect to the trust', and that by doing so it breached 'the fiduciary duty owed' to him.

Court documents reveal Mr Yeatman is seeking an inquiry into whether his trust account exists, and if there is any money left in it.

He is also seeking to explore whether any money was 'lost or misappropriated' and how he can recover any of the outstanding cash.

Mr Yeatman is also seeking interest on the outstanding wages.

The Queensland Council of Unions (QCU) has backed the legal battle, offering public support during a meeting of Aboriginal Elders in Brisbane on Wednesday.

In 2002, former premier Peter Beattie acknowledged that as much as \$500 million may have been stolen as Aboriginal people's wages were taken and supposedly placed in trust accounts that were later found to be deficient or non-existent.

Mr Beattie offered \$55 million in compensation, and a reparation scheme subsequently paid out about \$35 million to 7000 applicants.

Mr Yeatman was offered the maximum \$7000 reparation but knocked it back as inadequate.

No date has been set for the court hearing. – AAP



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Alice town camps challenge set to start



A LEGAL challenge against Federal Government attempts to take over town camps around Alice Springs is scheduled to begin on Friday.

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.

Earlier this month, Federal Court judge Alan Goldberg placed injunctions on the signing of leases and the compulsory acquisition of leases until the full court hearing.

Justice Goldberg said there were serious questions about the handling of town camp lease negotiations.

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

She had also threatened to compulsorily acquire the leases after negotiations with Tangentyere Council, the umbrella-body for town camp housing associations, broke down.

The council has been reluctant to sign leases, and hand control of housing over to the Northern Territory Government.

The Federal Court hearing is expected to continue on Monday.

Their cheering paid off



The Wilcannia Boomerangs took their cheer squad with them when they contested the NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) development program grand final at Broken Hill on 16 August. The girls had plenty to cheer about – the Boomerangs beat the Broken Hill Geebungs 40-18 in a grand final that pitted brother against brother. Many of the Geebung players are Wilcannia men living in Broken Hill. The cheer squad is, from left, Belinda King, Christine Clothier, Amy Walsh, Kimberley Dove, Candela Alvarez, Julieann Edmonds, Jodie Vallak and Elise Green. Photo by GERRIT FOKKEMA

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NT amends under-age sex laws



HEALTH practitioners in the Northern Territory will no longer have to report all cases of under-age sex.

The Territory Government has been forced to tweak the legislation designed to protect children from sex abuse because of a public outcry.

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

Up until April, when the laws took effect, it was illegal for health workers in the NT not to report suspected child abuse.

Changes to the *Care and Protection of Children Act*, which had bipartisan support when they were passed by Parliament, made it mandatory for all people, including doctors, to report sexually active teenagers aged under 16.

The new laws outraged peak health and legal organisations, which claimed they could result in more teenage pregnancies and increased sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

They also said teenagers would be reluctant to turn to their GPs or parents for contraception and sexual health advice.

The NT Legislative Assembly on Friday passed amendments to 'address community concerns' about the law's 'unintended consequences'.

"It is important we refine the balance between the need to protect our children and the need to ensure our young people feel confident they can seek medical, psychological and other support in relation to their sexual health," NT Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy said in a statement on Friday.

Under the changes, health

practitioners will no longer have to report sexual activity in adolescents aged 14 or 15 years where the age difference between sexual partners is two years or less.

"The bill does not change mandatory reporting obligations on all persons in the Territory to report if they have a reasonable belief that a child has suffered or is likely to suffer harm or exploitation," Ms McCarthy said.

But Opposition MP Jodeen Carney said the Country Liberals had reluctantly supported the bill.

"The Government shouldn't differentiate between the types of people who should report victims of sexual offences," she told ABC Radio in Darwin.

"Bizarrely, social workers and teachers and others have a different reporting obligation to health practitioners..."

"That is disturbing, it is an inconsistent message." – AAP

UN expert shining spotlight on rights

BY KIRSTIE PARKER



THE way that Australia treats its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is under the international spotlight, with a leading human rights advocate touring the country and preparing a report for the United Nations.

The UN Human Rights Council's Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of Indigenous people, James Anaya, is due to provide feedback and brief the Australian Government on his preliminary findings in Canberra tomorrow.

And while Mr Anaya has played his cards close to his chest since being welcomed to Australia early last week – telling media that he has heard both good and bad accounts about treatment of Indigenous Australians – he has heard from Indigenous groups, church leaders and social justice groups on an extensive range of issues and alleged human rights violations.

Looming large has been the Northern Territory intervention, under which the Government continues to maintain controversial suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (RDA).

In Canberra for an official welcome by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin last Monday, the Special Rapporteur conceded that the intervention was 'on its face' discriminatory, but would not be drawn further.

Ms Macklin described Mr Anaya's visit as 'an extraordinary opportunity for an honest and open exchange of views and experiences'.

"Conversations like these, with a person of Professor Anaya's calibre and influence, are another way the Australian Government can reaffirm its commitment to resetting the relationship with Indigenous Australians," she said, highlighting the Government's support in April for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and last year's national apology.

"Your visit around Australia will shine a light on human dignity," Ms Macklin told Mr Anaya. "This includes the human rights of the most precious, and often most vulnerable, community members – our children."

Township leases, outstations, government service delivery,



UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya speaks with media in Canberra last week before heading off on his tour.

housing, health, native title, mining, education, Indigenous languages, Indigenous incarceration rates and treatment of prisoners, legal service funding, suicide rates, and alcohol management have all been canvassed during Mr Anaya's tour which, by the time *The Koori Mail* went to press, had taken in Canberra, Adelaide, Perth, Alice Springs, Yuendumu, Darwin, Yirrkala and Groote Eylandt.

In Alice Springs, Mr Anaya attended a number of community meetings, accompanied a community night patrol and dined on kangaroo tail at the home of Mt Nancy town camp resident Barbara Shaw, whose legal challenge against Federal Government attempts to take over the town camps goes to court on Friday.

"I've heard a lot of the concerns of the Indigenous peoples about their basic conditions, about the situation that they live in," Mr Anaya told the ABC while in Alice

Springs. "Concerns that I think they've been expressing for some time.

"I've met some very nice people, very good people. They took me around the camps in the night patrol. That was a really interesting experience to see the local community initiative to

many people in prescribed NT Aboriginal communities, and members of social change group Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) – had signed a letter to him.

That letter asked the Special Rapporteur to encourage the Australian Government to negotiate

respectfully and genuinely with Indigenous people and to re-instate the RDA without discriminatory 'special measures', and to insist that human rights principles as outlined in the UN Convention against Racial Discrimination be applied.

The Uniting Church has told the Special Rapporteur that the NT intervention is the nation's most pressing human rights concern.

In a letter co-signed by its President, Reverend Alistair Macrae, and the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress Chair, Reverend Ken Sumner, the church expressed its 'vehement' opposition to suspension of the



Mr Anaya, second from left, received information from community members in a meeting held at the Centre for Appropriate Technology in Alice Springs last Thursday. Also pictured are, from left, Rosemary Kunoth-Monks, Maia Campbell and Taryn Lesser.

police themselves."

This week, Mr Anaya was visiting Cairns and nearby Yarrabah, Brisbane and then Sydney before returning to Canberra.

The Special Rapporteur's visit was heavily anticipated and, even before he touched down, thousands of people – including

RDA, 'inadequate consultation' with communities under the intervention, and other policies that it says contravene human rights principles.

Gumilaroi man and one of the founders of the Aboriginal Embassy on the lawns of Old Parliament House in Canberra Michael Anderson asked the Special Rapporteur to 'investigate all acts of the Australian Federal Parliament that deal with and impact upon Aboriginal peoples' and report all violations to relevant UN treaty bodies.

While his visit was broadly welcomed, Mr Anaya wasn't spared criticism from Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell, who accused him of having 'compromised his independence by cow-towing to Minister Macklin and cosying up to the Australian Government'.

"Any report he makes will be tainted with criticism that he got too close to the very government that was being accused of breaching human rights of Aborigines," Mr Mansell said in a statement.

But human rights advocate and Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action Chairman Les Malezer said Mr Anaya's visit was about reporting against human rights standards, 'not politics'.

"For people like Michael (Mansell), they have to deal with the political situation using public media – these are really the mechanisms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but the Special Rapporteur is part of a process in the UN and that process requires that his considered findings be discussed in a UN meeting when he produces his report," Mr Malezer said.

The 2008 Human Rights Medal winner said he believed Australians – governments, Indigenous people and society in general – did not understand the UN and the international human rights system.

"All we know is the political process. We do not have sufficient awareness and education about the human rights of the world and how human rights operate," Mr Malezer said.

"We're ignorant about human rights and the global protection of them and we're kidding ourselves if we think we're good at it."

After presenting his preliminary findings, the Special Rapporteur will prepare a final report for the Human Rights Council, possibly to be presented in early 2010. Submissions to him can be emailed to indigenous@ohchr.org

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A call to action

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE story of Mary Victor O'Reeri – mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, teacher – is not one for the faint-hearted.

From the times when, as a 12-year-old and unbeknownst to her parents, she had to fend off sexual advances from drunken relatives, to just a few years back when two of her beloved brothers committed suicide, it's a story that would have brought a lesser person undone.

But Ms Victor O'Reeri, her dad and community chairman Stephen Victor Snr, and other members of their small Aboriginal community of Billard, north of Broome in Western Australia's Kimberley region, have had enough.

They've drawn a line in the sand and are now asking other Indigenous people to join them in fighting back from dysfunction and making communities 'suicide-proof'.

As Ms Victor O'Reeri said at the end of a speech at the National Museum of Australia in Canberra last week, 'We are the people we've been waiting for'.

The 40-year-old Nyul Nyul woman relayed a 'call to action' from an historic gathering called the Blank Page Summit on Suicide held at Billard at the end of last month.

About 150 people, including Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, WA Deputy Premier Kim Hames, non-government organisations, community members and professionals, attended the summit, near Beagle Bay from 27-31 July.

The specific aim of the 'transformative' gathering was to devise new solutions to prevent any more unnecessary loss of life in a region where, as one of Ms Victor O'Reeri's countrymen put it, 'We are living between suicides'.

Those solutions were contained in a summit communiqué which Ms Victor O'Reeri launched in Canberra last week, as part of a welcome to United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya, who is in Australia to investigate the

Billard draws line in the sand over dysfunction



A future worth smiling about: Mary Victor O'Reeri, left, and her daughter Tasha in Canberra, after Ms Victor O'Reeri's speech to welcome UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya to Australia last Monday.

situation relating to Indigenous human rights.

She said the summit's key message was that suicide was preventable, but there were some things that needed to be put in place. And it was these things that underpinned a summit 'call to action' both specific to the Kimberley and of critical relevance to the rest of the country – to create suicide-proof communities; train families to be families; and for people to heal and 'self-care' through staged support.

Ms Victor O'Reeri told the Canberra audience she knew many of the issues raised at the summit were 'difficult', but the state of her own community, and others, required 'all of us to have a hard yarn'.



Ms Victor O'Reeri is congratulated on her speech by Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"It's about the truth of our ways," she said. "It's about how we've neglected each other and made up excuses. It's about what

we need to be doing to build a whole and functioning society." Suicide-proofing communities meant, in part, taking a

zero-tolerance approach to 'those things that are killing people' – such as grog, illegal drugs, child neglect and abuse and pornography.

But Ms Victor O'Reeri said that such zero tolerance must be self-imposed.

"This is not a call for laws to ban grog," she said. "It is about waking up as individuals to what is causing members of our community to kill themselves and adjusting our behaviours accordingly."

Ms Victor O'Reeri said that, for all the talk about families being the centre of Indigenous communities, they didn't just happen, and communities needed principles or blueprints to 'train families to be families'.

And she said services needed to be delivered better and communities needed to act when it became clear that people were distressed, vulnerable or suicidal.

Ms Victor O'Reeri said the summit also identified poor housing and overcrowding as significant suicide risks. But she said behaviour within houses was also important, and sometimes people needed to be tough.

"I turn away my own siblings if they arrive intoxicated," she said. "Some would say this is a rejection of my family. I say it's a strengthening and educating of my family. I will not put my family and our plans and dreams at risk."

Ms Victor O'Reeri said the Billard community would work with anyone – individuals, communities and governments – to implement the summit's key messages.

"We need a new conversation where we can talk honestly about these things," she said. "...As a nation we could start with a blank page about how we create healthy and functional homes and families, caring and well-run communities and support for the vulnerable among us."

"This is our golden opportunity – we must do it together. It involves all of us."

● See pages 36-37 for more on the Blank Page Summit.

● If you or someone you know needs support and information about suicide prevention, ask for help. Contact Lifeline on 131 114.

Housing report pledge by Macklin

By DARREN COYNE



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has promised to make public the report from a review of the embattled \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP). A spokesperson for Ms Macklin told *The Koori Mail* on Friday that the Minister expected to receive the report this week.

The review was announced after revelations that the multi-million-dollar Northern Territory program had so far failed to deliver any new houses at all.

Last week, the head of the scheme, Jim Davidson, was reportedly sacked after rebel Northern Territory MP Alison Anderson claimed he told her fewer than half of the 750 homes promised almost 18 months ago would be delivered.

NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson

claimed it was the 'wrong information', but Ms Anderson still quit the party in protest.

Her resignation sparked a motion of no confidence from the Opposition, but Mr Henderson retained power after agreeing to an extensive list of demands put by the independent MP Gerry Wood who held the casting vote.

Ms Anderson has since copped criticism from the Northern Land Council and the Laynhapuy Homelands Association.

NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill said Ms Anderson should resign, while LHA Chief Executive Yananymul Mununggurr accused her of using Indigenous people as political footballs.

Meanwhile, after leaving consultancy firm Parsons Brinkerhoff, which was assigned the task of delivering the SIHIP program, Mr Davidson went public, saying the scheme would never be able to deliver the promised 750 houses.

He said the \$672 million would result in

just 300 new houses, and he accused bureaucrats of covering up the truth to save 'Jenny Macklin's political skin'.

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Indigenous Affairs Marise Payne said the SIHIP program was a humiliation for the Government.

"SIHIP was heralded as a new day in Indigenous housing, promising 750 desperately needed new houses in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory," Senator Payne said in a statement. "But almost every day, further reports reveal gross mismanagement of the program and a complete failure to deliver any houses on the ground."

Despite the attacks, Ms Macklin and Mr Henderson insisted the scheme would deliver the promised houses within five years.

But in order to achieve this, the budget is likely to blow out to over \$1 billion, requiring additional funding from the National

Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, according to the ABC's *7.30 Report*.

In Parliament last week, Ms Macklin said the Government was committed to delivering the houses and ensuring construction employment for Indigenous people.

However, she said it was critical the Government had tenure over land on which new houses were to be built.

"Just like we do in any other part of Australia, when we are building public housing normally we require freehold," she said. "In the case of Aboriginal land, we are prepared to go to a lease arrangement but we are going to acquire the security of tenure so that we have the capacity to make sure that the standard of housing into the future is high."

NT Opposition Leader Terry Mills described the SIHIP situation as 'a dog's breakfast'.

Charity scheme a cruise



OLYMPIC gold medallist Cathy Freeman has joined P&O Cruises to launch

Australia's newest charity initiative for Indigenous children, Walk the Decks, which gives cruise passengers a chance to raise

funds while walking the decks at sea.

Joined by Sydney Swans stars Michael O'Loughlin and Adam Goodes, Cathy took an inaugural Walk the Decks session, leading 40 children from Kincoppal-Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart around the *Pacific Dawn*, which was berthed at Darling

Harbour in Sydney.

From this month, every P&O Cruises voyage from Australia will offer a Walk the Decks session in which passengers can make a voluntary contribution to the Catherine Freeman Foundation.

P&O Cruises estimates the program will see thousands of its passengers walk more than

25,000km a year while at sea – the equivalent of travelling more than halfway around the world.

Funds raised will contribute to the Catherine Freeman Foundation's scholarship program, which gives Palm Island girls the opportunity to study at boarding school on the mainland.



Kincoppal-Rose Bay School students with Cathy Freeman at the Walk the Decks launch on the cruise ship *Pacific Dawn* in Sydney.



PAT DODSON

Dodson has high hopes for uni centre



A NEW research centre could play a vital part

in bridging the communication gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, says an Aboriginal leader.

Professor Patrick Dodson has launched the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit at the University of NSW in an effort to improve communication between both groups.

The dialogue between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians often fails because of a lack of understanding about how each group affects the other, he said.

"We often don't have a serious dialogue around those issues," Prof Dodson told ABC Radio.

Confront

There were many issues that confront both groups of Australians including climate change, the economy, and land and water resources, he said.

"There's a whole basis for us to look at ... over the last 200 years," he said.

Prof Dodson said Australia was faced with global and domestic challenges including dealing with the sustainability of Indigenous culture.

"We seriously have to look at how best to support, rather than how to destroy, and part of the (discussion) is having an enlightenment about how our policies towards land development and resource development takes place," he said.

If Australia didn't use the intellect available to confront these issues, it would be unprepared for the future, he said. – AAP

Better news for Boys from Bush

By DARREN COYNE



THE Boys from the Bush (BFTB) scheme, which finds work for young Indigenous men from remote

communities in Australian meatworks, appears to be back on track.

The *Koori Mail* reported last edition that the project was being held up by bureaucratic red tape while foreign workers were streaming into the country on fast-tracked visas to work in Australian abattoirs.

The BFTB team had spent 16 months lobbying the Federal Government for assistance to expand the scheme nationally, after running successful trials which placed more than 150 young men in work.

The *Koori Mail* understands the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is about to sign off on a project to employ young Indigenous men at an abattoir in Wagga Wagga.

BFTB projects director Milton James met with the NSW office of DEEWR and others on Friday to discuss the project.

Mr James told *The Koori Mail* he had been given an assurance DEEWR would support the initial placement of 15 Indigenous men from remote communities at a meatworks in Wagga

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 (RAWWS) 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 trial. 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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The *Koori Mail's* front page on the Boys from the Bush in our last edition.

Wagga. But the department has insisted that Mr James broaden the program to include at least 10 Indigenous young people from the host city.

Mr James is hopeful that the bureaucrats stay true to their word and sign off on the project this Friday, or soon after.

He said there were still some issues to be resolved, but he was confident the project would go ahead.

Other centres

If the Wagga Wagga placement proceeds smoothly, Mr James said the program would be rolled out to other centres.

He believes the Boys from the Bush projects can place more than 100 young people from remote communities in work.

As part of his lobbying effort, Mr James has

written to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Human Rights Professor James Anaya, who is currently touring Indigenous communities in Australia.

"Our Remote Area Work Scheme (RAWWS) was developed specifically to help disadvantaged Indigenous youth living in remote communities, to gain employment in the meat processing industry," Mr James wrote. "However, (DEEWR) favours the importation of foreign workers for these positions ahead of young

Aboriginal workers. This outcome is achieved by fast-tracking the processing employment applications of foreign workers to one month, while delaying the employment applications of young Indigenous people through RAWWS.

"DEEWR has taken in excess of 16 months to process these applications."

Mr James accused the department of institutionalised racism.

Meanwhile, a spokesperson for the Federal Minister responsible for DEEWR, Senator Mark Arbib, told *The Koori Mail* the Minister had advised his department he wanted to meet with Mr James to discuss the project.

Mr James said he had not been informed about any meeting with the Minister, but he would welcome the opportunity to discuss the scheme with him.

Vibe alive in Kalgoorlie



MORE than 1600 students from Western Australia were in Kalgoorlie earlier this month for two days of excitement, fun and learning as the second-last event on the 2009 Vibe Alive Festival program.

Vibe Alive is a new national youth festival in which teams of eight to 12 students represent their schools, competing in singing, dancing, painting and Indigenous sporting activities.

Each component of the competition earns teams points, with the team with the most points being named the winners in their age category. They also participate in interactive health and careers expos.

The 'Pythons' from Kalgoorlie Primary School defended their title, taking home the 2009 WA Vibe Alive Cup as the overall winners with the most points. They also won the middle school category.

Winners

The winners in the junior school category were the 'Martians' from O'Connor Primary School, while 'Leo's Crew' from Leonora District High School won the high school category.

More than 2200 people from the local area packed out the free community concert and Break Off competition on the nights of Wednesday 12 August and Thursday 13 August respectively, to see the best of the festival strut their stuff on stage and enjoy some entertainment under the stars.

Celebrity guests and role models meeting the kids and helping out with competition



2009 WA Vibe Alive Cup winners the 'Pythons', from Kalgoorlie Primary School.
Photo by AMANDA JAMES

judging included Australian Idol 2004 Casey Donovan, Courtney Walter from So You Think You Can Dance?, actor Michael Tuahine, former Harlem Globetrotter Dwayne Cross, comedian and artist Kevin

Kropinyeri as well as dancers Medika and Nakari Thorpe, all encouraging the kids to work hard, stay in school and reach their full potential.

"To see more than 1600 children engage for two days and

nights where they share a common goal to be the best they can be, is nothing short of spectacular," said Vibe Alive Patron Kerrie Hayes.

"We certainly found all the young participants inspiring –

they were energetic, exciting, fun and full of potential."

The final Vibe Alive Festival for the 2009 program will be in Weipa on September 16-17. For more information about Vibe Alive, visit www.vibealive.com.au

Batchelor lifeline

NT Institute's future secure – Chancellor

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal and Northern Territory Governments have reportedly agreed to support the cash-strapped Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE).

There had been speculation that the dual-sector institution – Australia's only such institution solely for Indigenous students – was just weeks from bankruptcy.

However, Chancellor Prof Yvonne Cadet-James said late on Friday that the agreement reached with the Federal and NT Governments meant that Batchelor's future was now secure, 'good news for our staff, students and for Indigenous education'.

"The Institute is a significant education provider in the Territory and offers a high



NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson and the leafy surrounds of Batchelor Institute.

quality and unique service to Indigenous students," Prof Cadet-James said in a statement.

"A team of experts from (accountants) KordaMentha will be on site at the Batchelor campus to assist the Institute into moving towards a new business model that will provide a strong and sustainable future."

Batchelor's main campus is about



100kms south of Darwin. The institute has more than 3000 students from all over the country, including many from remote communities, and an annual budget of \$42.25 million.

Executive Director of Batchelor's Strategic Services Division Peter Garrigan told *The Koori Mail* media reports of the institute's financial position were

exaggerated, although he conceded that things had been 'tight'.

"The institute is heavily reliant on both NT and Federal funding to maintain its operations," he said.

Mr Garrigan would not reveal how much either government had committed, saying only that negotiations were still in the very early stages.

Batchelor's council has appointed KordaMentha partner Brian McMaster as the acting director to assist in developing the new business model and to 'ensure the future direction of the institute'.

Early last week, the Australian Education Union (AEU) had called on the Rudd Government to intervene to save the institute.

And while NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson admitted on Thursday that Batchelor had been in financial trouble for 'some months now', he said the institute's closure was 'not an option'.

"My absolute drive (is) to improve secondary education in remote communities... and Batchelor needs to be key part of that," Mr Henderson told reporters in Darwin. "...Batchelor is an important institution and it has to stay."

NT Opposition Leader Terry Mills is advocating closer ties between the institute and Charles Darwin University.

"We need to look at the culture of Batchelor," he said. – With AAP



Pictured after The Overburden Report launch are, from left, Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, report co-authors Prof Judith Dwyer and Uning Marlina (Flinders University), Dr Patrick Sullivan from ANU's National Centre for Indigenous Studies (NCIS), report co-author Kim O'Donnell (Flinders University), Winnunga Nimmityjah AHS CEO Julie Tongs, CRCAH chairperson Pat Anderson and her grandson Rueben.

Methods of funding 'hit health'



THE use of overly-complex and fragmented funding methods is undermining the efforts of the Aboriginal health sector to close the health inequity gap, according to a new report.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma launched the Co-operative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health report in Canberra on 17 August.

The Overburden Report: Contracting for Indigenous Health Services investigated the way governments funded Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs).

'Overburden' is a mining industry term, used to refer to the soil, rock and other materials that must be removed to get to the ore. In the report, it refers to the administrative work that must be done by providers and funders to allocate, acquire, manage, report on, and account for funding.

Project leader and Flinders University Professor Judith Dwyer said ACCHSs were funded in more complex ways, and from more sources, than equivalent mainstream health care organisations, which

created a barrier to providing responsive care, and brought with it heavy overhead costs.

This undermined the central objective of delivering comprehensive primary health care for Indigenous people.

"In one case, an Aboriginal health service operating in a remote area was funded from 42 different buckets of money and all of these required separate applications and had separate reporting requirements," Prof Dwyer said.

Waste of resources

"Some of these funding grants were as low as \$1000. It's not hard to imagine how accounting and reporting on this multitude of grants is a waste of precious health resources."

No other primary health providers were expected to cobble together a responsive whole service on the basis of tightly-targeted funding for specific health problems, Prof Dwyer said.

She said funding needed to be simplified and there needed to be more focus on the long-term relationships between the funders and the providers.

"International and Australian evidence shows that such reforms can

free more resources for health care delivery and make accountability clearer and more focused on health outcomes," Prof Dwyer said.

"Sorting out the roles of Commonwealth and State health authorities would also be of benefit."

CRCAH executive officer Mick Gooda said it was paradoxical that the very methods used to fund Aboriginal comprehensive primary health care were actually impeding their ability to deliver the best possible service.

"The solutions to Aboriginal health lie not just in better pills and technology, but in removing obstacles to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples accessing the most effective health care possible," he said.

"This research points to one obstacle and we are confident that governments will read the report, take note and seek to reform the funding systems for ACCHSs.

"We are certainly not advocating a reduction in financial accountability for these medical services... but it is counter-productive that these accountability requirements actually work against the very efficiency of the health service.

"It makes no sense and needs reforming as a matter of urgency."

NSW Govt 'dragging feet' on heritage

By DARREN COYNE



PROPOSED changes to legislation relating to the protection of Aboriginal culture and heritage in New South Wales need a re-think, according to the NSW Aboriginal

Land Council.

The Council last week called on the NSW Government to urgently reform laws to give Aboriginal people control over their own heritage.

NSWALC chairwoman Bev Manton said the Government should re-consider its current proposals to make significant changes to the current regime through the proposed National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Bill 2009.

The Bill is due to be introduced in Parliament in September, but has been roundly criticised around the State by various land councils.

"The current laws and the proposed amending Bill do not recognise Aboriginal people as the owners and primary determiners of their culture and heritage," Ms Manton said.

"They have not, and will not, prevent the ongoing destruction of our culture and heritage without fundamental reform to both the underlying principles and machinery provisions of current and proposed legislation."

A spokesperson for NSW Environment Minister Carmel Tebbutt said the Government announced the proposed legislative changes in April.

"The Government is undertaking thorough consultation on the draft Bill with peak Aboriginal and environment groups and industry bodies. This feedback will be considered prior to the introduction of the Bill," the spokesperson said.



BEV MANTON

"So far the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water has met representatives of 13 key stakeholders, including NSW Aboriginal Land Council and NTSCorp, the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee and Co-managed National Parks boards of management, Local Aboriginal Land councils and committees and boards established under the Indigenous Land Use Agreements."

Proposals 'ad hoc'

But Ms Manton said that the current proposals were ad hoc.

"While some aspects might appear at face value to strengthen existing laws, they fall well short of the reform required to satisfy the legitimate concerns and aspirations of the Aboriginal community to be given a truly effective voice in the protection and preservation of their culture and heritage," she said.

"NSWALC is concerned at the current high rate of permits issued to destroy our culture and heritage and the Bill in its current form will make it easier to issue such permits.

"New South Wales is also the only State without independent culture and heritage legislation. The inclusion of Aboriginal heritage in a flora and fauna Act is outdated and paternalistic."

Ms Manton called on the Government to develop an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Bill, and create an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Commission.

"It's time that bureaucrats stopped being the exclusive consent authority for the protection – and destruction – of Aboriginal places and objects," she said.

NSWALC has set out its detailed concerns and those of its constituents in a major submission to the Government on the proposed National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Bill 2009.

To view that submission go to <http://www.alc.org.au> and click on the 'more than flora and fauna' link.

Council good sport on education

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ITS premise may be simple, and it won't please everyone, but the Central Desert Shire Council (CDSC) is hoping that one of its new policies will have a positive impact on the educational outcomes of the youngest members of its area.

The council has decided to support community sporting carnivals that are run only during school holidays, and it hopes other organisations will follow its lead.

CDSC President Norbert Patrick said the council had no jurisdiction over education but the new policy was one thing it could do to make a difference.

"Today, many school children in the shire, our future leaders and workers miss out on school for weeks at a time," he said.

"In a region where school attendance and education outcomes are among the worst in Australia, this is totally unacceptable."

CDSC Chief Executive Officer Rowan Foley hopes that by this time next year, the policy will increase student attendance by 50 per cent.

All added up, he said, the figures are somewhat worrying. For any given sporting carnival –



Central Desert Shire Council President Norbert Patrick, left, and CEO Rowan Foley.

there are between four and five annually in the shire – students take up to five days off.

"Every year, it takes about a month off school for students, and for us it was a simple change to make, and I believe the community will support it, but it just may take a bit of time to process," Mr Foley said.

He said that with the burden of poverty and other disadvantage, students across the nine schools in the shire already faced enough challenges without the added stressor of making up the lost time

that should be used for learning.

"Our future managers and workers are missing out on the education they need in order to take over from non-Aboriginal staff," Mr Foley said.

"At the same time, there's a lack of organised activities for school children during the school holidays and we believe that moving sports carnivals into the school holiday period will help to solve both problems."

Mr Foley said it was also time that royalty meetings, which had a similar effect on school



attendance as sports carnivals, were also held after school hours, and said the council's new stance had garnered support from many Indigenous and other leaders from within the region and nationally.

Cr Patrick said that while the new council policy wouldn't officially come into effect until 2010, Yuendumu community had taken the lead by having its latest sporting carnival on a weekend.

"This policy may not be popular with all residents, but it is the right thing to do and I'm

proud of the leadership my fellow councillors have shown."

Meanwhile, the MacDonnell Shire community of Amoonguna has implemented the 'No School, No Service' program in an effort to deal with children under 15 who aren't attending school. Under the program, only students who have an official school pass will be served in the Amoonguna store during school hours. Posters have already gone up in the store to inform the young people of the upcoming chances.

MacDonnell Shire Council Chief Executive Officer Philippa Major said the program started when a group of locals approached the council to ask if it would consider supporting the program. They had heard of the program through businesses in Alice Springs taking part and thought it would translate well into their community.

MacDonnell Shire Council President Sid Anderson also supported the program, adding it had the potential to create results if everyone worked to encourage students to attend school.

"MacDonnell Shire Council hopes that community members in Amoonguna will support the program," he said. "Through parents and family members encouraging all children to attend school, there might be some good results."

Govt accused over jail deaths report

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



ADVOCATES for South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands say the State Government is stalling on the release of a report on its performance in implementing

black deaths in custody recommendations.

Jonathan Nicholls, of Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide, said the Government announced in January 2005 that it would conduct a 'government-wide review' of efforts to implement the recommendations of the 1991 Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), and promised to 'introduce a systematic and ongoing reporting process'.

However, Mr Nicholls said the Government had yet to fulfill either commitment, long urged by the SA Coroner.

He said Premier Mike Rann was Aboriginal Affairs Minister when the RCIADIC recommendations were handed down, but he had 'dropped the ball' on the issue, and current Minister Jay Weatherill had not responded to requests for clarification on whether the review had started and when it would be completed.

Mr Weatherill referred *Koori Mail* inquiries to Corrections Minister Tom Koutsantonis, who declined to say what recommendations had been implemented.

Mr Koutsantonis took up the Corrections portfolio after quitting the road safety portfolio in April when he divulged that he

had 60 unpaid traffic fines, some of those incurred while driving a ministerial vehicle. His licence had been suspended for non-payment three times, and in 2005 he was put on a 12-month good behaviour agreement.

Ironically, a significant proportion of Aboriginal inmates are in jail for non-payment of fines and traffic offences.

Mr Koutsantonis said the department 'continues to modify infrastructure to remove potential hanging points' and the majority of the recommendations had been 'addressed'. But he did not supply a copy of the report on the review, or confirm its existence.

The Minister said he was 'pleased to advise all new cells meet safe cell specifications and there has not been an intentional Aboriginal death in custody since 2003'.

However, there were three hanging deaths of non-Indigenous people the following year and subsequent prison deaths due to other causes since that time.

Shadow Minister for Health and

Aboriginal Affairs Duncan McFetridge is demanding Government accountability on adherence to the recommendations and observance of human rights for the growing number of Aboriginal people in custody.

"Why the Government is being as difficult to deal with as it is over such an important issue, I don't understand," he said.

"I can only conclude they've put it in the too-hard basket and failed to act on the recommendations, because if they'd done it, they'd be trying to grab a headline on it."

In SA, although Aboriginal people comprise less than two per cent of the general population they account for more than 22 per cent of the male prison population, and 68 per cent of juveniles in detention.

Dr McFetridge said the Government had admitted its own failure when its Social Inclusion Minister suggested that jail might be the only way to quell the activities of the so-called 'Gang of 49', a group of youths blamed for serial offending.

Reducing Aboriginal recidivism is a key target of recent SA justice strategies, and earlier this year the operations of the Nunga

Court were expanded to regional South Australia, to focus on rehabilitation programs, incorporating spiritual healing programs and appointing 11 Aboriginal liaison officers.

An Aboriginal unit was opened last month at Port Augusta Prison to redress recidivism rates and provide culturally appropriate detention and programs.

It has been suggested that the unit's position – facing the Flinders Ranges – could be more comforting to those held off-country.

However, Jonathan Nicholls said the recommendations were broader than an increased and enhanced provision of cells and facilities could provide.

Dr McFetridge said the opening of a culturally specific unit was good, but not enough to address escalating drug use, the shortfall in health care for the high number of Indigenous prisoners, and the need for greater post-release support services and accommodation.

Inmates at Port Augusta Prison attracted international media attention last October when they staged a riot and roof-top protest, demanding an end to lockdowns and alleged bashings by guards.

Impetus to implement the commission recommendations grew after inquest findings into four deaths on the APY Lands in 2005. Then-State Coroner Wayne Chivell also recommended the Federal and SA governments assess the degree to which the recommendations of the Royal Commission had 'still not been implemented'.



The new Aboriginal unit at the Port Augusta Prison in South Australia.

Indigenous artists join Sound registry



THREE recordings by Indigenous musicians are among ten new additions to the National Film and Sound Archive's Sounds of Australia registry.

Treaty by Yothu Yindi, the album *Georgia Lee Sings the Blues Down Under* by Georgia Lee, and Vic Simms' *The Loner* album were among those chosen.

Arts Minister Peter Garrett announced the new additions, which also include the Happy Little Vegemites jingle and Helen Reddy's feminist anthem *I am Woman*, on 18 August.

"Sounds of Australia is a fantastic compilation of the Australian songs and recordings that have endured over the years to become part of our story, and these new additions will resonate around our country," Mr Garrett said.

"From Vic Simms' 1973 song *The Loner* about racism and Indigenous dispossession to Dorothea Mackellar's recitation of her own iconic poem *My Country* and Smoky Dawson's *Adventures of The Singing Bullet*, these sounds are very familiar and help tell the Australian story," Mr Garrett said.

"It is my great pleasure to announce their inclusion in the registry and to see them celebrated in this way, preserved for future generations to enjoy."

The archive's Sounds of Australia project was launched in 2007 with a foundation list of 10 sounds, and since then the Australian public has been invited each year to add to the register.

A 21-member panel cased through the public nominations and came up with a list of ten sounds that reflect the breadth and depth of Australia's concerns and passions.

All the iconic recordings on the registry are available to listen to at the National Film and Sound Archive website: http://www.nfsa.gov.au/whats_on/soundssofaustralia/

Photo courtesy Yothu Yindi



Treaty is a collaboration between Paul Kelly, Midnight Oil and the Indigenous group Yothu Yindi.

As part of the Australian Bicentennial celebrations in 1988, then Prime Minister Bob Hawke attended the Barunga Festival in a small community south of Katherine where he was presented with a statement of Indigenous political objectives by Galarrwuy Yunupingu and

Wenten Rubuntja, chairmen of the Northern and Central Land Councils. Mr Hawke promised a treaty would be concluded with Indigenous Australians by 1990.

Treaty was created as a protest against the failure of the Australian government to honour that promise.

Late in 1988 Yothu Yindi joined Midnight Oil on a tour that brought Yothu Yindi to Sydney where the band spent

a day recording a demo tape.

Mushroom Records released the demo as Yothu Yindi's first album *Homeland Movement*. The first Yolngu language song to enter the pop charts, *Treaty* received roaring approval when performed by Yothu Yindi at the closing ceremony of the Sydney Olympics on 1 October 2000, watched by a worldwide television audience of millions.

In 1973 Vic Simms was a 26-year-old Bidjigal man, mid-way into a seven year sentence at Bathurst Jail for robbery.

He bought an acoustic guitar for two packets of cigarettes, learned to play chords and started to write songs about his life and the injustices he saw around him.

Representatives of a charity group heard Simms singing in the prison yard and took a cassette of his songs to RCA. The company brought in a mobile studio and recorded ten of his original songs in a single one hour session. Initially, Simms' music enabled him to sing his way out of Bathurst Jail. He was one of the first Indigenous performers to sing at the Sydney Opera House and went on the prison circuit singing for other inmates. Simms struck out on his own when he was released from prison in 1977.

The original LP is exceedingly rare and few copies are known to exist.

Photo courtesy Sony Music

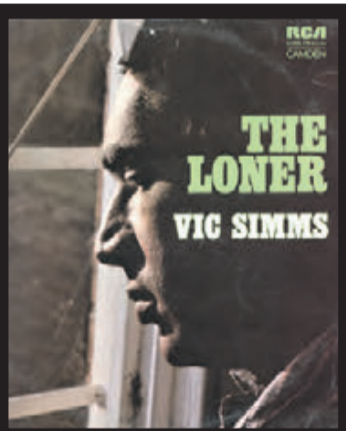


Photo Courtesy Dulcie Pitt and Karl Neuenfelt



DURING World War II, American troops created a mania for jazz in the cities of northern Australia, particularly in Queensland. Maintaining morale kept local musicians busy, including the Pitt sisters – Dulcie, Sophie and Heather. Hailing from Cairns and of Torres Strait Island origin, they became The Harmony Sisters.

After the War, Dulcie re-invented herself as Georgia Lee, singing blues and jazz in southern Australian cities. In the 1950s, Georgia Lee toured the United Kingdom on a contract with the Geraldo Dance Band and also worked with Nat King Cole during his tour of Australia in February 1956. She appeared with many leading Australian bands, and performed on such television staples as *Bandstand* and *In Melbourne Tonight*.

In 1962 she recorded *Georgia Lee Sings the Blues* for the Crest label, becoming only the second female artist to release an LP in Australia.

The album was also the first in Australia to be recorded in stereo.



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Telstra Art Award judge Carly Lane, a Kalkadoon woman from north-west Queensland, admires a photograph by artist Dianne Jones.



Senior Tiwi Islands artist Jean Baptiste Aputim, second from left in front row, surrounded, clockwise, by Buffy, Vivien Kerinauia, Una Kerinauia, Evelyn Portaminni, Margaret Renee Kerinauia, Maria Josette Orts, and Ita Praxedes Tipungwuti.



Larrakia woman Gail Williams delivered the welcome to country.



Pilbara singer Lorrae Coffin performed at the public announcement of the award winners.



Susan Murray, of Darwin, with Jackson McDowall.



Karina, Stephanie and Lorraine Williams, of Darwin.



South Australian artist Ian Abdulla made the trip to Darwin for the awards.



Joanne Brown and Dea Delaney, both of Canberra.



Members of the Gary Lang NT Dance Company performed at the ceremony.



Pauline Moran, of Western Australia but based in Darwin, with Mary Durack, of Darwin.



Gali Yalkarriwuy Gurruwiwi and Jane Garrutju, of Winnellie in Darwin.

Torres Strait Islander Art Award



Yinarupa Nangala, who won the \$4000 Telstra General Painting Award, with an untitled work depicting designs associated with a rockhole site at Mukula, east of Jupiter Well in Western Australia. Looking on is art award curator, Larrakia woman Franchesca Cubillo.



Janine McAullay Bott, the winner of the \$4000 Wandjuk Marika 3D Memorial Award, with her work, *Dhalkatj - Bilby*.

Mellor wins it

By DARREN COYNE



CANBERRA-based artist Danie Mellor has won the \$40,000 Telstra National

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award with a stunning work titled *From Rite to Ritual*.

Mr Mellor received his prize at a ceremony held at the Museum and Art Gallery of Northern Territory (MAGNT) on 14 August, attended by hundreds of art lovers.

The winning piece explores the encounter between Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures, and has Indigenous people and animals dancing in a temple setting.

As such, it's something of a departure from what some would describe as more 'traditional' Indigenous art, a point noted by some media.

But the judges were standing by their choice.

University of Western Australia's Curator of Indigenous Art Carly Lane and Sydney's Museum of Contemporary Art Director Elizabeth Ann McGregor both described *From Rite to Ritual* as outstanding because of its complexity and beauty.

"Indigenous art does not have to be traditional," Ms Lane said.

Mr Mellor said he was thrilled to be chosen as the winner, saying that while awards were not the 'be all and end all', they were great stepping stones towards recognition as an artist.

The Mackay-born artist, who works as an art lecturer at the University of Sydney, said the prize would enable him to work towards a number of



Overall \$40,000 prize winner Danie Mellor, with his work *From Rite to Ritual*.

exhibitions next year.

Meanwhile, the winners of the other categories were also announced at the ceremony, which featured entertainment by the Lorræ Coffin band, the Gary Lang NT Dance Company, and the Tiwi Islands group B2M.

The \$4000 Telstra General

Painting Award went to Yinarupa Nangala, from Kiwirrkurra in Western Australia, for her untitled work.

Ms Nangala's painting depicts designs associated with the rockhole site of Mukula, east of Jupiter Well in WA.

The \$4000 Telstra Bark Painting Award was awarded to

Rerrkirrwanga Munungurr from Wandawuy (East Arnhem Land) Northern Territory for her work Gumatj Gurtha, but she was unable to attend.

Ms Munungurr's painting depicts her husband's Gumatj clan designs of sacred fire.

The \$4000 Telstra Works on Paper prize was awarded to Glen Namundja, from Gunbalanya (Western Arnhem Land), for his work *Likkanaya and Marrayka*.

Mr Namundja described the artwork as a representation of the Yawkyawk Dreamtime story, which involves two sisters travelling through the country where Ngalyod the Rainbow Serpent swallowed them whole.

And the \$4000 Wandjuk Marika Three-Dimensional Memorial Award, sponsored by Telstra, went to Janine McAullay Bott, from Perth, for her work *Dhalkatj - Bilby*.

Ms McAullay Bott, a self-taught weaver whose work reflects her Noongar heritage as well as the animals and country of her ancestors, said she was thrilled her 'little fella' had stood out to the judges.

MAGNT Director Anna Malgorzewicz congratulated the winning artists and entrants for their outstanding pieces.

She said for those who were unable to attend the opening, all artworks are featured in an interactive website www.nt.gov.au/natsiaa, which offers users the opportunity to see the artworks and listen to recordings of the story behind the works through a virtual online gallery.

And for those visiting Darwin, the artworks will on display at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory until Sunday, 25 October.



Artist Glen Namundja, of Gunbalanya in Western Arnhem Land, with his work *Likkanaya and Marrayka*, which won the \$4000 Telstra Work on Paper Award.



Museum and Art Galleries Board of the NT chairwoman Professor Marcia Langton at the awards.

Govt told to pay up



CLAN President Leonie Sheedy



WA Premier Colin Barnett



An Aboriginal protester makes his message clear.

By KEN BOASE



HUNDREDS of angry protesters marched on Parliament House in Perth on 11 August demanding that the West Australian

Government reinstate the minimum \$80,000 compensation payment under the Redress WA scheme.

WA Community Services Minister Robyn McSweeney announced in late July that budget shortfalls had forced the Government to cut the maximum payment to \$45,000 for the 6000 people eligible for compensation.

The Redress scheme was set up by the Carpenter Labor Government in 2007 to compensate people abused in state care when they were children, including members of the Stolen Generations and child migrants.

Ms McSweeney's announcement drew an angry response from the Stolen Generations, community service organisations and the WA Opposition, which labelled the Government mean-spirited towards the most abused and vulnerable people in the state.

The Aboriginal Legal Service in WA was also considering legal options, including whether members of the Stolen Generations could sue the Government for the shortfall in the maximum payment.

The Care Leavers Australia Network (CLAN) organised the Parliament House rally, part of the organisation's national effort to fight for similar schemes in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

President Leonie Sheedy said CLAN wanted anyone who was



A small section of the protesters, including many members of the Stolen Generations, outside Parliament House in Perth on 11 August.

abused in state care to get full compensation and an apology.

Ms Sheedy said the Barnett Coalition Government faced being a one-term government as angry victims and their families took their frustrations to the polls.

"When the Government announced that more money would be made available for counselling for people who were abused, the message was clear that they didn't want counselling, they wanted what was promised to them," she said.

"The \$80,000 payment was the reason that these people came

forward – because they trusted the Government – and now they feel let down and betrayed."

WA Premier Colin Barnett addressed the rally, insisting there was no more money for the Redress WA scheme and that the maximum payment available would remain at \$45,000, adding that even if the scheme was fully funded, very few people would have gotten the maximum payment.

"Given the numbers of claims put in and given the expectation of what the level of payment would be, it would not

amount to payments up and around \$80,000," Mr Barnett said.

"So we have taken the decision – a hard decision, I admit – to put a cap at \$45,000.

"There was simply not enough money in the \$90 million to fund what maybe was promised, maybe what was expected."

Ms Sheedy said CLAN would fight on until the Premier agreed to pay the full amount.

More protests are planned for September, October and November.

Details are on the CLAN website at www.clan.org.au



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Fitzroy grog report shows ban working

**However
community
also wants
other
strategies**

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A 12-MONTH review of the alcohol restrictions in Fitzroy Crossing has been released, making a compelling argument for more services and resources to assist in

rebuilding the Kimberley community.

West Australian Mental Health Minister Graham Jacobs said the restriction on the sale of takeaway alcohol, implemented in October 2007, was having a positive effect on the community.

And he commended the Fitzroy Valley community for addressing its alcohol problems, inspiring other communities to follow its lead.

But Mr Jacobs conceded that the report had illustrated prohibition was 'not a solution in itself', and comments from community members and service providers had reflected the need for other strategies.

The community acknowledged improvement and most respondents believed some form of restriction was necessary, he said.

"Clearly alcohol restrictions as part of a broader plan, break the cycle of alcohol-caused misery in communities and provides an opportunity to heal," the Minister said.

The report, prepared by the University of Notre Dame on behalf of the Drug and Alcohol Office (DAO) found less street drinking, humbugging and anti-social behaviour occurring, but indicated possible increases



CAROL MARTIN

in migration between Kimberley towns.

Mr Jacobs said local sales of clothing and food had increased and suggested that was indicative of people becoming more proactive about health care and recreational activities.

Reports of domestic violence had risen and he attributed this to people possibly becoming more willing to report

community members reported that more young people were being left with older relatives, while their parents went to the pub.

Mr Jacobs said there was a clear need for another mental health worker, and another drug and alcohol treatment worker.

Two existing staff reported more people were now looking for help with alcohol-related issues.

Kimberley Labor MP Carol Martin said the provision of a far broader range of services and resources for the community in Fitzroy Crossing was urgently needed, and should have accompanied the restrictions from the outset.

Ms Martin said examination of what additional services were needed in the town had fallen short, and alcohol and drug counselling – though essential – were only a fraction of the support mechanisms necessary to rebuild a healthy community, as well as sobering up shelters, and setting safe limits on respite care, which had the potential to conceal addiction problems sometimes faced by primary carers.

She said broader, and still very obvious, social problems were being ignored by the government, and could not begin to be solved without an immediate injection of resources and services targeting all levels of disadvantage.

Prohibition had a role, she said, but was only scratching the surface.

Commissioner for Children and Young People Michelle Scott said early learning centres provided immense value to the Kununurra and Wyndham communities, through improved health and education outcomes, and that throughout the north-west there needed to be a far greater focus on providing positive sport and recreation programs for children.

"In almost every regional and remote community I have visited, children and young people have raised the lack of things to do as a

critical issue," Ms Scott said.

"The children and young people themselves have identified that boredom and an absence of structured sport and recreation activities are having a negative influence on their mental health, and increasing the risk of some children and young people coming in contact with the justice system."



'Clearly alcohol restrictions as part of a broader plan, break the cycle of alcohol-caused misery in communities and provides an opportunity to heal'

– WA Mental Health Minister Graham Jacobs

violence, in addition to the severity of domestic violence-related injuries decreasing.

"Domestic violence is still occurring, but it is now reported more often, indicating a reduction in community tolerance for this behaviour," he said.

Some business owners expressed uncertainty about their future and some

Heritage Act, 1977

Notice of intention to consider listing on the State Heritage Register

Yooroonah Tank Barrier Waterfall Way, Ebor

The Heritage Council of NSW is considering whether to recommend listing the above place on the State Heritage Register in acknowledgment of its heritage significance.

Written submissions on this listing are invited from any interested person by 17th September 2009.

Further details on the nominated place can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/listing.

Enquiries to Lucy Moore on (02) 9873 8535.

Direct submissions to:

Heritage Council of NSW
Locked Bag 5020
Parramatta NSW 2124

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New South Wales Government
Department of
Justice and Attorney General

Call For Submissions

The Department of Justice and Attorney General is undertaking a review of the Charter of Victims Rights. The review will include a plan to develop a framework to enhance accountability to it.

Submissions are invited from interested organisations and individuals to inform the review. Submissions may address some or all of the issues raised in the consultation paper and may also address other matters that are considered relevant.

Submissions must be made in writing or via email by **COB 4 September 2009**

For further details, and a copy of the Consultation paper and questions for consideration please contact Victims Services on phone 8688 5511, email us on vct@agd.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/vs

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HERITAGE ACT, 1977

S60 APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given, under Section 61 of the Heritage Act 1977, that an application has been received for construction of a partial width reverse rock-ramp fishway at Brewarrina Weir at the southern abutment of the existing weir that spans the Barwon River immediately upstream from the Brewarrina Fish Traps to reinstate native fish passage along the river at the property known as **Brewarrina Fish Traps, Barwon River, Brewarrina**, being part of the land which is listed on the State Heritage Register (**SHR Listing No 01413**) made under the Heritage Act, 1977.

Submissions are to be forwarded by close of business to the address below by **16/9/2009**.

Details of the proposal, locations for public inspection of the proposal and information related to making submissions can be viewed at www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/applications.

Further enquiries may be made by contacting Alice Brandjes on telephone number (02) 9873 8560 or via alice.brandjes@planning.nsw.gov.au

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Adoption of the Riverstone West Development Control Plan

Pursuant to clause 21 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, notice is hereby given of the decision under delegation from the Director-General of the Department of Planning, to approve the Development Control Plan for the Riverstone West Precinct.

The Development Control Plan provides detailed controls for development in the Riverstone West Precinct. The Development Control Plan came into effect on 19 August 2009, following the gazettal of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) Amendment (Riverstone West Precinct) 2009 on 7 August 2009.

The Development Control Plan can be downloaded from www.growthcentres.nsw.gov.au.

For further information, call the Department's Community Info Line on 1300 730 550 or email community@planning.nsw.gov.au



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Council praises Rubibi decision

An aerial view of Broome and surrounds. The West Australian Government decision earlier this month to stop its High Court appeal against the recognition of native title in and around the Kimberley town has been praised by the Goldfields Land and Sea Council.



recognised by the courts in 2006."

GLSC Executive Officer Brian Wyatt also welcomed the decision, saying it set the Barnett Liberal-National Government apart from the previous Labor Government.

"The State Government is to be congratulated for ending the uncertainty for the traditional owners," Mr Wyatt said.

"This is the second time since the new Government came to power that we have seen a positive and just response in favour of Aboriginal people to their native title rights.

"It is certainly a welcome change from the eight years of the previous WA Labor Government.

"The Labor Party showed they had a mean spirit when it came to native title and they denied a



BRIAN WYATT

lot of Aboriginal people due recognition as traditional owners of their country. The Liberal-National Government is showing

much better social credentials."

Mr Wyatt said the Labor Party had failed miserably to provide a fair, negotiated outcome for traditional owners throughout WA, declaring it 'a disgrace'.

"The GLSC and the many native title applicants in the Kalgoorlie-Esperance area look forward to working with the Barnett Government towards the just settlement of the native title claims in their region," he said.

The KLC acted on behalf of the Yawuru people in negotiating the Rubibi claim, which covers 5297 square kilometres of land pockets in and around the Broome township and includes the Roebuck Plains pastoral lease and the former Waterbank pastoral lease.

Exclusive possession has been recognised across two-thirds of the claim area.



THE Goldfields Land and Sea Council (GLSC) has welcomed the West Australian Government decision earlier this

month to stop its High Court appeal against the recognition of native title in and around Broome.

And it has taken a stab at the previous Labor Government, and its handling of native title, in the process.

In April 2006, the Federal Court recognised the Yawuru people as the rightful owners of the area covered by the Rubibi native title claim, but the WA Government appealed to the High Court.

Withdrawal of that appeal in the second week of August means the original determination, which included exclusive possession of some areas, stands.

Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Deputy Director Nolan Hunter praised the efforts of the Yawuru people for their determination and persistence in working on securing native title for their people for more than a decade.

"The Yawuru people have been involved in the appeals process for more than three years and this has left the Rubibi determination in limbo," Mr Hunter said.

"We are pleased the State has at last accepted the merits of the Rubibi native title claim as

Rights safe – Govt



THE Federal Government says proposals contained in a new discussion paper on possible amendments to the *Native Title Act* won't adversely affect native title

rights. Instead, it says the proposals would speed up public housing construction and infrastructure in remote Indigenous communities.

Land title has been at the centre of the Government's current Indigenous remote housing push, which has become mired in controversy with revelations the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP) has failed to build even one house in 18 months.

Releasing the discussion paper mid-month, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Attorney General Robert McClelland said the Government was determined to ensure Indigenous communities could benefit 'as quickly as possible' from the Council of Australian Governments' historic \$5.5 billion housing and infrastructure investment.

"Uncertainty about native title processes can mean protracted delays in government programs to deliver housing and infrastructure to Indigenous communities," they said in a statement. "Currently there is



ROBERT McCLELLAND

no specific native title process for progressing housing and infrastructure that benefits Indigenous communities. This uncertainty in the Act is creating delays."

The Ministers said the discussion paper proposed a specific process to ensure public housing and infrastructure in communities could be built expeditiously following consultation with native title parties, without adversely affecting any native title rights.

"Native title would not be extinguished, and existing heritage protection laws would continue to apply," the Ministers said.

"...Consultation with native title holders and community residents would be required."



JENNY MACKLIN

Meanwhile, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma has dismissed as 'false and misleading' claims by the West Australian Government that native title was holding up the construction of new houses under its \$496 million funding agreement with the Federal Government.

Mr Calma said a number of mechanisms under the *Native Title Act* – the 'future acts' regime as well as Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) – could be utilised if governments really wanted to build homes on land where native title existed or was claimed.

"The *Native Title Act* does not block the



TOM CALMA

building of homes for anyone – Indigenous or non-Indigenous," he said.

Mr Calma said that while the Federal Government's discussion paper discussed how to amend the future acts regime in the *Native Title Act* to fast-track new houses in specified communities, all governments should seek agreement with communities about housing rather than simply following the minimum procedural requirements.

"All Australians have a right to housing, but traditional owners should not be asked to give up their native title rights and interests for free, nor have them unilaterally taken away in exchange for that housing," he said.

"We wouldn't accept this for those living in the inner suburbs of Perth or Sydney, so why do we expect it of remote communities across Australia?"

The discussion paper, details of public information sessions and information on how to make submissions and comments are available at <http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/indigenous/pubs/land/Pages/default.aspx>

Submissions and comments are due to the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) by next Friday, 4 September.

Spotlight on Native Title



CLC principal legal officer James Nugent, left, Ilkewartn native title holder Lindsay Bird, Justice John Reeves and Charlie Glenn, who received the native title orders for his brother, Ywel native title holder Archie Glenn.



National Native Title Tribunal case manager Lorna Gregory, left, CLC solicitor Kristen Ellerker and NT Government lawyer Stephen Herne.

Celebration at Pine Hill



THE Ilkewartn Ywel Anmatyerr people are celebrating after being granted native title rights to a section of their country at Pine Hill Station, 150km north of Alice Springs, earlier this month.

Federal Court Judge John Reeves approved the consent determination covering about 1200km at a special sitting in the NT community on 7 August.

Members of the Anmatyerr people, NT Government and the Central Land Council (CLC) signed off on the agreement, which has been ten years in the making, originally lodged by the CLC in 1999.

National Native Title Tribunal state manager Tony Shelley

Agreement 10 years in the making

said the determination had concluded a mutually beneficial process with an emphasis on respect and an outcome that suited all parties.

"The tribunal was involved in the facilitation of mediation of this application in its early years," Mr Shelley said.

"The Central Land Council and the NT Government were then able to progress this mediation to a positive

conclusion in a relatively short time frame.

"The hearing follows the consent determination for the people of the NT town of Elliott, affirming that progress continues to be made for NT native title claimants."

According to the tribunal, the agreement will enable traditional owners to live, camp and erect shelters on the land, along with the creation of leases and freehold areas for horticultural activity including grape growing, an art centre at Mulga Bore and a road reserve.

The hearing follows the registration in 2007 of an Indigenous land use agreement to establish a community living area for the Anmatyerr people at Pine Hill Station.



Members of the Bird family at the determination included, from left, Anthony, Rennedy, Troyton and Ronnie.



From left, Cecil Kingsley with Leanne Dodd, Hilda Bird, and four-year-old Nadia Dodd.



CLC regional services unit staff Dale Satour, left, and Laurie Presley cooked a barbecue lunch for people at the determination. All photos courtesy NNTT

National Youth Week 2010 funding available

Young Queenslanders and community organisations wishing to host National Youth Week (10–18 April 2010) events across the state are encouraged to apply for grants funding totalling \$70,000.

Grants will be provided to support events and assist young people and the broader community to celebrate the achievements and contributions of young Queenslanders.

To obtain an information package on how to apply for a grant, visit www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or phone the Office for Youth on 3008 8625.

Funding submissions must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 12 October 2009.

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VOLUNTEER GRANTS 2009

Invitation to Apply for Funding

The Australian Government is pleased to announce funding opportunities are available under the Volunteer Grants 2009 initiative, which provides funds to eligible organisations whose volunteers are actively working in the community.

Eligible non-profit organisations are invited to apply for funding ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to support the work of their volunteers. This funding will enable organisations to purchase small practical and tangible equipment items and to contribute to their volunteers' fuel costs.

The Volunteer Grants 2009 Application Form and Application Guidelines are available at www.fahcsia.gov.au. Organisations are encouraged to read the Guidelines then complete and submit the electronic application online.

Further information is available on the Department's website at www.fahcsia.gov.au or by phoning the Volunteer Grants 2009 toll-free hotline on 1800 183 374.

A TTY service for people who have hearing or speech impairment is available on 1800 555 677.

Applications close on Friday 25 September 2009 at 5pm AEST. Applications submitted or postmarked after the closing date may not be included in the selection process.

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Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

Notice of an Application for Registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party



Name of applicant: Mildura Aboriginal Corporation
Date received: 16 June 2009
Public comments due: 5 October 2009

The Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council (VAHC) has received an application by Mildura Aboriginal Corporation for registration as a Registered Aboriginal Party for the hatched area shown on the accompanying map. If registered, the applicant will be responsible for making key decisions about cultural heritage protection and management under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006.

In determining whether to grant this application, the VAHC must consider:

- whether the applicant is a native title party;
- whether the applicant has traditional or familial links to the area;
- whether the applicant has historical or contemporary interests in, and expertise in the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage in the area;
- the existence of any grant of land by government in fee simple to an Aboriginal body in the area;
- whether the applicant has entered into a land and natural resource management agreement with the State in the area;
- any other relevant matter.

The VAHC invites written comments on this application, which can be sent to:

Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council Secretariat
GPO Box 2392, Melbourne Vic 3001
Email: vahc@dpcd.vic.gov.au
Phone: 9208 3243
Fax: 9208 3292

The applicant will be advised of comments received.

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Relief for family at guilty plea



ALMOST two years after a little boy's decomposed body was found

in a tartan suitcase dumped in a Sydney duck pond, his mother has admitted murdering him.

In October 2007, two local boys made the gruesome discovery after spotting the suitcase floating in the pond in Mandurama Reserve at Ambarvale, in Sydney's south-west.

Last Tuesday in the NSW Supreme Court, Rachel Pfitzner, 27, pleaded guilty to murdering two-year-old Dean Shillingsworth on 11 October 2007 at Rosemeadow.

Wearing casual clothes and with her hair tied back, Pfitzner replied 'guilty' when read the charge.

She was watched by the boy's paternal grandparents, Ann Coffey and Edmund Caban, who have regularly made the long journey to attend her court appearances.

Dean had been living with Ms Coffey in Brewarrina, north-western NSW, but she had left him with his mother for the school holidays when he was killed.

"He was a happy-go-lucky boy, he used to play on his own, he used to play out the back on his swing set and trampoline," the grieving grandmother said when Dean's body was found.

Speaking outside court on 18 August, Mr Caban said the family was very relieved at the



Tributes for Dean Shillingsworth after his body was found at the Ambarvale park.

guilty plea. "I'm glad she pleaded guilty and we got justice for the family," he said.

"We have got his photos at home," Mr Caban said, adding that Dean had been a happy boy. He would not comment on his feelings toward Pfitzner.

In November 2007, the little boy was buried in a tiny white coffin at Brewarrina, before hundreds of balloons in the Aboriginal colours of red, yellow and black were released.

After Pfitzner's guilty plea on Tuesday, prosecutor Mark Tedeschi, QC, told Justice Robert Hulme he would forward him a statement of the Crown facts before her sentencing hearing on October 8.

Pfitzner told police her son lost consciousness after she

shook him and threw him to the ground, according to evidence at her committal hearing last October.

But forensic pathologist Dr Dianne Little told the magistrate the child may have been suffocated.

His body, which was wrapped in plastic bags in the suitcase, was so badly decomposed the cause of death could not be determined.

But Dr Little said it was possible Dean was alive when he was dumped in the duck pond.

Soon after his body was found, a memorial service was held at the pond where 2000 people expressed their sadness at the toddler's tragic death. — AAP

WA council named



WEST Australian Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames has announced the membership of the re-established WA

Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC).

The committee will provide the Government with independent guidance and advice on Indigenous issues and Dr Hames said it presented a significant opportunity to build genuine and reciprocal relationships with Indigenous people.

"This important group is a requirement of the *Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act* of 1972 but had not sat for several years," he said. "Re-establishing it was a priority given its role as

a communication channel between the State Government and Indigenous people.

"The 12-member council will provide a direct line of communication and expert advice on specialist issues to the Government. Members of the community will also be able to bring the council's attention to matters of importance to them."

The Minister said more than 60 applications for membership were received.

A peer assessment panel considered each applicant's cultural and community connections, age, gender, location and knowledge of Indigenous issues and trends.

The WAAAC will meet every two months and, at its first meeting, members will elect a chairperson.

The members are:

- Wayne Bergmann, Broome
 - Leslie-Ann Conway, Kalgoorlie
 - Colleen Drage, Northampton
 - Raylene Gordon, South Hedland
 - Michael Hayden, Alexander Heights
 - Glenda Humes, Bunbury
 - Robert Isaacs, Langford
 - Rhonda Murphy – Marmion
 - Harvey Murray, Cosmo Newberry Community (via Laverton)
 - Eddie Oxenbridge, Medina
 - Bill Stephen, Mallingbar community (near Broome)
 - Vanessa Ugle, Ballajura.
- The council membership was announced on 9 August, International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.

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Kellie Seymour, pharmacy owner (Mungindi, NSW)

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For more information and how to apply, visit www.guild.org.au and look under Programs or phone the rural and professional team at the Pharmacy Guild of Australia on 02 6270 1888.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme and Pharmacy Assistant Traineeships Scheme are funded by the Australian Government as represented by the Department of Health and Ageing. The Scheme is managed by The Pharmacy Guild of Australia.



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The Kimberley.

What is the greatest highlight in your life?
Visiting Townsville in Queensland. I had a great time there.

What do you like in life?
Successful business.

What do you dislike?
Con artists.

Who would you most like to meet?
I'd like to get together with other tour operators for a yarn.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
AFL's West Coast Eagles.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
I'd make sure we all got a fair go and that our land was returned.

Quote



'I enjoyed smoking, but I enjoy not smoking even more'

— **WA MP and Kimberley Aboriginal community leader Carol Martin on giving up cigarettes**

● See page 51

Unquote

Let's not kid ourselves...

WHILE Indigenous Australians wait with baited breath to hear what United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya thinks of the way our rights are respected – or not – there are some 'no-brainers' waiting in the wings.

One of these is that the ongoing suspension of the *Racial Discrimination Act* under the Northern Territory intervention is discriminatory.

With Government assurances that it will reinstate the RDA next month, the question is whether it can convince anyone, let alone itself, that measures under the intervention can legitimately be argued as special measures.

It will also be no surprise to the Government to learn that it is wearing a lot of flak out there in communities about the way that it and its COAG partners – the states and territories – consult with Indigenous people.

As concerns mount over fairly apparent bungling of remote housing programs and the like, community patience and goodwill, fertilised by the commendable national apology and Australia's support for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, are withering.

We are sure we are not alone in wishing that Mr Anaya could have stayed longer, perhaps visiting more communities, and certainly Victoria and Tasmania.

Perhaps this last point contributed to



OUR SAY

Tassie activist Michael Mansell's less than complimentary words about Mr Anaya's objectivity. But we say give the Special Rapporteur, and peace, a chance.

In any event, such comments are unlikely to worry Mr Anaya much, given that his masters are the UN Human Rights Council on which, incidentally, it has been suggested the Australian Government might be coveting a seat.

FAIRA's chairperson, Les Malezer, made this sobering observation in his chat with this newspaper about the Special Rapporteur's visit:

Australia believes that it has the ideal political systems and the best laws and processes, and that it's fair and egalitarian. That's our view of ourselves but Australia is as morally corrupt as any other country and the relationship between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and other Australians is as bad as relationships anywhere else.

And, as winner of the 2008 Human Rights Medal, Mr Malezer might know a thing or two about it.

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Stolen Generations' right to reparation



LES MALEZER

AUSTRALIA'S condescension towards compensation for Aboriginal victims of the Stolen Generation can only be described as reprehensible.

When recently asked by the news media about the United Nations finding that Australia should compensate the Stolen Generations, the Federal-Attorney General gave an immediate and unequivocal 'no'.

Like Prime Minister Rudd and Deputy PM Gillard before him, the Attorney General instantly dismissed the case without any contemplation of merits.

The off-hand rejection shows stark disregard for objectivity or for the important role of the international human rights framework.

To the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people it is once again bitter, hard evidence that Australia is not prepared to treat them equally.

They find it hard to believe that the Government is prepared to acknowledge their rights if it is not prepared to make reparation for human rights abuses.

UN recommends compensation

On 2 April 2009 the Human Rights Committee report on Australia recommended the Government 'adopt a comprehensive national mechanism to ensure that adequate reparation, including compensation, is provided to the victims of the Stolen Generations policies'.

The Committee cited Australia's obligations under Articles 2, 24, 26 and 27 of the international Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

These particular articles establish, inter alia, that every person has rights to protection on the part of their family, to practice their own culture, to be treated equally before the law and, where violation of rights and freedoms occur, to have remedy through competent judicial authority.

Although almost every Australian would naturally regard these as inherent rights to them, regardless of international treaties, the Aboriginal people are still being denied equality and fairness.

The Attorney-General has decided that those rights are to be denied and has



Les Malezer in Canberra last week at a welcome for Special UN Rapporteur James Anaya.

demonstrated that he feels no explanation is necessary.

He rules that no challenge be allowed, because he is the Attorney-General and therefore that is how it stands.

He is wrong, dead wrong.

This process is incorrect, it is bad, it is flawed.

The Government of Australia has clear and unavoidable international obligations to provide mechanism for reparation.

The human rights treaties do mean something substantial in international human rights law, and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have every right to challenge the Australian Government at the national and international level.

Since the Universal Declaration on Human Rights was adopted, Australia has ratified all major human rights treaties, including the intrinsic procedures in the treaties to evaluate government efforts to implement the treaties.

Australia 'knows best'

But, when it comes to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, Australia has tended to disregard the treaties and its international obligations towards human rights.

Australia has generally taken the view that it knows what's best for 'its' indigenous people.

This arrogance is a sorry mixture of colonial bluster, control and oblivion.

It is time that the Australian Government instigated some human rights education and awareness for the public.

The Government desperately needs to build realisation that this country does have international obligations and that human rights is of international concern.

The ratification of the human rights treaties places a responsibility upon the nation to establish minimum standards in law and administrative practices to ensure equality for all human beings, regardless of race.

It is a clear enough message – meet these standards or fail to meet the Charter of the United Nations.

Mechanism for reparation

Australia must establish a mechanism to adjudicate upon the rights of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and, where abuse of human rights has occurred, provide reparation to those people.

More specifically, the Stolen Generations have been subject to abuse of their rights.

The Prime Minister said no less in his apology speech.

A competent and impartial mechanism must be established with the capacity to provide compensation to those people directly affected.

The Attorney-General, the Deputy Prime Minister and the Prime Minister himself are not competent judicial mechanisms.

They are politicians, making political decisions for political convenience.

Also, the Australian courts have not, in general, demonstrated competence or capacity to adjudicate on human rights for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Justice is being denied, and international obligations lie voided and ditched.

Like the Human Rights Committee, we are not asking the Attorney-General for his subjective opinion about reparation.

We are not asking for him to reach into his pockets to personally pay compensation.

We are asking for reparation for human rights abuses.

It is the responsibility of government to respond with an independent mechanism to adjudicate upon the case, guided by international human rights law.

● Les Malezer is a human rights advocate and Chairperson of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA). A veteran of the United Nations system, he recently returned from the second session of the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva.

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Coming to terms on ownership

WHO are 'traditional owners' and what does the term really mean? This description is often used in the native title process, but the *Native Title Act* doesn't use the term.

'Traditional ownership' was the focus of a paper I presented at the 2009 Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies National Native Title Conference in Melbourne during June.

The paper – 'Broader native title settlements and the meaning of the term traditional owners' – examined how the term 'traditional ownership' is being used in some native title agreements and highlighted some of the complexities surrounding its interpretation.

The roots of the term 'traditional owner' seem to lie in the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Cth)*, which established ways for Aboriginal people to claim land in the NT on the basis that they were the 'traditional Aboriginal owners' of the land.

Since the introduction of this Act, the term has tended to be used in a number of other contexts, including native title, and has taken on a variety of meanings.

For example, it is sometimes used during the negotiation of Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs), which may name the Indigenous party as comprising people who assert 'traditional



NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

with National Native Title Tribunal Senior Research Officer DAVID EDELMAN

ownership' over the area of the agreement.

Recognition in ILUAs or in other broader settlements of a native title group's traditional ownership of country may be an important avenue for meeting some of their aspirations.

Recognition can often be reflected in the terms of a native title agreement itself, such as formally acknowledging the group as traditional owners or providing signage on country to acknowledge a group as traditional owners.

For some of these agreements, 'traditional owner' is taken to mean the 'right people for the right country'.

Yet the term can also be

vague or confusing. While the anthropological literature tends to see traditional owners as those with 'primary' or 'core rights' over an area, in native title agreements the phrase might also refer to those with 'secondary rights' over an area.

For example, the Argyle Diamond Mine ILUA in Western Australia recognises the different rights and interests of each of several groups, who are all collectively defined as 'traditional owners'.

One group has primary traditional rights over the area's entirety, another group has primary rights over just a specific portion as well as secondary rights over another portion, and there are other groups that have no primary rights but hold secondary rights.

In the Argyle ILUA, the term 'traditional owner' is used rather broadly because holders of quite different rights are singularly described as traditional owners.

People involved in developing native title settlements should be mindful of the ambiguity of the term and be aware that its use can have an important bearing on the construction and implementation of those settlements.

● To read David Edelman's paper, visit www.nntt.gov.au, and go to News and communication, speeches and papers, 4 June 2009, *Broader native title settlements and the meaning of the term 'traditional owners'*.

Paper highlights the value of culturally inclusive teaching



A GREATER emphasis on more 'culturally inclusive' assessment and teaching methods

for Indigenous students could help address their pattern of under-achievement, according to a paper presented at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) conference in Perth last week.

The paper, by Professor Val Klenowski from Queensland University of Technology and Thelma Gertz of the Catholic Education Office Townsville, examined Indigenous students' performances in national benchmark data and international testing programs.

The paper was based on an Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage research project examining equity issues relating to assessment practices.

"There is consistent data

across all levels – school, state, national and international – to conclude that Australian schools are not addressing equity issues effectively, with Indigenous children scoring significantly lower than non-Indigenous children," Prof Klenowski said.

She said the differential performance of students from various cultures might not be due to bias in the choice of test content or design alone.

Prof Klenowski said it could be attributable to real differences in performance because of these students' differing access to learning, different social and cultural contexts, or real differences in their attainment in the topic under consideration due to their experiences and socio-cultural background.

Ms Gertz said the real issue was language understanding and use.

"For most Indigenous

children, standard Australian English is an additional language, which presents a real challenge in the everyday classroom and even more so in a testing situation such as NAPLAN (the national assessment program for literacy and numeracy)," Ms Gertz said.

"Current standardised assessments significantly underestimate the abilities of our children.

"Put simply, it is not our children failing the tests; rather it is the testing procedure that is failing our students.

"I call on the Rudd Government to take up the challenge of addressing this in line with their overall Indigenous health and education strategy."

The ACER Research Conference 2009, Assessment and Student Learning: Collecting, interpreting and using data to inform teaching, was in Perth from 16-18 August.



Dingo needs protection

I HOPE you'll publish my letter, as Indigenous Australians are the first custodians of the dingo species.

Another dingo killed on Fraser Island – in a 'sanctuary', a place that is World Heritage-listed and supposed to be protecting dingoes.

When is there going to be some common sense and accountability on the side of human beings?

Dingoes are supposed to be protected. Yet, 82 dingoes have been killed since 2001 from a population of 140 in total on the entire island. These figures come from the Queensland Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERMS) registrar.

Qld Environment Minister Kate Jones is so out of touch here. A dingo dies and a media release from Ms Jones declares these animals are the best-protected animals anywhere in the world. Who is she kidding?

I'm glad these people are not in Africa; there would be no lions left.

Rangers are supposed to be the carers of this icon – running around with traps, gings and syringes to exterminate these animals they're assigned to protect. Isn't that a contradiction in terms?

What does it take for Australians to wake up and demand that no more dingoes be killed?

Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett is vocal about the Japanese killing whales, but hypocritically he is silent on the dingo topic.

This animal needs protection, is on our turf and also should be given priority before it joins the ranks of the thylacine



A dingo relaxing on the beach at Fraser Island.

due to ignorance.

Those in power should have a complete reshuffle and change in the way they think – from 'let's kill the pest' to 'let's protect and save these creatures'. Dingos are as important as whales!

The dingo gene pool is being destroyed by this constant eradication. Get parents to be good parents and take some control and responsibility. It's their duty. Otherwise they shouldn't visit Fraser Island because they're jeopardising the very existence of this Australian treasure.

Time for the Aussie population to wake up. A very loud 'Oi Oi Oi' is required to get this apathy removed and have some common

sense introduced to save the dingo from extinction on Fraser Island and all across the mainland.

Wake up Aussies, before it is too late. Write and demand action now of our politicians, who should earn their overpaid salaries by being made accountable and doing the work they are allocated and assigned to do in their portfolios.

For further information on the plight of the dingo, visit www.wadingo.com

NIC PAPALIA

President, West Australian Dingo Association
Balga, WA

Poetry

We'd like to know if poets submitting their work to us are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. That way, we can help identify you to the likes of AUSLIT's Black Pages initiative. So, while we won't publish such information unless specifically asked by you, please identify yourself accordingly. Also, some of our deadly community radio presenters – such as Koori Radio's Marlene Cummins – have asked if they can read Your Say poetry on-air. We'd like to oblige, so let us know if you don't want your work broadcast in this way.

Life

Oh come what may in the light of the dawn
For yesterday has past and today
has just gone.

Tomorrow, if God wills, I will still be
here
Standing strong, standing proud and
showing no fear.

Live in the now and love like there's
no tomorrow
For every moment we are here is on
time that is borrowed.

Look past the wrongs unto you have
been done
Forgive and forget and then anguish
there will be none.

Never presume or assume then of
anticipation you will be free
No depression, no anger, no fear
and no anxiety.

Choose your words carefully and
your actions as well
For once they are said and done in
regret you may dwell.

ROY DAYE
Darwin, NT

Pride

When cometh the hour of my demise
No fear shall be seen through my
eyes.

For I have lived a life so close to the
edge
On the tip of my toes at the end of a
ledge.

I was born to fight of a warrior band
A soldier at heart and to the end I will
stand.

When outnumbered and against all
the odds
I look up above and pray to God.

My pain and suffering my dearest foe
You will never see for I will never
show.

And if I stumble and if I fail
I will get back up standing proud and
tall.

I am a man of my word, my word is
true
For I am a man of morals and a man
of virtue.

ROY DAYE
Darwin, NT

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

And 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. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

– EDITOR



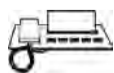
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Making our own bid to be recognised

IT seems that bidding for soccer's World Cup is going to be tough for Australia, with nations such as Mexico, Belgium and the USA bidding against us.

But we, as Aboriginal people, are trying to win against something much bigger than a World Cup; we are trying to win against ignorance.

Soon after Australia's World Cup bid was launched in June, I wrote to the Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Football Federation Australia (FFA) chairman Frank Lowy asking some questions. And I followed up the letter on 6 July. Today is 17 August and I am still to hear a response.

I asked these two gentlemen: If FFA and the Australian Government are so committed to Aboriginal people being involved in what is known as the world game, then why – in the Great Hall of the Australian Parliament where

the historic 'Sorry' was spoken – did they fly the Aboriginal flag upside down during the official bid?

And then, when asked why, they could not even acknowledge my question.

Maybe they thought that getting a couple of black faces on TV and playing the didgeridoo in the background of their launch was enough.

Well, it isn't enough.

Mr Rudd and Mr Lowy, I am pretty sure that if you do not respond to us, then FIFA (the Fédération Internationale de Football Association) will and they'll see how much this country values its First Nation peoples.

And, in turn, we'll launch our own bid – to be recognised, acknowledged and respected by our own country on the biggest stage of them all.

ROBERT WATERS
Coffs Harbour, NSW

Stolen wages first, then deal with the gap

A YARRABAH man, Uncle Conrad Yeatman, takes court action to obtain stolen wages owed to him. He had never been paid a wage from age 14 when taken from family and put to work.

The former Beattie Government offered \$55 million in compensation to Queensland's stolen wages folk, but this money has never been paid by the Bligh Government, which intends using \$20 million of the \$55 million offer to top up Queensland's education system.

The cheek of this current government to steal Aboriginal wages to do that!

I am a claimant on behalf of my mother, a Stolen Generations child who was unpaid both wages plus her child endowment, yet our NSW State Government has failed to pay many folk their monies owed.

Now this NSW Government has set a one-off payment of \$11,000 – take it or leave it.

Yet they have evidence of many hundreds of pounds, shillings and pence in child endowment that is owed, representing many thousands of dollars more than the \$11,000 offered.

Personally, I think the stolen wages issue is a Commonwealth matter, but the Rudd Government is not interested.

I ask how can the gap be closed between our Aboriginal people and other Australians when this issue of stolen wages issue hangs over our heads?

I say, forget closing the gap and settle the stolen wages issue Australia-wide first. The gap can be dealt with afterwards.

LES RIDGEWAY
Aboriginal family historian
Bonny Hills, NSW



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Shaw Street corrugated tin homes at Umeewarra Mission, Port Augusta, SA.

Shaw Street Survivor

"I'm a Shaw Street Survivor" I always say,
"From South Australia, Port Augusta, Umeewarra Mission,"
Living in a two-room corrugated tin hut amidst the sandhills,
No indoor bathroom, no fly screens, no indoor toilet to sit and piss on.

The old two-room corrugated tin huts were bloody cold in winter,
And the hot forty degrees of summer's scalding heat,
Always heated us up, like we were all in a hot tin can,
With the heat of the sun as it glared down upon the corrugated sheet.

Along Shaw Street were all our huts aligned,
Shaw Street neighbours were we. We always cared for our

neighbours and everything would be shared,
Despite the fact we were all living in utter abject poverty.

Much of our clothes and furnishings were scavenged and hand-me-downs,
Scavengers of the Port Augusta city dump were we,
Where what the white fellas threw out, we would throw in,
And home to Shaw Street will we all drive or walk merrily.

Discarded waste, discarded things, discarded needful things,
We would all carry home with much pride and glee,
And there was always one of our Mob, who could fix up the broken things,
To fix up, like brand new, an old armchair, a table, a bed and any other thing, found we.

The reason why the Port Augusta city dump was our main shopping centre?

We were not permitted to shop or walk on any of the town's main street,
Without a permit obtained firstly from our Welfare bosses and overlords,
So it was always at the city dump we Umeewarra Mission Mob would shop and meet.

We were also very much unaware of the invisible walls that surrounded us,
Invisible walls of imprisonment and oppression around all day,
Well at least all of us kids did not know such invisible things existed,
We merely thought the life we were born into was always that way.
Whilst my memories of those

happy days on Shaw Street remain,
I now realised that some of the elderly and young who were there with me,
Did not survive the abject poverty and many of the treatable illnesses and diseases,
It was only my mother who saved me and my young brother Willy.

Mum was a strong character and person, who often led the way,
She not only cared for my brother and me,
She also cared a lot for all our Shaw Street neighbours,
Arguing always with the Welfare mob for better community amenity

You know what is very ironic for me, a Shaw Street survivor,
A housing manager with the

South Australian Housing Trust became me,
I often hear some of me tenants complaining about their homes,
I would hide a sly grin behind my Public Servant face, thinking of Shaw Street and we

Growing up on South Australia, Port Augusta, Umeewarra Mission Shaw Street,
I must suppose has influenced me politically and socially to always be a striver,
A striver and fighter for Aboriginal rights and equality,
God knows I am very, very blessed to still be here and call myself a Shaw Street Survivor

WALHA UDI MARVYN McKENZIE Snr
Port Augusta, SA

POLICE RECRUITING JUSTICE TRAINEESHIPS SEPTEMBER 2009



artwork by Bill Ivinson

The Queensland Police Service is again offering Traineeships in the Justice Entry Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Traineeship provides the education qualifications for entry into the Queensland Police Service as a police recruit. Trainees who successfully undertake this program will be eligible to receive an Australian National Training Authority endorsed qualification.

The traineeship is a six month full time course, held at the Queensland Police Service Academy in Oxley, Brisbane. Trainees will receive a training allowance equal to that of a police recruit, which equates to \$1243.55* gross per fortnight. *Police Recruit wage effective 1st July 2009.

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The passing of one of Armidale's daughters

PROMINENT Armidale Aboriginal artist Debra Rhonda Walford, 47, passed away suddenly at the Armidale Hospital.

Her funeral service was held on 20 August.

Debra was a passionate sportswoman who played tennis, soccer, cricket and bowls. She was the first woman to represent two states – NSW and Queensland – in cricket.

When Armidale hosted the West Indies cricket team, Debra was sitting in the audience and caught a ball hit for six.

Debra started work as a cleaner in Duval High School (Armidale) and then gradually worked her way to an Aboriginal education assistant position. In that capacity she encouraged students to stay in school and finish their studies, during which time she encouraged their sporting activities.

In 2006, Debra started working at the Armidale Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place as a financial assistant. She also helped run Aboriginal art workshops, which fired her imagination into painting her own work.

One day, Debra brought some of her works to the centre to show artist Adam Spencer and I. We were very impressed by the quality of her artwork.

She was then given the opportunity to be included in an all-women's exhibition called *Agadir: Women at Work*, which launched her art career in December 2006.

Opened art doors

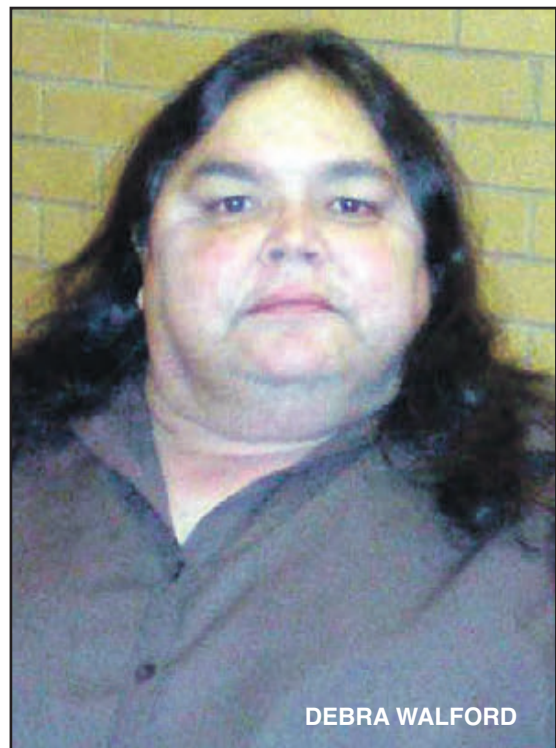
This exhibition opened the door for other opportunities as community members and organisations began to know of her outstanding black and white art, which included traditional and contemporary styles. She was then approached by the local Benevolent Society, the Division of General Practitioners and the Department of Aging, Disability and Home Care to design and paint their logos.

In October 2007, Debra had a combined exhibition with Adam Spencer, the artist-in-residence at the Aboriginal Cultural Centre. Once again, the exhibition proved to be a great success.

Debra's solo exhibition was held in February of this year. It was aptly named *A Touch of Colour* as she began to include colours in her paintings. This third exhibition raised money and awareness for a good cause – the New England Wigs and Headwear Library.

Debra will be greatly missed. She brightened the room when she walked in with her cheerful and vibrant personality.

● **Submitted by Daisy William, Director of the Armidale Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place, with permission from Debra's family.**



DEBRA WALFORD



At the 2009 Garma festival after the announcement of ACCELERATE recipients Alisa Duff, Peter White and Tina Baum were, from left, Alex Doyle and Chris Bonney from the Australia Council, Kirsten Freeman from the British Council and Michelle Evans, from the University of Melbourne's Wilin Centre.

Program to accelerate art careers

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THREE talented Indigenous arts workers have been named the inaugural recipients of an international arts leadership program aimed at boosting their already impressive careers.

Alisa Duff, Peter White and Tina Baum outshone 66 other nominees for the ACCELERATE Indigenous Australian Creative Leadership Programme, an initiative of the British Council and the University of Melbourne through its Wilin Centre, in association with the Australia Council for the Arts and Virgin Atlantic Airways.

Their selection was announced at the 2009 Garma Festival early this month and the trio will head off on their big adventures in October.

Alisa Duff is a Torres Strait Islander woman and currently works at the Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning with the University of Technology in Sydney.

Peter White is a Gamilaroi Murri from Tamworth and currently Indigenous Cultural Development Officer at Arts NSW.

And Tina Baum is a descendant of

the Larrakia/Wadaman people of the Northern Territory, and visual arts curator at the National Gallery of Australia.

ACCELERATE aims to address disparities in Indigenous creative industries by helping the careers of high-potential individuals working in fields such as theatre, music, dance, visual arts, festivals or writing.

Each place on the program is valued at \$20,000 and supports travel

key players in the UK creative industries.

Duff, White and Baum will return to Australia early next year to undertake a further professional placement.

Wilin Centre Director Michelle Evans said the three reflected the talent, passion and depth of Indigenous creativity in Australia.

"These candidates were chosen not only for their strong sense of commitment to Indigenous culture, but

also for demonstrating a potential to empower positive change within the sector," she said.

British Council Director Rebecca Matthews said it was hoped ACCELERATE could support more than three such places each year in the future.

Executive Director of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Arts at the Australia Council Lydia Miller said many

applicants talked about a glass ceiling that prevented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists and artworkers from breaking through.

"This program will give the winners opportunities to experience and learn from world leaders in arts policy and artistic creativity," she said.

"It is time to see Indigenous creative leaders accelerated around Australia and the world."

'This program will give the winners opportunities to experience and learn from world leaders in arts policy and artistic creativity'

to the United Kingdom where recipients work under the guidance of other creative leaders in world-class cultural organisations and undertake a leadership development program at Lancaster University.

They're expected to develop networks, explore best practice examples of British arts and cultural policy and raise the profile of Australian Indigenous heritage with



Bunggul (dance) at this year's Garma.

Yolngu celebrate

Report by **KIRSTIE PARKER**
Most photos by **WAYNE**
QUILLIAM, courtesy of the Yothu
Yindi Foundation



CULTURAL expression in virtually every form, ceremony, ideas, diplomacy, politics, fun and inspiration. The 11th annual Garma Festival, from 7-11 August, had it all – in spades.

The five-day 'celebration of the Yolngu cultural inheritance' saw nearly 3000 Yolngu and other people gather at Gulkulu on the Gove Peninsula in north-east Arnhem Land.

For the Yolngu, the annual festival is an opportunity to share their culture through dance (bunggul), song (manikay), art and ceremony – a rare gift for non-Yolngu, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous.

Each year, Charles Darwin University co-ordinates a key forum at Garma to encourage discussion and exchange on a particular theme. This year, that theme was 'Indigenous Creative Industries: Opportunities, Culture and Knowledge' and saw a lively mix of artists, performers, arts workers, thinkers and policy-makers thrash out such burning issues as the extent and nature of the creative industries interface with Indigenous Australians, including cultural and commercial rights, and the

Festival feast of culture

place of traditional art.

Festival-goers also took part in a range of cultural activities such as spear-making (for men), and weaving classes and field trips to collect bush tucker and bush medicine (for women). There were also music and dance workshops for young people.

Daily, just before sunset, seasoned festival-goers and first-timers alike gathered around the sandy ceremony ground to watch spectacular bunggul.

In the evenings, they enjoyed performances by some of Indigenous Australia's best and most-loved musical acts including a rare show by home-grown Yothu Yindi; contemporary dance and theatrical skits by students from Brisbane's Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts (ACPA) and others; and watched films in an outdoor cinema presided over by a huge tarpaulin strung between towering stringybarks.

There was also a wealth of visual arts on show, including prints by local Yolngu artists and an exhibition of photos from the Prime Minister's national apology to Aboriginal people in 2008.

Garma also heralded the establishment of a new authority to guide the future of north-east Arnhem Land clan nations.

The Dilak Provincial Authority, formed along traditional ceremonial lines, will represent Yolngu on issues such as recognition of Aboriginal people in the Constitution, health, housing, education and economic development.

Authority working group member and Gumatj clan leader Galarwuy Yunupingu called for an end to the NT intervention, which he said had failed to deliver for Yolngu people despite early promise.

During the festival, Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett announced \$9.3 million in funding to underpin a new national Indigenous languages policy.

Mr Garrett said a more focussed and co-ordinated approach would bring national attention to Indigenous languages, encourage the use of critically endangered languages, and support the teaching and learning of Indigenous languages in Australian schools.

Some festival-goers mused how the policy might affect controversial

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Gumatj clan leader Mandawuy Yunupingu at this year's Garma.

Photo by CAMERON HERWEYNEN

More Garma 2009 photos on the next three pages



The Red Flag Dancers.



Djerrkngu Marika at the bunggul.



Watching the bunggul.



Daisy Burarrwanga, from Galiwin'ku (front), dancing with the women.



The future in safe hands.



Already strong in his culture.



Yolngu performer a picture of concentration.



Mikey Gurruwiwi at the bunggul.



Alice Marrimarri Burarrwanga, from Galiwin'ku.

Yolngu cultural feast

● From previous page

NT Government bilingual education policies.

Pitjantjatjara woman Alison Milyika Carroll, from Ernabella, was amongst many who welcomed Mr Garrett's announcement, later issuing a statement translated from Pitjantjatjara that Indigenous people had experienced huge loss of languages, and her people were excited about the promised assistance to research, revive and speak theirs.

Amongst the most poignant moments during the festival was an unscheduled

speech by West Australian Goldfields woman Daisy Ward, who spoke of her brother's death in a prison van in January last year after he was arrested for drink driving.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and the Human Rights Commission later backed Ms Ward's calls for alcohol and petrol restrictions in communities.

Another moving part of the festival came when the late Dr Marika was posthumously appointed a Member of the Order of Australia.

Yolngu woman Dr Marika, who passed

away last May, was an educator, former NT Australian of the Year, and Director of Reconciliation Australia (RA), the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies and the Yothu Yindi Foundation.

It was an emotional but uplifting moment when NT Administrator Tom Pauling presented the honour to members of Dr Marika's family.

By the time Garma 2009 drew to a close, swags and sleeping bags were rolled up, and visitors hit the dusty red road back to nearby Nhulunbuy or the Gove

airport, few remained untouched by the Yolngu's indisputable and generous contribution to Australia's cultural and creative landscape.

"We have opened the windows into our culture for you to see inside to our way of life, see things that are important to us, and to our children, see the richness of our art, our families, our heritage, the beauty of our country, the strength of our women, our children, our men," said senior Yolngu woman and RA Director Djapirri Mununggirritj towards the end of the festival.

And the only thing left to say was thanks.

Garma 2009



The outdoor Gapan Gallery was a popular venue at this year's Garma.



Senior Yolngu woman and RA Director Djapirri Mununggirritj.



Mandaka Marika with his grandson Djarrawa Marika.



Reconciliation Australia Women's Group members painted up.



Federal Environment and Arts Minister Peter Garrett received a progress report from Indigenous Working on Country rangers.



● ABOVE:
Federal
Indigenous
Affairs Minister
Jenny Macklin
with Djerrkngu
Marika.



● LEFT: Yidaki
master Djalu
Gurruwiwi with
mate, actor Jack
Thompson.



DJAKALA MUNUNGGURR



TREVOR JAMIESON



RHODA ROBERTS



ALISON MILYIKA CARROLL



MARK BIN BAKAR



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Garma 2009



These youngsters were right in the zone, performing with Yothu Yindi at Garma 2009.



There were some high spirits among the young fellas at Yirrkala school.



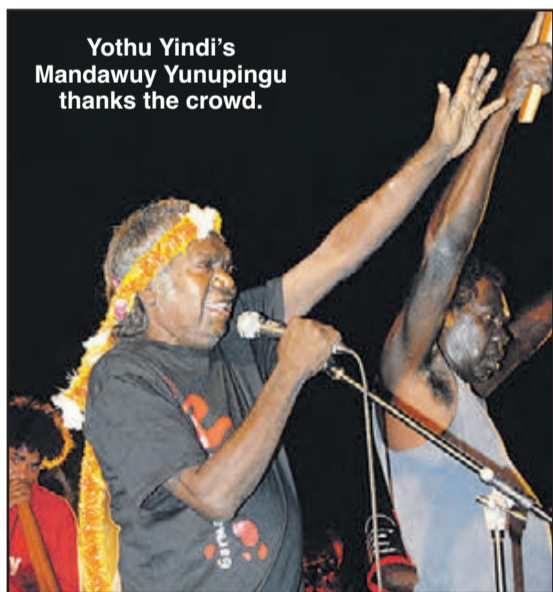
A Yothu Yindi performer.



There was plenty of interest in the hip-hop workshop.



Andrew Farriss, of INXS, performed on stage with Yothu Yindi.



Yothu Yindi's Mandawuy Yunupingu thanks the crowd.



Archie Roach on stage.



These young ones were mesmerised during one of the nightly concerts.



● ABOVE: A poignant moment at Garma as NT Administrator Tom Pauling presents Wangawuy Mununggirritj and Djerrkngu Marika with Dr Marika's Order of Australia.

● RIGHT: From left, Yothu Yindi Foundation Secretary Witiyana Marika, Tessa Pauling, Djerrkngu Marika and NT Administrator Tom Pauling at the Garma Festival.



FAS expert in warning on grog danger

By KEN BOASE in Perth



HEALTH authorities in Western Australia and New South Wales have declared themselves ready to give an accurate diagnosis of Foetal

Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), an affliction caused by alcohol intake during pregnancy.

Little was known about FAS until the 1990s, more than 20 years after its discovery, and the Institute for Child Health Research in Perth began doing extensive research on the subject at the beginning of this decade in collaboration with the NSW Health Department.

As part of the effort to educate health workers in WA, the WA Health Department recently sponsored Native American woman Carolyn Hartness to visit the state and share her knowledge of more than 20 years of research on the subject.

Ms Hartness, who has Cherokee ancestry, said research in the US had shown FAS was an affliction across all cultures, shifting the perception built up over the past 10 years that it was a problem mainly for Indigenous Australian communities.

However, she said that most non-Aboriginal women gave up alcohol once they discovered they were pregnant, whereas for Indigenous women it was not always so easy.

"When you have had your children taken away and not had good parenting models for generations, it doesn't surprise me that people are having difficulty, and also there's the pain of the Stolen Generations and what that can do to a people," Ms Hartness said.

"It can bring us to use alcohol, and I think that the amount of drinking I see in Australia is a danger sign for any foetus."

Ms Hartness said there were some people in the global medical profession who advocated moderate drinking during pregnancy, a view she said was dangerous and ignorant.

"The message that I want to leave in Australia is that there is no safe amount, and one of the reasons I believe that is if you look at twin studies.

"Mum is drinking the same amount of alcohol at the same time but one twin is much more damaged than the other.

"So how can we say that it's safe for anyone when a particular mother who



FIONA STANLEY

ends up with two children has two different children."

The head of the Child Health Research Institute, Professor Fiona Stanley, said the rampant alcohol culture in Australian society was a dangerous trend, including in Aboriginal communities.

"We're seeing a very large number of young women going out binge drinking, of course not thinking that they'll get pregnant, but of course binge drinking is a risk factor for unplanned pregnancy; unprotected sex," she said.



CAROLYN HARTNESS

good quality of life, and even in remote areas women could now get advice from their local GP.

"Alcohol causes reduced growth of the eyes, so the eyes appear small," she said.

"It also affects the structures of the face in the midline and the particular features that we look for are a lack of the groove between the nose and the mouth, which is called the filtrem, so that appears flatter than normal and the upper lip appears to be thin.

"And the other features that become more evident as the child grows are difficulties with learning, with development and with their behaviour."

Dr Wilkins said there was a range of options for treating FAS once an accurate diagnosis was given.

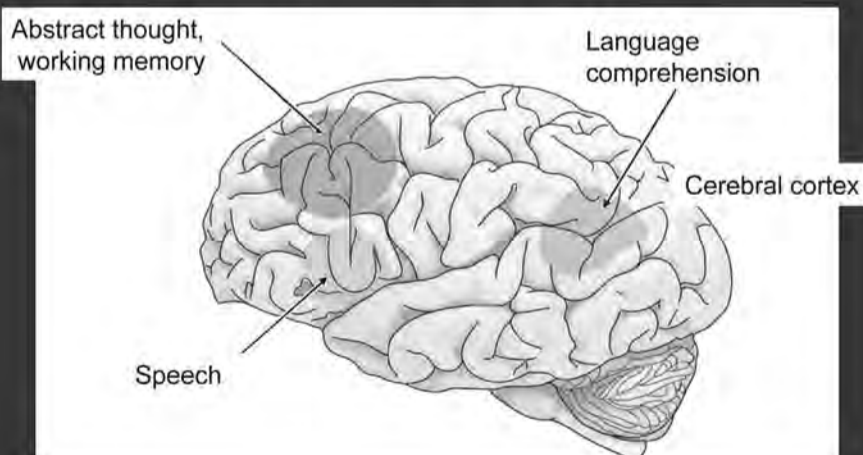
"The type of services children are likely to need would be speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, a good early childhood education through child care or

playgroup, and then a supportive kindergarten and additional educational support as they go into their school years."

Dr Wilkins said health departments in states other than NSW and WA had been advised about the diagnostic tools available for FAS, but it was still a seriously under-diagnosed affliction across Australia.

Professor Stanley called for warning labels about FAS on packaged alcohol, as was the case now in many European countries.

Brain regions damaged by alcohol in FASD



Courtesy Ken Jones

Senior researcher with the Institute Carol Bower said doctors and other health professionals in WA and NSW had been sent an awareness kit, giving doctors a toolbox of diagnostic aides for FAS.

The kit included a quick reference sheet, wallet cards and booklet about the effects of alcohol on pregnancy, the diagnosis of FAS and how to ask the questions.

Paediatrician Dr Amanda Wilkins said an early diagnosis of FAS was vital to give the child the best chance for a

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First Indigenous hip hop and RnB Bump awards



Street Warriors showed off their rap and dance skills at the show.



Alice Springs MC 'Task' opened the Bump Awards with a high-energy performance, before taking out the award for best hip hop album.

Street Warriors shine on night

By MAHALA STROHFLEDT



THE first national Indigenous hip hop and RnB Bump awards got off to a rousing start in Sydney last week. Presented by Redfern Records, the awards showcased up-and-coming talent as well as established acts in the Indigenous Australian RnB and hip hop scene.

Indigenous rapping duo Street Warriors entertained the crowd and also took home three awards on the night.

Best hip hop single and best album went to brothers Abie and Warwick Wright, familiar faces on the Australian hip hop scene. Their latest album *Real Knows Real* was released in 2007, with one of the tracks, *Look at Me*, awarded best video

clip on the night. Soul singer Emma Donovan took home the best RnB single and best female artist awards. Originally from northern NSW, Donovan has been nominated for two Deadly awards for single of the year and best female artist.

Her new five-track album *Ngarraanga* features the talents of Torres Strait Islander dancer Albert David and traditional language by Uncle Harry Buchanan.

Best new talent went to Tjimba and the Yung Warriors from Victoria. Tjimba Possum-Burns is a 22 year-old who writes his own music and lyrics using rap and hip hop styles.

The award for best producer went to Joel Wenitong from Indigenous hip-hop trio Last Kination. The group are currently in the middle of a national tour for their debut album *Nutches*.

The award for best hip hop album went to Task for *Autta tha Darkness*. Task hails originally from Alice Springs and opened the awards with a high-energy performance.

MC Wire picked up the best male artist award, while the best RnB group award went to duo Troy and Trevlyn.

The Indig Hip Hop Show by Munki Muk won the award for best radio show and DJ Deadly took out the best club DJ title.

The Urban Legend Award (posthumous) went to Les 'Bumpy' Saxby for his work in supporting young Indigenous people in the industry. He was represented by his daughter on the night.

Event organisers said they hoped the awards represented the first of many more to come.



SBS Living Black video journalist Allan Clarke and SBS Indigenous cadet Kodie Bedford were at the awards.



One of the Deadly Boyz performing.



One of the Adelaide-based Deadly Boyz on stage.



● LEFT: Emma Donovan took out the best female artist and the best RnB single on the night.

● RIGHT: From left, Ganormi Barsch, Rachel Shields, Carolyn Ienna and Leon Burchill.



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Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW



Review of the Native Vegetation Act 2003

The *Native Vegetation Act 2003* (NV Act) was established as the primary vehicle for providing protection and improving the condition of native vegetation and encouraging and promoting the management of native vegetation on a regional basis in the social, economic and environmental interests of the State.

The Minister for Climate Change and the Environment is seeking written submissions on the Native Vegetation Act review to determine whether the policy objectives of the Act remain valid and whether the terms of the Act remain appropriate for securing those objectives.

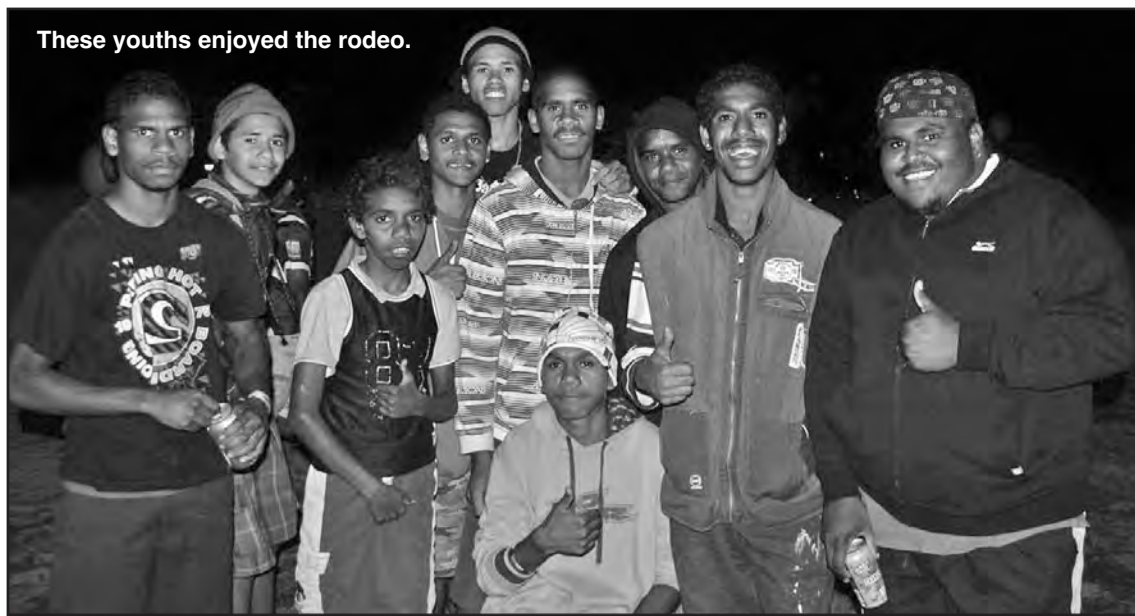
A copy of the *Native Vegetation Act 2003* is available at www.legislation.nsw.gov.au. A Discussion Paper to inform the consultation is available at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/vegetation/nvact.htm

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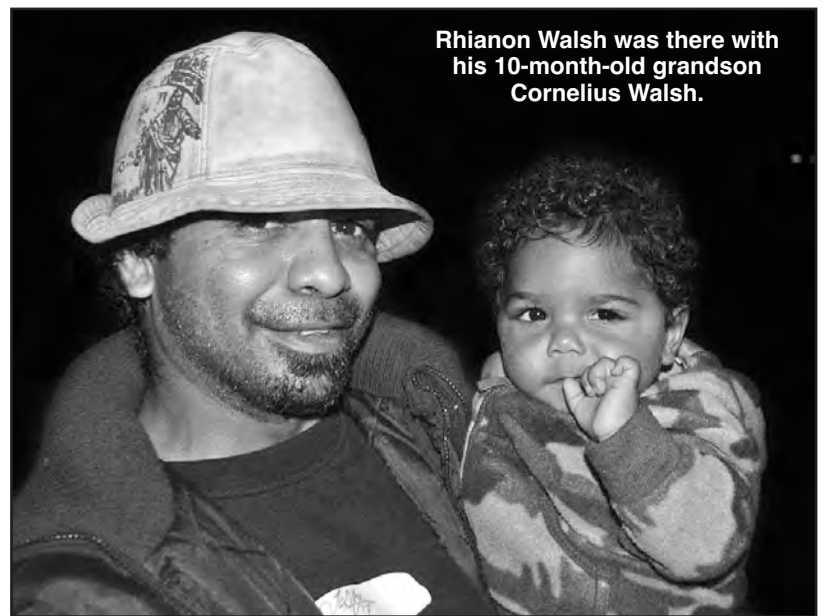
Written submissions are due no later than **23 September 2009** and should be addressed to:

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These youths enjoyed the rodeo.



Rhianon Walsh was there with his 10-month-old grandson Cornelius Walsh.

Palm Island rides high after rodeo



Organiser Pauline Shortjoe.

By ALF WILSON



ENTHUSIASTIC Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey says he hopes the success of the second rodeo on the north Queensland Aboriginal community will encourage more mainlanders to invest in the island.

More than 1500 mostly local men, women and children watched the two-night event on August 15-16. The ongoing swine flu threat is believed to have kept visitor numbers down.

Cr Lacey and his wife Melissa ran a snack and drink stall at the rodeo, which this time made a profit for organisers Pauline and Shaun Shortjoe. Last year's rodeo was the first one on Palm Island in 32 years.

Cr Lacey said the latest rodeo had many sponsors willing to get behind the event.

"This rodeo can only get bigger and better and this has been a great success," he said.

Organiser Pauline Shortjoe said the rodeo had been a great event for

families on Palm Island and also predicted it would get bigger in future years.

"The number of people here shows that Palm Islanders want this," she said.

A highlight of the rodeo was the spectacular fireworks displays and singing by Kuranda woman Waratah-Vivienne Gaynor.

The Koori Mail spoke to many spectators who also gave the thumbs-up.

"This has gone for two nights and we could easily sit here for five," said one.

Spectators sat on the back of 4WD vehicles, on the ground, stood near the fence and under a huge tent.

Rhianon Walsh, there with his 10-month-old grandson Cornelius, said it was a family affair.

"So many young people are here and they love it," Mr Walsh said.

The rodeo was an alcohol-free event and police and security officers from Townsville reported no incidents. Organisers say they're planning for \$5000 in prize money for next year's bull ride.

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Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and his wife Melissa on one of the stalls.



Kuranda singer Waratah-Vivienne Gaynor.



Joyce Tapp, 9, won second prize in the calf ride.



The security team with supervisor Walter Davis (centre).



Spectators ready for the rodeo action on Palm Island.

Boat racer fired up for gold



CHARLINE Emzin-Boyd is on a mission for gold. The Bundjalung woman from

northern NSW is a member of the Australian squad competing in Europe at the World Dragon Boat championships.

And after taking out gold at the Australian championships in April, Ms Emzin-Boyd is confident her hard-training team has the fire in the belly necessary to take first place against the best in the world.

The competition, in Prague in the Czech Republic, began today, 26 August, and runs until 30 August.

Ms Emzin-Boyd, who is the Aboriginal Education Officer for the NSW Teachers Federation, is competing in the Grand Dragons section, for crews aged 50-plus.

She's a member of the Dragons Abreast team, which is made up of breast cancer survivors and supporters, and they have been training daily on Sydney Harbour throughout winter.

"In eight months of training we've only had one cancellation (because of lightning)," she told *The Koori Mail*. "I think we'll win



The Grand Dragons. Charline Emzin-Boyd is second from the left in the back row. The team is pictured near Anzac Bridge, overlooking Blackwattle Bay, where they have been training for eight months. Inset: Charline Emzin-Boyd.

gold because we've been training so hard."

The crew is made up of 20 paddlers, one drummer and a sweep who steers the boat.

"I got involved through a colleague at work who is a breast cancer survivor," Ms Emzin-Boyd said.

"My grandmother (who passed away) had breast cancer and a cousin had breast cancer. I joined the group as a supporter and then got involved in the training."

At the world championships, Ms Emzin-Boyd's team will compete in a variety of heats over distances ranging from

200m to 2000m.

"I'm becoming more excited the closer it gets," she said last week, on the eve of flying out to Europe.

She was also excited at the prospect of travelling around Europe with her son Mitchell Boyd, who is a teacher in

London, after the championships have finished.

Her cousin, Marcia Browning, who with a total of 38 years experience as a teacher is the longest serving Aboriginal member of the NSW Teachers Federation, will also join them.

— By DARREN COYNE

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Feedback sought on inquiries



AUSTRALIA should develop a legislative framework to govern the establishment and operation of official inquiries at the

Federal level, according to the nation's peak law reform agency.

The Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) is reviewing the *Royal Commissions Act* to see if there are cheaper and less formal ways to explore systemic failures on issues of public importance, with some royal commissions having cost up to \$70 million.

The one into the collapse of insurer HIH cost more than \$47 million, and the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody cost more than \$50 million.

The ALRC said last week that a legislative framework would ensure adequate investigatory powers for such inquiries while, at the same time, ensuring the protection of the rights of individuals concerned.

And it would put what are now simply 'ad hoc inquiries' on the same solid footing as royal commissions, and provide more options and flexibility for governments.

The ALRC wants public feedback on a discussion paper 'Royal Commissions and Official Inquiries (DP 75)', released online

last Wednesday and containing 75 draft proposals for reform.

A final report and recommendations are due to be delivered in October to the Australian Government.

ALRC President Emeritus Professor David Weisbrot said the *Royal Commissions Act* needed some fine-tuning, but was otherwise operating well.

"There is a need, however, for the *Royal Commissions Act* to be amended – and renamed the Inquiries Act – to provide a new statutory framework for other official inquiries established by the Federal Government," he said.

Framework

Commissioner in charge of the Inquiry Prof Les McCrimmon said the proposed new statutory framework would introduce another form of inquiry – called 'official inquiries' – with similar advantages and outcomes to royal commissions, but offering more flexibility and less formality.

The closing date for submissions addressing proposals regarding the Inquiry is 22 September, with the final report due to be completed by 30 October.

The discussion paper and other information about the inquiry is available online at www.alrc.gov.au

Fears held for shell stringing

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



TASMANIAN Women's Honour Roll inductee, Aboriginal Elder Auntie Corrie Fullard, has expressed her concerns for the future of the

iconic Tasmanian Aboriginal tradition of shell stringing.

The 77-year-old great-grandmother was inducted onto the roll earlier this month for her service to the arts, Aboriginal affairs and education.

Speaking from her unit in suburban Hobart, Auntie Corrie told *The Koori Mail* she was unsure if any young people were picking up the craft. She said there was a possibility that there would be nobody keeping the traditional Tasmanian Aboriginal practice of shell stringing alive in another 20 years.

"I have no idea how to rectify this," she said. "In this day and age it is difficult. There's so much out there for young people to do."

"If there's anyone out there who really, really wants to do it (traditional shell necklace making), there are enough people around now to show them."

"But they have to start at the beginning, there's a lot of young ones out there that say you get me the shells and I'll string them, but that's not what it is about."

"It's about doing the other stuff, you have to be dedicated to begin with, it's not easy and it's time consuming."

Auntie Corrie is one of a handful of Tasmanian Aboriginal women who have continued the practice of stringing the tiny, brilliantly coloured maireeners and other shells for countless generations.

The highly-prized necklaces grace Aboriginal displays in museums around the world and come with four-figure price tags in prestigious galleries. But it is certainly not for the money; one necklace can be up to a year in creation.

Auntie Corrie learnt the craft from her family as a child on Flinders Island, and



Auntie Corrie Fullard with one of her maireener shell necklaces.

picked it up again after raising her family.

She explained that she returns to her childhood home to collect the shells, which requires an intimate knowledge of shell locations and the tides, and the patience to sit out the Bass Strait's notorious and unpredictable gale-force winds. She once waited ten days for the winds to subside.

Then the shells are prepared over six to nine months; cleaned, dried, sorted and holes put in them – a tedious process by anyone's measure.

Then comes the stringing, a time-consuming passion – more than 700 maireeners make up a traditional length necklace.

Auntie Corrie said each shell was handled eight to nine times. Not to mention the time in stringing rice shells

(they are the size of a small grain of rice) that are a favourite.

Grateful for her steady hands and good eyesight, Auntie Corrie says she just can't imagine not making shell necklaces and she plans to do it for as long as she can.

In 2001, in collaboration with her daughter Jeanette James, who shares her passion of shell necklace making, Auntie Corrie was selected as a finalist in the Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Art Award.

Her necklaces are displayed in museums and private collections throughout Australia and internationally. Her work has been showcased as far away as Kodiak Island off Alaska, where her grandson lives, by invitation of the Inuit people.

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Team signs up to return



LOCAL legend has it that if you eat a purple berry from the Wangai tree, you will return to the Torres Strait.

The National Auslan Interpreter Booking and Payment Service (NABS) team visited the Torres Strait in June, and each team member ate a berry on the last day of their tour. So Thursday Island man Frank Cook said he believed they would return.

NABS provides free sign language interpreters to deaf people for their medical appointments, and for Indigenous people this can be for either private or public health care appointments.

NABS communications officer James Kerwin, who is deaf himself, said that through Mr Cook's guidance the NABS team was able to have a better understanding of Torres Strait Islander culture during



The NABS team who visited the Torres Strait recently, from left, NABS interpreter Ray Hilsdon, NABS Deaf Indigenous Relay Interpreter Alma Waia, NABS communications officer James Kerwin and Thursday Island Local Area Coordinator for Disability Services Qld Frank Cook.

their visit, which had a particular focus on the communities of Thursday Island and Bamaga.

Mr Kerwin said that unlike deaf mainlanders, who learnt Australian Sign Language (Auslan) from deaf peers, or Sign English in the classroom, deaf Islanders learnt Island signs from their families.

These Island signs had evolved from people communicating to each other when on boats out of ear-shot and, as a result, Torres Strait Islanders often used signs, even when speaking to each other. "It is imperative that Australia recognises there are other sign languages besides the national

Auslan," Mr Kerwin said.

"This Island sign language could be known as Torres Strait Sign Language (TSSL)."

Mr Kerwin led presentations at Bamaga and Thursday Island, while Ray Hilsdon interpreted in voice for the audience and Alma Waia, a deaf Indigenous Torres Strait local, assisted with Deaf Relay Interpreting with Island signing.

Mr Kerwin said the organisation understood that family members played an important role in medical situations, and so during the presentations it was emphasised that the NABS interpreter was not there to take away the role of the family member present, but to be there as a bridge of communication.

NABS is based in Brisbane, under the auspices of Wesley Mission Brisbane, and provides services Australia-wide.

Blank Page on



WA Chief Justice Wayne Martin, Kari Kristiansen, Vincent Pickett and Summit co-convenor Stephen Victor Snr.



Key youth contributor Brett Gordon.



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WA State Coroner Alistair Hope at the summit.



Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin speaks.



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Rick Hanlon from Cape York AFL.

Suicide Summit



Participants at the Blank Page Summit on Suicide. All photos by RAY SMITH, courtesy of the Blank Page Summit

Community takes stand

By KIRSTIE PARKER



IT is possible to reshape dysfunctional families and to 'suicide-proof' Indigenous communities – but it takes courage, honesty and outside support.

This was the simple yet powerful message to emerge from the historic Blank Page on Suicide Summit held at the tiny Kimberley Aboriginal community of Billard last month.

And it was a message that has the potential to go worldwide, after being conveyed to visiting United Nations Special Rapporteur on Indigenous human rights James Anaya when he arrived in Australia last week.

The Blank Page Summit was convened by Billard community Chairperson Stephen Victor Snr, his daughter Mary Victor O'Reeri and the Billard community. Two of Mr Victor's sons committed suicide several years ago and the family has been looking for answers ever since.

In February last year, WA State Coroner Alistair Hope – who was at the summit – reported his findings into 21 deaths by suicide over the previous two-year period, including that of a nine-year-old boy.

In his findings, Mr Hope spoke about a dramatic 100 per cent increase in suicide rates, the 'appallingly bad living conditions for many Aboriginal people in the Kimberley', the 'pathetic plight of the



Blank Page Summit co-convenor Mary Victor O'Reeri.

little children with bleak futures' due to widespread foetal alcohol syndrome and the ongoing grim prospects for adequate education, improved health profiles and job readiness for coming generations.

Alcohol was identified as a major problem and, since Mr Hope's findings, has been restricted in Kimberley towns such as Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek.

The 150 people who attended the Blank Page Summit included some political heavy-hitters: Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin as well as

WA Deputy Premier Kim Hames and Chief Justice Wayne Martin, and the Catholic Bishop of Broome, Christopher Saunders.

Joining them were Aboriginal people from other Kimberley communities such as Balgo to the east, and experts and key decision makers in child protection, land management, justice, mental health, education, vocational training, disability, academia and other areas.

"The summit has come from our truths as a family, our drive to achieve our true potential as people and our motivation to help everybody find a better way for our people," Mr Victor Snr told participants in his opening remarks.

Mr Victor Snr's grandson, Lendl Victor, said the summit was 'for our gagas - our uncles'.

"We think of the past and we dream for the future. We are making our dreams come true," he said.

The summit concluded with a 'call to action'; for the creation of suicide-proof communities, for families to be trained in how to be families, and for more support to enable Indigenous people to heal and self-care.

At the end of the five-day strategic gathering, Mr Victor Snr and Lendl Victor were optimistic.

"Mission accomplished," the patriarch said. "If we saved just one life through the summit, it was worth all our hard work."

● For more on the Blank Page Summit on Suicide, go to www.blankpagesummit.com.au



Community member Lendl Victor.



Ireesha Victor, a key youth contributor to the summit.



Tossie Baadjo, from Balgo.

Redfern celebrates

By MARGARET SMITH



IN August 1859, Redfern was proclaimed a municipality of Sydney. Part of the suburb was then a market garden with open-air markets selling produce direct to its citizens. There was a mixture of races, with Chinese, English, Aboriginal, Portuguese and other people sharing the suburb, and some of the older buildings are still part of the cityscape today.

Redfern recently celebrated the 150th anniversary of its birth at a forum in Redfern Town Hall.

Acknowledging the Indigenous custodians, Sydney Lord Mayor Clover Moore said Redfern was famous for its Aboriginal history.

Recognised by the likes of then-Prime Minister Paul Keating in his now-famous 1993 Redfern Park speech, she said the suburb also held fond personal memories for her, having raised her family there.

She said the City of Sydney Council was committed to improving Redfern, which had started with tree-plantings, building the Redfern Community Centre 'and employing more Aboriginal labour to rejuvenate our parks'.

Cr Moore announced a new project to employ artists to paint designs on shop shutters in Redfern Street, to make them attractive and a focal point for its citizens.

"Redfern gets inappropriately denigrated. We are working on safe city programs, and the crime rate is down across all categories," she said.

After Cr Moore's speech, University of Technology Sydney historian Heidi Norman spoke about her research into Redfern's history. Ms Norman was the



The Redfern All Blacks (RAB) rugby league team, pictured at Casino, northern New South Wales, in 1969.

recipient of the NSW Indigenous Fellowship in 2006.

Her research, into the cultural and economic life of Aboriginal residents, found a high level of employment with many families

"For instance, the Madden family, and families from Singleton and north-western NSW, were constantly travelling back and forth," she said.

In the 1930s, the Aboriginal

as the chocolate factory," Ms Norman said.

"They could get jobs so easily those days. Aunt Sylvia Scott told me her sister was the floor manager in the chocolate factory.

Lesters, Hintons, Cains, Wilsons, Murrys and Pittmans. Many were involved in the Redfern All Blacks football club.

"I learnt that Aboriginal people mixed with the working poor, but they also maintained their own cultural networks," Ms Norman said.

"But all this changed in the 1980s when the manufacturing sector became increasingly automated. The study made me rethink the issue of welfare dependency."

With the Pemulwuy Project promising a revitalisation of The Block, it seems Redfern is once again ready for a real exchange with its Aboriginal residents.



A 'Welcome to The Block' mural at Redfern.

Photo courtesy of the City of Sydney Archives

'I learnt that Aboriginal people (in Redfern) mixed with the working poor, but they also maintained their own cultural networks' – UTS historian Heidi Norman



owning their own homes in Caroline and Eveleigh Streets in the 1960s and 70s.

And she found that there was constant migration from the bush and vice-versa.

Progressive Society had meetings nearby in the city, sometimes with as many as 300 people attending.

"Heaps of Kooris worked in the markets, the railways, in meatworks and in factories, such

There was a real acceptance of Aboriginal people in the workforce."

Local families who've had a long history in Redfern include the Maddens, Vincents, Lords,

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Commonwealth banks on Lockyer's skills



PHIL LOCKYER



NOONGAR man Phil Lockyer has been appointed Indigenous Employment Manager for the Commonwealth Bank. He will be responsible for developing and implementing the bank's Indigenous Employment Strategy, which will be launched this year. The bank has made 350

positions available to Indigenous people over the next three years, and Mr Lockyer said there would be a diverse range of opportunities – not just in customer-facing roles.

He said his group would have a key focus on assisting Indigenous people who required particular training or up-skilling to move them into employment. "We are committed to providing

meaningful, sustainable job opportunities," he said.

Mr Lockyer who has family links to the Pilbara region of Western Australia, has extensive experience working in Indigenous-specific roles in government departments and not-for-profit organisations, including Centrelink and the NSW Department of Aboriginal Affairs.

Mr Lockyer's most recent role

was with the Aboriginal Employment Strategy as the national manager of a school-based traineeship program, which provides career pathway opportunities for Indigenous high school students.

Commonwealth Bank Executive Manager Community and Sponsorship Tristan Willis said she was delighted to welcome Mr Lockyer to the role.

Award goes to brand new movie



THE Aboriginal musical *Bran Nue Dae* has taken out the audience award for best feature of the Melbourne International Film Festival (MIFF), with political thriller *Balibo* coming second.

The two Australian films book-ended the festival and were a hit with cinema-goers who voted them atop a list of 10 best films. *Bran Nue Dae* has also been selected to screen at the prestigious Toronto Film Festival next month.

The just-released film, based on Jimmy Chi's stage musical of the same name and directed by Rachel Perkins, will have five screenings in Toronto from 10 September.

The West Australian Opposition has called on the State Government to financially support *Bran Nue Dae's* Canadian foray, saying all international screenings of the film constitute a free advertisement for WA.

Two other local movies also made it into the MIFF top 10. *Blind Company*, starring Colin Friels, was voted in at number six, while the re-release of Richard Lowenstein's 1986 cult classic *Dogs In Space*, starring Michael Hutchence, came in at number eight.

The 17-day festival, which came to a close on August 9, was rocked by controversy this year, with several film-makers pulling out their entries at the last minute.

Chinese opposition to an Australian documentary, *10 Conditions of Love*, about exiled Uighur leader Rebiya Kadeer, led to seven Chinese-language films being pulled from the program by directors.

Chinese internet hackers also brought down the festival's website and online ticketing system.

Despite that, the film was voted in at number five of the 10 most popular documentaries in the festival.

MIFF reported a 10 per cent box office growth this year, with more people attending than turned out for the most recent London Film Festival, in a city that boasts four times the population of Melbourne. — With AAP

Bran Nue Dae stars Jessica Mauboy and Rocky McKenzie with the movie's director, Rachel Perkins. AAP image



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Inmates helped to be better parents



THE NSW Government has allocated \$160,000 for Barnardos to run two programs to help Aboriginal prison inmates in western NSW become better parents.

NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney said the programs were aimed at ensuring that when these parents left prison, they were equipped with the skills needed to build strong and healthy families.

According to the report *Inmate Health Survey Trends 1996-2009*, 68 per cent of Aboriginal women and 56 per cent of Aboriginal men in custody have

dependent children aged below 16 years.

The Mums and Buraays (Wiradjuri word for child) Staying Connected Program will support women at Wellington Correctional Centre, providing mothers in prison with tools, information and education to build their parenting skills and improve their confidence.

"Sadly, a significant number of Aboriginal women in prison are also mothers of young children, and, prior to entering prison, were more often than not the heads of single households," Ms Burney said.

"Research on the long-term effect of mother/infant separation and the effects of short term traumatic separation show that it has a long-term, devastating effect on the child's emotional, physical and mental developments.

Living skills

"The project will also assist women when they are released by linking them to early childhood and family services so they can continue to develop their parenting and living skills."

The Minister said strengthening bonds between mother and child had multiple benefits, improving the child's

developmental prospects as well as the mother's chance of successful rehabilitation.

Ms Burney said the program for men, Keeping Dads Connected, had similar goals and would support inmates at Bathurst Correctional Centre.

"Many fathers enter prison without any parenting skills, and when they have supervised access with their children, they may not know how to relate to them," she said.

"This program teaches fathers things like how to read or play with their child, or even sing to them and tell stories – things that help them bond."



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NSW Govt, Opposition trade barbs



THE NSW Government and State Opposition are at loggerheads

over Indigenous affairs, with both sides declaring the other a failure when it comes to addressing Aboriginal disadvantage.

Earlier in the month, Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries said the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians was widening under the Rees Labor administration, 'and a foreseeable turn-around was not on the horizon'.

"It is very clear the Labor Government doesn't take Aboriginal affairs seriously," Mr Humphries said. "Under their leadership or lack of, we see Aboriginal Australians marginalised on a number of fronts."

"Fundamental reform to improve housing administration and management, child protection, educational engagement, health outcomes and mainstream engagement has been too slow, and often misguided."

Mr Humphries said the State Plan annual report released earlier this year reflected a negative shift in results in key target areas including domestic violence, avoidable hospital treatments, reports referred to the Department of Community Services and admission rates for gastroenteritis.

And he said latest Department of Education and Training (DET) figures illustrated the ongoing gap in numeracy and literacy between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians, with NSW recording the lowest apparent retention rates for years 7 to 12 across Australia.



KEVIN HUMPHRIES

"A very poor result to say the least," Mr Humphries said, adding that Aboriginal incarceration rates were at 21 per cent of the overall prison population and increasing.

Mr Humphries said it was clear from his talks that change was needed in Indigenous affairs and he would help deliver it if the Opposition won at the next State election.

In response, Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch countered that the Opposition had failed to offer any policies or initiatives around closing the gaps in Indigenous disadvantage, and Mr Humphries needed to 'do more than issue partisan media releases'.

"Talk is cheap – closing the gap requires a commitment to funding," Mr Lynch said. "Mr Humphries has to match his rhetoric with real funding initiatives rather than taking the easy and well-worn path of carping from the sidelines."

The Minister said that, unlike the Opposition, the Government's State Plan offered targets and the Government was consulting



PAUL LYNCH

with the public to find out what people felt was working well under it and what needed improvement.

"There's no doubt that Aboriginal people remain disadvantaged by any measurable standard – in education, health, economic and social outcomes," he said.

"The NSW Government, in partnership with the Commonwealth and all State and Territory governments, is focussed on closing the gap to improve these outcomes. We know this will prove more successful over time by working in partnership with Aboriginal communities and Aboriginal people."

Mr Lynch said this year's State Budget identified Government spending of more than \$290 million, delivering more than \$77 million for Aboriginal housing and \$99 million for health.

Funds were also being invested in education, community services, languages and culture, circle sentencing, Home Care and water and sewerage infrastructure, he said.



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Expressions of Interest

Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council and Alpine Resort Management Boards

The Victorian Government is calling for members to serve on the Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council, Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board, Lake Mountain Alpine Resort Management Board, Mt Baw Baw Alpine Resort Management Board, Mt Buller and Mt Stirling Alpine Resort Management Board and the Mt Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board.

The Council meets approximately 6 times a year and Boards meet approximately monthly. Members may also have to undertake committee work. Candidates other than public sector employees may be entitled to receive remuneration and expenses for their service on a government body.

The Alpine Resorts Co-ordinating Council provides strategic advice, co-ordinates overall promotion, attracts investment and reports to the Minister for Environment, Gavin Jennings MLC.

Alpine Resort Management Boards act as Committees of Management with responsibilities including land stewardship, promotion and marketing, provision of a wide range of services and managing development.

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The Victorian Government is committed to ensuring the diversity of our Boards represent the diversity of our communities. Women, indigenous persons, people with a disability, young persons and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Application forms can be obtained from the Department of Sustainability and Environment website at www.dse.vic.gov.au (under 'What's New'), or by contacting Alice Daly on (03) 9637 9488 or by email to alice.daly@dse.vic.gov.au.

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Darug Aboriginal community gets set for Big Corroboree at heritage centre



MURU Mittigar Aboriginal cultural heritage centre in Castlereagh, in Sydney's outer west, will play host to all the clans of the Darug community over the October long weekend.

The Big Corroboree runs 3-5 October and organisers say it will be both a festival and a reunion, celebrating heritage and culture and also strengthening and

renewing family ties, allowing youth to connect and learn more about their ancestors.

On-site camping facilities will be provided and unpowered caravan and campervan sites are also available. Sleeping requirements for the elderly or anybody else with special needs can also be accommodated.

People are asked to bring their own sleeping gear, utensils for eating and

drinking and a tent if possible.

Organisers say all meals will be provided, so it is essential to reply with numbers.

Community members can promote their businesses or sell products.

'Koori Oke'

Organisers say the evenings are set for great entertainment with 'Koori Oki' plus other activities.

There will also be stories, art, dance, song, movies, tool making, face painting, jumping castle and workshops with academics on history and language, as well as the The Yarramundi Kids for children.

Darug people who would like to take part are asked to call Darug Tribal Aboriginal Corporation Secretary Sandra Lee on phone (02) 9622 4081 or email darug_tribal@live.com.au for more information.

Frankland fumes at film rating



THE director of a new Aboriginal comedy has hit out at the country's film classifiers, saying they have given the movie an unfairly restrictive rating because of incompetence or bias.

Indigenous film-maker Richard J Frankland's *Stone Bros*, about two young Aboriginal men from the city who take a road trip through the outback, has received an MA15+ rating from the Film Classification Board.

In its assessment, the board wrote that the film opens with a sequence in which 'marijuana is shown being cut from the plant, mixed with tobacco and formed into joints'.

But Frankland says that scene isn't in the film, and no marijuana plant is shown.

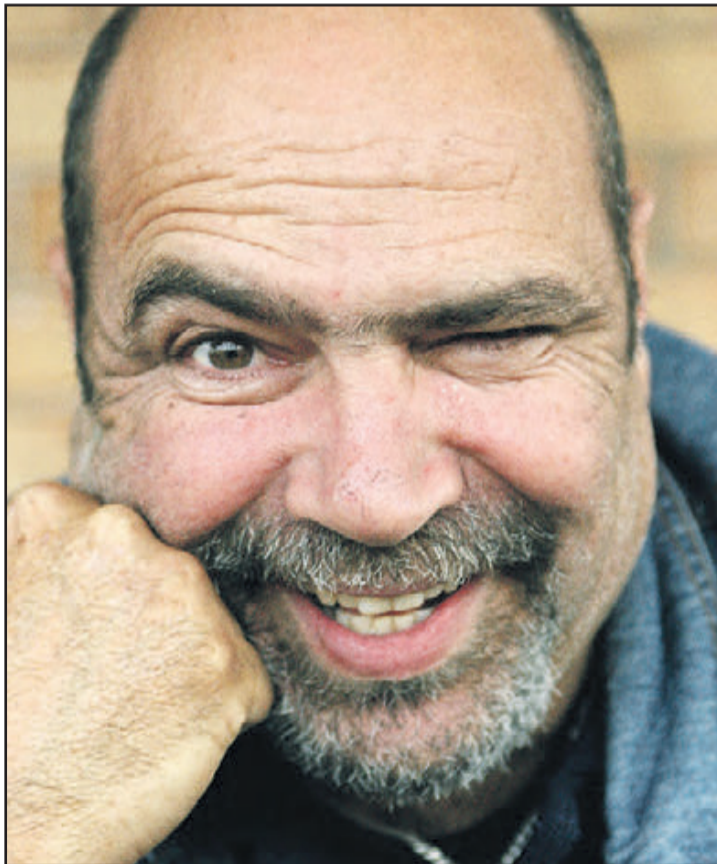
"I am astounded that the board have taken such a harsh approach to the film. It is evident that the job of appraising the film was not done properly," he said.

"Either someone within their office has made a terrible error or there is a bias against the film."

Frankland said the film actually has an anti-drug message, and aims to show through 'blackfella' humour that drug and alcohol addiction cause people to lose their way in life.

Stone Bros premiered at the Dungog Film Festival in May, where it was well-received, and was due to open nationally on Monday.

Frankland and the movie's distributors, Australian Film Syndicate (AFS), said restricting people under the



Film-maker and director Richard Frankland: "I am astounded that the board have taken such a harsh approach ... It is evident that the job of appraising the film was not done properly."

age of 15 from seeing the movie would cut out one of its key audiences.

AFS accepts that the film depicts marijuana smoking, but says that this is moderate in use and always within a context of humour.

"*Stone Bros* is a landmark film, which will go a long way towards changing people's views about Aboriginal Australia," said AFS Managing Director Allanah Zitserman.

"It is really disappointing that young Australians will be

restricted from seeing this film."

AFS CEO Stavros Kazantzidis said drug use was stronger in *Harry Potter* where 'they are popping magic pills and transforming themselves all the time'.

To appeal against the Classification Board's decision, AFS would need to pay a fee of \$8000.

Comment was sought from the Film Classification Board but a response was not immediately available. — AAP



Australian Government

Call for funding applications – Sporting Chance Program school-based sports academies focussed on Indigenous female secondary students

The Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) is calling for applications for funding to operate girls only school-based sports academies in secondary education.

Funding provided under the Sporting Chance Program (2009-2012) will support school-based sports academies to engage Indigenous girls in secondary education using sport and recreation activities as a vehicle to increase the level of engagement in their schooling, in particular, their achievement to Year 12 or its vocational equivalent.

Academies may involve a single school or a cluster of schools and must utilise existing infrastructure. Organisations interested in operating an academy will be expected to develop partnerships with schools, relevant education authorities, sporting bodies and corporate and community groups.

Further information about the program and funding application forms are available at www.deewr.gov.au/SportingChance

Funding applications close at 5:00 pm Friday 25 September 2009.

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SCREEN AUSTRALIA

National Indigenous Documentary Fund (NIDF) Series 12

The Indigenous Department of Screen Australia and the ABC are calling for applications for the next NIDF - Series 12

Comprising 2 x 55 minute documentaries

The selected projects will be based on strong ideas, well-crafted, exhibit a high level of creative ambition, and demonstrate the potential to connect with audiences. Up to 4 story ideas will be developed.

Writer, Director, & Producer (if attached) must have at least one, preferably two, short (26 minute) documentary (broadcast) credits in their intended role. Each application must have Indigenous Australians in key creative roles - minimum writer and director.

CLOSING DATE: 2nd October 2009

For a copy of the guidelines contact:

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Email: indigenous@screenaustralia.gov.au

or visit the website: www.screenaustralia.gov.au

Guidelines and application forms are available from the website.

NIDF 10 is an initiative of the Indigenous Branch of the Screen Australia in association with ABC, and state funding agencies.



Walter ready for any emergency



ABOVE: Boggabilla SES volunteer Walter Binge and SES Commissioner Murray Kear at the belated graduation ceremony. The original ceremony had to be postponed when bad weather hit the NSW north coast and the Boggabilla SES was deployed.

LEFT: SES volunteers and special guests at the graduation.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



BOGGABILLA man Walter Binge still can't believe how much his life has

changed since becoming a State Emergency Services (SES) volunteer.

Just last week the training took him and a group of other volunteers down some fast-flowing rapids.

Next week he could be learning how to manoeuvre a 4WD across dangerous terrain. He leaves his emergency bag

New skills and experiences for Indigenous men and women leads to rewarding role

by the door these days just in case.

"That call can come anytime, and I'm fully prepared to go and help out," Mr Binge said.

He joins a group of local Aboriginal men and women who completed an Indigenous Training Program conducted in partnership between New

South Wales Adult and Community Education (ACE) and the state SES.

The group went on to complete the SES General Rescue Training and have now joined the local SES team.

The Boggabilla SES Unit hosted a belated graduation

ceremony this month to recognise the achievements of the volunteers.

The original presentation had been postponed when bad weather hit the north coast. Storms and flooding took Mr Binge and the Boggabilla SES to the Northern Rivers region around Lismore to repair roofs

and clean up yards.

Mr Binge said the crew even got the chance to take the rescue boats out to bring in people who had gotten caught out by the floods.

"It was full on, it wasn't easy but it was really satisfying, knowing I was helping the community," he said.

"Whenever I get called up, I'm prepared to go.

"My last job was a challenge but I enjoyed it very much."

The training is part of the National Emergency Management 'Keeping Our Mob Safe' strategy.

Indigenous landcare groups vie for award



THREE Indigenous initiatives are amongst finalists vying for the inaugural People's Choice Award in the 2009 Northern Territory Landcare Awards.

Online voting for the award closes at 5pm Tuesday, 8 September 2009.

Winners of the 2009 NT Landcare Awards, including the People's Choice

Award, will be announced at a ceremony during National Landcare Week, September 2009.

The finalists in the Landcare Indigenous Award category are: Malak Malak Land Management Rangers and Wangamaty Landcare Group for their project eradicating African big headed ant from Dinggirriyet, Daly River; Muru-warinyi Ankkul Rangers for their management of Bilby populations in Tennant Creek and

Tjuwanpa Rangers for dealing with land management issues, including weeds, feral animals, threatened species and fire management.

NT Landcare Awards coordinator Anna Cooke encouraged Territorians to visit the Landcare Heroes website www.nt.gov.au/landcare and vote for the individual or group they think deserves the People's Choice Award and leave messages of support.

"Landcare is a broad environmental movement that works in many areas of our community including schools and universities, local councils, primary producers and Indigenous groups," Ms Cooke said.

"The People's Choice Award is a great opportunity to recognise and reward those who have displayed excellence in caring for the Territory's precious land and water resources."

Kimberley benefits from extra funding



Western Australia's Kimberley region and other areas.

The largest portion, \$5 million, will go to Associated Independent Schools of WA for the construction and repair of teacher housing in a bid to improve teacher retention in the more remote areas of the state.

FEDERAL Education Minister Julia Gillard has announced a \$7 million funding boost for Indigenous education in

A further \$1.3 million will be spent on the installation of sound amplification equipment in more than 450 classrooms in government, Catholic and Aboriginal independent community schools.

The project includes training in the use of the equipment and management of hearing issues in the classroom and will be run by the WA Department of Education and Training.

Twelve Kimberley schools have already participated in trials of the Kimberley Reading Recovery

project this and last year. The collaboration between the Catholic Education Office and the Kimberley Land Council received \$700,000 to bring another five schools – three remote and two others – on board next year.

Improve

The program trains specialist teachers in each school to work with Indigenous students in early primary school to help improve their literacy levels.

Another \$190,000 will be spent on the Books in Homes Australia

project run through the Alan Duff Charitable Foundation. The foundation's work will give about 4700 Indigenous students across 41 schools in the Kimberley nine free books each. The Kimberley Development Commission has contributed matching funding for this project.

In a separate announcement, Education Minister Julia Gillard also opened a new funding round for the Sporting Chance Program for Indigenous girls and young women.

The funding will be invested in

projects aimed at improving the participation of about 700 girls in secondary schools across most States and Territories.

The program uses sport as a vehicle to engage Indigenous students in education, encourage them to finish their schooling and increase their ability to take up future training or employment opportunities.

This year, the program is expected to support more than 8000 students across the Northern Territory, WA, South Australia, NSW and Queensland.

Knights help in closing the gap

By BRITTA LYSTER

THOUSANDS of Newcastle Knights fans turned out this month to watch their team's clash with the Melbourne Storm as part of the National Rugby League's Closing The Gap initiative.

Rugby league has become the first national sporting code to join the Close The Gap campaign, Australia's largest initiative to improve the life expectancy and health of Indigenous Australians.

The Knights embraced the campaign, aiming to use the occasion to highlight important Indigenous issues and also acknowledge the Hunter area's Indigenous heritage.

Organisers used the round 23 clash at Energy Australia Stadium in Newcastle on 17 August to unveil the new Aboriginal-themed jersey designed by Hunter artist Les Elvin. The game capped off a week-long celebration of Indigenous culture by the Knights.

Mr Elvin, the 2008



Sports and art activities formed part of a youth day held at Energy Australia Stadium as part of the Newcastle Knights' support program for the Closing the Gap campaign.

NAIDOC Artist of the year, was assigned the task of designing a jersey reflecting the story of the Newcastle Knights and their ties with the local Indigenous community.

Earlier in the week, an estimated 400 local students turned out to kick off the week with a youth day at Energy Australia

Stadium. They took part in coaching clinics, music, art, dance and other healthy activities.

Later in the week, the Knights and their naming rights sponsor, Coal & Allied, hosted a gala dinner featuring prominent Indigenous rugby league stars and Indigenous Knights Old Boys to raise

money for and awareness of key Indigenous issues.

Building on a community alliance created by Coal & Allied 18 months ago, Knights CEO Steve Burraston is hoping the inaugural celebrations will be the first of many and will reinforce the club's relationship with the

Indigenous community.

"It's our way of recognising and thanking our Indigenous communities for the significant contributions they have made to our region and our club and hopefully it will assist in raising awareness of important issues as well," he said.

The Knights kept their semi-finals chances alive and wrapped up the week with a convincing display against the Storm, winning 26-14 in front of an appreciative crowd, who enjoyed not only the game, but the pre-match and half-time display of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dance and culture.



Newcastle Knights players in their special jerseys celebrate a try in their clash with the Melbourne Storm during the NRL Reconciliation Round game on 17 August. AAP image



Funds for road safety



RESTORING safety on the roads of 63 remote Indigenous communities across New South Wales will be the key focus of a new project funded by the State Government.

NSW Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bev Manton has welcomed the \$520,000 project, launched at La Perouse, in Sydney, by Roads Minister Michael Daley to identify key areas of improvement.

"Infrastructure improvements within the State's Aboriginal communities are particularly welcomed as they are greatly needed," Ms Manton said.

Mr Daley said the project underpinned a Government commitment to improving the resources in Aboriginal communities.

"I'll be looking forward to

viewing the report prepared by the NSW Centre for Road Safety and doing what I can to make sure that the areas identified are properly addressed and progressed," he said.

The road safety initiative comes in the midst of a two-year Aboriginal Road Safety Program that Mr Daley said delivered a range of other practical measures that supported Aboriginal families and helped local communities realise their full potential.

This included a commitment to increasing employment for Indigenous people within the RTA from one per cent to 2.6 per cent over the next two years.

The initiative is a partnership between the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA), NSWALC, and the NSW Departments of Local Government and Aboriginal Affairs and Local Council.



At the recent launch were, from left, Uncle Leslie Davison, Roads Minister Michael Daley, community leader Sol Bellair and NSWALC Councillor Roy Ah See.

Carmon at first sceptical, but now she's a devotee

By BRITTA LYSTER



ONE student's future working life has been given a boost by taking part in an Indigenous mentoring program targeting 'at risk youth' in Sydney's west.

The partnership between Centrelink and The Lighthouse Program's Indigenous arm Jarrara has given 14-year-old Anita Spudic an insight into what working life entails.

Operating since 2001, the program pairs students with a volunteer mentor who hosts participants in their workplace for one day a week over 18 weeks.

The program run by the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta is specifically aimed at young students who are not reaching their full potential and provides them with a range of opportunities focusing on their future working life and how that relates directly to their school life and studies.

Anita's mentor, Carmon Corderoy, an Indigenous services officer with Mount Druitt Centrelink, recently won a major category at the first ever Centrelink National NAIDOC Awards in Canberra.

Important tool

Initially apprehensive about participating in the Lighthouse Program, she has now enthusiastically embraced her role, and sees it as an important way of guiding Indigenous students.

"I believe this program allows us to target our Indigenous youth, giving them new opportunities and provides a change in culture in our Indigenous communities in relation to work culture," Ms Corderoy said.

"Especially now in our current economic environment, where finding work can be challenging, especially if you've just left school, and particularly in Mount Druitt, with this community having one of the largest Aboriginal populations in New South Wales.

"When Centrelink was approached, we jumped at the chance to work with young Aboriginal people and encourage them to stay at school."



Anita Spudic (seated) with her mentor, Indigenous services officer Carmon Corderoy.

Ms Corderoy said mentoree Anita had achieved a complete turn-around in her school work.

"Her attendance has greatly improved and all her assignments are up to date," Ms Corderoy said.

"Anita is always on time, enthusiastic to learn and takes direction easily and is able to deliver results when tasks are asked of her."

Anita has enjoyed the 18-week program, taking the advice she has been given and new skills she has learned along the way back to school.

She's looking forward to graduating from the program next month.

"Why waste a good opportunity when you have the choice to make the most of your life while you're young and not wait until you're older to realise that opportunities were missed," Anita said.

She hopes to one day realise her dream of studying law and becoming a lawyer.

● Anyone wanting to get involved in The Lighthouse Program can contact program co-ordinator Maree Armstrong-Ley on phone (0417) 060 132.

Five in running for top book prize

THE five contenders for the Arts Queensland David Unaipon Award for an unpublished Indigenous writer have been revealed as part of the 2009 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards shortlist.

They are John Davis for *Which Way?*, Alfa Emily Geiszler and Maryann Lazarus for *Aprons and Stock-whips*, Jeanine Leane for *Magpies*, Ngitji Ngitji Mona Tur for *Only a Bridge* and Nicole Watson for *The Boundary*.

Non-Indigenous writer Chloe Hooper's book *The Tall Man: Death and Life on Palm Island* is also a finalist in both the non-fiction category and for the Harry Williams Award, for works which advance public debate. The book follows the manslaughter trial of Sgt Chris Hurley following the death in custody of Palm Island man Mulrunji Doomadgee.

The winners will be announced at the State Library of Queensland on Tuesday, 8 September.

Jawoyn to celebrate at Nitmiluk



THE Northern Territory's Jawoyn people will celebrate the 20th anniversary of the hand back of Nitmiluk National Park, home of Katherine Gorge, with a free event on 12 September.

Traditional song and dance will be performed by the Djilpin dancers of Beswick Festival fame, while festivities will culminate with a concert by The Black Arm Band, which includes renowned musicians Archie Roach, Ruby Hunter, Bart Willoughby, (Bevan) Gapanbula Yunupingu and Shellie Morris.

Jawoyn Association CEO Wes Miller said the milestone was a great triumph and achievement for the Jawoyn people and a time to be proud.

"This event marks 20 years of successful joint management of an iconic national park and heralds the successful business acumen of a determined Aboriginal land-owning group," Mr Miller said.

Celebration

"It is a celebration of Jawoyn identity and is an opportunity to look back over the past 20 years and be proud of what we have achieved with our land."

Since re-claiming the park on 10 September 1989, the Jawoyn have developed Nitmiluk Tours, a cultural-based tour operation at the gorge, and accommodation in the park, which provides employment for the 17 clan groups of the Jawoyn.

"Winning back Nitmiluk was a defining moment, providing an economic base for the Jawoyn people. It provided us with the capacity to have greater control over our land and communities for future generations," Mr Miller said.

"It gave us credibility and respect in the business world and with governments, and ensured the preservation of Jawoyn culture, land and wildlife in accordance with traditional Jawoyn law and conservation practices."

The anniversary event starts at 4.30pm on 12 September.

IBA offering scholarships



MATURE-aged Indigenous people looking to develop their knowledge and skills in finance and business are being urged to apply for the IBA Scholarship Fund, with applications for the 2010 round closing on 30 September.

The fund aims to contribute to economic development in Indigenous communities, by assisting those who are supported by their employer, community or an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation to undertake study in the areas of business, finance and leadership.

Applicants in this round must be looking to start studying in early 2010. Suitable courses include business, accounting, financial management, commerce, tourism management and governance.

Applicants must be aged 19 or over and have finished high school more than 18 months ago.

Application forms and scholarship guidelines are available at www.iba.gov.au and inquiries can be directed to scholarships@iba.gov.au



Jumbulla guides, from left, Chris Isaac, Bernice Brown, Sue Grabham, Val Law and Zac Noel-Strang.

New centre in the Illawarra

Nine years of work leads to Jumbulla

By BRITTA LYSTER



THE much-anticipated Jumbulla Discovery Centre at Bulli Tops, on the NSW south coast, is set to open next month.

The brainchild of Wollongong Elders almost nine years ago, the multi-million-dollar centre is a celebration of the Illawarra area's Indigenous cultural heritage and aims to give visitors an authentic taste of urban and traditional Aboriginal culture.

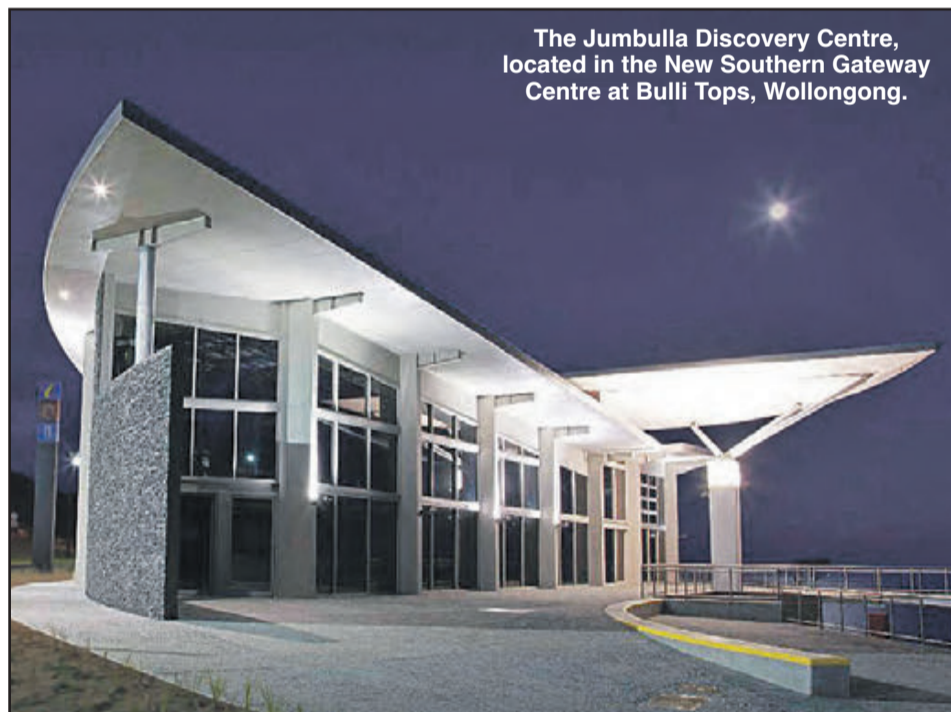
'Come Walk In Our Footprints' is the major theme of the attraction, which has four state-of-the-art theatres taking visitors on an interactive cultural journey. Each theatre focuses on a different aspect of local Aboriginal life – Welcome, The Land, Family and Togetherness.

Interspersed among the theatres will be a 'Hairy Man' story, which has been especially designed for children and will focus on the local Doolagal 'Hairy Man' legend.

Jumbulla backers also aim to have a 300m walkway, taking advantage of the steep escarpment and sweeping ocean views. It will incorporate motion sensor audio which will play local animal noises and birdsong as well as the throaty growl of the Doolagal.

The centre shares its home, 45 minutes south of Sydney, with the Altitude 1148 Indian restaurant and the Wollongong Tourist Visitor Information Centre which has been instrumental in establishing ongoing partnerships between Jumbulla and Tourism NSW and Flight Centre.

Ten local Kooris are employed in a variety of positions at the centre.



The Jumbulla Discovery Centre, located in the New Southern Gateway Centre at Bulli Tops, Wollongong.

Jumbulla project manager Chris Noel says he is hoping the centre will provide an authentic insight into the area's local Indigenous heritage.

"This type of attraction is important to many different elements of the non-Aboriginal community, telling our stories from our point of view to the general public, allowing them to experience the importance and sense of belonging of our people to the Illawarra area, and also to international visitors, helping them to understand the depth and passion for culture, family and land that all Aboriginal people experience and why this nation needed to say 'sorry'," Mr Noel said.

"This attraction is the first of its kind in Australia where we, Aboriginal people of the Illawarra, talk about our culture, families, history and concerns and respect for the land and each other.

"Jumbulla also tells the local story of the struggle for justice and recognition that Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people undertook."



Visitors view an exhibit at the centre.

A book a bloke can dive in to

By DARREN COYNE

AWARD-winning author Bruce Pascoe knows a thing or two about fishing along Victoria's rugged coastline.

He has worked in the fishing industry as an abalone diver, all of his mates are fishermen, and like most knockabout characters he enjoys spinning a good yarn.

That's why his latest novel *Bloke*, released this month, is based in a

small fishing town in Victoria, where its main character, Jim Bloke, gets a job diving for sea urchins and abalone.

It's a setting Bruce Pascoe is extremely familiar with.

The 61-year-old spoke with *The Koori Mail* last week about his love of the ocean, the importance of family, and the latest of his six novels.

Pascoe, who recently became a grandfather, said the underwater world had always held a special attraction for him.

"I got into it because I like eating crayfish," he said. "It's an unbelievable experience (being under the water) ... a completely different world."

In his latest novel, Jim Bloke has the same affection for the water.

Only problem is, as the novel's blurb says, the abalone industry is more crooked than your average politician.

"... and since Bloke's already done

a season at the 'big gym', he makes a perfect fall guy when some dodgy scams go wrong.

"That sends him running again, into the arms of his real family, who happen to be blackfellas. Although Jim hadn't known this before, in one way he's known it all along.

"Bloke is about coming to terms with the important things in life – who you are, where you come from, where you belong, and who you really love, because this is also a love story."

Pascoe said the story took about three years to craft.

"It's obviously stuff I know about. There's a bit of football, a lot of fishing, and looking for family," he said.

Pascoe began writing as a young man, and has spent about 50 years sharing his yarns, fiction and non-fiction.

"I've always loved books and started writing in early secondary school and haven't stopped," he said.

After 15 years working as a school teacher, Pascoe resigned from the Education Department and became involved in writing and publishing.

He has written more than 20 books, including the revised version of *The Little Red Yellow Black Book*, described as 'the perfect starting point for those who want to know about Australia's rich indigenous culture'.

● *Bloke* is published by Penguin Group.



Award-winning author Bruce Pascoe and a couple of mates.



Big Big award for Troy



SINGER Troy Cassar-Daley, pictured, has taken out the Published Song of the Year award for *Big Big Love* at the 2009 Q Music Q Song Awards.

Cassar-Daley was unable to attend the Brisbane awards on 11 August as he is currently on tour in the Northern Territory.

His current album *I Love*

This Place was released in April and he has been touring throughout Australia since May to sold-out audiences.

Big Big Love spent seven weeks at number one on the Country Airplay chart and still sits in the top five on the ARIA Country chart, a position it's retained since debuting at number two the week of its release.

Cassar-Daley continues his tour throughout the rest

of 2009 which includes performances at Qld's Gympie Muster on 29 August (see www.muster.com.au for more), the Deni Ute Muster in Victoria on 2 October and Stock Up for Hope and Charity Drove Gala Dinner in Roma, southern Qld, on October 13.

For full details of Cassar-Daley's tour dates visit www.troycassardaley.com.au/dates.php

Lenny helping to keep the Awabakal language alive

By BRITTA LYSTER

CHILDREN in the Newcastle, Lower Hunter and Lake Macquarie areas of NSW are getting an introduction to the local Awabakal language with the launch this month of *Lenny And The Big Red Kinan*.

The book, aimed at kindergarten, primary and pre-school students, was launched by the Arwabukarl Cultural Resource Centre (ACRA) in Newcastle.

It follows main character young Lenny as he takes a walk through the bush collecting insects, giving students a chance to learn the Awabakal words for things like stick, centipede and bag.

Eight years in the making, ACRA has already received more than 65 orders for the book.

It is part of a growing collective resource kit including colouring book, snap and flash cards, posters, activity booklet and picture dictionary.

ACRA also provides



Three generations of Awabakal descendants, from left, Terri-lee Darcy, Phyllis Darcy and Katreen Darcy, holding their copy of *Lenny and The Big Red Kinan*.

follow-up, with language worker Jacqui Allen visiting participating schools and helping teaching staff implement and effectively utilise the resources.

She also provides practical assistance in the form of pronunciation of the Awabakal language.

The book is the first in a series of resources planned

in order to reclaim, preserve and disseminate the Awabakal traditional language.

ACRA Manager Daryn McKenny was excited

about what the book would mean to the revival of the Awabakal language and future projects, including other school resources featuring the body and relationships.

Lenny and The Big Red Kinan can be adapted to any language and a template has been produced for other interested language groups at minimal cost to publish their own version.

"The book is there for everyone to read," said Mr McKenny.

"It's aimed first off at children, but the book can be read by anyone of any age.

"The thing is we are living on Awabakal country and out of respect for that we do things the Awabakal way.

"It's our responsibility that the language here continues."

Copies of *Lenny and The Big Red Kinan*, as well as other Awabakal and language resources, can be bought through ACRA on phone (02) 4954 6899 or visit www.acra.org.au

Reggae comes to town



INDIGENOUS acts will be lining up alongside international artists as part

of Reggaetown 2009, to be held during the Cairns Festival on 5 September.

Performing are Getano Bann, from the Torres Strait, the Djarragun Band, from Cairns, and the Zennith Boyz, from Kuranda in Queensland. The Mayi Wunda Dancers, from Kuranda, will also take the stage.

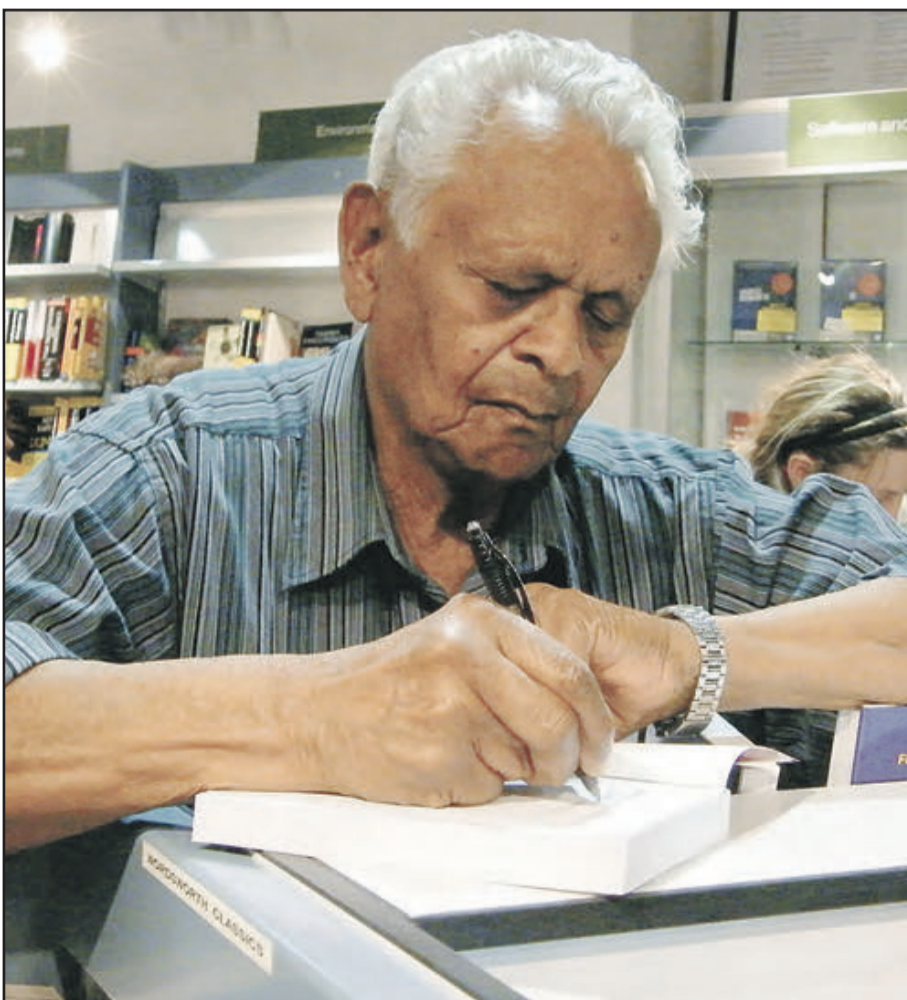
Some of the non-Indigenous acts to feature include Blue King Brown, New Zealand's Katchafire, Anthony B, from Jamaica, and Neacombe Diffuzion, from Noumea.

As well as reggae, dub, and hip hop music, the festival will have a global mix of food on offer, and there will be workshops for kids and adults.

For all ticketing information see: www.reggaetown.com.au

Elder's life detailed

By BRITTA LYSTER



Author and family historian Les Ridgeway signs copies of *Rainbow Beach Man*.

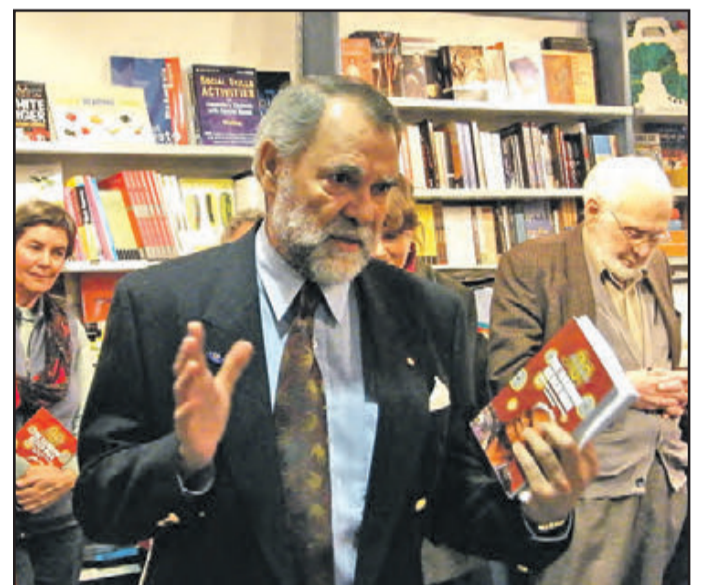
LES Ridgeway has always been a man on a mission... several in fact, as one of only a few ever Indigenous mission managers to be employed.

The life and times of the 81-year-old Worimi Elder from the NSW mid-north coast are the subject of a new book launched earlier this month in Newcastle.

Rainbow Beach Man, written by renowned author and historian John Ramsland, tells of Mr Ridgeway's constant battle to rise above adversity and racial discrimination. It chronicles a fascinating life story of tragedies and triumphs.

The eldest of eight children, Mr Ridgeway was born in Newcastle and then moved to Karuah with his parents and extended family.

He left school at 14, becoming a farm labourer, but his life was to change direction dramatically when he became the assistant manager of the remote Murrin Bridge Aboriginal Station. That position was the first of several he would undertake in that role, travelling all over NSW by car and caravan.



Aboriginal academic Dr Gordon Briscoe acknowledged the impact of pioneers such as Les Ridgeway.

His career highlight was to come in the early 1970s when he happened to meet the late Charles Perkins in Moree. Mr Perkins went on to create a special position for Mr Ridgeway with the then newly established Department of Aboriginal Affairs in 1974.

Speaking at the launch was celebrated Indigenous academic Gordon Briscoe, who acknowledged the importance and impact of

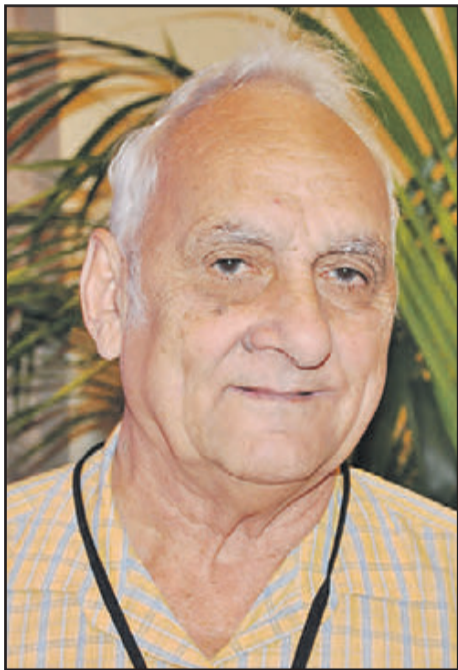
pioneers such as Les Ridgeway.

The man himself hopes that Aboriginal children and non-Aboriginal people alike will be able to learn from his experiences and understand that people can achieve anything they want to.

The paperback *Rainbow Beach Man*, published by Brolga Publishing, is now available in selected book stores.



Coral Way, left, and Trish Baird, of Harmony in Between.



Ernie Grant, the cultural officer at the Far North Queensland Indigenous Schooling Support Unit.



Indigenous adviser at the Armidale Catholic Schools Office Sharon Cooke.

Big questions on program at conference



ONE of the most crucial questions in education is: What should teachers teach? What is good curriculum for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students? What should non-Indigenous students be taught about Indigenous Australia? Is it more effective to have stand-alone units of work on Indigenous issues or have Indigenous perspectives embedded across the curriculum?

These were the questions addressed at Dare to Lead's National Curriculum Perspective Conference 'So What Do We Teach?', held in Canberra mid-month and attended by more than 210 delegates.

Dare to Lead National Schools Co-ordinator Brian Giles-Browne told delegates it was time for action, commitment, and equity leading to equality of outcome and knowledge for all students.

"The next generation of Australian leaders is in your schools today," he said.

"What we teach them and how we nurture them in our classrooms will make an immense difference for the long-term educational, social, cultural and welfare outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in the decades to come.

"Let's get it right. Let's explore with our communities what we teach and how we teach it."

Sharon Cooke, the Indigenous adviser at the Armidale Catholic Schools Office in northern NSW, said building community capacity was essential in enhancing the learning opportunities and outcomes for Aboriginal students.

"School learning success is dependent on the cultural appropriateness of learning activities, the engagement of the learner and the ongoing development of valued skills, knowledge and competencies within the learner," she said.



After the welcome to country, the Dare to Lead conference started with a performance by the Wiradjuri Echoes dancers.

Ernie Grant, a Jirrbal Elder from far north Queensland, discussed 'The Holistic Planning and Teaching Framework', an educational program that considers how Indigenous students learn.

"The framework came about because it is acknowledged that Western culture depends on literacy greatly, and Indigenous cultures depend on oral transmission of knowledge," he said.

"It would be a mistake, though, to say there is no written component to Indigenous transmission of knowledge, because Indigenous people use the land as their book.

"How we got fire, animals, water, all these things are written in the land. If teachers coming from a literate culture can't understand how people from the oral tradition transmit information, we have hit an immediate snag."

Mr Grant spoke of different approaches – holistic and compartmentalised – to writing curriculum.

Another of the sessions was a presentation on the 'Harmony in Between' project by teacher Trish Baird and Coral Way, a Kamilaroi woman and co-ordinator of Indigenous Education for Catholic Education in the Diocese of Rockhampton, Queensland.

The pair said Indigenous knowledge was a privilege, not a right.

"It should encourage a sense of wonder and appreciation of similarities and differences," they said. "Know what you don't know, and always seek advice. And finally, be brave. Indigenous perspectives in the curriculum are one small step in the direction of reconciliation and social justice."

More details at www.daretolead.edu.au

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Stronger Smarter Summit set



DEPUTY Prime Minister Julia Gillard is expected to open a conference in Brisbane next

month on closing Indigenous education gaps.

The Indigenous Education Leadership Institute (IELI), led by educator Chris Sarra, expects more than 500

teachers, educators, academics, administrators and others to attend the inaugural national 'Stronger Smarter Summit' from 28-29 September.

The conference will showcase schools from the IELI Stronger Smarter Schools Community and reinforce what the institute says is an 'urgent necessity for an Indigenous

education revolution'.

Other speakers will include Professor Mick Dodson, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Dr Sarra, and Catherine O'Sullivan.

For registration and further information visit www.strongersmarter.qut.edu.au and follow the links to the Stronger Smarter Summit.

Double celebration at Griffith University

Elder's work recognised



SENIOR Kombumerri Elder Graham Dillon was awarded an honorary doctorate at Griffith University's graduation ceremony late last month.

The Gold Coast man has played a leading role in representing community and broader Indigenous interests for more than 20 years, and recently accepted a role as an Elder-in-Residence at the university.

Dr Dillon said that, for him, becoming a doctor of the university was an historic moment.

"This recognises the mutual partnership between the traditional custodians of the Gold Coast region, the Kombumerri People, and Griffith University – a partnership that is unique nationally," he said.

Griffith offers honorary doctorates to outstanding individuals for their distinguished services to the university, to scholarship or to the community – to people who are often leaders in their field with a record of significant achievement over a long period of time.

The process of selecting recipients begins with nominations from the wider university community before a committee makes recommendations for the final decision.

Before his retirement in 2006, Dr Dillon was the general manager of Kalwun Development Corporation, a community-run service offering support across a range of areas such as community development, housing and crisis accommodation, health, aged care, legal support, and youth rehabilitation.

He had also taken up key

appointments at regional, state and Federal levels, including as a director of Aboriginal Hostels, elected councillor with the Aboriginal Development Commission and later the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission, director of the Queensland Land Tribunal and Elder of the Minjerribah Moorgumpim Elders-in-Council, North Stradbroke Island.

In 2008, Dr Dillon was selected to participate in the Indigenous discussion stream at the Australian Government's 2020 Summit.

Griffith Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor said Dr Dillon was deeply committed to improving the participation of Indigenous people in higher education and Griffith University 'was fortunate to have benefited from his distinguished leadership and wise counsel over the past ten years'.



Catherine, left, and Hellene Demosthenous celebrate.

Sisters the stars as they become doctors

TWO Brisbane sisters had double the excitement when they received their doctorates at Griffith University.

Dr Hellene Demosthenous and her sister Dr Catherine Demosthenous, from the Gamilaraay nation, graduated from Griffith's School of Education and Professional Studies with guidance from common supervisors.

They said the support they gave each other played a critical role in the long and challenging research process.

Hellene said she was encouraged by her sister to undertake university studies, and her PhD research explored communication in the deep hypnotic state.

"My research looked at how the hypnotist and the client interact in deep hypnosis. It's fascinating how

the deeply hypnotised person can communicate in a very organised and systematic way," she said.

Catherine, who went back to high school as a single parent in her early 30s, said she was delighted to be become a Doctor of Education. Her research has been nominated for the Australian Association for Research in Education award.

"My sister and I are the first generation in our family to go to university. This is a proud moment for us," she said.

"My research explored interactions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous students at Australian universities. I examined their language to explore race matters, particularly social inclusion and exclusion issues."

Both are now working at Griffith's Indigenous Policy and Community Engagement Office.



Graham Dillon, centre, receives his honorary doctorate from Griffith University Chancellor Leneen Forde and Vice Chancellor Professor Ian O'Connor.

Elly faces challenges in Canada



CAN you imagine going to a school where all your classmates have very different

backgrounds and languages and you learn as much from them as your teachers?

Or where there'll be so much to do that getting enough sleep will be a battle?

That's the challenge ahead of Elizabeth (Elly) Grace, a Year 11 student at Bonnyrigg High School, who recently won a \$60,000 United World Colleges (UWC) scholarship.

Elly will leave Australia on 31 August for Victoria, Canada, to

start her two-year full scholarship.

UWC scholars are selected based on their academic strengths, their willingness to learn and their involvement in extracurricular activities.

While overseas, Elly will be expected to provide community leadership and community projects in her host city – not such a big ask, since she has long been active in her school in Australia.

Her involvement in the State Student Representative Council and in many Indigenous events and programs impressed the UWC selectors.

Already a recipient under the KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc



ELLY GRACE

Scholarship Program, Elly was described by one Year 11 teacher as 'one of the most hard-working

and dedicated students' she had seen.

Under its Training, Development and Technology (TD&T) program, Liverpool-based Indigenous community organisation KARI provides up to 35 Aboriginal students from the south-west of Sydney with scholarships of up to \$1000 a year to help them make the transition from Year 10 to Year 11 and from Year 11 to Year 12.

Founded in 1962, UWC brings together students from 80 countries worldwide – selected on personal merit, irrespective of race, religion, politics and the ability to pay – with the aim of fostering peace and international

understanding. And Elly fits the bill, describing her opportunity as amazing.

"I think that my time over there will give me opportunities to learn about the Indigenous communities of the world," she said.

KARI CEO Paul Ralph said it was essential for young people to receive a good education.

"When it comes to being disadvantaged, Aboriginal people are the most vulnerable group of all, but we now need to take full advantage of all opportunities that come our way and make the most of those opportunities and turn disadvantage into advantage," he said.

Glaucoma a leader in causing blindness



HALF of an estimated 300,000 Australians with glaucoma may not know they have it, said Federal Indigenous Health, Rural and Regional Health and Regional Services Delivery Minister Warren Snowdon (pictured).

The eye disease continued to be one of the leading causes of blindness in Australia, the Minister said during National Glaucoma Week last week.

"Significant loss of peripheral vision can occur before people realise they have the disease, and it is not possible to reverse the eye damage once it has occurred," Mr Snowdon said.

"With high rates of diabetes, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are at particular risk of developing preventable blindness and vision loss from conditions such as glaucoma, and are less likely to seek access to specialist eye health services than other Australians."

Mr Snowdon said the Federal Government had committed funding of \$58.3 million over four years to improve access to eye health services for Indigenous Australians through the Improving Eye and Ear Health Services for Indigenous Australians for Better Education and Employment Outcomes measure.

"This investment includes expansion of

the Visiting Optometrist Scheme to provide new and increased numbers of optometric services to remote and very remote communities," he said.

"Importantly, these services will improve the early detection of eye health conditions, and start treatment before it is too late."

Mr Snowdon said all Australians from middle age onwards should get their eyes checked regularly by an optometrist or ophthalmologist as the incidence of glaucoma could also be age-related.

"Early detection and treatment can slow down the progression of glaucoma and prevent further vision loss", he said.

Cookbook is anything but ordinary



RECIPES like kangaroo tail stew are hard to come by in your average recipe book. But that's exactly what you'll find in

Kukumbat gudwan daga, the 'Really cooking good food' recipe book that was put together by a group of Aboriginal women living in remote Northern Territory communities.

Launched at Banatjarl, south of Katherine, last week with the assistance of the Fred Hollows Foundation, the book aims to improve the health of local community members and includes a diverse range of recipes from bush tucker to mainstream meals like spaghetti. The launch event was held on land that is culturally significant to the local Jawoyn Aboriginal women.

The day featured a good-natured 'cook-off' between neighbouring communities, using recipes from the cookbook and relying only on wood-fuelled bush woks, and a performance by Fred Hollows Foundation patron Shellie Morris.

Project Co-ordinator Alison Lorraine congratulated the women for creating a cookbook

based on nutritious recipes, sourcing local ingredients and catering for up to 100 different meals.

"This is a fantastic way to improve the nutrition for people receiving meals on wheels and school lunch programs," she said.

Local women's centres took the lead in the project, suggesting recipes and cooking methods that reflect the reality of living in communities that can be up to five hours from the nearest supermarket.

Enjoyed cooking

Representatives from the Manyallaluk Women's Centre said they especially enjoyed cooking for the elderly and the school kids, and community members often visited the centre and enjoyed their cooking.

The artwork that appears on the cover of the cookbook is by artist Glen Wesan, who lives in the local aged care hostel and is supported by the Wugular Women's Centre.

The Fred Hollows Foundation purchased the artwork from local arts centre Djilpin Arts and has donated it back to the arts centre to be housed in their permanent collection.



● ABOVE: Miliwanga Sandy, The Fred Hollows Foundation member Joy McLaughlin and Angelina George with the art work by Glen Wesan. Angelina George accepted it on behalf of Djilpin Arts.

● LEFT: Jocelyn McCartney and singer Shellie Morris check out the recipes.

● BELOW: Ester Bulumbara and Zane Runyu look over the cookbook.



● LEFT: Rachel Coulthard and Mavis Jumbirri in the great bush wok cook-off.

● RIGHT: Local woman Angelina George with her copy of the book.



WA MP a quitter — and proud of it

By KEN BOASE in Perth



WEST Australian Labor MP Carol Martin has been presented with a special certificate of merit from the Australian Council on Smoking and Health (ACOSH) for giving up

smoking after 39 years.

ACOSH President Mike Daube says it was decided to present the certificate because Ms Martin has such a high profile in the community and she could be a role model for others in the Aboriginal community to also quit.

"Smoking is declining in adults, in children, but it's still not declining in the Indigenous community and what it needs above all, is role models to set that example, and Carol will be an ideal role model," Mr Daube said.

"Smoking causes 20 per cent of deaths in the Indigenous community, and what's happened in the broader community is that when role models fail to quit, so do many others.

"We know that the first two weeks is the hardest to get through when you quit and then the first three months, but once you're through that it gets easier."

Ms Martin said she quit the smokes in February this year and — apart from some mental readjustment — it had been easier than she expected.

"I have to say I thought I'd never pull this off because the only time I didn't smoke was when I was pregnant and had little breast-feeding babies, but once they were off the boob I was back on the fags," Ms Martin said.

"I really wanted to give up, and once it actually happened, I thought it was easy. But I had weird dreams about pinching cigarette butts out of the ash tray of my son's car and he's never ever even smoked! None of my children smoke and none of my foster kids smoke.

"I had a bit of a sore throat when I gave up and I remember getting desperate to go and get a smoke but I resisted and I'm glad I did."



Australian Council on Smoking and Health President Mike Daube presents WA Labor Member of Parliament and Aboriginal woman Carol Martin with a certificate congratulating her for quitting smoking.

Ms Martin said that giving up had not made her feel better at this stage, but she was getting on top of other health problems.

"I've got diabetes and hypertension, so my smoking was actually masking my illnesses. So giving up made me realise I had to get a handle on my health," the Kimberley MP said.

She said the best part about giving up

was the money she'd saved over the past six months.

"I've saved more than \$2000 since I gave up because I would keep giving them out to my mates. But since I gave up, I notice I haven't got so many mates around anymore, but that's just a laugh," Ms Martin said.

"I don't want to be part of that 20 per cent, and I want to be around for my

grandkids, and as an Aboriginal woman and as a matriarch of my community I need to be here.

"So giving up will allow me, as a mother and grandmother, to take my place in the community and have a major impact on their future and push them to be the best that they can.

"I enjoyed smoking, but I enjoy not smoking even more."

Funding targets smoking



INDIGENOUS communities and organisations across southern Queensland have been encouraged to apply for Queensland Health

funding to promote smoke-free messages.

The Event Support Program is designed to raise awareness of smoking and passive smoking issues in Indigenous communities and to promote a positive attitude towards a smoke-free lifestyle.

Queensland Health senior program officer Niamh Scully said

tobacco smoking was the single highest risk factor for the disease in Australia and the leading cause of drug-related, preventable deaths.

"This is of particular concern in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities where more than half of the Indigenous adults reported smoking, compared to less than one quarter of the general adult population," she said.

"Our Event Support Program enables Indigenous communities and groups to promote the smoke-free message of 'Smoking: It can cost us the game' and 'Tobacco: It can cost us our culture', within their

local Indigenous sporting carnivals, recreational events, arts, dance and cultural festivals, including NAIDOC Week celebrations.

"In 2008/09 more than 30 events across Southern Queensland received funding."

Grants of up to \$5000 for community events or projects, along with complimentary resources promoting the smoke-free message are available to eligible organisations.

Applications close on 21 September 2009. For more information, contact Niamh Scully on (07) 3328 9867.

Mental health unit for young people



NSW's first mental health unit for young people with severe and

persistent mental health problems has been opened at the Concorde Centre for Mental Health in inner-west Sydney.

The new 12-bed Walker Unit will treat young people from across the state who have severe mental illness, with access to mental health experts 24 hours a day.

In opening the unit, NSW

Minister Assisting on Health Barbara Perry said the centre was unique in Australia because the intensive treatment would last up to six months for the most severe cases in the one unit, rather than the traditional mixed-case, shorter-stay adolescent wards.

Ms Perry said the unit would take a holistic approach, with specialist education programs provided while the importance of physical activity and exercise would also be emphasised.

Speech pathologist Andrea Coleman doing work with Aileen in Woorabinda. All photos courtesy of Queensland Health



Deadly ears is strategy goal

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



THE Queensland Government has launched a strategy based on the innovative Deadly Ears program that combats ear disease prevalent in remote and regional Indigenous communities.

Deadly Ears aims to improve the co-ordination and integration of more culturally appropriate and evidence-based sustainable ear care, and to integrate ear-health treatment and awareness into public health services.

The Government has committed \$4.4 million towards the program over three years, so that ear, audiological and communication tests of more than 3000 children can be undertaken statewide.

Otitis media, or 'glue ear', can cause chronic pain, eardrum perforations, conductive hearing loss, and central auditory processing disorder, which impedes and delays recognition of sounds. This, in turn, can result in delays in childhood development, lack of participation in schools and poorer educational outcomes.

Already, the Deadly Ears program has helped to repair damage and restore hearing to



Minister Paul Lucas and ear health expert Dr Chris Perry with Wilarn and Yarra.

more than 1200 children. Fifty-eight per cent of children screened so far aged 0-14 failed ear health tests. That increased to 85 per cent for children 0-4 years.

A six-week campaign in one community reduced ear health screening failures from 79 per cent to 51 per cent.

Qld Health Minister Paul

Lucas said the 'Deadly Ears, Deadly Kids, Deadly Communities: 2009 - 2013 Framework' formed an important part of the Government commitment to closing the gap in health.

"Some communities in Queensland have rates of chronic middle-ear infections that well exceed rates

acknowledged by the World Health Organisation as an indicator of a major public health problem," he said.

The Minister said Deadly Ears was the only program of its kind in Australia.

He said it was making significant inroads in addressing middle-ear disease in Indigenous children.

New CEO named for Maari Ma



WESTERN NSW's Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation has announced the appointment of Bob Davis as the organisation's new Chief Executive Officer, following the departure earlier this year of Richard Weston.

Board of Directors Chairperson Maureen O'Donnell said Mr Davis brought with him a wealth of knowledge and experience in Aboriginal health and Aboriginal affairs.

"Mr Davis is currently the Director of Land, Policy and Research with the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council," she said.

"He has been the CEO of the Cape York Health Council, a community controlled health-care organisation recognised as the lead agency for Indigenous health in that region, and was CEO of Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service for ten years, a community controlled Aboriginal health service based on the mid-north coast of NSW."

Mrs O'Donnell said Mr Davis also had wide experience serving on Aboriginal community health committees, and local and international policy development groups.

"He was a founding member of the Healing Our Spirit Worldwide movement in Berlin in 1990, now the largest Indigenous health movement in the world," she said.

Mrs O'Donnell said Mr Davis would be heading the organisation at a time of significant growth and progress.

She thanked Maari Ma operations director Nola Whyman for managing the day-to-day running of Maari Ma since Richard Weston's departure.

Mr Davis will begin in his new position on 21 September.

Managers to help disabled



SIX Aboriginal-specific positions are among 28 case manager positions currently being recruited by the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) in southern Sydney, to work with people with a disability.

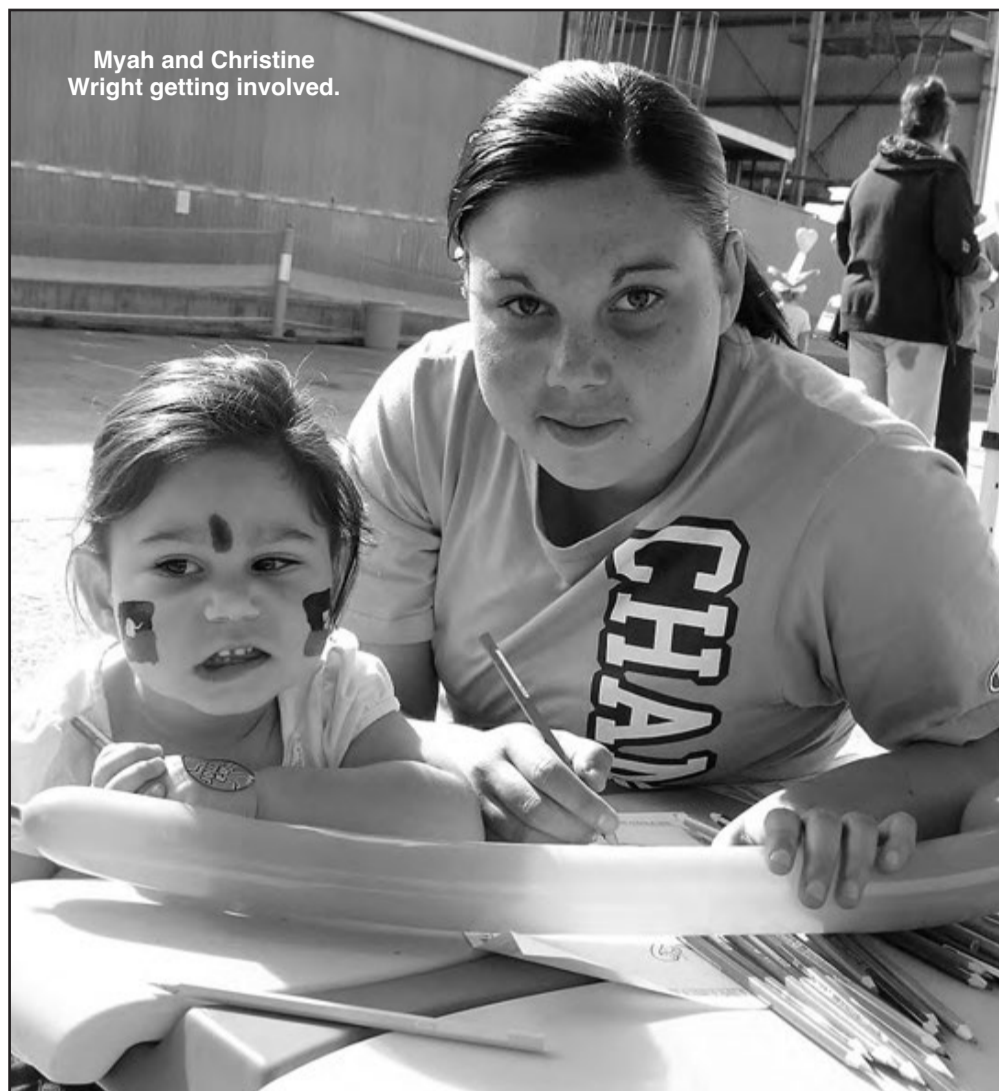
Disability Services Minister Paul Lynch said the case managers would work as part of a team and would also enable Aboriginal families, who have a member with a disability, to better access a range of supports and services.

Mr Lynch, who is also Aboriginal Affairs Minister, said the recruitment was an example of action the NSW Government was taking to expand its work with Aboriginal communities.

He said that given the strong response from candidates, it was possible the number of Aboriginal-specific positions would be increased in the current intake. Successful applicants are expected to start work in August.



Jake Davis, Kim Wright, Mia and Aheeka Reilly and Suzanne Parsons joined in the face painting.



Myah and Christine Wright getting involved.

Big day for Durri



DURRI Aboriginal Corporation Medical Service (ACMS) in Kempsey

celebrated National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day on 4 August – and the staff appeared to have just as much fun as the kids.

The theme promoted by Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) this year was 'Good Child Protection, we do it better together'.

The Kempsey celebration was organised by Durri's Delya Smith, a Families NSW officer, and Aboriginal health

worker Diana Davis, with the ACMS hosting children from Dalaigur and South Kempsey pre-schools and elsewhere.

Activities

Activities included face painting, arts and crafts, story telling and singing, traditional

games and a barbecue lunch.

The event was also an opportunity for Durri ACMS to introduce its Child Health Assessment Team.

As part of the 'Close the Gap' initiative, Durri offers health checks for local Indigenous children.

Durri acting CEO Darren

Kershaw said he was impressed with the 'positive energy within the ACMS' in the lead-up to the event and said he was certain this would be maintained for future health promotion days sponsored by the organisation.

– Contributed by **RAELENE DAVIS**, Durri ACMS



Corny the Clown entertaining some of the kids at the Durri Medical Service celebration.



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Department of Health and Ageing

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TACKLING INDIGENOUS SMOKING COORDINATOR

The Department of Health and Ageing is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations for a Tackling Indigenous Smoking Coordinator.

Working with the Department, the Coordinator will be required to provide leadership in national implementation of the tackling smoking measure under the COAG National Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap in Indigenous Health Outcomes.

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking Coordinator will focus on evaluation, analysis and dissemination of program outcomes, with a view to shaping policy and program directions in Indigenous tobacco control. The Coordinator may also be required to promote and deliver training.

The initial contract is for a three year period, with the potential to extend for an extra year.

The Tackling Indigenous Smoking Coordinator will be required to work from the Department of Health and Ageing Central Office in Woden ACT.

Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlined in the Request For Tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site at www.health.gov.au/tenders

Questions should be addressed to the Project Officer Fiona Mommsen on: Phone: 02 6289 8194.

Tenders will close at 2pm on 30 September 2009 in Canberra.

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Smokers warned



NEW data indicating that one in every two Indigenous women smoke

has prompted a warning from PapScreen Victoria. The service says that while many women are aware that smoking causes lung cancer, far fewer realise that smoking also increases the risk of developing cancer of the cervix.

Women who smoke have a 60 per cent greater risk of developing cervical cancer than non-smokers.

Recent figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) indicated 49 per cent of

Indigenous women smoke*, which places them at higher risk of developing the deadly disease.

High-risk types of the human papilloma virus (HPV), the virus which causes cervical cancer, must be present in the cervix to increase a smoker's risk. This is highly probable as more than half of all Australian women will be exposed to high-risk HPV in their lifetime.

PapScreen Victoria is urging all Indigenous women to have regular two-yearly Pap tests, as the quick and simple screening test is the best form of protection

against developing cervical cancer.

Women should begin having Pap tests at the age of 18 or two

'...Women who smoke place themselves at higher risk of developing cervical cancer'

years after starting sexual activity, whichever comes later. This is because HPV is a sexually transmitted virus and Pap tests

detect abnormal cell changes caused by HPV.

PapScreen Victoria Manager Kate Broun is encouraging all Indigenous women to have regular two-yearly Pap tests at their Aboriginal health service or medical clinic.

"HPV is a very common sexually transmitted infection," she said. "For most women, HPV clears naturally from the body over a one-to-two-year period, however, the risk of this not happening is considerably higher in women who smoke. Women who smoke place themselves at

higher risk of developing cervical cancer as the cancer-causing chemicals from tobacco smoke damage the DNA in the cervical cells. For women who smoke, HPV infections develop at a much faster rate than non-smokers."

If you have any questions about cervical cancer, Pap tests or HPV, ring the Cancer Council Helpline on 131 120 or visit www.papscreen.org.au

If you'd like help quitting, ring the Quitline on 137 848.

* Tobacco Smoking in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Population (2004-05), Australian Bureau of Statistics, 29 July 2009.



With a final inspection of the damper by the Elders, the cook is ready to go.



Ballina resident Julia Paden enjoys a therapeutic massage from Tweed Valley Respite Service support worker Mavis Strohfeltd.



Sisters Beatrice Heron and Muriel Burns opt for a foot spa during their pampering afternoon.

'Holiday' offers benefits

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A THERAPEUTIC holiday in a beachside town may be just the thing a group of

Aboriginal carers and their families need to rejuvenate their senses.

The Care 4 U Holiday Program offers primary carers and their care recipients – most often a close family member – the chance to experience a therapeutic and educational holiday together.

The program, which operates out of the Tweed Valley Respite Service (TVRS), runs 12 times a year across different locations throughout northern NSW. Three of them are Indigenous-specific.

Program Co-ordinator Liz Edward said the holistic nature of the program fitted well into Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's view of caring. She said the program recognised that within one family, the roles of the primary care-giver and the recipient were often reversed, and also included members of the extended family.

Ms Edward said the aim was to offer carers and their family members not only a break but also the chance to reflect on their caring role, increase their capacity for self care and to link in with and access other support in the community.

She said the program was unique in the sense that it

required both the primary caregiver and the care recipient to participate in the holiday together in order to receive the full benefits of the program.

In the most recent five-day holiday, which is supported around the clock by trained aged-care staff, Aboriginal carers from the Northern Rivers area and as far away as Sydney took time out in Byron Bay and enjoyed a mixture of leisure and educational activities.

Developments

In between hitting the local shops, barbecues and beauty treatments, carers heard from guest speakers about the latest developments in aged care and what services were available to them.

Ms Edward said one of the most important aspects of the program was helping to forge long-lasting links between the carers and family members to continue the support after the holiday had ended.

According to the most recent national Census, Indigenous people were more likely than others to care for another person with disability, long-term illness or problems related to age.

It also found Indigenous carers were up to three times as likely to need assistance with core activities themselves, and those aged 15 to 34 were almost twice as likely to be carers as non-Indigenous people of the same age.



Uncle Kevin Randal takes some time out.



Ballina resident Kathleen Rhodes said she was really starting to relax after an afternoon of pampering, seen here with a Tweed Valley Respite Service support worker.



Working on their art, mother and daughter Gertrude and Jackie King came from Sydney to attend the holiday in Byron Bay.



'DiSmobbers' with the first series of skateboard designs, from left, Maddison Peeters, Latu Lui (Woree State High School), Lisa Pearson (Bentley Park College) and Redmond Miller (Gordonvale High School).

DiSmob takes fresh look at art concepts



FOUR Indigenous high school students from Cairns, north Queensland, have been learning how to turn their artworks into designs that could present them with economic opportunities. Creative mentor Leigh Harris, from design company ingenious studios, said the initial focus of the Qld Education Department-funded DiSmob project was development of something that was urban and Indigenous and hadn't been seen before, hence the development

of a series of skateboard decks.

He said he worked with the students, aged 14-17, transferring their concept ideas from paper onto the computer, and into final production.

The result was 12 original skateboard deck art designs – which he calls SKARt Decks.

Mr Harris said DiSmob showed the students there was more to the arts industry than just painting on canvas, that creativity could be used in other ways, and it was important to be innovative.

"It's a fresh look at not just where

Indigenous art can be taken to, but artwork generally," he said.

Mr Harris said he was trying to find a suitable space so DiSmob could hold an exhibition, showcasing not only the skateboard decks the students had created, but also the other digital artworks created during the project, which finished just over a month ago.

He said his long-term vision was for DiSmob to produce retail-quality Indigenous artworks on products ranging from skateboard decks and lounges to fashion garments and homewares.



A willy wagtail by Nyoongah artist Janine McAullay Bott.

Birds and baskets at exhibition



TWO Indigenous artists who work in vastly different mediums will be exhibiting their work in Fremantle, Western Australia, from 16 October to 1 November. The exhibition, titled 'Baskets and Birds', will be on display at Artitja Fine Arts, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle. It will include a show of birds including cockatoos, kookaburras and willy wagtails – painted and woven.

From the red desert country of Papunya in the Northern Territory, young artist Kukula McDonald paints her orange-tailed black cockatoo and the colourful hills of her country.

And from the coastal plains of Perth and her Katanning origins, Nyoongah fibre textile artist and bush sculptor Janine McAullay Bott uses palm fronds, coolabah seedpods and plant materials to bring to life local species of birds including the black cockatoo.

Ms McAullay Bott was a section winner in the 2009 Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards, announced this month in Darwin (see pages 12-13).

The exhibition is free to the public and will be open from 10am to 6pm daily.



Artwork by Papunya artist Kukula McDonald, featuring cockatoos.

Artworks with queer bent sought



INDIGENOUS artworks with a queer bent are being sought as part of Adelaide's Feast Festival, an annual gay and lesbian community arts gathering.

Organisers say that in keeping with this year's theme of 'home-grown', Feast will host 'Homeland', a collection of works by emerging Indigenous visual artists.

Artwork must either be created by an Indigenous Australian lesbian,

gay, bi-sexual, transgender, intersex (LGBTI) or queer person, or represent a queer theme.

For more information or to get involved, contact the Feast visual arts coordinator Danny by the end of September on phone (08) 8463 0684 or at visualarts@feast.org.au

NSW Aboriginal Art Prize finalists announced



FINALISTS for the 2009 Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize have been announced.

They're in the running for a \$20,000 acquisitive prize.

The competition is aimed at Aboriginal artists who were born or live in NSW. This year, 52 works by 38 individual artists have been selected. Some of these finalist art works will be displayed in an exhibition at NSW Parliament House from 30 September to 29 October 2009.

The winner will be announced at the opening on 21 October, and the winning work is acquisitive to the Parliament of NSW.

The exhibition of selected finalist art works will tour regional venues throughout NSW, and for the first time Queensland in 2010.

The tour is co-ordinated by

Museums and Galleries NSW.

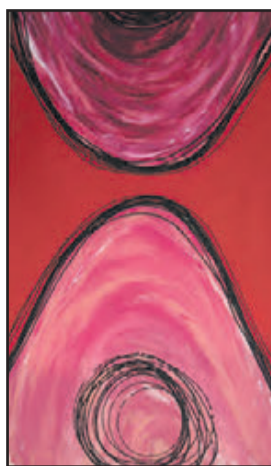
In addition to the Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize, there is a second award, the College of Fine Arts (COFA) Professional Development Award. The COFA Award will also be announced at the opening on 21 October.

This award includes a two-week residency and solo exhibition at the EPS Gallery at COFA's campus in Paddington, Sydney.

The COFA Professional Development Award is supported by the University of NSW.

The Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize was established in 2005 and is developed in partnership between the Parliament of NSW and Campbelltown Arts Centre.

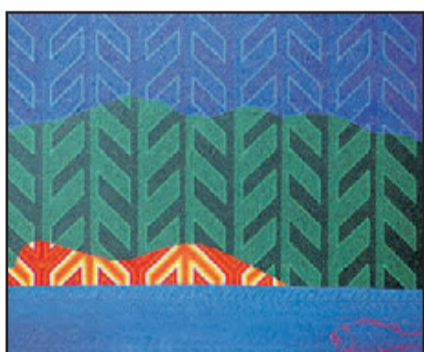
Campbelltown Arts Centre director Liz Havilah said the prize 'continues to recognise the high standard of Aboriginal art from various parts of the State...'



● LEFT: Warwick Keen's *Welwyn #2* (2009).

● RIGHT: Natalie Bateman's *May at Home* (2009).

Images courtesy of the artists



● ABOVE: Milton Budge's *Aboriginals in Chains* (2009).

● LEFT: Fabri Blacklock's *Tingha Rocks* (2009).

Top movie adapted as a play



AWARD-winning Australian film *One Night The Moon* has been adapted

into a stage play that will be performed at Melbourne's Malthouse Theatre next month and in the first week of October.

Telling the true story of Aboriginal tracker Sergeant Alexander Riley, the play is directed by Murri playwright and artistic director Wesley Enoch

It stars Mark Seymour, of Hunters and Collectors fame, Kirk Page, from Bangarra Dance Theatre, Ursula Yovich, who starred as Nullah's mother in *Australia*, and Natalie O'Donnell.

They'll be accompanied by a live ensemble to realise this story of loss and redemption about a young girl who climbs from the window of her rural home and wanders off looking for the moon one evening in 1932.

Her grief-stricken parents search the landscape in vain, but small-minded bigotry keeps them from turning to the one man who could retrace the footsteps of this child.

The 2001 film won AFI Awards for Best Original Score and Best Cinematography and was directed by Rachel Perkins, whose latest film *Bran Nue Dae* has recently premiered.

Be our guest at *One Night The Moon*

The *Koori Mail* has three double passes to give away to the preview performance of *One Night the Moon* on Friday September 11 at 7.30pm, courtesy of the kind folks at Malthouse Theatre.

For a chance to win, simply email your answer to the following question along with your name, address and phone number to editor@koorimail.com

Q: Which legendary Australian musician starred as the father in the 2001 film version of *One Night the Moon*?

The first three correct answers received, will each win a double pass to the preview performance.

Visit www.malthousetheatre.com.au/page/ONE_NIGHT_THE_MOON for more details on the upcoming production.



The stage adaptation of *One Night The Moon* starts 11 September at Melbourne's Malthouse Theatre and *The Koori Mail* has three double passes to give away (see above for more details). Photo by GARTH ORIANDER

The film featured the songs of musician Paul Kelly, co-written with Kev Carmody

and Mairead Hannan. In the film, Kelly also played the father of the missing child.

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

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Indigenous Artists in Victoria are invited to submit work for the Victorian Indigenous Art Awards 2009.

Including the Deadly Art Award of \$25,000.

For entry details and forms contact Michele Boscia
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Rest: What's that?

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



DAVID Page is looking forward to Christmas when he can finally go home, spend time with his family and relax.

In the meantime, however, his back-to-back schedule will see him flying across the country for two major productions.

When he finally laid his character to rest in 2006 after having taken his one-man show *Page 8* across the country, finishing up with eight weeks in England, he said to himself it would be the last time.

Pages' brother Stephen, Bangarra's artistic director and also director of the show described it as '...a love letter to our family, our history and our culture, about courage and vulnerability, love, pain and loss'.

Page himself says that the process of taking a show on the road is incredibly draining, but worth every minute. Arguably, more so when the show is a one-man autobiographical account – Page's life story, essentially.

"I've done a lot of different things, but that feeling of performing a live show before an audience is incredible," he said.

"By the end of it I was tired, and I told myself I'm not going to do it again, but it's what we do best, telling good yarns.

"One of the best things is sharing with the audience and giving them the opportunity to reflect on their own lives."

Co-written with Louis Nowra and directed by his brother Stephen, Page said the coming-of-age show was resurrected when the Adelaide Festival

Centre asked him to join the line-up. It will run from 1-5 September at the Dunstan Playhouse. Meanwhile, Bangarra's 20-year retrospective will see him touring across the country with the company.

In between all of this, arts aficionado Rhoda Roberts had learned of the show's return and asked him to perform at the Dreaming Festival, which he did in June.

With Page performing from such a young age as 'Little Davey Page', with appearances on *Countdown* and a host of other high-profile gigs, has he ever wanted to just get away from it all?

"I think about it all the time, but when you create something that's ongoing and it needs your attention, then you can't just walk away from it," Page said.

'Stressful, but good'

"It's stressful at times, but it's good. What keeps you grounded are the times when you can spend time with family and friends; that keeps you going and refuels you in a way."

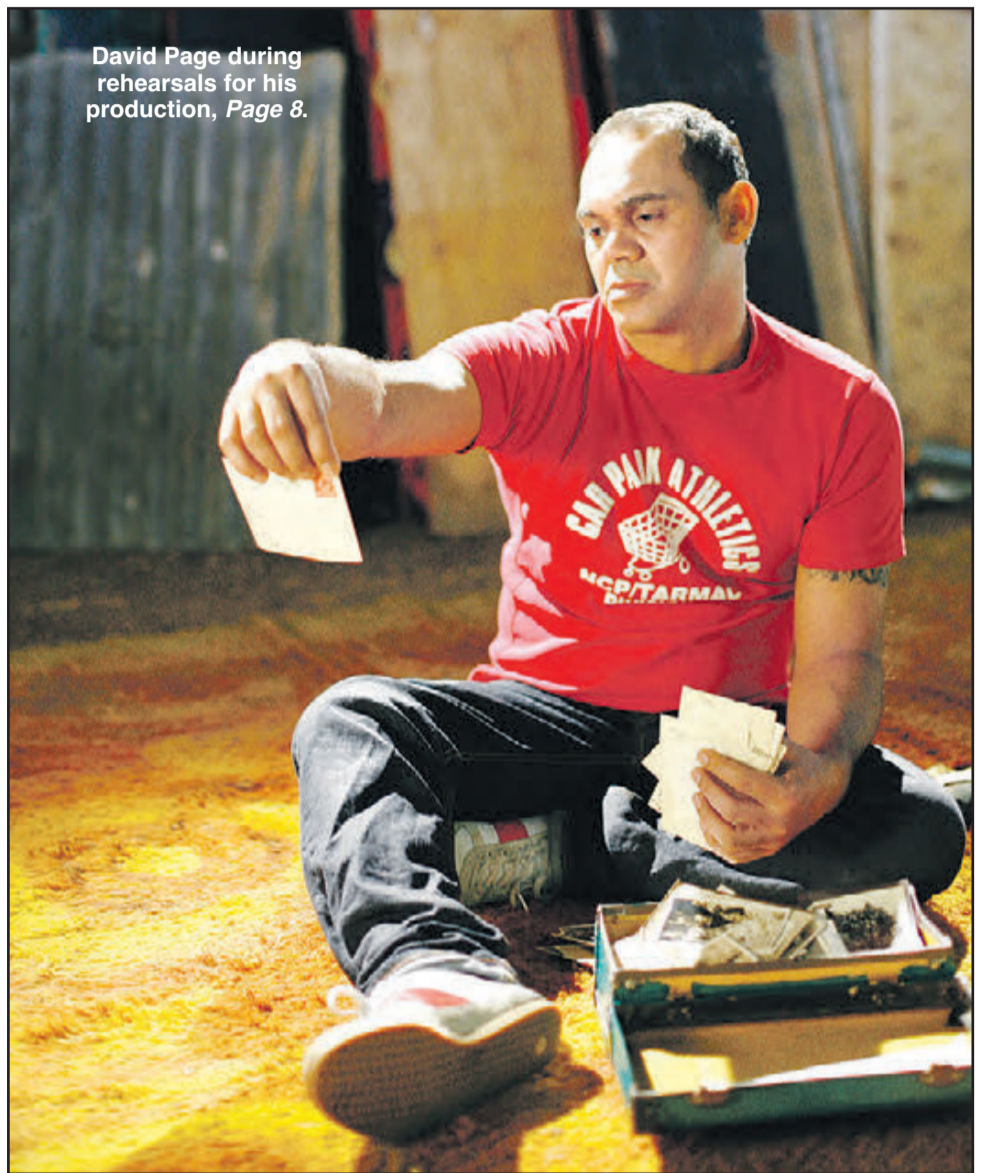
As one of the musical directors behind the score to the 2000 Olympic opening ceremony, Page maintains an enduring passion for his work, even more so for the Bangarra Dance Theatre.

"You're representing your culture, and that's what Bangarra holds for us," he said.

"I want to be able to create something that is lasting and can be passed on to the next generation."

Page is looking forward to the next chapter in his life, putting together a cabaret show and taking it on the road. And, most importantly, having some fun with it.

David Page during rehearsals for his production, *Page 8*.



Desert artists' take on Aussie rules football



TO celebrate the arrival of the 2009 Australian Football League (AFL) finals series, Mossenson Galleries in Collingwood, Melbourne, is showcasing

a new exhibition of football paintings and carvings by two desert artists.

Husband-and-wife artist team Josie Kunoth Petyarre and Dinni Kunoth Kemarre hail from the remote Eastern Desert region of Utopia and the pair are two of the leading chroniclers

of the national game.

In 2007, they were invited to create an installation for the AFL Hall of Fame in Melbourne. Their resultant exhibition – *Centre Bounce* – featuring 16 wooden sculptures representing each of the AFL teams, was received to wide acclaim.

In 2008, they were invited to participate in the inaugural Basil Sellers Art Prize, a \$100,000 award devoted to the representation of sport in art.

The work the Kunoths exhibited – an installation combining sculptures of

footballers and paintings of the MCG-dominated Melbourne cityscape – stood out as unlike anything else in the show.

Writing in *Art Monthly Australia*, distinguished art critic Christopher Heathcote declared their joint entry of paintings and sculptures 'the making of the exhibition'.

Their latest exhibition *Bush Football* celebrates the local football of the Central Desert and the sense of community inspired by it.

In these football paintings, the central motif of the oval organises two different types of action: The regulated play on the field, and the carnival atmosphere off it.

Bush Football is on until 5 September at Mossenson Galleries Collingwood, 41 Derby Street, Collingwood. For more information phone (03) 9417 6694 or email collingwood@mossensongalleries.com.au



● ABOVE: *Bush Football Carnival*, Josie Kunoth Petyarre, 91 x 122 cm, acrylic on linen.

● LEFT: *Bush Football Carnival*, Josie Kunoth Petyarre, 93 x 93 cm, acrylic on linen.



The Centre for Contemporary Photography invites Indigenous photographers, artists and arts workers to attend a National Indigenous Photographers' Forum in Melbourne.

The two and a half day Forum presents the opportunity to further develop photographic industry and technical knowledge, establish contacts and network with Indigenous photomedia artists and curators from across Australia.

This Forum is free to attend for Indigenous photomedia artists. A registration fee applies for all other attendees.

Registrations are due by 18 September

For further details and registration information, please go to www.ccp.org.au or contact Anna Liebreit (03) 9417 1549 or annaliebreit@ccp.org.au

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Pictured here and above are students taking part in the dance project.

Students dance through project



CAMPBELLTOWN Arts Centre in partnership with the NAISDA Dance College presented an Aboriginal community dance development project last month.

Called 'The Ink is Black, the Page is White', the project was for Aboriginal dance students from secondary schools in south-west Sydney. It featured workshops and a performance.

The students performed for Aboriginal Elders, families, teachers and others after being guided by

senior NAISDA students and Indigenous choreographer Vicki Van Hout.

The stories used in the performance were taken from the Campbelltown Arts Centre community cultural development project 'Tell Me My Mother and My Father My Brother', which aims to promote learning, respect and understanding between generations.

Three of four Elders featured in those stories were present for the performance, which organisers described as fantastic.

All good for women



SIX Aboriginal women from Bundaberg, south-east Queensland, are one step

closer to their dream of making a living from their art, after half of their works featured in a recent exhibition were sold.

The theme of the Aboriginal Women Artists' Co-op exhibition was 'Traditional Transformations and Contemporary Creations' and highlighted the diversity of influences found by the women in an urban environment.

The artists, Nicole Wone, Sandy Marriage,

Susan Terare, Luwanna Fatiaki, Marlene Golding and Naomi Commandeur, created 36 pieces for the exhibition, which ran for five days in Bundaberg.

Co-op media officer Colleen Johnson said there had been positive results, including an invitation from the local arts centre to book an exhibition for next year. Meanwhile, two of the artists had been offered vacant space, at no cost, in the local shopping centre to display their art.

"Sometimes in this urban environment we can become invisible," Ms Johnson said.

"But cultural events like this put us on that public platform and I am very

proud when it gets the support and attention which helps the reconciliation process and the breaking down of stereotypes."

Ms Johnson said the exhibition also showed off the women's professionalism.

● The Exhibition was sponsored by Creative Regions, Bundaberg Regional Council Sub-committee and Gidarjil Development Corporation, an Aboriginal-owned and managed organisation that aims to support Aboriginal business in Bundaberg. The artists were assisted in hanging the works by members of the Bundaberg Arts Society.



Bundaberg exhibition organisers Nicole Wone, left, and Sandy Marriage.



University of Ballarat Aboriginal Education Centre staff members, from left, Ben Atkinson, Shirley Morgan, Katrina Beer and Christine Ward.

Showing a fundraiser



A SCREENING of the award-winning Indigenous film *Samson & Delilah* in Ballarat, Victoria, has been used as a fundraising event for a writing conference.

The event was organised by the Aboriginal Education Centre in collaboration with the Professional Writing and Editing Program at the University of Ballarat.

The university will be hosting the Black, White and Brindle Writers

Conference in November. The conference will be open to Indigenous and other writers.

A university spokesperson said the proposed guest list featured a strong line-up of Indigenous talent.



● ABOVE: At the showing were, from left, Professor Neil Trivett, Jason Ffello, Kristin Warr of the University of Tasmania, James O'Meara of the University of Ballarat and Carol O'Meara.

● LEFT: Kerrie Fisher, Dr Fred Cahir, and Faye Clarke, of the University of Ballarat.



Art gallery intern is heading home



CHAD Creighton, of Broome in Western Australia, is taking up a position at the Kimberley Land Council after completing an internship at the Art Gallery of Western Australia.

Mr Creighton had been working at the art gallery for more than three years after winning a three-year Indigenous curatorial internship, which was sponsored by AngloGold Ashanti Australia Pty Ltd, Carey Mining Ltd, Downer EDI Pty Ltd and Curtin University.

He will now take up a position as a project officer with the KLC.

"The Art Gallery of WA has provided me with skills and training that will help me succeed, it has been a truly challenging and rewarding experience," Mr Creighton said.

"I look forward to returning home to Broome and joining the team at the KLC."



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The Looking Forward Fund

Grants for Regional Arts and Cultural Development

The Department of Culture and the Arts invites applications from groups and organisations to support regional and remote communities in a broad range of arts and cultural development.

The Looking Forward Fund will support imaginative and inspiring programs including the development of markets and networks as well as professional, artistic and creative skills.

Looking Forward applications close on 2 October 2009

Please check our website www.dca.wa.gov.au/lookingforwardfund for details and contact the Senior Policy Officer Regional Arts on 9224 7442 or free call 1800 199 090 for more information.



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Welcome to The Koori Mail's National Calendar of Events. We welcome your submissions. Please keep them short and include a daytime telephone contact number for checking purposes. Items can be emailed to calendar@koorimail.com or faxed to (02) 66 222 600 or call us on (02) 66 222 666.

Until 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 6 September: Brisbane City Council's Black History Month. Come learn, feel, experience and participate in the long and most interesting history of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life within Brisbane's 150-year celebrations and will highlight their achievements and contributions to Queensland. All welcome. Held in Brisbane. Details: (07) 3403 8888 or visit www.ourbrisbane.com/whats-on/black-history-month-feature

Until 12 September: Kambarang Treasures – the Paintings of Shane Pickett-Art Exhibition. All welcome. Held at Mossenson Galleries, 115 Hay Street, Subiaco, WA. Details: (08) 9388 2899 or email art@mossensongalleries.com.au or visit www.mossensongalleries.com.au

Until 17 September: 'Hidden World Part: 2' art exhibition. This is a new-age expression of Indigenous art incorporating the spiritual and cultural interconnectedness with nature, mother earth, the animal kingdom and the spirit realm – with medicine paintings by Mirree Louise Bayliss and James Baban. All welcome. Held at Café Yala, Canberra Institute of Technology, A Block Constitution Ave, Reid, Canberra. Details: Mirree on (0450) 370 341 or email dreamsofcreation@hotmail.com or visit www.dreamsofcreation.com.au

Until 20 September: St Kilda Film Festival National Tour. The tour will be visiting every Australian capital city and more than 20 regional spots. Over two sessions at each destination the national tour will showcase the best of the top 100 films that screened in its counterpart in Melbourne. For details on times and locations, call (03) 9209 6490 or email filmfest@portphillip.vic.gov.au or visit www.stkildafilmmfestival.com.au

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Until 25 September: Chopped Liver. This is a black comedy about life, love, and being more than 'Chopped Liver'. Running time: 50 minutes. Recommended age 16 plus and includes drug references. Touring Victoria from 27 July-21 August, Western Australia from 25 August-10 September and NSW from 15-25 September. Free entry. For times and locations contact: (03) 9329 9097 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

Until 25 September: Seniors Week 2010 – seeking nominations. Acknowledge the contribution an Aboriginal person or organisation has made to your community by nominating them for a 2010 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Award. Nominations close 5pm. Details: 13 12 44 or www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

Until 4 October: Our Metro Mob 2009 Art Exhibition. This exhibition will feature Adelaide's based Aboriginal emerging and established artists showcasing contemporary, vibrant, modern pieces from artists with backgrounds spanning from across Australia's many diverse language groups. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell Street, Adelaide, SA. Details: Renee Johnson on (08) 8224 3234 or email vaofficer@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

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 18 October: Floating Life: Contemporary Aboriginal Fibre Art Exhibition. 'Floating Life' highlights the importance of fibre within Aboriginal culture and the commitment of the Queensland Art Gallery to developing a unique collection of more than 300 objects. All welcome. Held at The Fairfax Gallery, South Brisbane. Details: Kitty Carra on (0409) 548 892 or call (07) 3840 7303 or email gallery@qag.qld.gov.au or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

Until 3 December: Friends of Tranby Aboriginal College Meeting. Held on the first Thursday of each month at Tranby Aboriginal College, 13 Mansfield Street, Glebe, from 6pm onwards. Details: Thomas Newman on (0419) 535 782 or email thomas@tranby.edu.au

26-27 August: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour.

'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each ten minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy*, *The Farm*, *Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun*, *The Party Shoes* and *Fire Talker*. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at the Jute Theatre, Cairns. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.cct.com.au

27 August: The Last Kinection, Propa Mad Deadly National Tour. Hosted by Sean Choolburra. Featuring Impossible Odds, Mr Morgz and DJ Jaytee. This is Weno's birthday. All welcome. Cost \$15 a person. Held at Oxford Arts Factory, Sydney, from 8pm onwards. Details: Adriana Rios on (0402) 354 382.

28 August: United Nations Conference on the Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

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 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

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

1 September: ANTAR Qld's Learning More Program Discussion Group-Closing the Gaps. This is a series of discussions to explore ourselves, our country and our future with experienced facilitator, Kitty Carra, and invited guests from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. All welcome. Held at the State Library, South Bank, Meeting Room 2D. Details: Mark on (07) 3844 9800 or email office@antarqld.com.au

3 September: EarthSong Aboriginal Healing Pathways Foundation Open Day. There will be a welcome ceremony, Inma-Traditional song and dance performances, sausage sizzle and more. All welcome. Drug and alcohol-free event. Held at Lot 1 Helps Rd, Burton from 11am-3pm. Details: Sue Gilbey on (08) 8410 0303 or (0431) 112 898 or email contact@earthsong.net.au or visit www.earthsong.net.au

3-4 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy*, *The Farm*, *Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun*, *The Party Shoes* and *Fire Talker*. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at the Mercury Cinema, Adelaide. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.murcurycinema.org.au

4 & 18 September: Short-Term Memory Loss Workshop. This workshop is for people caring for someone who has a disability, may be frail aged or has short-term memory loss. This is four hours of free training on topics which include understanding, behaviour, services that can help and career well-being. Respite available. All welcome. Held in Ipswich, Qld. Details: Dana Farrell on (07) 3813 7607 or (0422) 880 110 or free call 1800 052 222 or email de.farrell@bluecare.org.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.

6 September: Message Sticks

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Pioneering doctor to speak at meeting

THE ROLE that traditional Aboriginal women play in maintaining health standards in their communities will be the subject of a talk to be given by Dr Marlene Kong in Sydney on 1 September.

Dr Kong (pictured) and her twin sister Marilyn, from the Worimi nation in the Newcastle area, were the Sydney University Medical School's first Aboriginal graduates.

Her talk, titled *Medicine Women – Traditional and Modern*, will take place at a free public meeting being organised by the Lane Cove Residents for Reconciliation group. The event will be part of the annual Lane Cove Cameraygal Festival.

Dr Kong has a Diploma in Obstetrics and a Masters degree in Public Health.

She has worked in Port Stephens (emergency medicine)



and in Africa with *Medicins Sans Frontieres*. And she has studied public health at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel, and now works as a GP in Newcastle.

The public meeting runs from 7pm to 9.30pm at the Lane Cove Community Centre.

The conference will provide an opportunity for people to discuss issues of relevance for today's urban Indigenous population. Presenters include Commissioner Tom Calma, Larissa Behrendt, Professor Mick Dodson, Ruth Davies, Jenny Macklin MP and more. Held in the Undumbi Room, Parliament House, Brisbane, from 8am-8pm. Details: (07) 3254 1096 or email unaabalm@optusnet.com.au

28 August: The Last Kinection, Propa Mad Deadly National Tour. Home Gig hosted by Sean Choolburra. Featuring Impossible Odds, Prem Bedlam with Tycotic and Mr Morgz. All welcome. Cost \$15 a person. Held at The Cambridge Hotel, Newcastle from 8pm onwards. Details: Adriana Rios on (0402) 354 382 or visit www.lastkinection.com

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

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

30 August-1 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy*, *The Farm*, *Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun*, *The Party Shoes* and *Fire Talker*. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at the Bunjilaka, Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Melbourne Museum. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or 1300 130 152 or visit www.museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka

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

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9-10 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy, The Farm, Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Party Shoes and Fire Talker*. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at the Star Court Theatre, Lismore. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.norpa.org.au

12 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy, The Farm, Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Party Shoes and Fire Talker*. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at Dancenorth, Townsville. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.dancenorth.com.au

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 Chermide Road and Jacaranda St, East Ipswich. Details: 1800 177 120 or visit www.disability.qld.gov.au/actionweek

15 September: ANTAr Qld's Learning More Program Discussion Group – Film screen of *Samson and Delilah*. This is a series of discussions to explore ourselves, our country and our future with experienced facilitator, Kitty Carra and invited guests from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. All welcome. Held at South Bank from 6-8pm. Details: Mark on (07) 3844 9800 or email office@antarqld.com.au

16 September-17 October: Ikuntji Artists and Fiona Omeeny Art Exhibitions. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Details: Nina Berrell on (02) 9360 6839 or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

17-18 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*, *Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy, The*

Farm, Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Party Shoes and Fire Talker. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at the Cinema Paradiso, Perth. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.luna.com.au

18 September: Balunu Foundation dinner fundraiser. Trendy Trev will MC the night with special guests boxing legend Anthony Mundine, NRL great David Peachey and more. There will also be raffles and auctions. Dress code: Territory rig. Cost: \$110 per person. All welcome. Held at the Holiday Inn, Esplanade, Darwin. Details: Darwin Entertainment Centre on (08) 8980 3366 or Bo De La Cruz on (08) 8985 4400.

21-25 September: Fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Basketball Championship. Divisions available

Jacob, Ralph, Bourke Boy, The Farm, Aunty Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Party Shoes and Fire Talker. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Held at The Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.salarts.org.au

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

2-5 October: 39th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival 09. Alcohol and drug-free event. All welcome. Held at Rugby League Park and Harris Park, Dumaresq St, Armidale, NSW. Details: Gary Davison on (0432) 389 449 or Colin Ahoy on

event. All welcome. Held at Muru Mittigar, 1951 Castlereagh Rd, Cranebrook, NSW. Details: Sandra Lee on (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 325 or email darug_tribal@live.com.au

3-5 October: Darug Reunion and Corroboree. All welcome. 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

Completion, and course materials. Great networking opportunities. Cost: \$550 per person and includes course materials, certificate, a light lunch with morning/afternoon tea provided. All welcome. Held at 30-40 Harcourt Parade, Rosebery, Sydney. Details: Lan Pham on (02) 9693 2577 or email Lan@terrijanke.com.au or visit www.terrijanke.com.au

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 Novotel Hotel, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9224 6060 or email conferences@TonkinCorporation.com

31 October-1 November: Island Vibe Festival. This three day festival is a multi-faceted celebration of Island Culture and includes art exhibitions, interactive workshops, stalls, circus, eco-food, craft markets, music, dance performances, over 40 acts across 4 stages and more. All welcome. Cost involved for the festival as well as ferry transfer to and from Stradbroke Island. Held on Stradbroke Island, Qld. Details: (07) 3403 0873 or email info@islandvibe.com.au or visit www.islandvibe.com.au

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, TIGA 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

Free night out at the flicks

THE next wave of black cinema is coming to Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre at the Melbourne Museum as part of the Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival national tour, and all screenings are free.

Festival-goers not only have the chance to sample the latest works of established film-makers Warwick Thornton, with his acclaimed feature film *Samson & Delilah*, and Ivan Sen, with his documentary *Fire Talker* on the life of Charles Perkins, but can also get a taste of rising talent.

The New Black features seven short films by new Indigenous directors, including the directing debuts of

actors Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell.

The Melbourne screenings kick off on Sunday 30 August with a Warwick Thornton retrospective at 11am, followed by *Samson & Delilah* at 1pm and a one-hour documentary on the making of the film at 3.30pm.

The New Black screens the following evening, Monday 31 August, with the seven films spread over two sessions – one starting at 6.30pm, the other at 7.30pm.

The festival concludes on Tuesday 1 September with *Fire Talker* at 6pm.

Further information: Phone 13 11 02 or visit the website <http://museumvictoria.com.au/bunjilaka>

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

21-27 September: 'Yanay to Gamilaraay (Y2G) 2009. This is Moree's Homeland Festival of Culture and the first Corroboree to be held in NSW in modern times. There will be a traditional aboriginal corroboree, concerts, fun activities, language, learn art workshops and more. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at Mehi River Parklands, Newell Highway, Moree, from 10am-8pm daily. Details: (02) 6757 3350 or Paul Spearim on (0403) 883 359 or call (0411) 824 176.

23-24 September: Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival Tour. 'The New Black' is a series of seven new short films, each 10 minutes long, made by Indigenous writers, directors and producers. Films include *Nia's Melancholy*,



The 10-minute short film *Jacob* tells the story of Gina, a young Aboriginal mother who finds herself in a predicament when her husband Max returns home and learns the truth about baby Jacob.

(0423) 943 756 or email nominations@narwaneels.org.au

2 & 16 October: Short-Term Memory Loss Workshop. This workshop is for people caring for someone who has a disability, may be frail aged or has short-term memory loss. This is four hours of free training on topics which include, understanding, behaviour, services that can help and career wellbeing. Respite available. All welcome. Held in Ipswich, Qld. Details: Dana Farrell on (07) 3813 7607 or (0422) 880 110 or free call 1800 052 222 or email de.farrell@bluecare.org.au

3-5 October: Darug 'Mari Garibari' Big Corroboree 2009. This festival will celebrate the Darug community and traditional custodians of the Sydney basin. Activities include stories, art, dance, songs, tool making, face painting, jumping castle, workshops on history and language, movies, Koori Oki and more. Meals provided so please RSVP for catering purposes. Camping and sleeping facilities provided. Drug and alcohol-free

Springs Convention Centre, NT. Details: (08) 8981 2010 or email iedforum@agentur.com.au or visit www.nt.gov.au/iedforum

12-14 October: National Indigenous Photographers Forum 2009. The first ever forum on Indigenous photographers and presents an opportunity for Indigenous artists and photographers to further develop industry and technical knowledge, establish contacts and network with other artists and curators. Forum Speakers include Wayne Quilliam, Fiona Foley, Ricky Maynard, Destiny Deacon, Brenda L Croft, Djon Mundine and more. Free and all welcome. Held in Melbourne. Registrations close 18 September. Details: Anna Liezeit on (03) 9417 1549 or annalieberzeit@ccp.org.au or visit www.ccp.org.au

27 October: 'Looking Out for Culture' Workshop. This is a one-day workshop with Terri Janke, one of Australia's leading Indigenous cultural and intellectual property specialists. You will receive a Certificate of

CENTACARE BATHURST

Community Support Services Program - Bathurst, Orange, Wellington, Gilgandra, and Coonabarabran. Community Support Services program is an initiative by the Australian Federal Government to improve the well-being of Indigenous communities by enhancing their access to mainstream services. Centacare Bathurst will be operating this program in the above mentioned locations. The program offers an exciting opportunity for those interested in community development. We are seeking the following staff to work on a full time basis.

Community Support Service Co-ordinators (2): To be located in Bathurst and Dubbo. Your role will be to co-ordinate and lead a team of workers who will be employed throughout the region. This role also involves acting as a contact point for client assessment and referral for the Aboriginal Community, enhancing their opportunity to access Aboriginal and mainstream services, and liaising and building collaborative and Indigenous-friendly service delivery models with service providers in the region. **To be successful you will need to meet the following selection criteria:** Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal people and communities; Extensive experience working with Aboriginal families and communities; Tertiary qualifications in Social Science, Welfare or Community Services or qualifications at lower level with extensive experience working in the Community; Extensive knowledge of Community networks and services; Proven ability to work collaboratively with external stakeholders and service providers; Good interpersonal

communication skills; Experience in team work in a leadership role; The ability to produce reports and manage data; Strong computer skills; Experience in delivery of programs to groups; Driver's licence; The ability to travel throughout the region.

Community Service Workers (5): Full time to be located in Wellington, Gilgandra, Orange, Coonabarabran and Bathurst. **To be successful you will need to meet the following selection criteria:** Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal people and communities; Extensive experience working with Aboriginal families and communities; Experience working in a community service or not for profit organisation; Good knowledge of Community networks and services; Ability to work collaboratively with external stakeholders and service providers; Experience working with aboriginal families and communities; Strong computer skills; Ability to work with groups; Drivers licence.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply. All appointments will be subject to Prohibited Employment and Criminal Checks; Salary range dependent on qualifications and experience; As a not-for-profit organisation, Centacare offers generous salary packaging options. **Applications** should address the selection criteria, include at least 2 referees and be sent to Terri Mayfield, Manager of Community Programs, Centacare Bathurst, PO Box 1215, Bathurst 2795 or email terri@bathurst.catholic.org.au Further information contact Terri Mayfield, **Application package** contact Kamila Smith centacare@bathurst.catholic.org.au Ph: 02 6331 8944 **Applications close** 5 pm 28th August 2009.

WAYSS Ltd

We are a community based organisation providing housing and support services in the south eastern region of Melbourne.

We currently have the following vacancies available.

Indigenous Family Violence Capacity Building Worker

This position will undertake specific projects to facilitate the development of an integrated family violence response for Indigenous women and their children who are victims/witnesses of family violence to ensure that these women and children have improved access to mainstream family violence case managed service provision and that the services they receive are culturally appropriate and responsive.

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description. **PLEASE NOTE:** An exemption under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 has been granted to employ only an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person.

Case Worker, Indigenous Family Violence

This position aims to provide information, advocacy, referral and case management support to indigenous women and their children who are victims of family violence.

Applications must address the Key Selection Criteria as detailed in the Position Description.

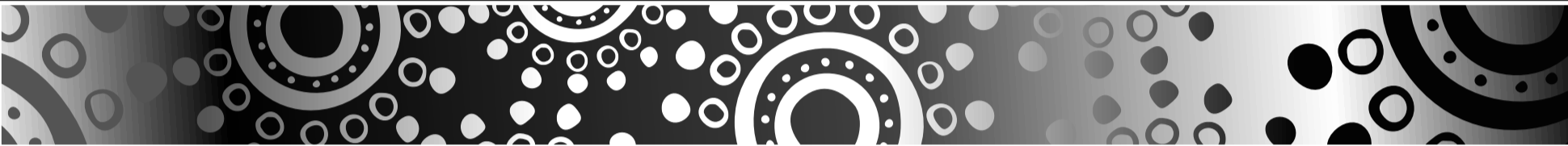
Applicants for the above positions should obtain a position description by visiting www.wayssltd.org.au or by telephoning (03) 9791-6111.

Salary and conditions are in line with the SACS Award. Generous salary packaging option available.

Applications Close: August 31, 2009.



Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Corporate Services Administrative Officer	Education Officer	Regional Manager	Project Officer	Night Attendant
<p>(Expected Vacancy)</p> <p>Sydney</p> <p>Regional Office APS Level 3 \$38,089 - \$46,018 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process all Regional Office financial transactions• Assist with registration and certification of accounts for payments and the administration of recruitment• Provide accurate advice on routine finance and payroll issues• Provide relevant financial and payroll reports <p>Want to know more?</p> <p>Contact Chantelle Cross on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents</p> <p>From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012; or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.</p> <p>Closing date</p> <p>By 5pm 11 September 2009.</p>	<p>Sydney</p> <p>Regional Office APS Level 4 \$42,896 - \$51,595 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for the administration, promotion and marketing of the AHL Secondary Education program in New South Wales• Assist with the financial and administrative operations• Initiate, develop and maintain networks within the community, Government and State organisations• Ensure that Secondary Education hostels comply with AHL and legislative financial and administrative requirements• Provide advice, support and feedback to Secondary Education hostels <p>Want to know more?</p> <p>Contact Chantelle Cross on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>Application Documents</p> <p>From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012; or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.</p> <p>Closing date</p> <p>By 5pm 11 September 2009.</p>	<p>(Expected Vacancy)</p> <p>Sydney</p> <p>Regional Office APS Executive Level 1 \$65,165 - \$82,105 pa, plus superannuation Includes motor vehicle for private use</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage the operations of Aboriginal Hostels Limited in New South Wales• Provide leadership and direction to all AHL staff within the Region• Assessment and evaluation of grant funded hostels• Project manage maintenance of Company owned properties• Responsible for occupational health and safety compliances <p>Want to know more?</p> <p>Contact Russell Lane on 02 6212 2014.</p> <p>Application Documents</p> <p>From our website or telephone LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606; or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.</p> <p>Closing date</p> <p>By 5pm 11 September 2009.</p>	<p>Canberra</p> <p>Central Office Human Resources Division APS Level 5 \$47,360 - \$56,536 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare detailed reports and submissions to senior management• Undertake various HR policy development and reviews• Develop and review staff training programs• Provide in-house training on HR policy and procedures• Administration of the Indigenous Traineeship Program <p>Want to know more?</p> <p>Contact Linda Renehan on 02 6212 2009.</p> <p>Application Documents</p> <p>From our website or telephone LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606; or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.</p> <p>Closing date</p> <p>By 5pm 11 September 2009.</p>	<p>(Expected Vacancy)</p> <p>Melbourne</p> <p>William T Onus Hostel APS Level 1 \$30,034 - \$36,569 pa, plus superannuation</p> <p>Duties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for the general security of the hostel and its occupants• Checking in late arrivals <p>Want to know more?</p> <p>Contact Fay Halatanu on 03 9489 6701.</p> <p>Application Documents</p> <p>From our website or telephone Leeann Latu on 03 9642 2775.</p> <p>How to Apply</p> <p>Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001; or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.</p> <p>Closing date</p> <p>By 5pm 11 September 2009.</p> <p>This is a Transient hostel.</p>

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people
Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment
The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.
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Carbon and fire on Tiwi Islands



Tiwi Land Council ranger Leon Puruntatameri lighting experimental fires on Melville Island as part of the Tiwi Carbon Study.

TIWI Islanders are at the forefront of a new fire project that could help lead to jobs and other opportunities for Indigenous Australians. The project on the Tiwi Islands, 80kms north of Darwin, is focussing on the economic potential of carbon, and involves Tiwi rangers and college students.

Nearly half of the Tiwi Islands are burnt every year, resulting in the release of gases that contribute directly to Australia's greenhouse gas accounts.

Fire also affects the capacity of vegetation and soil to store carbon, but in ways that are not well enough understood to be included in the national accounts.

In a research partnership developed over the past two years, Tiwi Land Council rangers, the Tiwi College and CSIRO are working to explore livelihood opportunities for managing fire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while maintaining biodiversity values of the Tiwi Islands.

Tiwi Rangers mentor Willie Rioli said there may be future jobs and money for fire management if reductions in greenhouse gases can be measured properly.



The Tiwi Carbon Study sign at Pickertaramoor, on Melville Island.

"That's why we have partnered with CSIRO and that's why the Tiwi College students are involved," he said.

"We need good science to help us measure the effects of different types of fires on carbon storage in the bush, and we need our kids to learn the science so they can look after country properly in the future."

Mr Rioli said the Tiwi people wanted to develop economic opportunities, and

the emerging carbon market could present some 'exciting possibilities' for future management of lands.

"However, we want to make sure that our burning also looks after our plants and animals," he said.

Tiwi College Principal Peter McNamara said the college partnership with CSIRO would help students to see the relevance of science to fire management.

"It's an exciting opportunity for the students to be part of science in action," he said.

CSIRO ecologist Dr Alan Andersen said studying the effects of different fire-management options on carbon sequestration, greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity was critical to quantifying the benefits from better fire management on the Islands.

"Our modelling indicates that there could be substantial increases in carbon stocks and reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases from reducing fire frequency.

"This could also have important biodiversity benefits."

The Tiwi Carbon Study features a series of long-term monitoring plots that will be subject to different fire-management options.



Tiwi Land Council ranger Willie Rioli ... "we want to make sure that our burning also looks after our plants and animals."

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HRM Assistant (Aboriginal Identified)

Clerk Grade 1/2, Human Resources Branch, Head Office (Haymarket). Permanent Full-Time. Vacancy Number: BS09/069.

Total remuneration package valued to \$60,102 pa includes salary (\$50,100 to \$54,465), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

Provide assistance in a range of HR related activities including: the administration of Legal Aid NSW's approved establishment of positions and assisting with staffing changes; the administration of all recruitment actions in consultation with the HRM Consultants; record keeping in relation to the above; providing information in relation to establishment and recruitment matters and providing general administrative support to the HRM Consultants.

To apply for this job you must obtain an information package from www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Annalisa Rosadi on (02) 9219 5994.

Inquiries: Anita Fredkin on (02) 9219 5954.

Applications: By email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or by mail to Human Resource Management, Legal Aid NSW, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238.

Closing date: Friday, 4 September 2009.

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Solicitor (Career Development Program for New Solicitors)

Aboriginal Identified, Legal Officer I-III, Head Office, Metropolitan Sydney and Newcastle. Temporary Full-Time. Job Reference No: EX09/068.

Total remuneration package valued to \$71,662 pa including salary (\$57,697 - \$64, 941), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

We are looking for a bright, hard working newly admitted solicitor to join our two-year rotational Career Development Program working as a legal practitioner in two practice areas in our Criminal, Family and Civil divisions.

Notes: This position is temporary full-time under Sections 27 or 86 of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002, for a period up to February 2012. This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants. Note that the placements may be in the Haymarket office in Sydney CBD or in a Sydney metropolitan office or the Newcastle office and the rotations may involve placements in different offices.

Inquiries: Anita Fredkin on (02) 9219 5954.

Information Packages:

Annalisa Rosadi on (02) 9219 5994 or employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au or www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Applications to: Career Development Program for New Solicitors, Human Resource Management Branch, Office of the Legal Aid Commission, PO Box K847, Haymarket NSW 1238; or by email to employment@legalaid.nsw.gov.au.

Closing date: Friday, 25 September 2009.

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Entry level jobs for Aboriginal people

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Locations include Parramatta, Wollongong, Wagga Wagga, Parkes, Grafton, Newcastle and Woy Woy.

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Applications close 18 September 2009.

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Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Coordinator



everyone's family

- Adelaide location
- Indigenous focus
- Potential package up to \$78k (inc salary packaging option)

The Smith Family, a national, independent non-profit organisation, works in partnership with other caring Australians to help disadvantaged Australian children and their families. As research has shown, supporting children's education and learning is one of the most effective means of breaking the cycle of disadvantage and ensuring all children have the same opportunity to realise their potential.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is designed to broker successful recruitment, school transition and education support for students who have been identified through home and host school communities.

We require a dedicated Program Coordinator to develop, implement and monitor the IYLP, as well as build and maintain associated stakeholder relationships and partnerships.

To be successful in this role, you will need to be able to demonstrate:

- knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies
- a sound understanding of the issue affecting Indigenous people in contemporary Australian society
- a thorough awareness of the diversity of circumstances of Indigenous peoples
- an ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with Indigenous people

Due to the nature of this role, a current driver's licence is required.

More information on the position is in our application pack and all applications must address the essential criteria. To obtain an application pack, please go to www.thesmithfamily.com.au and click on 'Careers' then 'Current Vacancies'. For further information, please contact Tricia Rushton on 0427 262 865.

Closing date: Wednesday, 2 September 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND WATER

Senior Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Senior Field Officer Grade 1/2, Central West, Dubbo, Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-158

Total remuneration package to \$71,052p.a. including salary \$61,537p.a. to \$65,185 p.a. Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Undertake works and maintenance programs and co-ordinate and supervise the work of Field Officers and contractors ensuring that work is undertaken efficiently and within budget and set time frames. Contribute to ensuring the Department's obligations and aims are met, within the Area, in terms of enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe recreational facilities.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources, and willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Demonstrated experience in the maintenance/construction of general facilities and grounds; ability to supervise and carry out all duties safely in accordance with OH&S requirements.
- Relevant WorkCover Certification, ability and experience for the appropriate operation and maintenance of machinery, plant and equipment for maintenance and construction work.
- Ability to implement planned field and operational activities (including pest animal and plant control). and demonstrated skills and experience in fire management.
- Demonstrated team leadership skills and experience in staff/contractor supervision, demonstrated administrative skills to perform required tasks and procedures; demonstrated effective communication, customer relations and organisational skills.
- Current MR Drivers Licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles, Senior First Aid Certificate; demonstrated ability and experience in operating MR vehicles, and willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Certification and demonstrated ability and experience in operating chainsaw to cross-cut and simple tree felling standard, and ability to operate and supervise in radio usage.

Job Notes: This is a temporary position for the period to 31/12/2010. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. The position of Senior Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Senior Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical assessment, which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fitness test for fire fighting fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must to obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Max Hargreaves (02) 6841 7101 or 0427 668 110

Inquiries Email: max.hargreaves@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Max Hargreaves (02) 6841 7101

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 4 September 2009

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Indigenous Employment Opportunities Project Firefighters 30 Positions

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is responsible for the management of public land and other natural resources. DSE employs several hundred additional firefighters each summer to assist in the prevention and suppression of bushfires throughout the State. Advertisements are appearing in regional and local newspapers inviting applications for these roles.

In outer Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria there are project firefighter positions available for Indigenous applicants. Whilst specific locations have been identified under the exemption, people of Indigenous background are also encouraged to apply for any other locations available.

Please note: An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunities Act 1995 (No. A122/2008). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

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- A rewarding job as a project firefighter.
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For more information contact the Project Officer, Indigenous Employment on 03 9637 8220.

You can also find out more and apply online by visiting: www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires

Alternatively contact us on 136 186, email pff.positions@dse.vic.gov.au or visit your local DSE or Parks Victoria workcentre.

Applications open on Saturday 15 August 2009 and will close on Sunday 6 September 2009.

www.dse.vic.gov.au/fires

Customer Service Centre 136 186



Apply on-line
for an instant
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your application.

You have from
15 August 2009
until Sunday
6th September
2009 to apply.

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Moruya Women and Children's Service

We are a community organisation committed to providing respectful support and accommodation for women and children who are experiencing domestic and family violence and /or homelessness.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified women for the following part-time and casual positions:

Support Worker (3 days per week)

Bookkeeper (1 day per week)

Counsellor (1 day per week)

Casual, Relief Support Workers

Information packages for all positions including selection criteria are available by ringing (02) 4474 3226 or emailing: manager@mwacs.com.au

Enquiries may be directed to Carolyn on (02) 4474 5233

Applications addressing the selection criteria will be received until **COB 7 September 2009** and should be marked **Confidential** and forwarded to:

The Manager,
Moruya Women and Children's Service
PO Box 107
Moruya NSW 2537

Salary and conditions for the above positions are in accordance with the Social and Community Services Award and the Moruya Women and Children's Service adopted salary structure.

(To be female is a genuine requirement for these positions under Section 14d of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Successful applicants will be required to undergo a Working with Children check and police check prior to commencement of employment.)



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Campbell Page is an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in the delivery of high quality employment, rehabilitation, learning and community services. From 80 offices across the country, we expect to assist around 100,000 Australians this financial year.

The following position is now available in the Brisbane area:

Indigenous Community Support Officer

(This is an Aboriginal identified position authorised under Section 14 of the Anti Discrimination Act 1977)

This position facilitates the access of mainstream and Indigenous support services to Indigenous people and their families within the Brisbane area. It will involve developing strategies to attract and engage clients, and implementing activities to assist clients to find local health, employment and community support services.

This position requires an understanding of the barriers facing Indigenous community members and their families. Experience in welfare and/or community services would be an advantage.

To find out more about this position and Campbell Page please visit our website at www.campbellpage.org.au

Applications must be lodged on-line via the "Careers @ CP" link.

Applications close Sunday 30 August 2009

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Indigenous Relations Advisor Jacinth-Ambrosia, SA

An outstanding opportunity now exists for an experienced Indigenous Relations Advisor to coordinate Indigenous relations activities within South Australia for the ILUKA Jacinth-Ambrosia Mineral Sands Operation and South Australian exploration.

The position is based in Adelaide and reports through to the General Manager - SA Development & Project Management. The Indigenous Relations Advisor will work closely with the exploration team and the Jacinth-Ambrosia mine operations team and is required to work closely with the Senior Community Relations Advisor to ensure a coordinated approach to community engagement.

Duties of the role are to:

- Coordinate heritage surveys at proposed exploration and operational areas
- Liaise with members of the Claimants on all matters pertaining to the Native Title Agreement for the JA mine
- Develop, manage and implement the education, training and employment program
- Maintain records of all meetings, agreements, reports and survey data
- Coordinate cultural awareness programs for staff and contractors
- Promote and support business development opportunities

The successful candidate will demonstrate their ability to foster positive relationships with Indigenous people and act as an ambassador for Iluka in local communities. Essential requirements are:

- Superior written and verbal communication skills
- High level of computer literacy
- Demonstrated experience in development and presentation of reports, policies and procedures
- Thorough knowledge of relevant Acts and Regulations
- Tertiary qualifications in a related area are highly desirable

Queries can be directed to **Andrew Minns**, HSEC Manager, South Australia (08) 8300 2066 or 0408 940 391. **Please forward your electronic application to Sally Fargher, HR Advisor J-A at sally.fargher@iluka.com quoting the position title in the subject line.**

No agency or overseas referrals please - only genuinely interested parties need apply.

Closing date for applications is COB Wednesday 2nd September 2009



A Healthy for Life partnership between Gippsland East Gippsland Aboriginal Cooperative, Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust, Mooggji Aboriginal Council and Gippsland Lakes Community Health

Manager Djillay Ngalu

East Gippsland Healthy for Life (HFL) Program

The Djillay Ngalu Manager has key responsibility for overseeing and managing the development, implementation and monitoring of the Healthy for Life model and operations for East Gippsland.

Salary package up to \$90K

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Government

Project Manager (Identified)

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
(Identified - Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

Communities

Salary: \$89 899 - \$95 082 p.a.

Location: Brisbane

REF: QLD/COM1284/09

Key Duties: Provide high level secretariat support and coordination to the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council in its role in the provision of advice to the Premier, the Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and the State Government in relation to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues.

Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675

Closing Date: Monday, 7 September 2009

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Department of Families,
Housing, Community Services
and Indigenous Affairs

- Remote Service Delivery - Western Australia
- Local Area Coordinators
- Salary \$77,679 - \$111,740

A JOINT INITIATIVE BETWEEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT

In November 2008, the Australian Government and Western Australian Government agreed to a National Partnership Agreement on remote services delivery to ensure improvements in services to Indigenous Australians living in selected remote communities.

In Western Australia the priority locations are Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek and on the Dampier Peninsula, including the communities of Ardyaloon and Beagle Bay. In addition, some Local Area Coordinators (LAC) will also be situated in the Regional Operations Centre in Broome. These are challenging senior positions requiring a unique set of skills and a strong commitment.

If you believe you have the required skills for the position of LAC, please access the full criteria and more details on the LAC role, remuneration and conditions of employment, at Hamilton James & Bruce's Government website www.hjb.com.au/govtjobs.

More information about the Remote Services Delivery Strategy can be found on the FaHCSIA website: www.fahcsia.gov.au. Applicants for these positions must hold Australian Citizenship.

Applications close Friday 4 September, 2009.

Interested applicants can apply online at www.hjb.com.au/govtjobs quoting reference **CL-131175**. For more information, please contact **Chris Lejsek** on (02) 6160 7000.

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Chief Operating Officer

Pivotal leadership role in a growing not-for-profit organisation

Established in 1981, Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV) is a non-profit, non-government housing organisation dedicated to the provision of safe, secure and affordable housing for Aboriginal Victorians. This organisation currently manages a Victorian Aboriginal Rental Housing Program of over 1,200 properties throughout Victoria. However AHV is now increasing its administration and ownership of housing stock to serve this community through the implementation of its strategic plan. As a result of this expansion the AHV now seek to appoint an enthusiastic, innovative and forward thinking Chief Operating Officer.

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), your primary focus as Chief Operating Officer will be to support the CEO and be responsible for organisational management. This will include providing strategic and analytical advice that contributes to improved housing delivery outcomes by AHV. Additionally, you will manage the delivery of operational and asset management services throughout Victoria and provide expert advice to the CEO and board. This role will also see you delivering innovative policy and programme options and solutions to highly complex and sensitive issues. The successful applicant will also be expected to lead and develop a team through a major change process and improve service delivery outcomes throughout the organisation.

It is expected the successful applicant will hold a tertiary qualification preferable within business management or have substantial experience in housing/tenancy management. Additionally, the candidate must be able to demonstrate knowledge of the social housing system within the not-for-profit sector as well as have an understanding of the complex needs of the Victorian Aboriginal Community.

Please contact Byron Ellis
T **03 8638 8404**
E byron.ellis@hays.com.au

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Government of South Australia
Northern and Yorke Natural
Resources Management Board

Natural Resource Management Officer – Aboriginal Engagement

Crystal Brook

Contract – up to 2 Years to 24 June 2011

Vac No: C5563/2009

\$54,974 – \$57,514 p.a. (AS04)

The NRMO Aboriginal Engagement is required to make a significant contribution to the establishment of productive and respectful relationships with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and stakeholders.

They will need to have a very strong understanding of issues affecting natural resources management within the Northern & Yorke region.

For a copy of the Job and Person Specification and guidelines and information on how to apply: email board@nynrm.sa.gov.au or phone 08 8636 2361, or view the website www.nynrm.com.au

Applications Close: 5.00pm 4 September 2009

www.nynrm.sa.gov.au

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Coordinator - Community Support Service

Full Time Based in Parkes

CareWest will soon be offering its Community Support Service to Aboriginal Communities in the areas of Parkes, Forbes and Condobolin.

We are seeking an Aboriginal Coordinator who has established community networks; preferably with tertiary qualifications and/or experience in Health or Welfare and who is able to work both independently and as part of a team.

Your role will be to act as the contact point for client assessment and referral for Aboriginal Community members, enhancing the opportunity for access to direct services. To be successful in this role you will have demonstrated experience in linking clients with a broad range of welfare and support services relevant to their needs.

Ideally you will have a **knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal social, cultural and economic issues** and awareness of approaches to address these issues and experience in working with Aboriginal people and families.

Your ability to work collaboratively with external stakeholders and service providers to ensure service accessibility for clients, to review, maintain and develop professional networks and the ability to problem solve is critical to this position.

If you would like to discuss this position please contact Sue Herbertson on 02 6391 2400

Applications close 4 September 2009

Applications **must** address the selection criteria listed in the position description. Information packages, including position descriptions, are available by phoning Kay Davis on 6361 9012 or emailing Kay.Davis@cw.org.au

Written applications to:

**HR Officer
CareWest Inc.
PO Box 2500
ORANGE 2800**



**Konnect
Program:**

Aboriginal Intensive Support and Case Management Worker

Konnect is a recently funded Department of Justice Program which provides intensive support and assistance to young Aboriginal people aged 18-30 who have been incarcerated in the adult correctional system and are about to re-enter the community.

The objectives of this program are to assist Aboriginal young people with all aspects of successful integration into their community, through linking the young people into Aboriginal services and support systems.

Konnect aims to maintain and respect cultural values of the indigenous communities in custody, helping individuals make safe and supported transitions back to family.

This program will play a significant role in promoting the organisation's commitment to effectively engaging with marginalised Aboriginal young people, particularly those with drug and alcohol and other health needs.

We are seeking a qualified worker with experience in providing services to Aboriginal young people and who have strong links to Aboriginal services and communities.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are encouraged to apply

**Salary range - \$45,000 - \$49,000
Attractive salary packaging is available**

A position description is available on our website
www.jss.org.au, by contacting 9387-1233
or email alan.quinlan@jss.org.au

Written applications must directly address Key Selection Criteria, include a minimum of 3 referees and should be forwarded to: **Tony Hayes, Manager, Brosnan Youth Services PO Box 284, Brunswick, Vic. 3056**

Email: tony.hayes@jss.org.au

Applications close: COB Wednesday 9th September 2009.

COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND SCIENCE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCE INDIGENOUS TECHNICAL TRAINEE

3 Year Fixed Term

Campbelltown Campus

Ref No. 681/09

"The University of Western Sydney considers that being an Indigenous Australian is a genuine occupational qualification under s14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"

A unique opportunity is available for highly motivated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander persons to join the University of Western Sydney as a technical trainee to complete a three year program with the School of Biomedical and Health Science.

With guidance and support from the Director, Indigenous Employment and Engagement, and the relevant Manager, the trainee will primarily focus on providing technical support to staff, students and for various research projects in the School of Biomedical and Health Science. Based on a rotational on the job training schedule within the School of Biomedical and Health Science the trainee will follow mandatory apprenticeship studies as required by the Department of Education and Training (TAFE, NSW).

An interest in developing a career in the technical fields will be a strong requirement. Equally important will be a high level of enthusiasm, strong team-work skills and a willingness to work whilst completing your TAFE qualification. The TAFE will be in Sydney CBD.

Position Enquiries: Melissa Williams, (02) 9678 7587, melissa.williams@uws.edu.au

Closing Date: 30 September 2009

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Senior Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer

Vacancy Reference Number: 190155

Continuing full-time appointment – Located in Darwin

Remuneration Package – Academic Level B

Base salary of \$66,988 - \$79,550 per annum plus superannuation employer contribution up to 17%. District Allowance may apply. Conditions include 6 weeks annual leave.

A highly professional and motivated individual with excellent leadership, project management and communications skills is sought to fill the role of the Senior Indigenous Academic Support Lecturer within the IASU. The successful incumbent will be expected to contribute to the provision of executive and leadership support to the Coordinator, IASU on a range of tasks, projects and events. A relevant tertiary qualification is essential and willingness to undertake light travel to remote communities will be considered an advantage.

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Please note: Under Section 57 of the Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Act, this position has been identified for an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. Please ensure that you have written proof to support your claim.

Applications Close: 7 September 2009

**For further information and to apply for this position please visit
www.cdu.edu.au/vacancies.html or phone (08) 8946 6904.
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Applications can be lodged on line at
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Application Information Packages are available at this
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on (02) 4926 7626.

Administration Officer

Chemotherapy and Outpatient Clinics, Armidale
Perm Full Time Position No: 63928

Emergency Unit Day Clerk

Armidale Health Service
Temp Full Time, until August, 2010 Position No: 64229

FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

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: Sally Bristow, (02) 6776 9637.

Aboriginal Sexual Assault Social Worker/ Psychologist

Violence Prevention & Care, Tamworth
Perm Full Time Position No: 64211

This position has been advertised for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Please confirm your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Origin, by providing confirmation from an Aboriginal organisation or providing verbal advice on first and last name of family members descending from respective Aboriginal nation.

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. Applicants must be female, exemption is claimed under Section 31(2)(h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Enquiries: Kylie Whitford, (02) 6757 0246.

Closing Date for all positions: 11 September 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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POST RELEASE SUPPORT PROGRAM SUPPORT WORKER

Part-time (4 days a week)
Western Suburbs of Sydney

Total Remuneration package is valued up to \$41,110 per annum, which includes annual leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation. Salary packaging is also available.

Marist Youth Care is a provider of the Post Release Support Program funded through the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). The program is aimed at assisting young people who have spent time in a DJJ detention centre to build community links and reintegrate into the community.

Job Description: Marist Youth Care, (MYC), is seeking an experienced Indigenous Case Worker who has a strong commitment to making a difference. As a case worker, you will have a case load of up to 10 clients at any one time, providing case work as negotiated with the client and DJJ.

Working closely with the PRSP Coordinator, you will be required to work closely with MYC management and staff of DJJ, at the Blacktown local offices, in relation to case planning and reporting, and general administration duties as required.

Essential Criteria:

- Experience in working with disadvantaged young people
- An understanding of transitional issues facing young people on release from custody
- Creative case planning and casework experience
- Strong communication and organisational skills
- Ability to work flexible hours
- Ability to work both autonomously and as part of a team
- Current clean NSW drivers licence
- Well developed computer skills
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent

Desirable Criteria:

- Relevant tertiary qualifications or experience working with young people leaving detention
- Awareness and understanding of local Aboriginal issues and services
- An awareness of local services and an ability to network
- A basic knowledge of the criminal justice system

A MYC pool car is available with this position for work related travel

Job Notes: Applications must address the Essential Criteria as outlined above and include a current Resume with two recent referees. Successful applicants will be subject to a Criminal Records and Working with Children check.

Inquiries: Vicki Petrakis phone: 0448 838 185 or Debbie Evans phone (02) 9671 7688

Information packages: www.maristyc.com.au or Ms Debbie Evans (02) 9671 7688 or visit our website

Applications to: debrae@maristyc.com.au Debbie Evans, Human Resources Assistant, or post to Ms Lorraine Baldacchino, HR Manager, Marist Youth Care, PO Box 589, Seven Hills NSW 1730.

Closing Date: Wednesday 9th September 2009.



Government of South Australia
Department for Correctional Services

ABORIGINAL PROGRAMS OFFICER

REHABILITATION PROGRAMS BRANCH

CENTRAL OFFICE – ADELAIDE

Adelaide: Full Time Permanent

Vacancy Number: 5560/2009

\$61,309 – \$68,678 p.a. (AS05)

The Aboriginal Programs Officer reports to the Manager, Rehabilitation Programs Branch and is responsible for providing high quality rehabilitation programs particularly in relation to Aboriginal Offenders. This position is responsible for the customisation, planning, development, delivery and assessment of programs.

Special Conditions

- Must be prepared to undergo Prior Offender History Check by South Australian Police Department.
- Some intra/interstate travel involving overnight absences may be required.
- Some out of hours work may be required.
- A current driver's licence and willingness to drive is essential.

Enquiries and Applications to: Michael Coughlan,
Senior Aboriginal Programs Officer, GPO Box 1747,
Adelaide SA 5001. Phone: 08 8226 7266. Fax: 08 8226 9998.
Email: coughlan.michael@saugov.sa.gov.au

Closing date:

5pm, Friday 4th September, 2009.

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Health Worker Advanced

“Deadly Ears”, Statewide Ear Health Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children, Community Child Health Services, Spring Hill, Children's Health Services 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: H09RCH07724. **Duties/Abilities:** The position operates within the context of chronic otitis media and associated hearing loss with children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. It assists in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities focussing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health. These include: direct clinical service delivery by providing ear health and communication screening of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; the development and delivery of culturally appropriate ear health promotion activities; and the provision of training and education activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, child health staff, and community members. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

Enquiries: Matthew Brown (07) 3250 8509.

Application Kit: (07) 3339 4255 or (07) 3339 4256 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 7 September 2009.

Advanced Health Worker

Child, Youth and Family Health Program, Community and Extended Care Services, Southern Cluster, Nambour, Sunshine Coast - Wide Bay 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: H09SC08266.

Duties/Abilities: Deliver culturally appropriate prevention and early intervention support service to Indigenous and Torres Strait Islander children and their families. The position works within the Indigenous Child and Family Health Team and is led by the Jabba Jabba Clinical Nurse. 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: Robyn Wyatt (07) 5449 5941.

Application Kit: (07) 5313 8065 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 7 September 2009.

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**You can apply online at
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A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

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Aunty Lesley at: lesley@jpearson.com.au



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In this newly created role you will be responsible to a volunteer Board and will work collaboratively to develop, implement and monitor the Strategic Plan. You will provide strategic direction and governance support as well as general, financial and human resources management.

You have high level management, policy and advocacy experience and a commitment to working with and for women, particularly Indigenous women. You have worked to volunteer Boards in the not for profit sector and have driven organisational change. You understand service delivery and policy within the justice system and possess high level representational skills.

For the purposes of WLS services provision, it is also essential that the CEO is a woman (this is a Genuine Occupational Qualification under the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977).

If you want to ensure access to quality legal services for women in NSW please contact Olivia Ryan on 02 8243 0570 or forward your resume to cv@ngorecruitment.com quoting ref # 29734.



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The centre is due to open in November 2009 and the YMCA is currently looking for people to work in the following positions upon opening:

- Health & Fitness Instructors
- Personal Trainers
- Pool Lifeguards
- Duty Managers
- Night Managers
- Out of School Hours Care Assistants
- Sports Coaches
- Referees & Umpires
- Youth Programs Assistants
- Customer Service Officers
- Membership Advisors
- Catering/Cleaning Assistants

The NCIE is committed to the training and development of its staff.

If you are passionate about your community and want to get involved you should contact:

Alisha Parker-Elez
Indigenous Employment & Training Coordinator
National Centre of Indigenous Excellence
Email: alisha.parker-elez@ymca.org.au
Mob: 0407 595 973

The NCIE acknowledges the support of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The NCIE is an initiative of the
Indigenous Land Corporation



Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

www.ncie.org.au



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We are now looking for the right person to help take us into the next phase: a national short course program designed specifically to meet the needs of the Indigenous industry.

To be successful you must be committed to supporting the Indigenous Industry through training and have a thorough knowledge of production processes. This, along with the credibility you have with Indigenous people, communities and organisations, will enable you to identify and deliver the training that is needed. You will also be able to advise all areas of AFTRS in relation to Indigenous training matters.

Terms: This position is available as a 3 year fixed term contract. Some travel, night and weekend work will be necessary. Extra days may be required during courses.

Enquiries: For application information visit www.aftrs.edu.au or contact Human Resources on (02) 9805 6619 or 1300 366 464 (toll free).

Applications: Written applications giving full details of experience and qualifications, addressing the selection criteria, and nominating 2 referees should be forwarded to:

The Human Resources Manager
Australian Film, Television and Radio School
PO Box 2286
Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

or emailed to nickip@aftrs.edu.au or faxed to (02) 9805 6510.

Closing Date: 9th September 2009

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DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE
**SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER
(ABORIGINAL)**
Clerk Grade 9/10
Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Unit
Central Office
Position located in Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-DADHC-20460

Total remuneration package valued up to \$104,153 per annum (Salary: \$85,650 pa - \$94,384 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Research, advice and project manage issues which reflect contemporary needs and innovative responses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with a disability and their carers.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- In this position an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- In-depth understanding of contemporary issues for Aboriginal people and access and equity issues.
- Highly developed ability to consult on and develop project scopes and briefs and manage projects and project teams, within scope and budget.
- Demonstrated ability research and consult to develop knowledge of issues affecting the operating environment and to develop solutions and plans to address service or program delivery.
- Ability to develop innovative solutions to improve effectiveness and efficiency within the workplace.
- Commitment to working effectively with the team and working collaboratively to achieve work plan and goals.
- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience, with commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: A current Driver Licence. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6200

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 4 September 2009

GA1-803653

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER

Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Field Officer Grade 1/2, Central West, Dubbo,
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref: DECC09-159

Total remuneration package to \$53,996p.a. including \$45,123 p.a. to \$49,538 p.a. Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale. Undertake maintenance and improvements to facilities and grounds including buildings, roads, fire trails and fencing. Operate and maintain plant and equipment. Contribute to ensuring the Department's obligations and aims are met, within the Area, in terms of the enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe, recreational facilities.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities.
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities.
- Willingness to undertake hygiene maintenance duties.
- Demonstrated ability to carry out all duties safely and appropriately operate & maintain plant & equipment.
- Ability to obtain certification to operate a chain saw to cross-cut standard & ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Two temporary positions available for the period up to 31/12/2010. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties. Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months). Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Max Hargreaves (02) 6841 7101 or 0427 668 110

Inquiries Email: max.hargreaves@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Max Hargreaves (02) 6841 7101

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change and Water NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 4 September 2009

GA1-800671

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER NSW

Aboriginal Heritage Conservation Officer

Environment Officer Class 2/7, Far West, Tibooburra,
Temporary Full-Time
Vacancy Ref : DECC09-160

Total remuneration package to \$88,002 p.a. including salary \$53,454 p.a. up to \$79,748 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Contribute to the protection and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage through the identification, assessment, management, interpretation and monitoring of objects and places of Aboriginal cultural heritage significance. Encourage and facilitate Aboriginal community participation in cultural heritage management at a local and regional level.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality combined with a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural heritage management issues combined with knowledge of Aboriginal heritage.
- Thorough knowledge of, and association with, Aboriginal communities within its geographic area of responsibility.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills and a capacity for project management.
- Demonstrated understanding of the processes associated with developing, planning and implementing conservation works.
- Demonstrated consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills for management of cross-cultural issues.
- Demonstrated experience in the identification and recording of Aboriginal objects and places of cultural significance including a capacity for data entry, mapping and maintenance of information systems.
- Current driver's licence and a willingness to travel, including in aircraft.

Job Notes: This is a temporary position for a period of up to 12 months. This is an identified position under Section (A) of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. This position is only available to permanent employees of a NSW public service agency or local government authority. This is a temporary position for a period of up to 12 months. As this position is considered Child - Related Employment under the provisions of the Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998 you are required to satisfactorily sign a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a satisfactory pre-employment screening. Relevant forms are attached for your signature and return if you have not already done so. Appointment and employment is dependent on meeting the requirements of relevant legislation.

Inquiries: Gary Currey (02) 6966 8111 or 0417 270 415 or gary.currey@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kerry Powell (02) 9585 6164.

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW, Personnel Services Section, PO Box 1967, Hurstville NSW 2220, Fax (02) 9585 6116, or e-mail to recruitment@environment.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: Friday 11 September 2009.

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Job Reference No. - 261766

Location - Griffith

Salary - Total remuneration package valued to \$29,019 pa, including salary (\$17,010 - \$26,298), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

**Trainee - Business
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Job Reference No. - 261765

Location - Albury

Salary - Total remuneration package valued to \$29,019 pa, including salary (\$17,010 - \$26,298), employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE Friday, 4 September 2009

All applicants must obtain an information package which includes an official job application form.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION... Download the package from www.rit.tafensw.edu.au/rjobs or call the Recruitment Coordinator on **02 6058 2920**

NB: It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a registrable offence to apply for this position. Relevant screening checks will be conducted on recommended applicants.

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NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

SHOALHAVEN DISTRICT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Female Aboriginal Sexual Assault Counsellor

Aboriginal Child Sexual Assault, Nowra

Position can be classified as Social Worker, Psychologist or Clinical Psychologist

Perm Full Time Position No: 125579

Enq: Kimberly Chiswell, (02) 4423 9211,
kimberley.chiswell@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 8 September 2009.

- An applicant's gender is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice



Aboriginal HACC Access/Development Officer

Since Macarthur Disability Services commencement in 1982 the organisation has grown substantially and now provides employment for 180 full and part time employees who in turn assist approximately 800 people per week.

This position will improve access to HACC services by people from Aboriginal background. Paid under CETSS Manager Grade 2, this role includes salary packaging, superannuation, leave loading, mobile phone and a fully maintained company vehicle. Package value starts from \$75,000. Position is FULL TIME (76 hours per fortnight) based on a 9 day fortnight.

Section 14 NSW Anti-discrimination Act applies to the above position whereby MDS considers being of Aboriginal Background is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

For an application package please contact HR Department on (02) 46218400 or go to www.mdservices.com.au

Applications will not be considered unless application package is completed.

Applications close 5pm Wed. 2nd September 2009



DIRECTOR(ABORIGINAL)

Senior Officer Grade 1
Aboriginal Service Development
& Delivery Directorate
Central Office
Position located in Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-DADHC-20455

Total remuneration package valued up to \$152,108 per annum (Salary: \$128,190 pa - \$138,129 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Lead the development of reforms and set directions for delivery of specific services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with a disability.

Selection Criteria:

- In this position an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- An in-depth understanding of the Aboriginal culture with extensive understanding and experience in the delivery of programs and services to Aboriginal people with a disability and their carers.
- Demonstrated experience in establishing and managing complex and diverse stakeholder relationships across government, non-government and community sectors including a proven capacity to consult, negotiate and network effectively at all levels.
- Demonstrated high-level verbal communication skills and written communication/report writing ability.
- Strong leadership skills with a proven ability to drive organisational change and service system reform in complex and culturally sensitive environments.
- Demonstrated capabilities and experience in translating high level, innovative organisational directions into practical and sustainable operational initiatives.
- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience, with commitment to ongoing professional development.
- Proven history of successful achievement in building sustainable collaborative relationships with other organisations and influencing enhanced outcomes for people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin and their communities.

Job Notes: Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Pauline Brown (02) 4978 6205

Information package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing date: Friday 4 September 2009

GA1-803651



Government of South Australia
Department for Transport,
Energy and Infrastructure

Plant Operator – Weekly Paid Vacancies

Here's your chance to work outdoors operating plant and equipment in a supportive team environment at the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure.

Start your career in a civil construction and maintenance training position or use existing skills or tickets to further your career in pool positions.

A range of full-time, temporary positions for motivated workers are available state-wide over the next 12 months and includes:

- attractive wages
- flexible working hours
- certified training.

This is a chance to advance your career while working for a reputable government agency.

Register your interest in these temporary positions by calling Donna Lay on (08) 8260 018 during office hours for further information and an application form.

Closing date: 4 September 2009

www.dtei.sa.gov.au

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Do you want to work with Aboriginal communities?

The NSW Government is committed to supporting Aboriginal communities by developing a new approach to working in partnership with local Aboriginal people and other agencies.

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is looking for people with grass roots experience working with Aboriginal communities in regional, remote and urban locations for the following positions:

- **Regional Project Officer** (Newcastle), grade 7/8 salary \$75 137 to \$83 171, Job reference No DAA09/231.
- **Projects Manager**, Remote Area Service Delivery (Dubbo/Southern Area), grade 11/12, salary \$99 063 to \$114 566, Job reference No DAA09/235.
- **Projects Officer**, Remote Area Service Delivery (Dubbo/Southern Area), grade 7/8, salary \$75 137 to \$83 171, Job reference No DAA09/233.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply

For an information package call reception 02 9219 0700.

Applications are to be forwarded to

recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au or mail to HR Officer at Service First, 1 Farrer Place, Governor Macquarie Tower, Sydney NSW 2000.

Applications close 14 September 2009.

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Do you want to work with Aboriginal communities to strengthen families and keep kids safe?

The NSW Government is committed to tackling child sexual assault in Aboriginal communities which is why a new approach is being developed in partnership with local Aboriginal people and other agencies.

The Department of Aboriginal Affairs is looking for people with grass roots experience working with Aboriginal communities in regional, remote and urban locations.

For an information package call 02 9219 0700.

Expressions of Interest are to be forwarded to recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au or mail to HR Officer at Service First, 1 Farrer Place, Governor Macquarie Tower, Sydney NSW 2000.

Qualified candidates will then be invited to submit a formal job application. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People are encouraged to apply. The positions are part-time (2.5 days pw) with a salary package of up to \$44,124.

Job reference No DAA09/234.

Positions are subject to Working with Children background checks.

Applications close 14 September 2009.

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Work with your community

RTA School Crossing Supervisors- Dubbo

1 x Casual position

2 x Part Time positions

2 x Part Time positions Aboriginal Identified

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30 to 4.30pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is \$18.25 - \$21.90 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a patient, reliable and caring personality. The casual hours and school holidays would certainly suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work – but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided by the RTA.

The RTA is an equal opportunity employer.

The RTA is actively working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve. We encourage diversity in our teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future.

For an application or for more information about these enjoyable job opportunities, call Merry Maloney (02) 6861 1481.

Closing date: 28 August 2009

Applications to apply online or mail
to RSU, PO BOX 973, Parramatta
NSW CDB 2124



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ABORIGINAL ARTS PROJECT OFFICER - GET DOWN MOB PROJECT

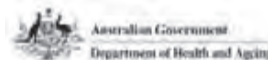
Position No: 09/061

2 Year Fixed Term Contract

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position available for 24 months at a fixed term contract (14 hours per week). The role is responsible for the development and implementation of the Get Down Mob event series including fortnightly events plus preparation time. It is expected the position will work closely with the partner organisation Awabakal and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people in the development of the program, while aiming to increase the skill level of young participants in event management.

This program is in partnership with Awabakal Newcastle Aboriginal Co-op, with funding made available to Newcastle City Council's Miromulliko program through the Department of Health and Aging.

Salary Range: From \$399.64 - \$463.44 per week for a 14 hour week. *Progression within this range will be in accordance with Council's Salary Policy.*



ABORIGINAL ARTS PROJECT OFFICER - PAST PRESENT FUTURE PROGRAM

Position No: 09/062

1 Year Fixed Term Contract

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander position available for 12 months fixed term contract (35 hours per week). Ensuring comprehensive and transparent consultation and guidance with the local Aboriginal community, the role is responsible for the development of the Aboriginal Youth Arts Program of The Loft Youth Arts and Cultural Centre. It is expected the position will work with a number of stakeholders including members of the Aboriginal community, Aboriginal Organisations, Schools, Artists and other areas of Newcastle City Council.

This role has been made possible through funding through the NSW Ministry of Arts and the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts.

Salary Range: From \$999.10 - \$1158.60 per week for a 35 hour week. *Progression within this range will be in accordance with Council's Salary Policy.*



The recommended applicants will be required to complete a Prohibited Person Declaration and undergo a Working with Children Check prior to commencing employment. 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 these positions. Relevant Criminal History, Apprehended Violence Orders and prior employment checks, including relevant disciplinary proceedings, will be conducted on recommended applicants.

Please refer to the Position Description for the entire scope of essential and desirable criteria which all applicants must address.

Closing Date: 4:00pm on Wednesday 16th September 2009

Enquiries: Contact Barney Langford on (02) 4974 2092.

HOW TO APPLY

All applicants must address Selection Criteria. A Position Information Kit and the Position Description are available at www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au



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and Indigenous Affairs

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

- Remote Service Delivery Manager
- Team Leaders
- Senior Project Officers
- Indigenous Engagement Officer

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Department of Health and Ageing

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OFFICE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH

The Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH) within the Department of Health and Ageing (the Department) has primary responsibility for the development and implementation of policy and programs that improve the access of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to effective primary health care and substance use services and population health programs.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

EL 1 \$83,137 - \$94,819
CANBERRA Ref No: 09-0592

The Business Management Unit provides Divisional coordination for Parliamentary processes including engagement with Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) and Australian Health Ministers Council (AHMC) and its sub-committees, monitoring and coordinating responses to queries received through OATSIH Enquiries and management of Intranet and Internet information and services. Necessary ability to liaise effectively with staff at all levels within the division and have excellent organisational skills and the ability to prioritise and work well under pressure and ability to meet deadlines.

Contact officer: Bernadette Shanks on (02) 6289 5345 or bernadette.shanks@health.gov.au

ADMIN SUPPORT OFFICER

APS 3 \$49,766 - \$55,162
CANBERRA Ref No: 09-0591

The successful applicant will provide general administrative support to the Division, including IT arrangements, financial administration, routine correspondence, property and accommodation issues management, document management and spreadsheet reports. The successful applicant must demonstrate an ability to provide general administrative support, possession of good interpersonal and effective and sensitive communication skills, an ability to work independently or as a member of team, and good organisational skills.

Contact officer: Shirley Weber on (02) 6289 4233 or shirley.weber@health.gov.au

PROGRAM MANAGER

APS 6 \$67,653 - \$76,323
DARWIN Reference Number: 09-0576

The Northern Territory Health Reform and Development section has a vacancy for a Program Manager, who will work on the development and implementation of the Expanding Health Service Delivery Initiative. This position requires an applicant with high level negotiation, influencing and liaison skills, organisational skills, and an understanding of issues specific to the NT environment. This position is located in the Northern Territory office.

Contact officer: Kane Vellar on (08) 8919 3497 or kane.vellar@health.gov.au

PROJECT OFFICER

APS 5 \$61,326 - \$64,728
DARWIN Ref No: 09-0588

As a project officer you will be working on the implementation of departmental programs which require engagement with organisations at the local or regional level (including negotiating and monitoring funding agreements with service organisations and contributing to the development of those organisations); and to facilitate departmental communication to stakeholders and gather information on health issues for dissemination within the department.

Contact officer: Mark Kelly on (08) 8919 3403 or mark.kelly@health.gov.au

ADMINISTRATIVE PROJECT OFFICER

APS 4 \$56,384 - \$59,575
DARWIN Ref No: 09-0589

The Northern Territory Health Reform and Development section has a vacancy for an OATSIH Administration / Project Officer, who will work as part of a small team supporting the implementation of the of the Expanding Health Service Delivery Initiative (EHSDI). The position will provide administrative support to the Director and team and have opportunities to develop project management skills. The position requires a person with exceptional organisational and communication skills to undertake a broad range of administrative duties. The Administration / Project Officer will work with a range of stakeholders including government and non-government agencies and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services. This position is located in the Northern Territory office.

Contact officer: Lauren Townsend on (08) 8919 3462 or lauren.townsend@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 10 September 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.

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Program Manager Yurungai Learning Centre

30 hrs per week

After school homework program,
Barnardos Sydney Metro Centre

The centre has 25 afterschool places available to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 5-12 in the local Redfern/Waterloo area. The children participate in structured recreational and art/craft activities with a designated session for homework/educational support. This position is 30 hrs per week with mandatory hours being 2:30-m- 6pm each day during school term. This position will be supervising a team of educational support staff.

Essential criteria:

- Primary school education qualifications and experience as a primary school teacher
- Considerable experience working with Indigenous children, young people and colleagues
- Experience co-ordinating a program
- Driver's licence class C and willingness to obtain LR licence within first 3 months of employment.

For an information pack

please phone Nancy on (02) 9218 2325 or e-mail
recruit4@socialworks.org.au

Applications close 3pm Fri 4 Sept 2009

Indigenous candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.



Quality
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Family Preservation/Kinship Caseworker

Barnardos Sydney Metro Centre

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local government areas.

Up to \$62,650 package value (inc super, FBT and car)

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Program: Yurungai - Family Preservation & Kinship Support Service.

This service is a child focused family preservation and kinship care intervention. The program offers home visiting and casework services for children 0-17 who are identified as at risk or have been placed in the care of relatives or kin. Group work may also be offered as part of the service.

Essential criteria: Experience in provision of social welfare services, a demonstrated awareness of the issues experienced by Aboriginal children, young people and their families in the child welfare system, current NSW Driver's licence.

Desirable: tertiary qualifications.

For an info pack please e-mail recruit4@socialworks.org.au or phone Nancy on 9218-2325.

Applications close Thurs Fri 4 Sept 2009

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PROJECT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 7/8

Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Unit
Central Office

Position located in Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 09-DADHC-20456

Total remuneration package valued up to \$91,779 per annum (Salary: \$75,137 pa - \$83,171 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: To undertake projects and research providing advice on initiatives for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with a disability and their carers

Selection Criteria:

- In this position an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal cultural beliefs and attitudes
- Proven expertise to lead, formulate and implement strategies to improve Aboriginal people's access to services and programs, gained from direct experiences in the human services sector
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with, develop and maintain effective working relationships with Aboriginal people and their communities
- Experience in project management and the ability to meet concise deadlines whilst managing conflicting priorities
- Demonstrated high level oral and written communication skills
- Demonstrated capacity to be flexible, adaptable and contribute in changing environment

Job Notes: A current Driver Licence. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6200

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 4 September 2009

GA1-803654



Community Facilitator New South Wales

CREATE Foundation is a national not-for-profit organisation which aims to connect and empower children and young people in care, and improve the care system through activities, programs, training and policy advice.

We are currently recruiting someone who has experience and skills in working with children and young people, project management, and facilitation of workshops and training. This position is 4 days per week (3 days Permanent Part-time + additional 1 day per week for first 9 months).

You can make a real difference in this job. Salary is based on SACs 4 + super and generous salary sacrificing benefit.

CREATE encourages applications from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Culturally Diverse candidates.

For an information/application pack,
contact regina.keo@create.org.au

Applications close 5pm Friday 11 September 2009

*All applicants are required to undertake a valid
Working with Children Check*

Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc.

has received funding through the Office of Women under the Domestic and Family Violence Grants Program for a Womens Domestic Violence Worker.

The position will be based at the Merana office, which is located 96 Windsor Street, Richmond.

Aboriginal Womens Domestic Violence Support Worker

28 hours per week

With additional hours for extra work

One year fixed period only

The successful applicant will initially be offered a 6 month contract, which will be ongoing, subject to successful probation and review period. Salary as per the Social and Community Services (NSW) Award, Grade 4 (Award code 783). Remuneration package includes salary, leave, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme.

NOTE:

- *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.*
- *Being a women is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under the Anti Discrimination Act (NSW)*

ENQUIRIES: Melissa Stubbings on Phone: 02 4587 8877 or email: Melissa_Stubbings@clc.net.au

Closing Date: Tuesday 1st September 2009

Applications marked 'Confidential' to:

Treasurer
Melissa Stubbings
Merana Aboriginal Community Association
for the Hawkesbury Inc
C/O Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre Inc
PO Box 736,
WINDSOR NSW 2756



DEPARTMENT OF AGEING, DISABILITY AND HOME CARE

PRINCIPAL PROJECT OFFICER (ABORIGINAL)

Clerk Grade 11/12

Aboriginal Service Development & Delivery Unit
Central Office

Position located in Newcastle
Permanent Full-Time

Position No: 09-DADHC-20457

Total remuneration package valued up to \$126,424 per annum (Salary: \$99,063 pa - \$114,566 pa), includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.

Job Description: Develop initiatives and provide specialist advice to the Director ASD&D for development of new responses to meet needs of ATSI people with a disability.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- In this position an applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification authorised under Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.
- Demonstrated in-depth understanding of contemporary issues, as they relate to the service and sector development of disability services for Aboriginal people with a disability.
- Demonstrated capacity to develop new and innovative disability services and programs, which meet the needs, life stages and transition pathways of Aboriginal people with a disability and their communities in rural and remote areas. Ability to develop innovative and responsive programs and services that reflect current relevant National Disability
- Service and COAG reforms that meet the needs of Aboriginal clients with a disability.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain relationships with other DADHC areas and funded service providers to facilitate the development of new and innovative service models that meet the needs of Aboriginal clients with a disability.
- High level written and verbal communication including the ability to negotiate and consult at all levels.
- Tertiary qualifications in a related discipline, or equivalent knowledge and experience, with commitment to ongoing professional development.

Job Notes: A current Driver Licence. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Warren Steadman (02) 4978 6200

Information Package: www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package

Closing Date: Friday 4 September 2009

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The RTA is now offering cadetships for 2010 to enthusiastic motivated students about to enrol in one of the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) at the University of Newcastle.
- Bachelor of Engineering Technology at the University of New England.
- Bachelor of Engineering, Diploma in Engineering Practice at the University of Technology, Sydney
- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil Engineering) at the University of Wollongong

As a cadet in one of our Sydney or regional offices, you will gain practical engineering experience, work with industry leaders and have the chance to work on major road and bridge projects while you study.

To apply go to www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applications close 18 September 2009.

The RTA is actively working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve. We encourage diversity in our teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future.

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Rural Health Indigenous Community Partnerships And Cultural Safety Officer.

School of Rural Health

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A162/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

This position will work with Shepparton's local Indigenous community, School of Rural Health and other relevant stakeholders to assist the School in meeting its commitments to addressing Indigenous disadvantage.

The role has two key functions. The first is the co-ordination and delivery of Cultural Safety Workshops for students and the second is the effective engagement with the Indigenous community for the development of partnerships and relationships.

You will be responsible for co-ordinating and delivering cultural safety workshops, which includes evaluating the programs and ensuring that the Indigenous community is engaged and a participant. Engagement and consultation with the Indigenous community is integral to the success of this role. You will also be required to provide Indigenous expertise or advice to support the School of Rural Health.

Salary: \$59,755 - \$64,683 p.a. plus 17% super.

Job No: 0021885.

For position information and to apply online go to www.hr.unimelb.edu.au/careers, click on 'Job Search' and search under the job title or job number.

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT GROUP

Office of Evaluation and Audit (Indigenous Programs)

Evaluation and Audit Branch

Executive Level 1 – Project Leader

(Ref: 145-09)

Salary Range: \$88,300 - \$113,900

Closing Date: Thursday, 03 September 2009

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants for Australian Public Service positions must be Australian citizens and be prepared to undertake a security clearance.

DETAILS ABOUT THE VACANCIES AND HOW TO APPLY: Please follow the link to www.finance.gov.au and click on the Recruitment tab.

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TRAINEESHIPS
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You will have the chance to get involved in a variety of projects, work with leaders in the industry and have the flexibility to complete your study.

Locations include Granville, Parramatta, Grafton, Newcastle, Glen Innes, Port Macquarie, Wollongong, Parkes, Wagga Wagga, Broken Hill and across Sydney metropolitan.

To apply visit www.skillsroad.com.au/RTA or phone 1300 177 599.

Applications close 18 September 2009.

12 positions are identified for Aboriginal applicants.


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www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers



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GOVERNMENT OF
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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
24/762	Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd	628.53ha	59km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°01'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/252	Cranston Gilbert Edwards	9.96ha	27km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/436-7	Kanowna Mines Ltd	1379.84ha	41km N'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°23' Long 121°31'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/476	Cranston Gilbert Edwards	19.92ha	50km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°51'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/1285	Pacrim Energy Ltd	527.82ha	39km NE'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°36' Long 121°33'	Laverton/Leonora
38/749	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	30.45ha	34km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°34'	Laverton
& 38/881	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
38/954	Barrick (GSM) Limited	23.5ha	26km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°32'	Laverton
	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd				
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
38/1048	Barrick (GSM) Limited	23.48ha	34km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°49' Long 122°39'	Laverton
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
38/1049	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd	71.21ha	26km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°48' Long 122°33'	Laverton
	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd				
	Barrick (GSM) Limited				
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
38/1140	Barrick (GSM) Limited	77.87ha	42km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 122°32'	Laverton
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd				
38/1143	Barrick (GSM) Limited	34.36ha	34km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 122°30'	Laverton
	Deep Yellow Ltd				
	Barrick (Granny Smith) Pty Ltd				
39/1063	Apollo Mining Pty Ltd	13.7ha	51km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°11' Long 121°43'	Menzies
39/1068	Aumex Mining Pty Ltd	79.35ha	47km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°48'	Leonora
47/1431	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	2964.66ha	45km W'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°07' Long 117°55'	Ashburton
74/244	Galaxy Resources Ltd	1831.93ha	2km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°33' Long 120°02'	Ravensthorpe

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: 26 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 **26 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. 26 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.



GOVERNMENT OF
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NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
15/4269	Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd	83.91ha	23km W'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°55' Long 120°55'	Coolgardie
15/5194	George Juris Petersons	5ha	3km E'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°57' Long 121°11'	Coolgardie
15/5248	Focus Minerals Ltd	17.56ha	20km S'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 31°06' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
15/5393	Mincor Resources NL	176.48ha	5km SW'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°31' Long 121°32'	Coolgardie
15/5402	Clinton Dean Hood	72.06ha	18km W'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°29'	Coolgardie
15/5403-4	Clinton Dean Hood	245.39ha	23km SW'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°18' Long 121°27'	Coolgardie
16/2528	Neil William Hass	200ha	31km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°40' Long 121°09'	Coolgardie
16/2598	Clinton Dean Hood	131.89ha	29km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
16/2599	Clinton Dean Hood	65.66ha	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
16/2600-3	Clinton Dean Hood	921.87ha	27km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°07'	Coolgardie
& 16/2606-8					
16/2609	Clinton Dean Hood	180.86ha	39km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°36' Long 121°05'	Coolgardie
16/2610-3	Clinton Dean Hood	690.01ha	37km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°37' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
16/2614-6	Clinton Dean Hood	387.52ha	34km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°39' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
16/2621	Western Resources Pty Ltd	96.59ha	45km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°33' Long 121°03'	Coolgardie
	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd				
16/2622-3	Zetek Resources Pty Ltd	391.58ha	42km N'ly of Coolgardie	Lat 30°34' Long 121°04'	Coolgardie
	Western Resources Pty Ltd				
20/2076	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	115.35ha	52km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°27'	Cue
20/2117	JML Resources Pty Ltd	180.87ha	5km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°23' Long 117°53'	Cue
20/2122	Rosane Pty Ltd	199.85ha	72km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 26°54' Long 117°25'	Cue
24/4073	Kundana Gold Pty Ltd	92.04ha	47km N'ly of Coolgoorlie	Lat 30°20' Long 121°17'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/2002	Western Resources Pty Ltd	123.01ha	52km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°19' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
39/4832	Regal Resources Ltd	168.88ha	26km W'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°40' Long 122°08'	Laverton
40/1253	Peter Romeo Gianni	26.73ha	50km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°24'	Menzies
40/1254	Peter Romeo Gianni	53.94ha	52km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°22' Long 121°26'	Menzies
47/1517	Pannawonica Iron Associates	10.13ha	92km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°13' Long 118°50'	East Pilbara
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates				
	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd				
	North Mining Ltd				
52/1328	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd	22.98ha	87km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°19' Long 118°52'	East Pilbara
	North Mining Ltd				
	Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd				
	Cape Lambert Iron Associates				
	Pannawonica Iron Associates				
57/1247	John Paul Bennett	21.01ha	5km NW'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°56' Long 119°16'	Sandstone
59/1918	Anthony James Baker	22.04ha	15km NE'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°16' Long 116°49'	Yalgoo
74/277	Kim Lyndon Shadbolt	199.51ha	84km N'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 32°49' Long 119°58'	Lake Grace

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: 26 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 **26 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. 26 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.

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NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
59/99	Karara Mining Limited	1243.61ha	68km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°11' Long 116°42'	Perenjori

Purpose: Mine site accommodation facility, mine site administration facility, workshop and storage facility, pipelines, roads, taking water, power lines

Nature of the act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification day: 26 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 **26 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 miscellaneous licences may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 26 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 miscellaneous licences.

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 an application for determination of native title in the state of Western Australia



**National
Native Title
Tribunal**

Notification day: 9 September 2009

This is an application by a native title claim group who are asking the Federal Court to determine that the group hold native title in the area described below.

A person who wants to become a party to this application must write to the **Registrar of the Federal Court, GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, on or before 8 December 2009**. After 8 December 2009, the Federal Court's permission to become a party is required.

Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cwlth) there can be only one determination of native title for a particular area. If a person with native title rights and interests does not become a party to this application, there may be no other opportunity for the Federal Court, in making its determination, to take into account those native title rights and interests in relation to the area concerned.



Application name: Tommy May & Ors v State of Western Australia

Federal Court File No: WAD281/2008

Date Filed: 3 December 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has accepted this application for registration.

Location: The area subject to this application covers three parts with a combined area of about 1,750km². It is located in areas adjoining the determination of native title made on 9 November 2007 for **WAD6077/98 Ngurrara (WC96/32)**, approximately 500km south-east of Broome.

The application area falls within the Local Government Authorities of the Shire of East Pilbara and the Shire of Halls Creek.

Data statement: claimant application boundary sourced from and used with permission of Landgate (WA).

For assistance and further information contact Marion Towndrow or Jeremiah Riley
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit www.nntt.gov.au

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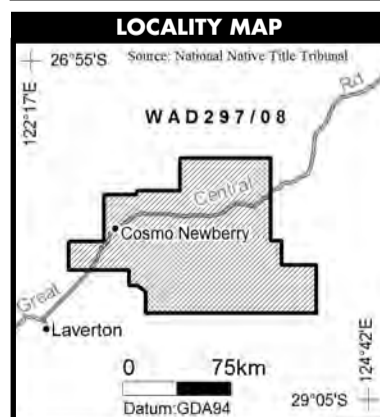


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Application name: Yilka

Federal Court File No: WAD297/2008

Date filed in Federal Court: 15 December 2008

Registration test status: The Native Title Registrar has *accepted* this application for registration.

Description of the application area: The area subject to this application covers about 12,260km², located approximately 300km north-east of Kalgoorlie in the vicinity of Laverton and Cosmo Newberry as shown on the locality map.

The application falls within the Local Government Authority of the Shire of Laverton.

Data statement: claimant application boundary compiled by National Native Title Tribunal.

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Closing Date for Applications extended:
Friday 4th September, 2009.

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application	Current Applicant ACN
MDL361	Approx. 13 km South West of Pentland Local Government Areas within the area: Charters Towers Regional Council	<p>Current Land Tenures:</p> <p>Lot 2084 on plan CP907839 – PH 11/2084 Lot 6 on plan SP156588 – PH 11/5366 Lot 901 on plan SP108237 – Great Northern Line Lot 903 on plan SP108237 – Great Northern Line Lot 905 on plan SP108237 – Great Northern Line Lot 906 on plan SP108237 – Great Northern Line Lot 907 on plan SP108237 – Great Northern Line Lot 921 on plan SP108238 – Great Northern Line Lot 922 on plan SP108238 – Great Northern Line Lot 925 on plan SP108238 – Great Northern Line Road Reserves</p> <p>Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 2711.4582 ha</p>	Linc Energy Ltd 076 157 045

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s.194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s.194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3733 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

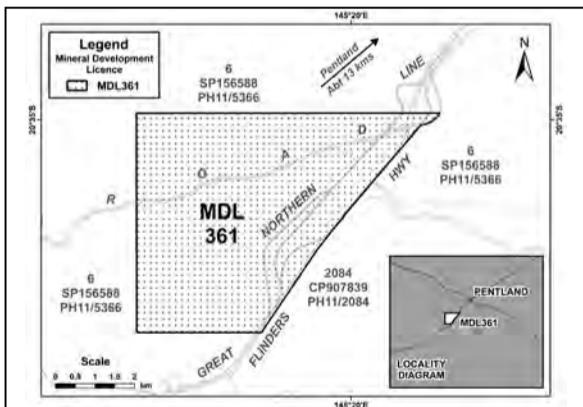
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, elephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.


Notification Day: 17 September 2009



Legend
Mineral Development Licence
MDL361

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Closing date:
September 4, 2009



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Aboriginal Ranger Coordinator

Toowoomba

The Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Inc (QMDC) is seeking applications from motivated and enthusiastic people to be part of a new venture by working with a team on Natural Resource Management in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

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Applicants are required to demonstrate:

- Ability to work within, supervise and support a multidisciplinary team
- An ability to work along side various land managers to gain greater environmental outcomes within the QMDC region.
- An ability to assist Traditional Owners and Aboriginal communities in the recording of traditional and ecological knowledge that will assist in the improvement of Aboriginal people in Natural Resource Management (NRM).
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The Position Description and Application Details can be obtained from www.qmdc.org.au or by contacting Tanya McKechnie at QMDC on 07 4637 6210 or 0429 056 457 or tanyam@qmdc.org.au

Closing date for applications is COB Friday, 4 September 2009

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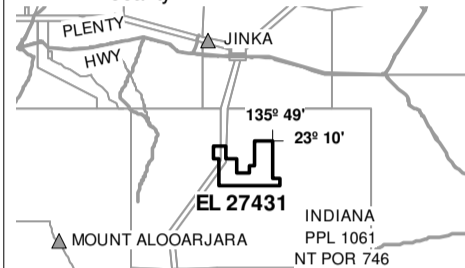
NOTICE OF PROPOSED GRANT OF EXPLORATION LICENCES

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.

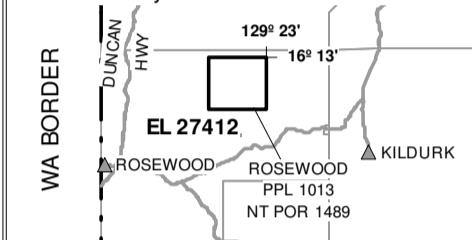
Applications to which this notice applies:

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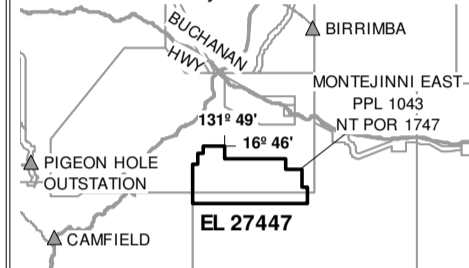
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Exploration Licence 27412 sought by RIDING RESOURCES PTY LTD, ACN 009 456 455 AND BRALICH HOLDINGS PTY LTD, ACN 060 990 632 over an area of 56 Blocks (184.62 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NEWRY locality.



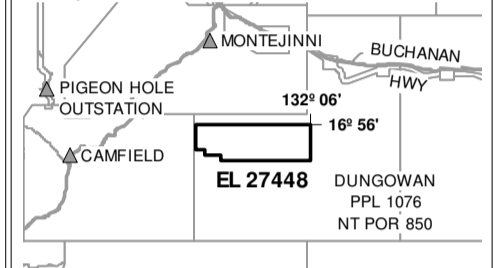
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Exploration Licence 27447 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 165 Blocks (542.5 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINNI locality.



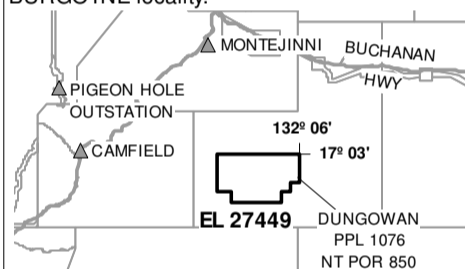
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Exploration Licence 27448 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 154 Blocks (505.7 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MONTEJINNI locality.



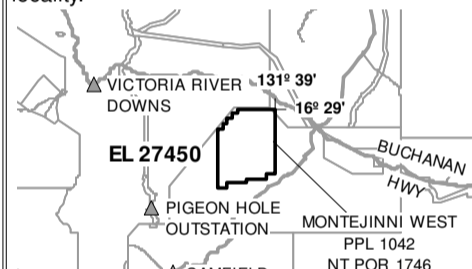
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Exploration Licence 27449 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 162 Blocks (531.62 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BURGOYNE locality.



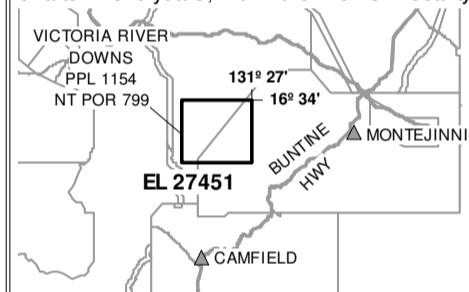
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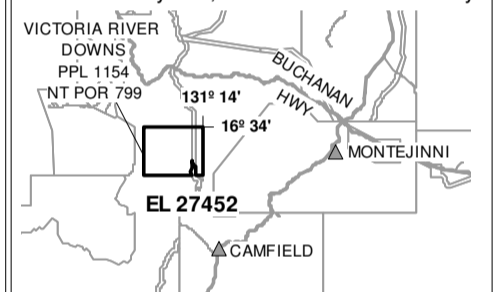
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Exploration Licence 27451 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 143 Blocks (470.53 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PIGEON locality.



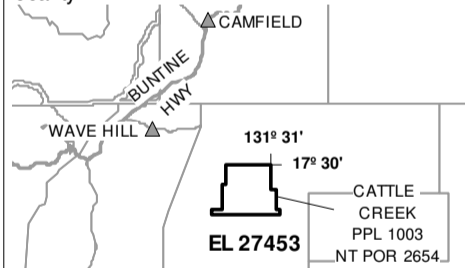
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Exploration Licence 27452 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 154 Blocks (498.80 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PIGEON locality.



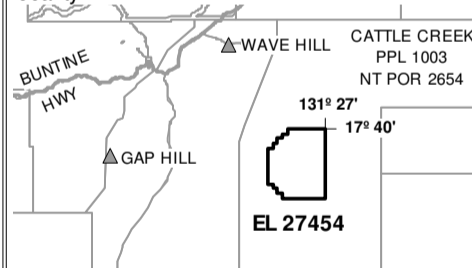
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Exploration Licence 27453 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 104 Blocks (340.54 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JUNJAMINJI locality.



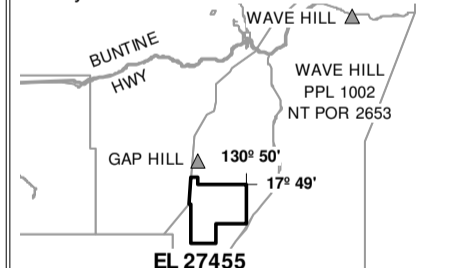
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Exploration Licence 27454 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 152 Blocks (497.10 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the JUNJAMINJI locality.



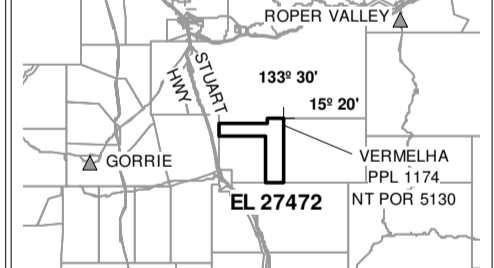
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Exploration Licence 27455 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 70 Blocks (219.74 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the WATSON locality.



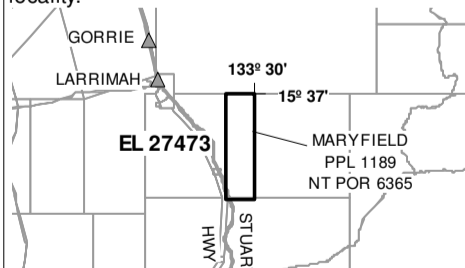
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Exploration Licence 27472 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 137 Blocks (394.68 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the GORRIE locality.



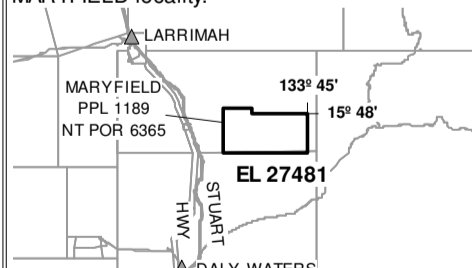
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Exploration Licence 27473 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 90 Blocks (297.48 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the LARRIMAH locality.



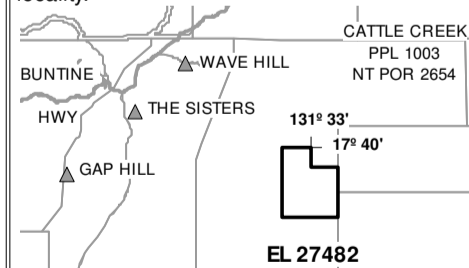
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Exploration Licence 27481 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 110 Blocks (363.47 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MARYFIELD locality.



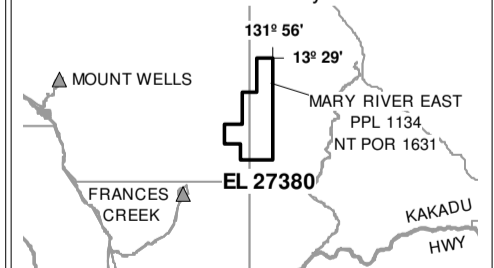
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Exploration Licence 27482 sought by WDR GOLD PTY LTD, ACN 125 045 016 over an area of 144 Blocks (464.18 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the CATTLE locality.



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Exploration Licence 27380 sought by WOODLEIGH NOMINEES PTY LIMITED, ACN 050 120 057 over an area of 12 Blocks (36.31 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the PINE CREEK 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 Centrepoint Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day. **Notification Day:** 26 August 2009

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
ML70402 Western Lead	Approx. 7.5Km North West from Blair Athol Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 127 on FTY1849 – Blair Athol State Forest (mining and access) Lot A on DC183 – Term Lease 0/231271 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 5.8916 Ha	Peter Vincent SHEVILL
ML70404 North Western Lead	Approx.8Km North West from Blair Athol Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 127 on FTY1849 – Blair Athol State Forest (mining and access) Lot A on DC183 – Term Lease 0/231271 (mining and access) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 6.904 Ha	Peter Vincent SHEVILL

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld), for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding ten (10) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and the Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Queensland, 4002.

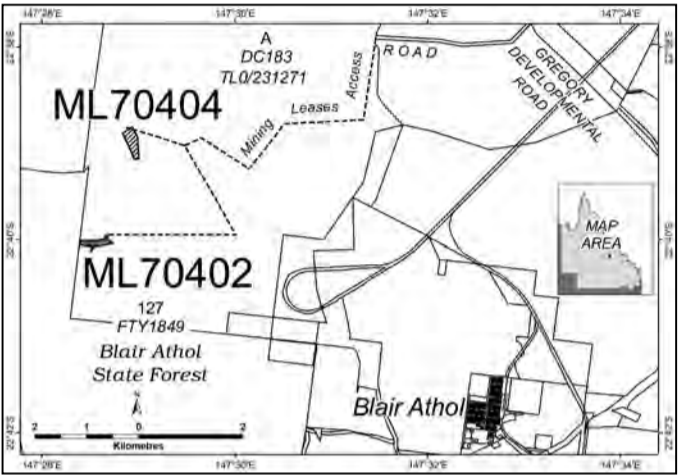
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from the Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation (DEEDI) Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; Mining Registrar, DEEDI, Government Offices, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, Qld 4720, Telephone: 07 4987 9373.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 2 September 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 0305409

Notice of Proposed Grant of a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
MDL395	Approx. 41 km East South East of Greenvale Local Government Areas within the area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 4844 on plan PH1679 – PH 11/4844 Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 2464.343 ha	Michael Curtain

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s.194(1)(j) of the Mineral Resources Act 1989 and s.194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3733 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

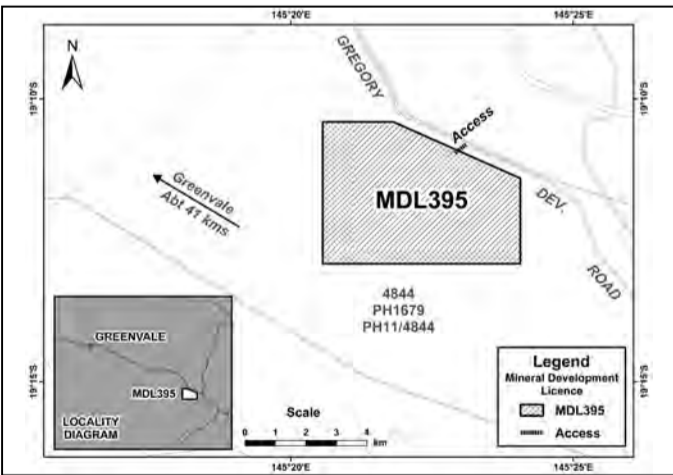
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 September 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 0305072

Sport

Indigenous bonds transcend club, sport loyalties – Goodes



SWANS co-captain Adam Goodes says the bond between the Australian Football League's (AFL's) band of more than 80 Indigenous footballers

transcends club loyalties and even the sport itself.

Goodes said it was simply in the nature of Aboriginal people to take an interest in one another.

"It goes beyond just football. If I see an Aboriginal person walking down the street, I'll stop and have a yarn and just catch up with them and find out where they're from," he said on the AFL BigPond Network.

"That's what we do as people; we welcome people into our family and our group and you always go out of your way to say hello to each other."

Goodes said that aspect of Indigenous culture transferred easily to the world of AFL football.

"We share a common passion and that's to play football, but to be able to share some time outside football and share some quality time together, whether it be on Indigenous camp, going fishing, going on bushwalks or whatever it might be, it really helps build a stronger connection between us all," he said.

Taunted

Goodes said he had been racially taunted 'a couple of times' during his career.

The Swans' dual Brownlow Medallist praised the work of the AFL and the pioneering role of past Indigenous stars – Nicky Winmar, Michael Long and Maurice Rioli among them – in fostering the current environment of understanding.

"For me and a lot of the younger players coming through, it is a lot easier for them and players are more aware of how it does hurt people when they criticise their race, religion or beliefs," Goodes said.

"You can see the benefits in how many Indigenous men are playing at the moment. They're not just little forward pockets or back pocket players – they're superstars of the game.

"That's based on how much effort and time the AFL and the players' association have put into helping develop our game and helping develop our football clubs for the cultural awareness for Aboriginal people."

Goodes said he would welcome the responsibility of nurturing any young Aboriginal players drafted by the club.

"I don't think when our recruiters go out there, they go 'we need a couple of Indigenous players' or 'we need a couple of other players'," he said.

"It's all about the draft and when you can pick blokes up in the draft (but) I'd always love to have a few more brothers up here, especially a few younger ones.

"I've always been under Mickey O's wing, which has been great for me, and it'd be great to have a couple of younger boys under our wings to help them through the pressure and hard times of footy and help develop them into great footballers."

Hayden to join Cricket Australia



AUSTRALIAN cricket great and *Koori Mail* columnist Matthew Hayden has been appointed to the boards of Cricket Australia and Queensland Cricket. The 37-year-old former Test opener last week was elected by the delegate council of Queensland Cricket to replace Allan Border as one of Queensland's two CA directors.

Border, Australia's greatest Test runs-scorer until passed by Ricky Ponting in the third Ashes Test last month, decided to step down after eight years in the role.

Border will stay on as a QC director while Bryan Phelan will continue as Queensland's other CA director.

Hayden said he was honoured to join both boards.

"I see it as a wonderful way to maintain an active role in the sport and making a meaningful contribution to the game that has brought me and others so much enjoyment," he said.

"I'm very excited about the challenges ahead and I'm confident that I can be a strong contributor for Australian cricket going forward."

Hayden, who will stand down from the executive of the Australian Cricketers Association following his CA board appointment, said he would continue to advocate on behalf of the players.

"It's true I have been a vocal campaigner for players' rights during my player career and it's only natural that I would retain that interest," he said.

"But I have been very fortunate over the years with Queensland and Australia to be exposed to the wider interests of the game and, through that, develop a keen interest in the business of cricket and the overall growth of the game at all levels."

Hayden has shown strong interest in developing Indigenous cricket and was a guest at this year's Imparja Cup Indigenous carnival in Alice Springs. – *with AAP*



MATT HAYDEN



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
15/773	Independence Group NL	322498	103.05ha	31km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°14' Long 121°59'	Coolgardie
38/1861	Crescent Gold Ltd	326145	529.28ha	12km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°26'	Laverton
		326146	23.95ha	12km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°29' Long 122°27'	
		326147	35.89ha	12km N'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°30' Long 122°28'	

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.
Notification day: 26 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 **26 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. 26 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 a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicants named below hereby give notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
MDL388	Approx. 54 km North North East of Kajibbi Local Government Areas within the area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 3 on plan LS18 – PH 13/5430 Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 35 ha	William Croydon Pty Ltd 080 014 160
MDL389	Approx. 50 km North North East of Kajibbi Local Government Areas within the area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 1 on plan LS14 – PH 13/5456 Lot 3 on plan LS18 – PH 13/5430 Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 178.64 ha	William Croydon Pty Ltd 080 014 160
MDL390	Approx. 46 km North North East of Kajibbi Local Government Areas within the area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 1 on plan LS14 – PH 13/5456 Lot 59 on plan TG40 – PDH 13/64 Road Reserves Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 141.04 ha	William Croydon Pty Ltd 080 014 160
MDL401	Approx. 51 km North North East of Kajibbi Local Government Areas within the area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 3 on plan LS18 – PH 13/5430 Lot 2695 on plan PH1525 – PH 13/2965 Road Reserves Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 337.2845 ha	William Croydon Pty Ltd 080 014 160 (99%) Exco Resources Limited 080 339 671 (1%)

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s.194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s.194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3733 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

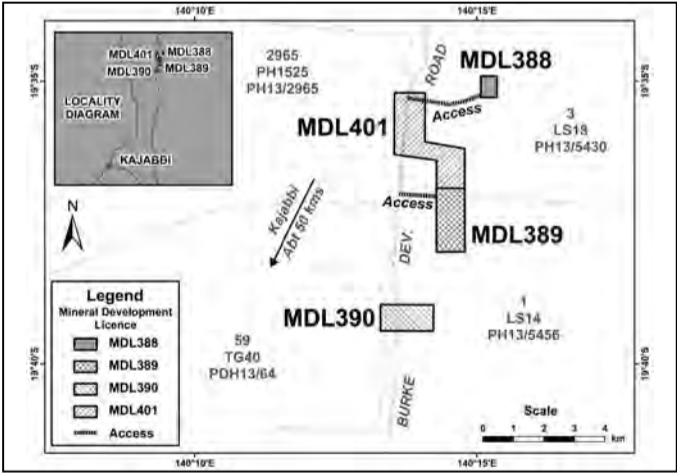
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 September 2009



Queensland Government

TMP 006599



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
04/1905	John Charlton Russell	9.8km²	79km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°31' Long 125°18'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1906	John Charlton Russell	26.16km²	84km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°29' Long 125°15'	Derby-West Kimberley
& 04/1909					
04/1912	Mallina Exploration Pty Ltd	3.28km²	114km N'ly of Derby	Lat 16°16' Long 123°32'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1913	Mallina Exploration Pty Ltd	13.13km²	122km N'ly of Derby	Lat 16°12' Long 123°34'	Derby-West Kimberley
04/1915	Mt Pierre Pty Ltd	87.87km²	47km SE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°22' Long 125°59'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek
04/1916	Universal Abrasives Pty Ltd	133.97km²	92km NW'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°26' Long 125°11'	Derby-West Kimberley
08/1942	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	446.13km²	61km E'ly of Onslow	Lat 21°29' Long 115°40'	Ashburton/Roeboourne
08/1950	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	220.72km²	119km W'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°57' Long 116°32'	Ashburton
08/1956	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.16km²	100km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°32' Long 116°17'	Ashburton
08/1961	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	18.99km²	89km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°24' Long 116°04'	Ashburton
08/1959	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	133.77km²	62km E'ly of Onslow	Lat 21°32' Long 115°42'	Ashburton
& 08/1978					
09/1429	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	243.5km²	123km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°15' Long 117°16'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1603	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	133.83km²	117km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°40' Long 116°17'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1616	Rodney Laurence Bellotti Boleslaw William Kozyrski	3.12km²	134km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°02' Long 115°56'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1618	FEC II Pty Ltd	193.03km²	132km E'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°37' Long 116°25'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1620	Australian Outback Mining Pty Ltd	3.12km²	80km NW'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°23' Long 114°53'	Carnarvon
09/1621	Milan Mirkovic	6.25km²	121km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°09' Long 115°52'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1623	Rodney Laurence Bellotti Boleslaw William Kozyrski	6.25km²	105km N'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°08' Long 115°27'	Carnarvon
09/1634-5	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	432.67km²	112km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°30' Long 116°12'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1636	Rodney Laurence Bellotti Boleslaw William Kozyrski	31.21km²	135km NE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°17' Long 116°14'	Upper Gascoyne
20/709	Venus Resources Ltd	277.26km²	59km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°12' Long 117°20'	Cue/Murchison
20/711	Venus Resources Ltd	265.08km²	74km W'ly of Cue	Lat 27°13' Long 117°10'	Murchison/Yalgoo
25/410	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	14.69km²	46km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 122°06'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/411	Paddick Investments Pty Ltd	26.52km²	56km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 122°03'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/412	Carrick Gold Ltd	14.78km²	61km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°26' Long 121°59'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1919	Gel Resources Pty Ltd	35.56km²	143km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°10' Long 122°48'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City/Menzies
28/1933	Oroya Mining Ltd	44.1km²	73km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°57' Long 122°22'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/721	Orion Exploration Pty Ltd	180.32km²	120km SE'ly Sandstone	Lat 28°56' Long 119°53'	Menzies
29/728-9	Uranium Australia Ltd	307.78km²	38km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°25' Long 120°47'	Menzies
29/731	John Henry Rutter	14.96km²	59km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°19' Long 120°36'	Menzies
30/388	Jervois Mining Ltd	8.97km²	119km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°23' Long 119°51'	Menzies
30/389-90	Michael Ernest Montgomery	5.94km²	58km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°01' Long 120°34'	Menzies
31/863	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	62.71km²	60km NE'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°25' Long 121°35'	Menzies
31/865	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	74.67km²	79km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°22' Long 121°55'	Menzies
& 31/873					
31/870	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.99km²	60km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°16' Long 121°45'	Menzies
31/871	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.99km²	62km SE'ly of Leonora	Lat 29°17' Long 121°46'	Menzies
31/872	Pioneer Nickel Ltd	89.48km²	65km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°33' Long 121°41'	Menzies
36/712	John Louis Stockley	15.2km²	24km NW'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°46' Long 120°31'	Leonora
36/713	John Louis Stockley	21.23km²	12km W'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°53' Long 120°35'	Leonora
37/1009	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	33.58km²	70km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°28' Long 121°12'	Leonora
37/1011	Bruce Robert Legendre	39.54km²	62km E'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°54' Long 121°19'	Leonora
37/1015	Uranium Australia Ltd	3.04km²	94km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°23' Long 121°26'	Leonora
38/2267	Rubicon Resources Ltd	21.18km²	20km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°32'	Laverton
38/2271	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	142.16km²	49km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°50'	Laverton
& 38/2314					
38/2312	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	6.02km²	21km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°29' Long 122°33'	Laverton
38/2313	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	15.05km²	20km NE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°32' Long 122°35'	Laverton
39/1468	Royce William Allen	208.56km²	137km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°37' Long 123°14'	Menzies
39/1478	Rubicon Resources Ltd	66km²	39km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°13'	Laverton
39/1480	White Cliff Nickel Ltd	2.99km²	48km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°01' Long 122°12'	Laverton/Leonora
39/1481	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	23.83km²	115km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°37' Long 122°41'	Menzies
39/1482	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	44.74km²	102km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°31' Long 122°38'	Menzies
39/1483	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	5.97km²	93km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 122°36'	Menzies
45/3414	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	222.67km²	80km W'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°51' Long 119°20'	East Pilbara
45/3421	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.59km²	64km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°53' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/3427	Shaw River Resources Ltd	96.16km²	44km N'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°47' Long 119°38'	East Pilbara
45/3432	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	60.42km²	84km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°12' Long 119°22'	East Pilbara
45/3439	Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd	210.76km²	43km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°31' Long 119°34'	East Pilbara
47/1969	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	69.33km²	46km NW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°00' Long 117°17'	Ashburton
47/2023	Iron Ore Holdings Ltd	3.16km²	81km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°43' Long 119°20'	East Pilbara
47/2024	Iron Ore Holdings Ltd	6.32km²	84km NW'ly of Newman	Lat 22°42' Long 119°18'	East Pilbara
47/2046	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	57.03km²	17km E'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 22°18' Long 118°29'	Ashburton
47/2084	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	35.43km²	51km SW'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°39' Long 118°16'	Port Hedland Town
47/2086	Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates Pannawonica Iron Associates	9.47km²	92km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°15' Long 118°50'	East Pilbara
52/2356	Sipa Exploration NL	114.79km²	144km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°22' Long 119°44'	Meekatharra
52/2406	Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd	30.87km²	111km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°46' Long 119°08'	Meekatharra
53/1391	Bogada Gold Ltd	203.29km²	60km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°06' Long 120°29'	Wiluna
53/1471	Alloy Resources Ltd	58.53km²	77km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°04' Long 120°43'	Wiluna
63/1257	Peter Romeo Gianni	11.63km²	125km W'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°08' Long 120°27'	Dundas
63/1284	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	43.4km²	34km S'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°30' Long 121°43'	Dundas
63/1289	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	31.88km²	30km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°43' Long 121°34'	Esperance
63/1309	Ponton Minerals Pty Ltd	180.81km²	45km SE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°15' Long 122°00'	Esperance
63/1314	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	37.4km²	5km SW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 33°01' Long 121°36'	Esperance
63/1316	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	106.63km²	100km E'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°50' Long 122°42'	Esperance
63/1323	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	593.61km²	25km NE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°52' Long 121°52'	Esperance
& 63/1325-6					
69/2245	Aura Energy Ltd	18062.85km²	259km S'ly of Warburton Mission	Lat 28°20' Long 125°41'	Laverton
69/2605	Cazaly Iron Pty Ltd	32.37km²	151km NE'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat 30°56' Long 127°02'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
70/3168	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	235.35km²	8km S'ly of Quairading	Lat 32°05' Long 117°23'	Quairading
70/3171	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	137.32km²	18km E'ly of Kellerberrin	Lat 31°35' Long 117°53'	Kellerberrin/Merredin
70/3178	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	391.16km²	21km SW'ly of Merredin	Lat 31°38' Long 118°10'	Bruce Rock/Kellerberrin/Merredin
70/3474	Bauxite Resources Limited	198.75km²	31km E'ly of Manjimup	Lat 34°09' Long 116°28'	Boypup Brook/Bridgetown -Greenbushes/Manjimup
70/3550	Ausquest Ltd	88.21km²	116km N'ly of Mullewa	Lat 27°29' Long 115°27'	Murchison
77/1223	Oldcity Nominees Pty Ltd	81.74km²	79km SE'ly of Southern Cross	Lat 31°52' Long 119°41'	Yilgarn
77/1671	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	119.78km²	37km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 31°02' Long 119°49'	Yilgarn
77/1673	Magnetic Resources NL	55.91km²	24km SE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 31°01' Long 119°37'	Yilgarn
77/1674	Fleet Street Holdings Pty Ltd Bildex Holdings Pty Ltd	11.82km²	61km N'ly of Bullfinch	Lat 30°27' Long 118°53'	Yilgarn
77/1675	Magnetic Resources NL	85.38km²	16km S'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°57' Long 119°32'	Yilgarn
77/1676	Magnetic Resources NL	88.43km²	23km E'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°53' Long 119°44'	Yilgarn
80/3805	Red Metal Ltd	417.2km²	82km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°30' Long 128°51'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/3938	Platquest Resources Pty Ltd	3.25km²	1km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°13' Long 127°39'	Halls Creek
80/4042	Clinton Dean Hood	32.75km²	107km S'ly of Kununurra	Lat 16°44' Long 128°37'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4248	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	19.59km²	116km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°18' Long 128°11'	Halls Creek
80/4257	Anglo Australian Resources NL	155.82km²	48km SW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°31' Long 127°20'	Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 26 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 26 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. 26 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.

Sport

Still a chance, says Cowboy



NORTH Queensland captain Johnathan Thurston believes his side is capable of winning its final matches of the National Rugby League (NRL) season and charge into the finals despite the

Cowboys' 22-12 loss to the Bulldogs during the Reconciliation Round on 14 August.

The Cowboys rode into the match high on confidence with the second-placed Bulldogs missing key players Luke Patten and Ben Hannant, but Kevin Moore's side still managed to scrape home against the odds.

Following a stinging post-match appraisal from coach Neil Henry, in which he labelled the performance their worst of the season, Thurston still said his side could sneak into the top eight.

"There are still six points on offer and that's the way we are looking at it," Thurston said.

Henry was also critical of his side's intensity and hunger in the dying stages of the game.

"We needed to be desperate and we weren't," he said.

"We were disappointing in our urgency to pack scrums with ten minutes to go.

"When the game is there if we stand up and we get it right we could peg back a couple of tries."

Henry said his players would take advantage of an extended turnaround to rediscover their spark following two straight losses. – AAP

High-flyer Hodges



With Karmichael Hunt heading to the Australian Football League (AFL) next season, Brisbane Broncos National Rugby League (NRL) team-mate Justin Hodges might have some tips for him on how to take a mark, judging by this effort against the Penrith Panthers on 16 August at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. Hodges is pictured getting high over the Panthers' Wade Graham. The Broncos won the game 58-24 to put their premiership plans back on track. – AAP image





Joey Geia shapes up

Big future for Palm’s little Joey

By ALF WILSON



DIMINUTIVE Palm Island boxer Joey Geia is just knee-high to a grasshopper, but his trainer Ray Dennis believes he will ride a wave of success.

It was a pun considering the pair were standing at the stern of the ferry travelling between Palm Island and Townsville on 16 August.

Dennis and 11-year-old Geia had been to Charters Towers for a Sunstate Amateur Boxing League tournament.

Geia, a grade six student on Palm Island, had won his third fight from four bouts at the Charters Towers racetrack ring.

“It was in the 32kg division and Joey was 2kg lighter than his opponent. He has a great future if he continues to train hard,” Dennis said.

Young Geia is already the keenest fighter in the Palm Island gym at the local PCYC and gets to training early every day. “I actually have to tell him to go home after training. That’s how keen he is,” Dennis said.

Testimony to that was a drive around Palm Island *The Koori Mail* had the day after the ferry trip and Joey was shadow sparring with no gloves on the verandah of a house.

His bloodlines are impeccable for a fighter, as his late uncle, Esrom Geia, was one of the best boxers Dennis ever trained.

“Esrom knocked out a 21-year-old boxer when he was aged 11 and took out a north Queensland light heavyweight title when he was 14,” the trainer said.

Joey’s other uncle, Malcolm Geia, was also a quality fighter, and the family name is well known in boxing circles around Queensland’s north.

Joey said he enjoyed fighting at Charters Towers, where the local Gold City Club hosted 15 bouts.

“They had a really big crowd and I like going away with the other boxers and Ray and the ferry trip back to Palm is also good. I want to try and become a world champion one day,” Joey said.

Another Palm fighter, Steen Walsh, could not get a bout in Charters Towers.

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
ML10315 Podoskys	Approx. 10km West from Ravenswood Local Government Area: Charters Towers Regional Council	Current Land Tenures: Lot 5015 on SP104511 – Pastoral Holding 11/5015 (mining and access) Lot 4075 on CP904535 – Pastoral Holding 11/4075 (access only) Lot 5016 on CP904533 – Pastoral Holding 11/5016 (access only) Unnamed Road Reserves – (access only) Area of land applied for in Mining Lease: 66.0388 ha	Kitchener Mining NL 008 721 168

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mining Lease under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to mine and carry out associated activities subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that the Mining Lease be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Governor-in-Council, c/- the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, PO Box 15216, City East, Qld, 4002.

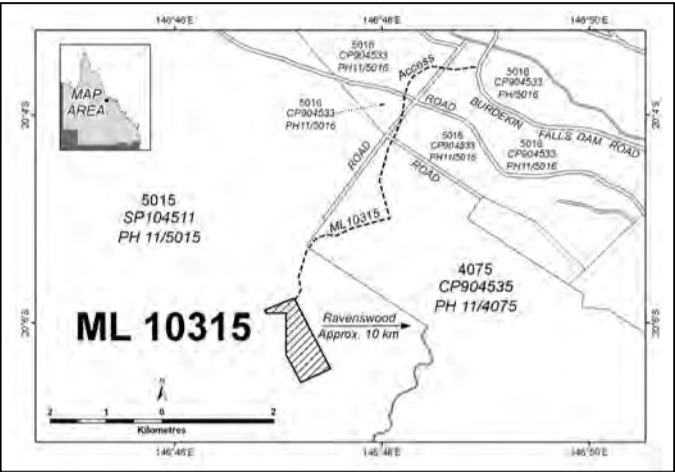
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Mining Lease, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mining Lease application, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3737; and the Officer of the Mining Registrar, Charters Towers Mining District, 27-43 Natal Downs Road, Charters Towers, Qld 4820, Telephone: (07) 4761 5763.

Native Title Parties: : Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a ‘native title party’ is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mining Lease. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, MLC Building Corner George & Adelaide Streets, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 16 September 2009



Queensland Government

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into a Mineral Development Licence

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Mineral Development Licence shown below, under section 226AA of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies:

The Mineral Development Licence currently excludes land subject to native title (“the Excluded Land”). The Current Holders have applied under section 226AA of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Mineral Development Licence.

Mineral Development Licence Number	Location of Mineral Development Licence (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Holder ACN
MDL330	Approx. 55 km South South East of Alpha Local Government Areas within the area: Barcaldine Regional Council	Current Land Tenures Lot 4 on plan DM15 – GHPL 37/3422 Lot 2 on plan DM26 – GHPL 37/3585 Lot 5 on plan DM27 – GHPL 37/3585 Native Companion Creek – Unallocated State Land Road Reserves Area of land applied for in Mineral Development Licence: 1904.5 ha	Alpha Resources Pty Ltd 010 176 744

Nature of the acts: Grant of a Mineral Development Licence under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to do all things that were or are authorised under the Mineral Development Licence over the area of the application and carry out activities leading to the evaluation and economic development of the ore body subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld). It is proposed to grant the Mineral Development Licence for a term not exceeding five (5) years, with the possibility of renewal for a term not exceeding five (5) years, and also subject to General Conditions Version 1, 1 March, 2007 and the Native Title Protection Conditions for Mineral Development Licences Version 1.1(b), 9 November, 2005 pursuant to s.194(1)(j) of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* and s.194AAA of that Act.

Name and address of person doing acts: It is proposed that each individual Mineral Development Licence be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, Qld 4151.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of each individual Mineral Development Licence, including extracts of the plans showing the boundaries of the Mineral Development Licence application, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Qld 4102, Telephone: (07) 33238 3733 and the Office of the Mining Registrar, Emerald Mining District, 99 Hospital Road, Emerald, 4720, Telephone: (07) 4987 6350.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a ‘native title party’ is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Mineral Development Licence. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au.

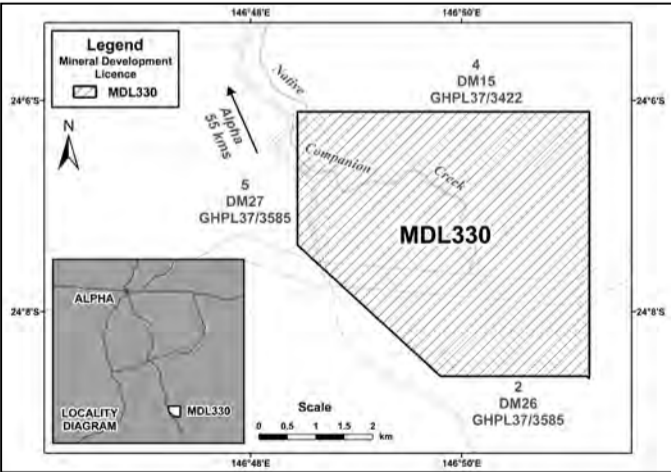
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Mineral Development Licence to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Mineral Development Licence may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Mineral Development Licence with the National native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Mineral Development Licence is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedures.

Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 17 September 2009



Queensland Government

Loyal to heritage



From left, Trevor Wosomo, Talofa Mareko and Jimmy Joseph, who will compete on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait at the coming Zenadth Kes rugby league carnival.

By ALF WILSON



THREE Torres Strait Islanders have opted to put their heritage first when selecting an All Blacks carnival to play in when three in north Queensland and one in Brisbane clash on the weekend of 10-11 October. Trevor Wosomo and Talofa Mareko have descendants on Yam Island, while Jimmy Joseph hails from Mabuiag, in Torres Strait. The trio live in Townsville and have opted to line up in the coming Zenadth Kes (formerly Torres Cup) which is on the weekend of 9-11 October at the Ken Brown Memorial Oval on Thursday Island. Wosomo, Mareko and Joseph will play for Goemu Raiders, which will represent Mabuiag at Zenadth Kes Cup, and their side will be star-studded. The Vern and Frank Daisy Cup has been confirmed by organiser Obe Geia as being held in Townsville on 11-12 October at the local Sports Reserve. The 2008 carnival had nine men's teams and two women's.

Also, the Sharks United Sporting Association carnival will be held on those dates across Townsville at Shark Park. Last year it attracted 16 teams, and this year it will also boast a women's section. Making the decision to travel to the Torres Strait even harder is that Wosomo, Mareko, 24, and Joseph, 18, all play in the Townsville competition with Sharks United, which is organising one of the carnivals.

Wosomo shone for the Ray Aldridge Memorial side which won the grand final of the 2008 Sharks United Sporting Association tenth anniversary All Blacks carnival in Townsville. Outside back Wosomo was creative in attack when his side beat Wongai Warriors 34-30 in the grand final before a large crowd. "We are of Torres Strait Islander heritage so we decided that we should go up there and play in the carnival on TI," Wosomo said. Last year the Zenadth Kes carnival had six teams, with TI Stingers convincingly winning the final 36-6 over Kubin side Arkai Brothers.

Carnival favourite

Arkai Brothers loom as one of the favourites for the Zenadth Kes Cup, and spokesman David Bosun has already indicated the side will be boosted by the presence of champion Cairns competition Mareeba club captain Steve Sheppard. Sheppard led the Innisfail Eacham side to win the 2009 Foley Shield grand final over Torres/Cape at the Townsville Sports Reserve over Easter. Many players will have to make up their minds about which carnival to compete at, and one TSI memorial team looks set to take part in the Sharks United carnival. The Brisbane carnival may look attractive for sides from Cherbourg and Woorabinda, which normally field teams in Townsville.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Authority to Prospect

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of the Authority to Prospect shown below under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld).

Authority to Prospect to which this notice applies:

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Nature of the acts: Grant of an Authority to Prospect under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for petroleum for a period not exceeding twelve (12) years. Under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) a holder of an Authority to Prospect is entitled to apply for a Petroleum Lease over land that is the subject of the Authority to Prospect. A Petroleum Lease entitles the holder to undertake regulated activities in order to develop and produce payable deposits of petroleum.

Name and address of person doing acts: The Authority to Prospect will be granted under the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, or his delegate, PO Box 1475, COORPAROO, QLD 4151.

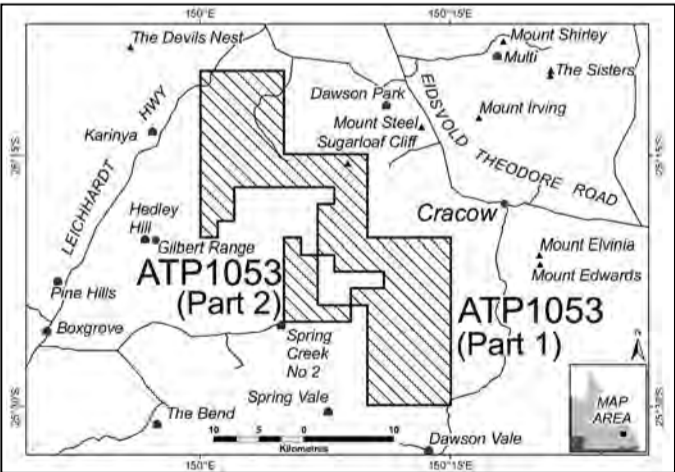
Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Authority to Prospect, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Queensland Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3729.

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 Authorities to Prospect. 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.

Notification Day: 16 September 2009



Queensland Government

Uni student researching Indigenous sports icons

A SYDNEY university student researching the retirement experiences of elite Indigenous athletes is seeking to make contact with such athletes.

Megan Stronach, a PhD student at the University of Technology, wants to get in touch with elite Indigenous athletes who have retired in the past ten years or who may be contemplating retirement.

In particular, she is targeting rugby league, rugby union and Australian football players, and boxers.

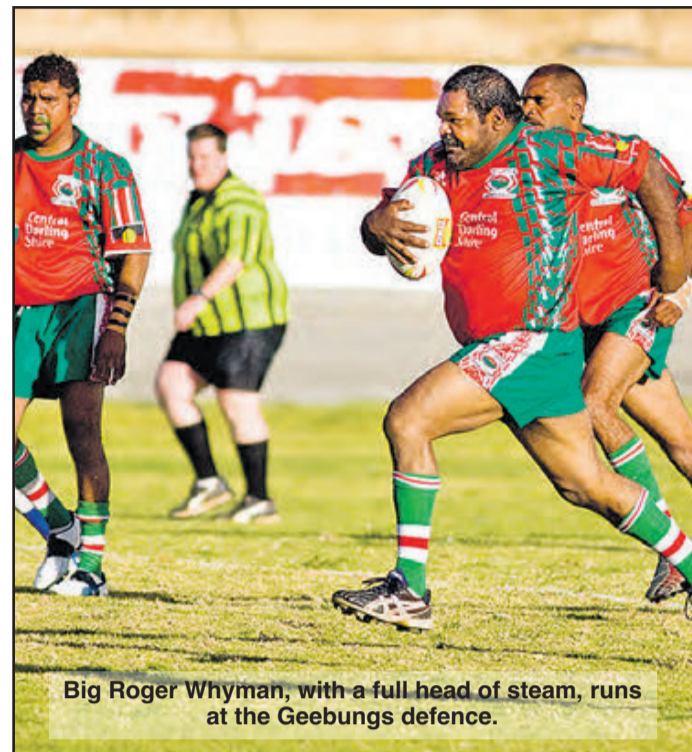
"The research would involve an interview, preferably face-to-face, and should take no more than 30-60 minutes of their time," Stronach said.

"I also hope to contact people who have worked with these athletes as program managers, coaches, or officials – in their case I have a short questionnaire which I could send to them via email."

Stronach said her research had been approved by the UTS Human Ethics Committee.

She can be contacted at: Megan Stronach, 7 Auvergne Ave, Mt Stuart, Tasmania, 7000. Phone (03) 6228 5434. Mobile 0417 338 113.

Jubilation all around as Wilcannia Boomerangs players and supporters join the post-match celebrations in Broken Hill.



Big Roger Whyman, with a full head of steam, runs at the Geebung defence.

Magic Boomerangs



WILCANNIA made a clean sweep of the grand finals in the New South Wales Country Rugby League (CRL) development program competition in far western NSW.

Playing at Memorial Oval, Broken Hill, on Sunday 16 August, the mainly Indigenous Wilcannia Boomerangs senior team ended the 2009 season undefeated – beating the Broken Hill Geebung 40-18 in the grand final.

Wilcannia also won the under-12, under-14 and under-17 premierships to take home all four grand final trophies.

The Geebung, also a mainly Indigenous team, were surprise grand finalists in the senior grade. They overcame defending premiers and pre-match favourites Saints in the preliminary final to earn the right to meet the Boomerangs in the grand final.

And what a grand final it turned

out to be. It was a case of brother versus brother, as many of the Geebung's players came from Wilcannia.

The match featured some big hit-ups and rugged defence.

The Geebung decided to run with a strong wind at their backs in the first half, probably hoping to 'ambush' the Boomerangs by leading at half time.

But the ploy did not work and the Boomerangs led 14-8 at the break.

The Geebung scored an

unconverted try early in the second half to reduce the margin to two points and the game remained finely balanced until the Boomerangs put their foot on the pedal in the final 15 minutes.

Boomerangs spokeswoman Nola Whyman said the team would apply to be considered for the Clayton Cup – awarded each year to the most outstanding CRL team.

About 1000 people watched the grand final.



Fans celebrate another Boomerangs try.



Leonard Whyman attempts to break free for the Boomerangs.

Pictures from left to right:

● Wilcannia Boomerang players couldn't hide their joy moments after the full-time whistle.

● Thomas Whyman on the charge for the Boomerangs.

● Chris Payne finds himself with space to move.

Pictures by Gerrit Fokkema



Bulls win out on Palm Island

Palm Island Rodeo calf ride placegetters, from left, Fred Ross, Rio Walsh and Andrew Willis Jnr.



By ALF WILSON



ADRENALINE-pumping action was non-stop during the second Palm Island rodeo on 15-16 August when bulls weighing up to 1000kg had the better of the cowboys.

More than 1500 spectators attended the rodeo. The first night was for all competitors, while the second was for Indigenous riders only.

Kowanyama man Telwyn Gibbo was the only Indigenous rider to stay on for the full eight seconds, and he took out the novice ride in the Indigenous section.

In the second round of that event, Gibbo fell heavily from a bull, severely injuring his right hand and needing ambulance treatment.

However, he backed up soon after in the open bull ride. No rider held on for the required time in the open bull or juvenile rides. It was not for the want of trying though, as Gibbo, Shaun Shortjoe, Desmond Bramwell, Roy 'Boy' Murray, Gavin Bramwell, and Norman Johnson Snr tried to tame a beast only to be thrown before eight seconds in round two of the Indigenous open bull ride – the last event on the program.

In the Indigenous calf ride, Andrew Willis Jnr, from Townsville, beat Rio Walsh Jnr and Fred Ross (both Palm Island) in an event in which three-year-old Anthony Tyson gave a supervised exhibition ride.

Special mention must be made of nine-year-old Palm Island girl Joyce Tapp, who also performed well in this event after finishing second on the first night.

Willis Jnr also won the same event on day one.

More than 1500 people watched the rodeo in the cool of night at the local rodeo grounds, which had a high fence and was patrolled by security

officers. It was a non-alcohol event, organised by Pauline Shortjoe and her husband Shaun.

"We are delighted with the turnout and next year it will be even bigger," Shaun said.

John Moss, from Bucko Billy Rodeo Promotions, ran the events and was also the judge, along with Darcy Davidson, of Charters Towers.

Bulls for the open bull rides were provided by contractor Grant Liversage, from Charters Towers, while Townsville's Keith Poole provided animals for the junior bull and calf rides.

Announcer Justin Price, from Townsville, said: "This is the most dangerous sport on earth and these are the meanest and angriest bulls you will get anywhere."

The clowns were Indigenous Mount Isa ringer Kel James, who works on Flora Station, 130kms from the western Qld city, and Mark Griffiths, from Charters Towers.

Results:

Day One for all competitors: Calf Ride, Andrew Willis Jnr (Townsville) 1, Joyce Tapp (Palm Island) 2, Fred Ross ((Palm Island) 3; novice bull ride, Shane Morrison (Charters Towers) 1, Gavin Bramwell ((Palm Island) 2; open bull ride, Mark Griffiths (Charters Towers) 1, Roy 'Boy' Murray (Palm Island) 2.

Day two for Indigenous competitors only: Calf ride, Andrew Willis Jnr 1, Rio Walsh Jnr (Palm Island) 2, Fred Ross (Palm Island) 3; novice, Telwyn Gibbo

(Kowanyama) 1; open bull ride and juvenile bull rides: no winners as no-one stayed on bull for required time of eight seconds.



Clown Kel James, from Mount Isa.



Dimitri Shortjoe, 15, and Gregory Condren, 15.

Tim reverts to 'safety' of rodeo clown

AFTER Palm Island rider Tim Miller fell heavily on night one in the novice bull ride, he was rushed to the Palm Island hospital.

The 38-year-old Miller, who was riding a bull named The Pig, suffered torn ligaments.

"I had x-rays at the hospital, was given pain killers and had my arm in a sling. It was my second ride of the night and after the injury, I decided to retire," he said.

But when one door closes, another opens, and Miller soon found

another opportunity in the sport.

"I have been asked to train to be a rodeo clown at the 2010 event and will do it," he said.

"I will be doing training at Black River Rodeo grounds near Townsville. There is no rodeo clown on Palm Island."

Miller said a rodeo school for juniors was planned for Palm Island, with the goal of nurturing riders.

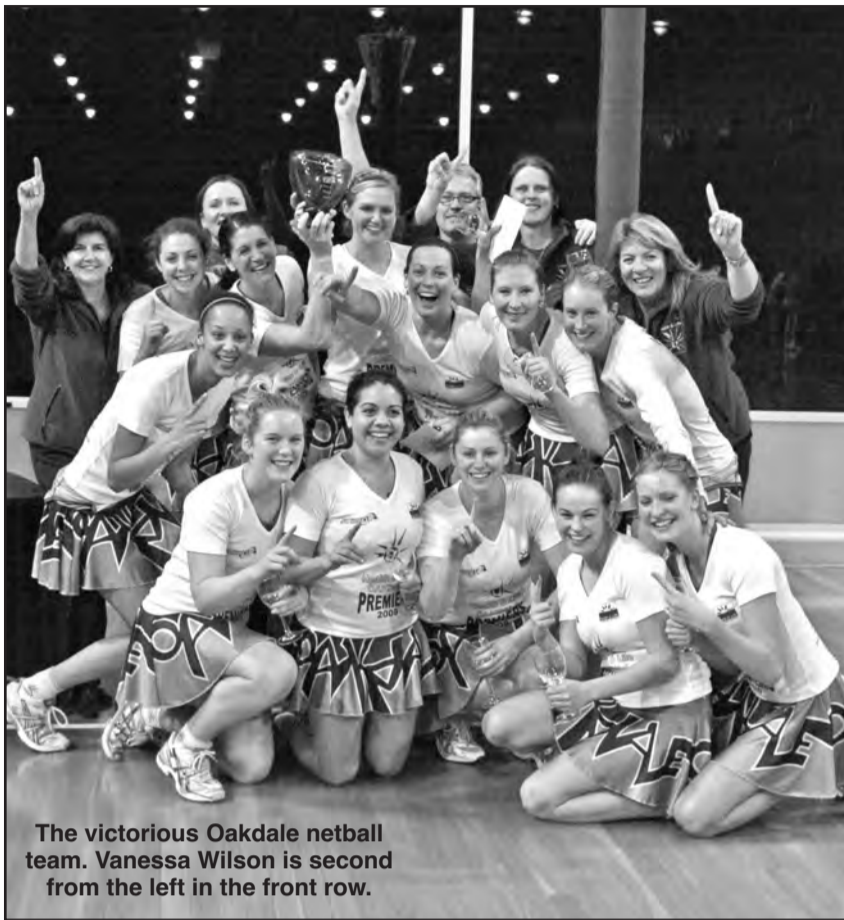
"So many of them are into rodeo and the crowd on the weekend showed it," he said.



The injured Tim Miller declared the Palm Island rodeo was his last as a competitor. Now he wants to become a rodeo clown.



Seldean Clarke, 14, was a rider in the juvenile division.



The victorious Oakdale netball team. Vanessa Wilson is second from the left in the front row.



Vanessa Wilson sends her team into attack.

Part of history

By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS netballer Vanessa Wilson has etched herself in Oakdale Netball Club history after being a leading

performer in the team's 14-goal win over favourites Contax in the grand final of the South Australian Netball League.

Oakdale won 55-41 at ETSA Park, Adelaide.

When the umpires blew the final whistle it sparked spontaneous emotions among the Oakdale players and coaching staff, with joy being displayed by all members of the team.

"It was great – definitely the reason why I play this game," mid-courter Wilson said.

"On the court it felt like we had control of the match all evening.

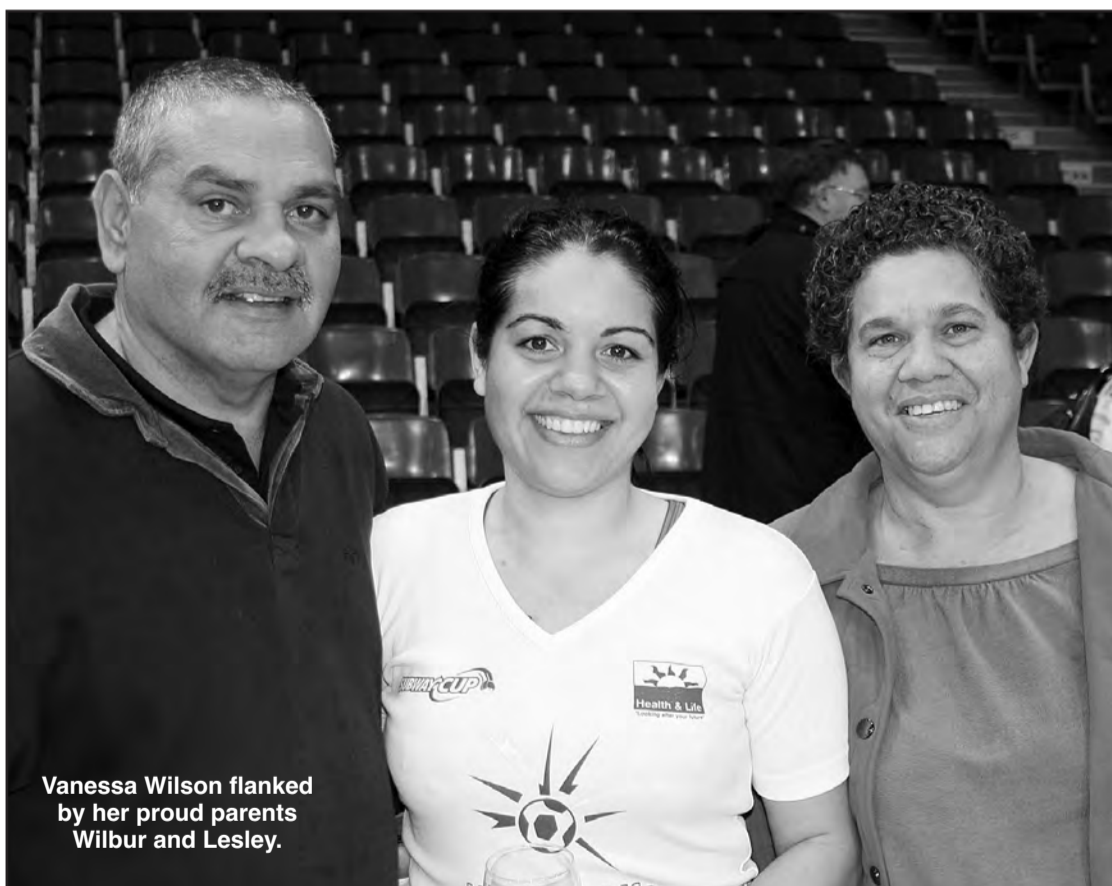
"About four minutes out from the final whistle was the first time I thought we had the game in hand as they had thrown everything at us.

"We won every position on the court and it was a game where we didn't have a passenger."

Noted as perennial finals chokers over previous years, Oakdale lost the second semi-final to their grand final opponents, Contax, before regrouping and winning the preliminary final against Matrix to make its first season-decider at State League level in the club's history.

Started back in 1964 and entering the State League in 1982, Oakdale had been a consistent finals contender through this decade without previously making it to the grand final.

"After our second semi-final loss to



Vanessa Wilson flanked by her proud parents Wilbur and Lesley.

Contax, during the debrief there was a sense of déjà vu and I said we needed to pull out a couple of big games," Oakdale coach Megan Carter said.

"It was a massive regroup effort and we hit the right spot at training.

"We needed to believe our game plan that did work for the first 10 minutes of the semi would be successful

"I drew a line in the sand with each girl before the Matrix match."

After an 18-goal second semi-final loss to Contax, Oakdale turned this around in their next match, beating Matrix by 16 goals and propelling the

club into an initial Subway Cup Netball SA State League grand final.

"We were the outright underdogs going into the grand final," Wilson said.

"The emphatic nature of the win got rid of previous baggage this group had.

Development

"It was a journey of personal growth and development led by Megan.

"Along with having a tremendous knowledge of the game, her player management skills are excellent."

In the final, Oakdale jumped off the blocks quickly, engineering a five-goal

lead at quarter time (11-6) and by half time this had extended to ten goals (29-19).

As expected, the minor premiers came back at 'Oakies', but the girls withstood the pressure and with Jarrett and Wilson in the goal circle making the most of the work down the court, the premiership cup was tantalisingly close at the last break.

Despite Contax's desperation, the Oakdale side stood firm and actually increased their lead at three-quarter time (41-30).

As the final 15 minutes of the season wore on, Oakies' supporters started chanting and the girls playing on court began to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

"Vanessa played one of the most magnificent games and did exactly what I asked of her," Carter said.

"She fed the circle well and was the boss out there.

"Her performance spoke for itself – she ran the attack line and was critical to our game plan.

"Vanessa has been relentlessly tagged by opponents all season.

"She started as a centre, but in my eyes she makes the perfect wing attack.

"On grand final night she comprehensively beat two different high-class opponents.

"I am an unabashed fan of Vanessa."

Wilson had a number of members of her extended family and friends share in the joy at the ETSA Park grand final win, including parents, former Central District footballer Wilbur Wilson and his wife Lesley, brother Adrian and sisters Cecelia and Kelly.

Kyana to cross country for cross-country



West Australian Kyana Collard on the track.



FOURTEEN-year-old Noongar girl Kyana Collard this week will represent Western

Australia at the National school-age cross-country championships at Nowra, on the NSW south coast.

Kyana won the West Australian Little Athletics under 14 cross-country title over a 3km course at Rockingham on 15 August.

But she had already qualified to run in the Nationals over the 4km course at Nowra on Saturday 29 August.

She will leave Perth tomorrow (Thursday).

Athletics has been Kyana's main focus since she took up the sport at the age of eight.

She runs in 400m, 800m

and 1500m track events as well as the cross-country and is a former 400m age State champion.

Not surprisingly, her role model is Cathy Freeman.

Kyana's mum and dad Latricia and William Collard live at Singleton, near Rockingham, about one hour south of Perth, but Kyana is a boarder at Iona Presentation College, a Catholic school at Mosman Park, in outer Perth.

The Collards have two other children - Billy 13, and Tiana, four months.

Kyana loves to come home to Singleton at weekends. She also understands the importance of education and hopes to one day to be a sports physiotherapist.

Kyana's biggest fans are her grandparents, Gail and Leonard Thorn.



Kyana Collard and her collection of trophies and medals.

Racism at footy

By ALF WILSON



SHARKS United Rugby League Football Club President Jenny Prior hopes an incident in a

Townsville and District competition match between her club and Herbert River in which racial abuse occurred will be the catalyst to prevent further episodes.

Bindal Sharks United is a club of mostly Indigenous players, and allegations of racial abuse became very public after the side played Herbert River at Ingham on 9 August.

The *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper ran the story on page one in the 13 August edition with a headline 'Footy shame' and a sub-headline 'Meeting will address racial abuse during league game'.

Allegations were made that Sharks players and supporters were called 'niggers and black c...s' during the fiery encounter, won 38-22 by Herbert River.

Similar racist comments were also reportedly made during the reserve grade and under-19 matches earlier in the day.

In response to such allegations, Herbert River Club President Richard Blanco told the *Townsville Bulletin* that the comments by a handful of his club supporters were not meant to be racist.

"It was just a couple of passionate supporters, passionate about their game," he said.

"There were racial slurs from the whites to blacks but also from blacks to whites. I think the term racial prejudice is just a load of rubbish, especially when one black called another 'dirty black scum'.

"I believe people were looking to cause problems with each other.

"Certainly, we are not proud of two or three members of my crowd. I don't mind the sledging as it's part and parcel of any sport as long as it's done in good taste and the crowd can sit down and have a beer with each other at the end of the night.

"We want them to be passionate about the game, but if they are going to degrade people, we don't need them on the field or in the public."

Mr Blanco said letters would be sent by the club to the supporters advising them of their responsibilities.

The game was played a week before the National Rugby League (NRL) Reconciliation Cup clash between the North Queensland Cowboys - with seven Indigenous players in their A-grade ranks - and the Sydney Bulldogs at Townsville's Dairy Farmers Stadium.

Talks held

Since the game, Mrs Prior and Mr Blanco have met to discuss the issue after the meeting of the governing body, the Townsville and District Rugby League.

"It saddens me to think that if they are saying that about our Indigenous players, what are they saying about their own Indigenous players," Mrs Prior told *The Koori Mail*.

"Myself and (Sharks United A-grade coach) Richard Aldridge decided we would deal with this internally, but this happens far too often - at places like the Burdekin and in Charters Towers when we travel for away games and it has to stop.

Mrs Prior said that some of the people responsible for racial abuse were the same ones.



Kevin Aldridge and Jenny Prior. They have called for racial abuse in rugby league matches to end.

"You can't teach old dogs new tricks and we need this stamped out of the game," she said.

She said that Bindal Sharks United Training Employment Sport and Recreation Aboriginal Corporation, a sister organisation to Sharks football club, was not only about sport, but also helped to provide career paths for Indigenous people.

"The Australian Sports Commission has rules about racial vilification and the governments are promoting reconciliation and closing the gap and this happens," Mrs Prior said.

Coach Kevin Aldridge said that for the first time, Sharks United

would qualify for the semi-finals in the three competition grades, which may not sit well with some people.

"We have climbed up the ladder and trouble seems to be there when we are successful," he said.

Distracted

"We were leading Herbert River in the A-grade game and some of their supporters were talking about stirring up our players to distract them, and it worked because when they scored their last try, four of my players were pointing to the stirrers in the crowd."

Meanwhile, Mrs Prior said the Palm Island Barracudas could return to the Townsville competition, which currently has six A-grade teams.

"Palm Island Barracudas have the opportunity to lodge a submission for re-entry into the TDRL 2010 competition," she said.

"If they get in, there will be two Indigenous clubs and racial abuse must be stamped out before then," she said.

Mr Aldridge urged all Indigenous people to support his club throughout the semi-finals series, which started last weekend.

Three teams favoured in competition

By ALF WILSON



MULGA Tigers, Roosters and Pioneer Knights look set to battle it out for premiership honours in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League competition on Thursday Island.

The grand final is on 5 September, with the preliminary final a week earlier.

Top two sides Mulga Tigers and Roosters were to play in the major semi-final at Thursday Island's Ken Brown Memorial Oval last Saturday, with the winner advancing to the grand final.

Also last weekend, the Pioneer Knights were to have clashed with Suburbs in the minor semi-final, with the losers to hang up their boots for season 2009.

The winner will meet the loser of the major semi-final in the preliminary final next weekend.

At the completion of weekend 17, the KRL ladder was: Mulga Tigers 22, Roosters 21, Pioneer Knights 14, Suburbs 13.

Best yet

KRL official Brian Hooper said the finals series looked set to be one of the best ever.

"Roosters and Mulga Tigers have been the form sides for the 2009 season, way out in front on game points alone. Suburbs and Pioneer Knights had to fight all season and pulled off some stunning upsets over Roosters and Tigers," he said.

The Koori Mail will be on Thursday Island for the grand final.

Here, we take a look at some of the star players from the four sides.

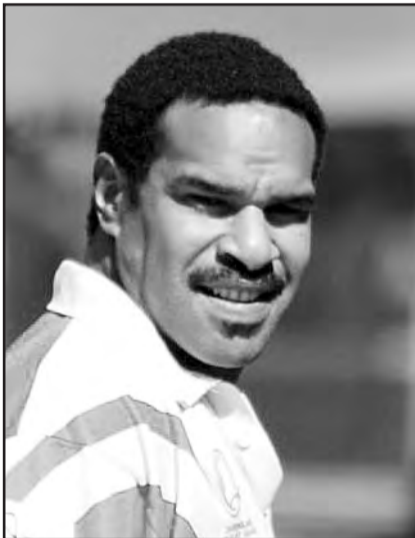
ROOSTERS: Champion back Danny Mosby leads a strong combination including Morrison Mosby, Wrench Mau and Aaron Binawel.

Five-eighth Danny was the inspirational captain who led the T1 Stingers to a 36-6 victory over Arkai Brothers in the 2008 grand final of the Zenadth Kes Cup.

Mosby also led the Western Bears, which lost the recent grand final of the Island of Origin series to Mulga United from Badu.

Aaron Binawel and Mosby both represented Torres/Cape with distinction at the Foley Shield competition in Townsville. They could easily be holding up the trophy late on grand final day.

MULGA TIGERS: Key players will be young Solomon Ahmat, Rimus



Horace Baira, of the Pioneer Knights.



Edgar Daniels will play for the Pioneer Knights.

Ismael, Pinau Blanket, Joe Tamwoy and Ronald Nona.

Ahmat tied for the player of the series at the recent Origin carnival. Blanket is a speedster rated second in the TSI behind Michael Marama, and Tamwoy and Nona are tough-as-nails forwards. At this stage the Tigers are favourites to take home the bacon come finals day.

PIONEER KNIGHTS: Could be the surprise packets despite having to win the final without the luxury of a double chance. Quality players are Horace Baira and Edgar Daniels (both Torres Cape Foley Shield representatives) and experienced George Nona, Bali Satrick, Soki Dau plus talented young guns like Harold Mosby. On a good day can definitely match it with the top two.

SUBURBS: Rated rank outsiders but still capable of springing an upset



Roosters star Danny Mosby.



Mulga Tigers' Solomon Ahmat.

if they advanced past the knockout. Players who have performed well in 2009 include Kailu George, Josh Mene, Lamiko Gagai, Gayai Binawel and Wes Cook.

Women's game

Meanwhile, women's teams Barbarians and Sundown Sirens are set to provide plenty of action and entertaining football during the KRL finals series.

There may be only two teams in the competition, however both sides possess experienced footballers and the women know how to turn on the big hits.

For Sirens, two of the potential match-winners are Elsie Seriat and Kristy Wilson, while for Barbarians, Ruth Bon, Charlene Tabuai and Salome Tapim will be the players to watch.

League knockout cap is 16 teams



SIXTEEN men's teams are expected to enter the 15th annual Harold 'Crow' Williams Memorial Rugby League Knockout carnival in Canberra on Saturday

19 September.

The competition will be capped at 16, with the first teams to nominate being accepted.

The carnival will carry \$16,000 prizemoney.

The alcohol-free day will include under-tens community challenge match, the Dennis Davison Memorial under-18 challenge match and the Pauline Lupton women's challenge match.

Organisers say there will be lots of activities for the kids, including a giant slide, face painting, balloon modelling and fairy floss.

The nomination fee of \$800 must be paid before 15 September.

The carnival will be played at Vikings Park, Erindale, with entry via Amsinck Street, Waniassa.

Admission will be \$10, with children aged under 16 free.

Nomination details: Peter on 0401 752 001 or hcwmrlka@yahoo.com.au

Northern United will host mini-knockout



THE Lismore-based Northern United Rugby League Club again will host a knockout carnival as a build-up to the big NSW Rugby League Knockout carnival.

The Lismore carnival, at Crozier Oval on 19 September, will be capped at ten teams.

It is expected to have prizemoney of \$6000, with \$5000 going to the winners and \$1000 to the runners-up.

Interest has come from NSW north coast Aboriginal communities as well as Tingha, Inverell, Guyra and Kempsey.

Admission will be \$7, with aged pensioners and children under 12 admitted free. School students over 12 will pay \$2.

Details: Grantley Creighton on 0402 309 582.

Northern United co-hosted the 2007 NSW Rugby League Knockout carnival at Oakes Oval, Lismore.

The 2008 carnival was held at Kingscliff, and this year the carnival will be hosted by the Narwan Eels at Armidale.

The annual NSW Aboriginal knockout carnival is one of the biggest social gatherings for the Aboriginal community in NSW.

Walgett hosts league and netball carnival



THE Walgett Shield Week has received State Government funding of \$5000. Shield Week is comprised of the Ricky Walford Shield, which has been conducted for the past 17 years, with the George Rose Jnr Memorial Shield and the Jenny Wright Shield.

The Ricky Walford Shield rugby league event was developed to increase the opportunity for primary-school-age children to compete against other schools and provide organised weekend competitions in the region.

The netball component was added in 1992 for girls.

Shield Week is run each year in conjunction with the Walgett Community Festival.

NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the event had a respected history and offered a great opportunity for local children to get active and have a great time.

Injury forces Varcoe out for 3-4 weeks



SPEEDY Travis Varcoe won't play again until well into next month after being ruled out for three to four weeks with a shoulder injury sustained in Geelong's five-point Australian Football League (AFL)

win over Sydney Swans at ANZ Stadium, Sydney on 15 August.



The winning Skipjacks team with the Bill Coolburra Shield on Palm Island jetty after returning from Townsville the day after the reconciliation game against the Army team.

Same game – same result

By ALF WILSON



HISTORY repeated itself in the Reconciliation rugby league match between Palm Island Skipjacks and the Army Thunder team in Townsville on 15 August when scores were deadlocked 28-all at full time.

Skipjacks retained the Bill Coolburra Shield because they scored the first try in the match.

Ironically, in the inaugural match in July 2008, the scores were also 28-all and again Skipjacks won the shield after they scored the first try.

Palm Island-born Bill 'Kookaburra' Coolburra was an Australian Army sapper who served in Vietnam, Borneo, Singapore and Thailand, beginning in the 1960s, and he presented the trophy.

Proud history

This match is about building relationships between the Indigenous community of Palm Island and the Army.

There is a strong history of Aboriginal and Islander men and women who have served in the Defence Force since the Boer War.

As an army sapper in Vietnam, Bill Coolburra served as a 'tunnel rat' with the 3rd Field Troop, Royal Australian Engineers.

He left Palm Island when he was 18 and travelled to Charters Towers.

"I was going to get a job on a station. I met a mate who said the Army was pretty good, so I went there instead," he said.

One of the promises that he made back then was that if he survived Vietnam, he would work for the church



Coach Alex Morgan and front-rower Jason Bulsey, who scored the important first try, hold the coveted Bill Coolburra trophy.

after the war, and so he did that on his return.

Australian Army Thunder is a national army side, with many players based at Lavarack Barracks on the outskirts of Townsville, and throughout north Queensland bases.

The *Koori Mail* met with Skipjacks players and supporters as they returned to Palm Island by ferry the afternoon after the game and they were proudly holding the Bill Coolburra trophy.

The Skipjacks players were jubilant, and coach Alex Morgan said his best players were front-rower Jason Bulsey, who scored the first try, centre Tabua

Oui, halfback Maverick Fox, veteran Clinton Bourne and hooker Gary Fulford.

"We led early, then Army had a good lead and we fought back with a late try to Hector Poynter Jnr with two minutes remaining and Tabua converted. It was a great game and we are very proud," Morgan said.

Skipjacks also returned to the news that their arch-rivals in the Palm Island domestic competition, Butler Bay Bulls, had lost their first game of the season 28-24 to Jets.

Last season the Bulls beat Skipjacks in the A-grade and reserve-grade finals on Palm Island.

Focus on girls in \$10 million Federal project



INDIGENOUS secondary school girls will benefit from a \$5 million Federal Government injection of money into sport.

The Sporting Chance Program is being expanded so that it is aimed at Indigenous girls.

An initial \$5 million will target projects aimed at improving the participation and engagement of about 700 girls in secondary schools.

The Federal Government will commit \$10 million to expand the Sporting Chance Program over the next four years.

Education Minister Julia Gillard said the program had been successful in maximising the participation of boys, and this latest funding round would help increase the number of girls in the program.

The Sporting Chance Program uses sport as a basis to engage Indigenous students in education. In particular, Sporting Chance has been proven to encourage Indigenous students to complete their schooling, increasing their ability to take up future training or employment opportunities.

"It simply will not be possible to improve literacy and numeracy or increase the Year 12 retention rate among Indigenous Australians unless kids are turning up to class," Ms Gillard said.

"This year, the Sporting Chance Program academy and engagement projects are supporting more than 8000 students across the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland."

A workshop for current Sporting Chance providers and associated schools is to end today in Adelaide. Delegates have been discussing their project and heard from guest speakers with expertise in education and employment.

"Investment in initiatives that have been shown to work, such as the Sporting Chance Program, builds the capacity of teachers and schools to improve educational outcomes for Indigenous students," Ms Gillard said.

● For more information including details about the funding-application process, visit www.deewr.gov.au/sportingchance. Applications for this round close at 5pm on 25 September.

30th anniversary to be celebrated



THE 30th anniversary of the first Aboriginal golf championship in Australia will be celebrated with a tournament at the same venue – the Dunheved course at St Marys, in Sydney's west.

The 36-hole medal/strokeplay event will be played on 26-27 November and is open to amateur Indigenous golfers, male and female.

There will also be a handicap event in conjunction.

The tournament is being organised by the Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney (AMSWS).

The first event was played at Dunheved in October 1979.

Participants must have an authentic NSWGA handicap, which must be produced to the match committee before teeing off.

Also in conjunction will be an open competition for NSWGA affiliated golfers, associates and members in scratch and handicap sections.

Other activities will include:

● An Aboriginal Elders and senior citizens luncheon from 1.30pm on Thursday 26 November.

● A Koori-Ok! dinner/dance on Friday 27 November at 7.30 in the main auditorium of Dunheved Golf Club.

Services provided to the Aboriginal community across the Greater Western Sydney region, Deerubbin, Gandangara and Tharawal Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) areas will be displayed on both days of the carnival.

Blockbuster lived up to expectations



IT was billed as the match of the season – and it did not disappoint – as the two leading teams in the Northern

Rivers Regional Rugby League competition battled it out at Maclean.

The Lower Clarence Magpies, with a strong Indigenous component, came from behind to pip the Lismore-based Northern United – a mainly

Indigenous club. The Magpies now are one step closer to ending their 25-year premiership drought after claiming the minor premiership with their stunning 34-28 victory.

Local newspapers reported that the Magpies, knocked around in the first half and trailing by 14 points at the break, showed all their class and resilience to blitz United four tries to one in the second 40 minutes.

At times brilliant, scrappy, furious, cavalier, brutal and breathtaking, the match lived up to every single one of its promises as the showdown between the league's top two teams, the newspapers reported.

Fast-finishing

United cruised to a 22-8 first-half lead, but could not hold out the fast-finishing Magpies.

The match coincided the United Nations World Indigenous Peoples Day. Co-ordinator Debrah Novak said the event was planned to show support for Indigenous peoples.

"We celebrated and recognised our very own Indigenous culture and showcased its strengths at a local level," Ms Novak said.

● The Koori Mail is a major sponsor of Northern United.

Kick-start for champions of tomorrow



SOME of tomorrow's Indigenous champions of Australian rules football have just spent five days in Melbourne learning about leadership, cultural awareness and football.

Fifty boys aged 14 and 15 came from across Australia for the 2009 Qantas Australian Football League (AFL) KickStart Camp.

The squad visited the St Kilda Football Club, underwent AIS-AFL high-performance testing and played a curtain-raiser to the Richmond-Hawthorn match on the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) Saturday 22 August.

AFL Foundation CEO and Indigenous Programs Manager Jason Mifsud said the camp was tailored to offer Indigenous youth an experience incorporating



leadership, cultural awareness and football development.

"The Qantas AFL KickStart camp provides life skills that go beyond the football field. The five days provided fantastic opportunities such as meeting Qantas Ambassador Cathy Freeman and current Indigenous AFL players," Mifsud said.

"To see the AFL culture first-hand and to hear from Indigenous leaders is a fantastic opportunity."

Qantas executive manager customer and marketing Lesley Grant said the 2009 camp provided an important opportunity for young Indigenous Australians from remote and regional areas to learn from their sporting heroes.

"Qantas is a committed supporter of a range of programs designed to recognise and nurture the talents of young Australians, including those on the sporting field," she said.

"We know the Qantas AFL KickStart Camp provides a great platform for budding stars of the game to aim high and strive toward achieving their goals."

The Qantas AFL KickStart program uses Australian football as a vehicle to promote healthy lifestyles in Indigenous communities. The program works with state governments to tailor messages for different regions and communities.



David Wirrpanda in action for the West Coast Eagles.

Coach wants Wirrpanda to keep playing

WEST Coast coach John Worsfold is eager for veteran David Wirrpanda to continue his Australian Football League (AFL) career for at least one more season.

Wirrpanda has notched 225 appearances for West Coast since making his debut as a skinny 16-year-old back in 1996.

The 30-year-old has missed just three games this season and has indicated his desire to play on in 2010.

Worsfold said that while a final decision wouldn't be made until the end of the season, he was keen to see the sweeping defender play on as long as his body remained in good shape.

"I think some of the things he does in the game shows he can still



DAVID WIRRPANDA

perform at the highest level comfortably," Worsfold said.

"The advice he would be giving to guys like Sam Butler ... Scott Selwood and Patrick McGinnity – it's good to have him around." – AAP



Qantas Ambassador Cathy Freeman and St Kilda star Xavier Clarke (centre) with boys participating in the 2009 Qantas AFL KickStart Camp in Melbourne.

Brothers in ARMtour

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist
NIGEL VAGANA

AS a proud Samoan, I have a strong sense of identification with the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

Our cultural and social bonds are strong and these connections have only been strengthened over the years by playing with the likes of Dean Widders, Nathan Merritt, David Peachey and many others.

In my new role as NRL Education Officer, I have been impressed by the emphasis the game is placing on increased cultural understanding and the outcomes achieved by the Indigenous player advisory group.

The game between the NRL All Stars and the Dreamtime team is a great concept and I know all the non-Indigenous boys are just as excited about playing as Preston Campbell and all the other brothers.

We are trying to establish a Polynesian players group so we can follow the lad of these boys.



Nigel Vagana with new friends Kiefer and Kristoff.

So I was very happy to receive an invitation from NASCA to attend the recent ARMtour, with the community of Papunya being my destination.

When we arrived at Alice Springs, we did a number of cultural awareness sessions and also got to understand some of the key programs run in the community.

It was great to mix with different elite athletes all from other sports who were united in their passion to help these remote communities.

Our excitement diminished a little when we were driving along and came up to an unexpected monument and discovered we had travelled 120kms in the wrong direction!

No GPS Nav-mans out here! We eventually made it and couldn't wait to meet the kids the next day.

By the time we got up the next morning at 7, everybody was ready for the school breakfast program.

It was great to see the kids enter the classroom full of energy after a healthy breakfast, and to work as teacher's aides assisting them with their school work was our first priority.

The kids were naturally shy, but recognised the orange ARMtour shirts and realised what we were there for.

After lunch we introduced the kids to new games and you could see their personalities come out as they grew more comfortable with their presence.

It was a fantastic day and one we loved as much as the kids.

Each morning for the next three days we held an aerobics class for them and the kids loved our new ideas.

On the last day we held an aerobics class for them and I brought my Ipod and speakers.

They all danced for over half an hour and kept on requesting two types of music – Reggae and Michael Jackson.

Fortunately, that's the type of music I like as well!

On the Wednesday evening, I went to training with the local AFL team and was amazed at their skill level and their passion for sport.

This was followed by a community barbecue, where we had the opportunity to interact with the Elders, which, in my background, is an important component of truly understanding any cultural context.

The Thursday was specifically designated as a cultural day, which everyone was really excited about.



Wests Tigers' Blake Lazarus with kangaroo tail dinner. Do you want fries with that?

We 'went bush' for most of the day, which was a funny concept seeing we were already so isolated.

The Elders joined us and shared stories about the land and the culture.

They also painted the girls and the boys and performed a traditional dance.

An Elder asked me and Apenisa Tawake or 'Tuks' – a Fijian athlete – to perform a dance from our culture.

They asked for a 'tongue-poking dance'! Tuks and I performed a combined Fijian/Samoan haka for them.

We then had lunch – kangaroo tails! No fries or soft drink with this meal.

Just like back home

They were great and were cooked in the ground just like we do in Samoa – not kangaroos back home, but pigs!

The Elders were surprised when I started helping, but to me it came naturally.

It came so naturally to me because it was so much like home – the customs and the values we share.

It was great to see how appreciative the kids were of our presence and how the program is having a real impact on their health and education.

The teachers also deserve a medal for their commitment to the community.

The final day was a sad one for all involved as we prepared to leave.

We had an assembly in the morning where we gave gifts to the kids.

They had so little, yet they were thrilled to be giving us gifts which really pulled at our heart strings.

Their gifts will be treasured always!

We then met the other groups, including Kane Cleal and Daniel Wagon, and my fellow traveller Blake Lazarus.

We spent the night under the stars sharing stories of the week and savouring this truly unique experience.

It was truly amazing and all involved should be proud of a great program for a great people.

Faafetai tele lava. Manuia le aso. Soifua.

(Thank you very much. Have a great day. Blessings.)

Cox leads the way for Opals



INDIGENOUS Olympian Rohanee Cox led the way when the Australian women's basketball team beat China 95-88 in Dandenong on Friday

night to claim a 2-1 victory in their three-match series.

Cox started with 22 points and six rebounds, while point guard Natalie Hurst bagged 21 points and seven assists.

The Opals face New Zealand in the FIBA Oceania Championship on 31 August in Wellington and 2 September at the AIS Arena, Canberra.

Four nights earlier, in Geelong, Australia was edged by China 95-93 to level the three-game series at one win apiece.

The Opals had the game in their hands in the dying seconds when Cox missed a wide open shot before Jess Foley failed to get a handle on an inbound pass with 5.5 seconds on the clock, turning the ball over to the Chinese.

Cox added 17 points while 17-year-old Liz Cambage bagged a double-double with 10 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Australians scored a 77-65 win in the opening match of the series at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra.

Cox again led the Opals with 14 points, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer to end the game. – AAP



ROHANE COX

Big man Nathan off to big State

BAMAGA behemoth Nathan Jawai has returned to Texas as a professional basketball nearly three years after playing college basketball there for Midland Texas College in 2006-07.

Jawai saw limited time on the court for the Toronto Raptors last season – his first in America's NBA after winning rookie of the year honours for the Cairns Taipans in the Australian National League (NBL) in 2007.

His trade to the Dallas Mavericks from Toronto was extremely complicated and involved seven other players from four separate teams also changing clubs, including four former NBA All Stars.

Jawai's recent form for the Australian national team against China, Argentina, Uruguay and Brazil indicate that his limited minutes in the US has done little to impact his devastating form on the court. – JAMES HOFF

Passing the baton

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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DRIVING back from a visit to an inner-city Sydney school during the week, we stopped at the traffic lights and I was hit by a realisation that retirement from the game meant a lot more than just footy.

And the major reason for that was my fellow passenger, team-mate and brother Adam Goodes.

Goodesy and I have built a special relationship in our shared time at the Swans.

He is truly my brother and also one of the great sources of inspiration in my life.

Part of that inspiration comes obviously on the field and I reckon it is inevitable that Adam will not only break my record one day, but will easily go past the 350 mark barring serious injury.

Already a dual Brownlow Medallist, he will not only become a legend of the club, but his record will stand comparison with any other great of the game.

As proud as I am of my achievement in being the first Swan to tally 300 games, I know my record will not last for long with Adam around.

250, and rising

Goodes just recently chalked up his 250th game against Geelong and is already committed to playing for at least two more seasons.

We only just missed out on sharing our personal milestones in the same match, but I doubt we could have enjoyed it any more.

The reality is that I think I'm just keeping the seat warm for him!

He's just a super athlete, and the way he prepares and looks after himself gives me confidence he will be around for a long time.

He's right up there with the best of them, so there's no reason why he can't play 350 despite the fact that only ten players, including Swans coach Paul Roos, have played 350 AFL games.

The thing about Adam is that he just keeps on reinventing himself.

He has sparkled after being moved forward in recent weeks.

He won a Brownlow in the ruck, and won a Brownlow playing on the ball – who knows – he might



Mates on and off the field... Adam Goodes, left, and Michael O'Loughlin.

win one up forward.

He's just such a special player – one in a generation.

But his greatness on the field is more than matched by his efforts away from the game.

Adam is actually a cousin of mine from my mother's family, so I had an extra reason to welcome him when he came to the club from the under-18 competition in Melbourne.

I have watched his development on and off the field since 1998 and

I can say that the person he is today is entirely different to the immature shy kid who spent most of his early days playing soccer.

From day one he has always been a true player.

Community work

It is a quality he carries with him in all the great work he does in the community.

Goodes is made of strong material and while conscious of the lessons of history, he prefers to

look forward when it comes to his football and his life in the community.

Goodes has never under-estimated the impact the Stolen Generations had on his family and himself.

In an earlier interview, he spoke of the not-uncommon story of his mother and her siblings being taken from their home and told their mother had died, only to find out this was untrue.

Unfortunately, due to tragic circumstances, they were never to be reunited.

"The way Mum's family has been affected by that has been amazing. They are not all close, a lot of them find it hard to have self-confidence and self-belief and know who they are in the community," Goodes said.

"They feel like they don't have a background and don't fit into the white world or the Aboriginal world because they were taken away from their Mum and Dad when they were young."

Indeed, when Goodes was growing up, he experienced what it was like not to fit in when he copped abuse from both sides.

"I was the only Aborigine at my high school, but I wasn't getting it so much from the white kids because they respected my football ability and the fact that I was coming to school and wanted to do well," he told me. "I copped it worst from my cousins who weren't going to school."

Like all things, Goodes learned from his experiences and sees education as the key to the future.

"I think the new generation of young kids

coming through now are a lot more open-minded," he said.

"Once people start to learn about Aboriginal culture, then I think there can come a point where reconciliation is not an issue."

Goodes gets a lot of his personal strength of character from his experiences of life.

His practical approach is summed up in a response he made to a question that asked him to describe a lesson he learned.

"Live and learn," he said.

"You've got to try something to have a chance of succeeding. If you fail, learn from it."

If Goodes' success on and off the field is a result of him learning from his failures, then we should all have the courage to try something rather than just think about it.

At home with kids

Goodesy is at his best when he speaks to young Aboriginal kids – particularly those who may have issues with drugs or alcohol.

He is just himself with these kids as he relates stories of his own life.

As my legs grew older, I always gained the sense that Goodesy was on my shoulder and ready to pass me.

That's always the case with the young bull trying to outdo the old bull.

But knowing Adam, he has always been at my shoulder supporting me like the true brother he is.

In a playing sense, it is now time for me to pass on the baton.

Like a true champion, he will take up the challenge.

The challenge for me will be to live up to the standards he has set for us all off the field.

Compared with his influence, I feel as if I am still a rookie at the start of my career.

Until Next time.... Keep Dreaming!

The other side to Adam Goodes – out in the community where he inspires children.



Six in academy

By PETER ARGENT



SIX Indigenous players have been selected in the 2009 intake of the Australian Institute of Sport – Australian Football League (AIS-AFL)

Academy following the recent National Australia Bank (NAB) AFL under-16 and under-18 championships.

They include the West Australian trio of Gerald Ugle (Perth-Norram), Brandon Matera (South Fremantle-Corpus Christi) and Harley Bennell (Peel).

The others are Victorian Darcy Watchorn (North Ballarat-Redan), South Australian Chad Wingard (Sturt-Imperials), and Northern Territorian Curtly Hampton (Pioneers).

AIS-AFL Academy high-performance coach and Bali bombing survivor Jason McCartney said he looked forward to the year ahead with the 13th intake after

taking over the head coaching role from Alan McConnell earlier this year.

He was high in his praise of all six of the Indigenous talents.

"Gerald played in the WA under-16s and has an outstanding work rate, with tremendous second and third efforts," McCartney said.

"He uses the ball well, having the qualities of making time and space on the field, and is an impressive young man off the field.

"Harley was identified from Peel Thunder in the WAFL under-18 competition, and is noted for his exceptional balance and the 'X' factor he brings."

"Brandon Matera, the son of AFL footballer Wally Matera, is already an All-Australian under-18 and can be listed by the Gold Coast.

"Because of the strength of the WA team he was used up forward, but could also be used as a mid-field option,

having great hands and good endurance. He reminds me a bit of his uncle Phil."

Darcy Watchorn, from North Ballarat-Redan, was a member of undefeated the Victorian Country team, while South Australian Chad Wingard (Sturt-Imperials) comes from a basketball background and is a noted high-leaping mid-field type.

These two are expected to face off in the under-16s division-one grand final in September at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG).

"Darcy is from Redan, near Ballarat, and has electrifying speed," McCartney said.

"Victorian Country coach Nathan Buckley used him as a medium forward, where he was able to put space on his direct opponent.

"I first remember Chad from a Qantas Kickstart program, but we didn't see him in 2008 because of basketball commitments.

"In the under-16s, he was one of South Australia's most dominant players and has a fantastic vertical leap."

Second visit

Darwin Pioneers youngster Curtly Hampton, the other Indigenous player in the academy, is back for a second time.

"For Curtly's personal development, due to the time he lost last year with his foot injury, we felt a second year in the academy would help him," McCartney said.

"He was the standout player in division two of the under-16 championships and has all the attributes you desire in a footballer."

The AIS-AFL Academy is a key component of the NAB AFL Rising Stars Program, providing an intensive 12-month training program for 30 elite young players from around Australia.

Academy graduates now make up more than 20 per cent of AFL club lists.

Aboriginal football stars to have been through the program include 2008 Hawthorn premiership player Cyril Rioli, Essendon ruckman Patty Rider, Geelong forwards Travis Varcoe and Mathew

West Australian Gerald Ugle swings into attack.

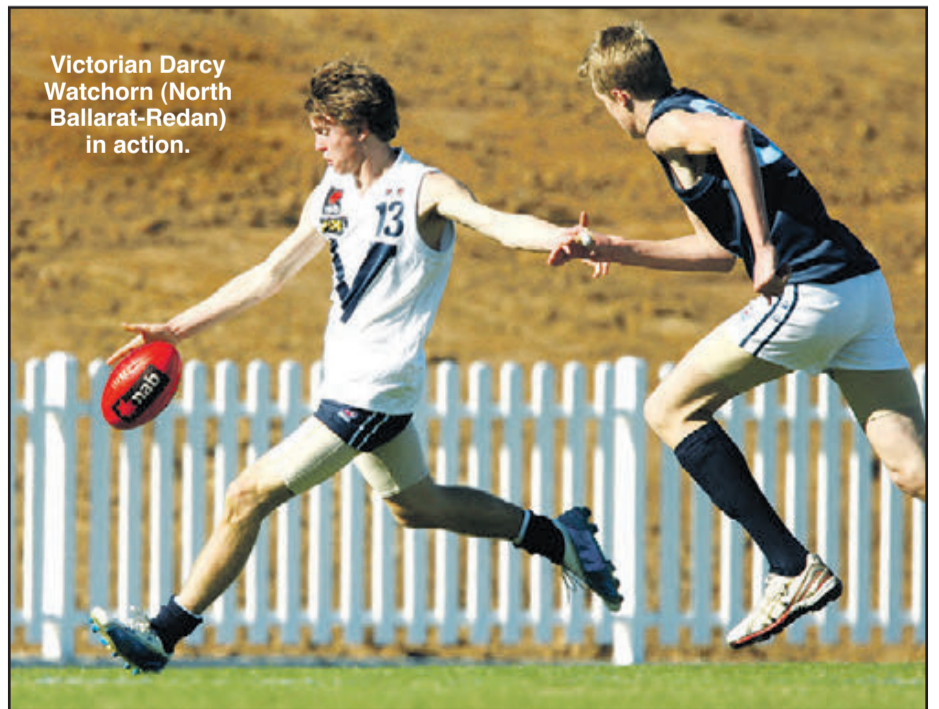


South Australian Chad Wingard shows his marking skills.

Picture: Peter Argent

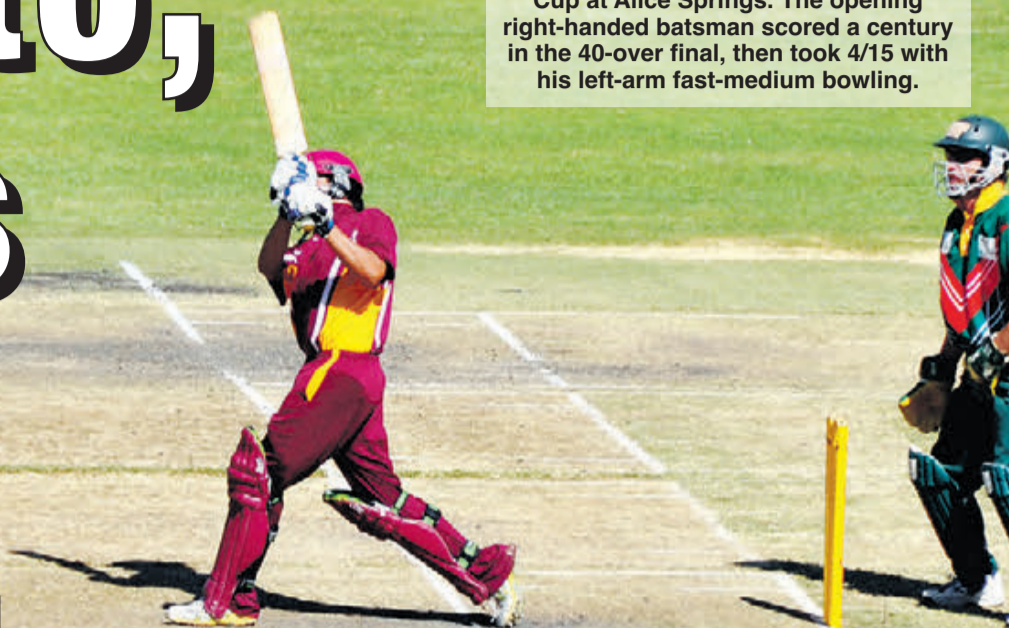


Victorian Darcy Watchorn (North Ballarat-Redan) in action.



Hey Presto, he shows heaps of potential

Preston White plays the Tasmanian bowling in the final of this year's Imparja Cup at Alice Springs. The opening right-handed batsman scored a century in the 40-over final, then took 4/15 with his left-arm fast-medium bowling.



By GRAHAM HUNT



THE tour of England by the 2009 Australian Indigenous cricket team has cemented Preston White as arguably the country's most exciting Indigenous talent.

White, who almost single-handed won this year's Imparja Cup for Queensland, returned from the 12-match tour with the best bowling aggregate and average, and finished second in the batting aggregate and third in the batting averages. He also took the most catches in the field.

But while his statistics are impressive, White told *The Koori Mail* that although he enjoyed the tour, he was personally disappointed with his performances.

He said he should have scored more runs and wasn't patient enough as a bowler.

That said, he learned 'heaps' on the tour and said his cricket would benefit as a result.

White scored 386 runs on the England tour for an average of 38.6. His highest score was 78.

He played in 11 of the 12 matches.

The Indigenous team won eight games, lost three, and drew one (washout).

The matches were a mixture of 50-over and Twenty/20 fixtures, with one two-day game against the MCC Combined Universities.

In the two-day game, the Indigenous team chased down 388 for victory, with the loss of nine wickets and just three overs in hand.

Captain leads the way

Team captain Daniel Christian (South Australia) was the top tour batsman with an aggregate of 409 runs from just nine matches at an average of 58.43.

Christian (102 not out) scored one of the three centuries made on the tour by Indigenous batsmen.

Vice-captain Peter O'Callaghan (100) and Cameron Trask (101) scored the other centuries.

Queenslander Trask finished second in the tour batting averages with 47.8.

Other batsmen to average better than 20 on the tour were Northern Territorian Darcy Short (30.56), the ACT's O'Callaghan (27.42) and Queenslander Worrin Williams (24.18).

In the bowling department, White had the best aggregate (18), average (17.17) and strike rate (20.5).

His best performance was an innings haul of 4/34.

Christian's bowling average of 17 was



South Australian Sheffield Shield player and Indigenous team captain Dan Christian. He topped the tour aggregate with 409 runs at an average with 58.43 runs an innings. He was one of three tourists to score centuries and returned home with the second best bowling average.

second to White, but he took just six wickets.

Queensland leg-spinner Chris Swain had the second best aggregate (13 wickets at an average of 28.77), while Darcy Short was third on aggregate (11 wickets at 28.77).

White, Swain and Short were the only bowlers to take more than ten wickets on tour.

In the field, White took six catches, and Christian and O'Callaghan each took five.

Wicketkeeper Lewis Upton (WA) took 11 catches and made three stumpings.

Upton and O'Callaghan were the only

tourists to play in all 12 tour matches.

White, who plays for Toombul in the Brisbane A-grade competition, moved with his family from Rockhampton to Brisbane in 2007 to improve his cricketing prospects.

The 19-year-old right-hand batsman and left-arm fast-medium bowler from Banyo said he 'could have done better' on the tour.

'Stuffed up'

"I was a bit disappointed. I stuffed up a few times when batting and as a bowler, I wasn't patient enough," he told *The Koori Mail*.

"I was trying to get a wicket with

every ball. But I learned a lot on the tour and should be a better cricketer for the experience."

White said he found the English conditions to his liking. He was able to swing the ball and on the softer English pitches, the ball would 'pop up' and also seamed.

But he said he would prefer to bowl on the harder Australian decks.

Team officials said Darcy Short was the 'big improver' on the tour.

Coach Michael Mainhardt said the Northern Territorian blossomed as the tour progressed.



Inglis resumes training, but still sidelined

GREG Inglis has returned to rugby league despite assault charges hanging over his head – a decision his National Rugby League (NRL) club admits won't please everyone.

Inglis was allowed to return to Melbourne Storm training last Thursday, although he remains barred from playing as he awaits a court hearing this week on charges of assaulting his girlfriend.

The Storm had initially

suspended the State of Origin and Test centre from all club-related activities, but relented partially, with NRL approval.

And it was business as usual for the 22-year-old star, running on to passes as if he'd never been away and completing a one-hour ball-work session before a quick exit off the training track, avoiding questions from waiting media.

Storm chief executive Brian Waldron said Inglis would not

be allowed to play NRL matches at this stage, and admitted there may be angst in some quarters for allowing the star to even return to club training.

"You don't please everyone in dealing with this issue," Waldron said. "We need to take a breath, and analyse the situation as it evolves, and we'll continue to do that."

"We just felt it was in his best interests, as the NRL do, to have him join in with team training."

"Nothing changes in relation to his playing – he still remains stood down from that."

The NRL has allowed other players involved in court cases who have been stood down from playing to continue training.

Inglis' manager Allan Gainey said last Wednesday the Australian and Queensland kingpin 'hadn't been eating or sleeping' since the incident and 'isn't travelling very well'.

Waldron refused to confirm

Inglis' mental state had anything to do with the decision to allow him to rejoin training.

But he did suggest the centre's well-being would be enhanced by allowing him back to the club.

Inglis was charged by police with intentionally causing injury and unlawful assault after an incident at his Melbourne home.

He appeared in the Sunshine Magistrates Court and the case was adjourned to today. — AAP

Touchdown for Reggie

NSW

IT was a match that pitted brother against brother and no quarter was asked or given.

It was the NSW Country Rugby League (CRL) development program grand final at Memorial Oval, in Broken Hill, far western NSW.

The match was between the high-flying undefeated Wilcannia Boomerangs and the underdogs, the Broken Hill Geebung, whose line-up included several former Wilcannia players now living in Broken Hill.

The Boomerangs won 40-18, but they only sealed victory in the final 15 minutes. Until then, it was anybody's game.

The match featured rugged defence and big hit-ups.

● **PICTURE:** Reggie Sheperd dives over for the Boomerangs.

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Picture: Gerrit Fokkema

Cairns prepares

By **GRAHAM HUNT**



NO under-14 division and the tournament extending into night sessions are the big changes for the fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander national basketball championships in Cairns next month.

There will be just two junior divisions: Under-18 and under-16 for girls and boys.

Tournament director Nikita Ridgeway told *The Koori Mail* she expected a total of

42 teams to enter, with ten teams in the open men's division and maybe 12 in the open women's.

The balance would be made up of junior teams.

Registrations were to close yesterday.

Cairns is hosting the tournament for the first time this year. It will be held at the Cairns Basketball Stadium in Aumuller Street, Mununda, from 21-25 September.

With night sessions running for the first time, Ridgeway expects a later starting time each day.

She thought the first games each day

would be from about 10 or 11am.

Ridgeway said that because the tournament was being held in Cairns for the first time, there had been strong interest from the Torres Strait. She expected four or five Torres Strait Islander teams to enter.

When she spoke to *The Koori Mail* on Friday, Ridgeway had not heard from the defending men's champions, the Northern Territory Tribal.

However, she did confirm that the defending women's team from Victoria would be playing. She said the Victorian

team had played under a different name each year, but the team was essentially the same each time.

Ridgeway also expected the women's runners-up from the past couple of years – the Blue Jays from Western Australia – to also play.

A short ceremony will mark the opening of the tournament about 9.30am on 21 September.

Torres Strait and local dance troupes and children will perform.

The tournament again will be covered by NITV.

● **Six Indigenous players join AIS-AFL Academy – Page 90**