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Home ownership vision in Mapoon



BACK in 1963, many locals in the northern Queensland Aboriginal community of Mapoon owned

their own homes.

Then, for reasons still disputed, the Qld Country Party Government of the day ordered them burned to the ground.

Now, many in the community want to own their own homes again, and they are working to realise this long-held dream with the help of aid agency World Vision.

But affordability of the homes is proving a major stumbling block, with State Government property valuations far greater than what locals and others feel they can and should pay.

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World Vision CEO Tim Costello speaks with Mapoon local 84-year-old Susie Madua. The building behind them is the last remaining structure built before the 1963 Mapoon burnings.

Photo courtesy of World Vision Australia

Rep body talks

Calma urges people to decide for themselves

By KIRSTIE PARKER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma

has urged Indigenous Australians to decide for themselves how they feel about the proposed model for a new national representative body.

The model was unveiled at the National Press Club in Canberra on 27 August and has so far been the subject of some polarised – and, Mr Calma believes, irresponsible – debate.

But he says it shouldn't put people off embracing the 'ground-breaking' concept, which incorporates an equal number of men and women in leadership roles and reliance on strict ethical standards to head off the type of criticism that bedevilled the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

The 'Our future in our hands: Creating a sustainable National Representative Body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' report followed a year-long national consultation process



Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin and Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma with the report.

overseen by a steering committee of prominent Indigenous people and led by Mr Calma. It recommends that the as-yet unnamed 'rep body' be established as a private company rather than a statutory authority or other government entity, so that it

is not subject to the whims of governments or the Parliament.

The proposed model consists of eight national executive board members including male and female co-chairs, elected by a 128-seat national congress

and vetted by an ethics council.

The report says that, in order to give the rep body 'a chance at success', the Government should: fund an 'establishment package' of \$50 million for the first five years and reduced contributions from years six to ten; fast-track Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status for it; and support an investment fund of up to \$200 million to become self-sustaining after ten years.

The steering committee has technically shut up shop but it is still holding out hope the Rudd Government will agree to a two-month extension, during which time it would help to bed down the 'radically different structure'.

One of the biggest challenges for the steering committee will be 'selling' the concept to Indigenous

Australians, in the face of claims the model is too complicated, not democratic enough and toothless.

So far, the Government has played its cards close to its chest. Although Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has committed the Government to support the rep body's critical establishment phase, as well as 'modest and appropriate recurrent funding' once it was established. She said it had no plans to contribute 'at this time' to the proposed investment fund.

If backed sufficiently by a Federal Cabinet meeting later this month or in early October, the rep body could hold its first national congress by October next year.

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My FAMILY

CATHERINE SATOUR – Alice Springs, NT



HERE I am with my son Kayne Satour-Liddle – he's nine – and my daughter four-year-old Layla Satour-Liddle.

The picture was taken in my office at National Indigenous TV headquarters in Alice Springs, where I work as Commissioning Editor Co-ordinator.

Alice Springs is my country, and I've lived here for most of my life.

The Satours are a big family with a big extended family all around.

Kayne is right into AusKick, but with the season just finishing last week, he's looking to give boxing a go in the near future – that's something to look forward to.

Layla's our little princess. She's a

pre-schooler and likes to get out and watch what her big brother's doing.

When I'm not flat out with NITV I'm teaching singing and I myself would love to get back into singing. Music and singing has been a big part of my life as I just love it.

Then, of course, there's getting together with the family.

There's always lots of things to do living in Alice. It's a great place to live, we've got our family here, and work's a five-minute drive away.

We couldn't be happier.

● Pictured: Catherine Satour with her children Kayne Satour-Liddle and Layla Satour-Liddle.

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OUR CHILDREN



The Gilgandra Aboriginal Community Working Party (GACWP) supported a group of local school children to travel to Sydney last month to watch the Penrith Panthers play the South Sydney Rabbitohs in the NRL clash at CUA Stadium. Front-row seats presented an opportunity to meet the Panthers' mascot. See page 34 for more.

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Air Force flying high in Top End



LEADING Aircraftwoman Deborah Booker was a member of a select group of Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) personnel who took part in the recent Arnhem Drifter exercise in the Northern Territory. The RAAF's hot air balloon was shipped to Arnhem Land by truck and then assembled on the ground. An Aboriginal woman from Alice Springs, LAC/W Booker said the best thing about the trip was seeing the 'priceless' look on the faces of local children as they watched the balloon being put together and then had a ride in it. She is seen here with Gapuwiyak teens, from left, Lucas Bukulatjpi, 16, Philamena Wunungmurra, 14, Irene Guyula, 16 and Dyson Mununggurr, 16. Balloon pilot Squadron Leader Michael Bannerman shared LAC/W Booker's enthusiasm for the exercise. He said that even after his many trips around the world and all of the sights he had seen, his experience in the remote Indigenous communities had had a huge impact on him.

● See page 15 for more on exercise Arnhem Drifter.

Opinion poll scathing of Government



AN opinion poll has delivered a scathing verdict of the Federal Government's handling of

Indigenous affairs.

The survey found that 70 per cent of Australians believe improving the living conditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be a high or very high priority for the Federal Government.

However, the survey also found that over half of all respondents – 58 per cent – said Australian politicians do not know enough about Indigenous history and culture to develop effective policy for Indigenous people.

Slightly over half of those surveyed – 52 per cent – said Australian politicians had not learned from past successes and failures in Indigenous policy.

The Nielsen survey was

conducted for Amnesty International from 13-15 August with 1400 respondents aged 18 and over.

Amnesty International Indigenous Rights Coordinator Rodney Dillon said the findings showed that most Australians wanted to see the Federal Government take a new approach to improving the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

No faith

"The poll shows that most people simply don't have faith that politicians know what they're doing when they devise policy on Indigenous matters," he said.

"This reinforces our view that the only way to make effective policy in this area is through real knowledge and understanding of Indigenous culture, and real partnerships with Indigenous people themselves."

The Amnesty International

opinion poll also found that only about a third of those surveyed – 36 per cent – believed the Federal Government was doing enough to close the health, housing and educational gap between Indigenous and other Australians. Access to such services is a fundamental human right.

More than half those surveyed – 57 per cent – felt that the living conditions of some Indigenous people are negatively affecting Australia's reputation overseas.

"Just (recently) the United Nations said once again that Australia was not living up to its international human rights obligations regarding Indigenous people," Mr Dillon said. "This opinion poll shows that most Australians are aware of the huge gap in living conditions between Indigenous people and others in this country and of how this is being seen overseas."



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Big paintings, big story

National Museum conservators roll out the *Ngurrara* canvas for inspection.
Photo: Lannon Harley, NMA



THE National Museum of Australia (NMA) in Canberra has acquired two large paintings that document the Aboriginal experience of the longest historic stock route in the world –

Western Australia's Canning Stock Route. The development of the ultimately unsuccessful cattle route, which was surveyed in 1906 and runs 2000kms from Halls Creek in the Kimberley south to Wiluna, dramatically affected the lives of Aboriginal people.

The two works are *Ngurrara*, an 8x5 metre canvas painted in 1996 by a team of 24 Aboriginal artists at Pirnini, in the Great Sandy Desert, and *Martumili Ngurra*, which was painted at Parrngurr. The paintings add to a collection of 116 paintings, contemporary cultural

objects and documentary material made by 60 artists who travelled along the Canning Stock Route on a six-week return to country trip in 2007. The NMA acquired the collection earlier this year, will present an exhibition drawn from it in July 2010.

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Survivors to get apology

Indigenous children forgotten too: NSDC



THE National Sorry Day Committee (NSDC) says it is important that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians are aware of Federal Government plans to formally apologise to adult survivors of childhood abuse while in state care. Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced on 30 August that the Government would by the end of the year issue a formal statement of acknowledgement and apology, on behalf of the nation, to Forgotten Australians and former child migrants.

It is estimated that close to half a million Australian children were raised 'in care' between 1930 and 1970 – in orphanages, children's homes or foster



HELEN MORAN

homes. "The Australian Government acknowledges that the abuse and neglect suffered by many children in institutional or other out-of-home care during the last century was unacceptable," Ms Macklin said. "Many former child migrants and other children who were in institutions, their families and the wider community have suffered from a system that did not adequately provide for or protect children in its care."

The Government will consult with state and territory governments, past care providers and those affected by these practices to develop the apology and the path ahead.

On 13 February 2008, Prime

Minister Kevin Rudd formally apologised to the Stolen Generations – Indigenous Australians forcibly removed from their families under now-discredited Government policies.

NSDC co-chairperson Helen Moran told *The Koori Mail* that no one really knew how many Indigenous Forgotten Australians there were, but there were likely to be many.

"Indigenous children who were institutionalised and fostered out qualify as Forgotten Australians; Stolen Generations children such as myself and my siblings," Ms Moran said. "And, for example, the girls from Parramatta Girls Home. Both black and white girls suffered in that institution."

The Alliance for Forgotten Australians (AFA) welcomed the Government's announcement.

Alliance Chairperson Caroline Carroll recalled how senators wept in 2004 as they were told of the cruel and brutal treatment and criminal neglect of young children in institutions that were supposed to care for them.

"Now it is our turn to weep – but with relief and joy," Ms Carroll said.

"This is a turning point for Forgotten Australians."

Fear and despair in Lightning Ridge

Spotlight on DoCS as kids taken, child dies

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



FOR Shirley Binge, the system of child protection in this country is deeply flawed. With her daughter battling personal demons, the

grieving grandmother from north-western NSW and other family members stepped in to help care for her grandchildren. But Ms Binge claims the system failed her and her grandchildren when they needed help most.

Tanisha was only a baby when she was diagnosed with a rare form of leukaemia and just 22-months-old when she died earlier this year.

With just a disability pension to support four young children, Ms Binge said she struggled to meet even the most basic needs. And then, when her granddaughter became sick, the situation got even worse.

"Every week for three months I would go into Department of Community Services (DoCS) office and ask for help," Ms Binge said.

"This went on from October 2007 until January 2008."

Ms Binge said that even requests for help with medication scripts went unanswered.

"I didn't have any money for (Tanisha's) medication, she had to spend her first Christmas without presents and food," she said. "She was fighting for her life and she never made it, and this is how they treat a little dying girl."

While Ms Binge said it was not the department's fault her granddaughter became ill, it showed extreme insensitivity



Parents and residents of Lightning Ridge, western NSW, hold up a sign outside a community forum held in the town on 24 August, where State Deputy Ombudsman Steve Kinmond spoke to parents and residents about the Department of Community Services removing children in the area. *NewsPix image*

by not doing all it could to make her short life easier.

She says Indigenous children and families lose out in many ways.

"They soon want to take our children but they don't want to help you. They take kids who are cared for but they wouldn't help these ones who really needed help. How does that system work?" Ms Binge said.

"It's not fair on the little kids because they're the ones that have to suffer, just like these other little ones who got taken. They're suffering to be with their family. It's a bad state of affairs. Where do we get our justice?"

In Lightning Ridge and surrounds, where it was claimed last month that DoCS had removed 40 local Aboriginal children in recent months, their families are said to be reeling with shock and disbelief.

"We are here though to support women, children and families and what's made this whole situation worse is that because we're

a small community we're more like a family," said local Wirringah Women's Group Secretary Dawn Towney.

The removal drama has captured national media attention, with some parents and supporters accusing the department of being over-zealous and heavy-handed in removing Aboriginal children from safe and loving, if sometimes humble, circumstances. Overcrowded housing has been identified as a key issue.

Removals

Ms Towney said she knows these families personally, and they're still trying to come to terms with the removals.

"A lot of these families are good people; they don't drink and don't smoke. It's not as if we'd be supporting children to stay in homes where they are being abused," she said.

"There is a lot of grief and loss in the community at the moment. One mother

here who had her child taken; they placed the child in another state."

Yawarra Meamei Women's Group President Joan Treweeke calls Lightning Ridge one of the most disadvantaged places on earth.

But, she says, it is also the kind of place where you know your neighbour and people accept one another.

In this mix of people – many of whom come to try their luck on the area's famous opal fields and live in rough, shanty-style dwellings – Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are poverty-stricken. And Ms Treweeke says that makes for no easy solution.

"Our clients have complex problems," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"They come with drug and alcohol issues, domestic violence and mental health issues. Families come trying to get support but everything is just so under-resourced, we don't have the community infrastructure to help them."

Ms Treweeke said that not only was the Ridge community suffering from high levels of disadvantage, there was now the additional fear of children being taken.

"Some of these women have no confidence in the system, but they are the very people that need help," she said.

"This situation may, in fact, cause families to delve further underground, not seeking help when they need it most of all."

"Unfortunately there are no short-term answers for any of this. Some people in the community are frightened and scared, and feeling vulnerable."

Staff of the NSW Ombudsman Bruce Barbour recently attended a meeting in Lightning Ridge at the request of concerned locals, including some of the affected mothers.

"One of our ongoing concerns is that DoCS isn't working as effectively as it should with the community," Mr Barbour told *The Koori Mail*.

"We see the only way some of the problems are going to get fixed is if everybody works together."

Mr Barbour says he will follow up the concerns with DoCS, especially whether the department is making a sufficient effort to work in partnership with Indigenous communities.



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Model puts our future in our hands

By Editor KIRSTIE PARKER



AFTER a year of intensive consultations and more than five years in the political wilderness, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people finally have a proposed model for a new national representative body to chew over.

The proposed 'rep body' would be independent of Government and run by a national executive elected by a national congress and vetted by an ethics council.

But, in order to succeed, the 'radical' departure from the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and 'work-in-progress' must first win over both those it aims to represent and the Federal Government, which is being asked to back it.

The model has sparked considerable debate, an accusation that some commentators are 'irresponsibly' misrepresenting it, and a plea for Indigenous people to take their time and consider it properly before passing judgment.

At the National Press Club (NPC) in Canberra on 27 August, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma unveiled the model which he and a steering committee he convened of nine other prominent Indigenous Australians hope will be operational in just over a year.

Releasing the report titled 'Our future in our hands', Mr Calma said such a body would be the most significant step in reconciliation and 'resetting the relationship' between Government and Indigenous peoples since the National Apology.

He said it would set a new benchmark for ethical conduct and gender equality for any organisation at the national level.

The steering committee considered views and opinions from about 80 community meetings, discussions with peak bodies, a national high-level forum and written submissions to recommend that the rep body should:

- Be independent from government; a private company limited by guarantee rather than a statutory authority.
- Receive recurrent government funding for five years, reduced over a further five years to nil.
- Be underpinned by a \$200

'By and large we'll be in charge of our own destiny. We'll either make it or break it'

— Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma

million investment fund drawn from government, corporate and philanthropic sources so as to ensure a sufficient recurrent expenditure base for the organisation after the first ten years.

- Be granted fast-tracked Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status.
 - Formulate policy and advice, advocate and lobby, and monitor and evaluate government performance to Indigenous people – but not deliver services or programs.
 - Be open for membership by any Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person over the age of 18 years.
 - Have an equal gender balance of 50 per cent men and 50 per cent women, with mechanisms to ensure the nurturing of younger leaders.
- The model would be constituted through a mix of nominations, internal elections and applications (see breakout box).
- The Government is currently

considering the proposal, with a Cabinet decision on funding levels and any other support expected either at the end of this month or the beginning of October.

Technically the steering committee's term expired at the end of August, but it has sought a two-month extension to help the body 'find its feet'.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, who has said repeatedly that she wants to see an interim rep body in place by the end of the year, immediately congratulated the steering committee and welcomed the report.

She said the new body would deliver on a Labor Party election promise and the proposed model 'sets a high benchmark for strong, responsible and strategic leadership'.

"Closing the gap is a national priority and we know that Indigenous Australians must have a voice if we are to achieve change,"

the Minister said.

And she committed the Government to providing support for the national rep body in its critical establishment phase, as well as 'modest and appropriate recurrent funding' once it was established.

But Ms Macklin broke the promising spell by declaring that the Government had no plans to contribute 'at this time' to the proposed investment fund.

"Once the national representative body is established and operating, further consideration may be given to a partnership arrangement with business and others to establish a capital fund that allows it to become self-funding," she said, re-opening the door just a crack.

Mr Calma said the steering committee did not want recurrent government funding.

"We want to be independent because we're always vulnerable if we rely on funding from the

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Proposed National Representative Body

'We'll be in charge of our destiny'

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Government," he said.

"Government could at a future time decide not to fund it. If they don't fund it, it will exist because it'll be a company, but it won't if it doesn't have any money. We have to make sure our prime objective is that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are treated equally. Our job is to work with government to make sure that happens."

Ms Macklin reiterated what has become something of a mantra of the Government – that it would not 'replicate the failed policies of the past and the new body will not be another ATSIC'.

"The new national representative body must be transparent, accountable and effective," she said.

The fully-elected, but now defunct ATSIC, was plagued by low voter turn-out, accusations of poor service delivery, perceptions of infighting, and attacks on the credibility of its highest-ranked members including then-chairman Geoff Clark, who a civil court jury found had raped a woman 20 years earlier.

The doomed organisation's deputy chairman 'Sugar' Ray Robinson was last year found guilty of two counts of using his position as ATSIC commissioner for improper purposes. But just last week, the Qld Court of Appeal upheld an appeal against Mr Robinson's conviction and ordered a re-trial.

After ATSIC's abolition in 2004 by the then-Howard Government, its mostly supplementary programs were farmed out to mainstream agencies.

On the morning before Mr

Calma revealed the new rep body model, Ms Macklin repeated the Government's opposition to a body that had responsibility for service delivery, but remained open to the idea of elected representation.

At the NPC, journalists grilled Mr Calma on whether the consultation process had been diminished because the likes of Cape York campaigner Noel Pearson and Arnhem Land leader Galarrwuy Yunupingu had not been involved.

"It's hard to understand how any individual in the nation didn't know about this process," Mr Calma said, describing a process whereby the steering committee used Indigenous media outlets such as *The Koori Mail* to disseminate information at various stages throughout the process.

"If those people have missed out and not taken up that opportunity, that's something they have to deal with."

Two days later, *The Australian* newspaper published an opinion piece in which Noel Pearson criticised the rep body model as 'too timid' and 'a tragically wrong-headed outcome of what was clearly a hopeful exercise involving many Indigenous people

and proper person' by established standards.

The national executive positions would be elected by, and then be a part of, the 128-member national congress. Of the remaining 120 positions in the congress, one 'chamber' for peak national or other bodies would elect 40, and a further 40 would be elected from a second chamber for sectoral peak bodies/experts. The last 40 members would be individual applicants selected from a third chamber by members of the national executive.

The ethics committee would comprise

earnestly trying to find a way to a better future'.

"Understandably, given the opprobrium that came to be attached to ATSIC, (the steering committee) are running so scared from the ghost of ATSIC that they have proposed a model that can be summarised as all voice, no

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander citizens with a legitimate national voice and benefit all Australians, and urged the Government to support it.

RA co-chair Professor Mick Dodson, who had provided expert advice to the steering committee during the consultation process,

said Indigenous Australians needed to be able to contribute to the policies that affected their lives and help shape a better-informed public debate.

Chairman of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in western NSW Sam Jeffries was optimistic that even if the

new body lacked influence without executive powers, at least it would always remain the property of Aboriginal people.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been looking forward to this moment," he told the ABC.

"...I think we should maximise our opportunity in getting behind that and supporting it. It's like most things – it'll have a few teething

problems then it will sort itself out to be able to operate efficiently."

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott didn't hold back, declaring the model a blend of the worst features of previous Aboriginal organisations.

However, he appeared to have missed the point about the body being drawn from a bank of peak and other Indigenous bodies.

"I think the new body that he is proposing is a very unsatisfactory blend of the worst features of both the old ATSIC and the old (National Indigenous Council)," Mr Abbott told the ABC of Mr Calma's proposal.

"If you're going to elect a body you've got to give it something worthwhile to do. If it's only going to be a policy advisory body, why go to the time and trouble of electing it."

Former Northern Territory Indigenous Policy Minister and former ATSIC commissioner, independent MP Alison Anderson, predicted a Canberra-centric national executive that few, if any, remote representatives would make it onto.

Another former commissioner, Adelaide's Brian Butler, said he hoped the proposed council ushered in a new era for self-determination and a better relationship with Government.

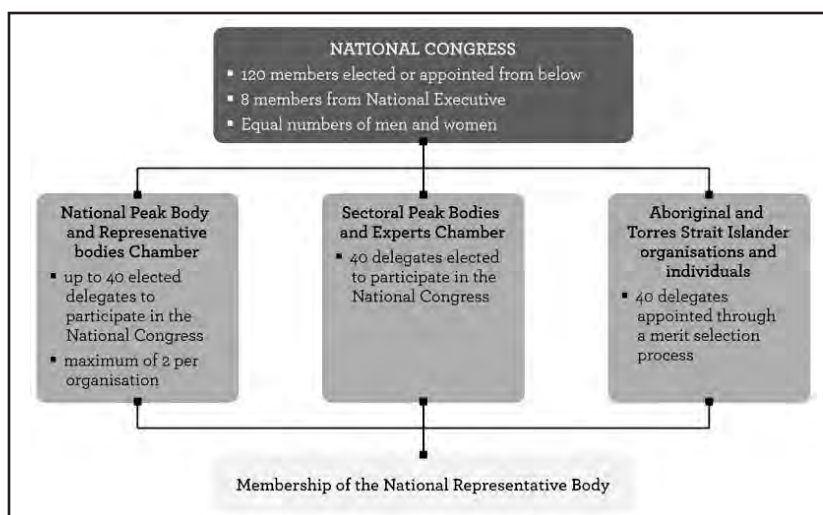
"One would hope that that was the way it would and should go," he said on the ABC.

"I just hope that it works. And I

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Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin listens as Mr Calma announces the proposed model at the National Press Club in Canberra.



Illustrations courtesy Australian Human Rights Commission

power, no responsibility," Mr Pearson wrote.

"The worst result of all: they have the ability to complain but no ability to influence or take responsibility."

Elsewhere, reactions to the rep body model varied widely, from pessimism to high praise.

Reconciliation Australia (RA) described it as a significant development that would provide

What the proposed representative body would look like

It would have four elements: an eight-member national executive; a 128-member national congress; an ethics council; and an executive/administrative support unit.

The national executive would be led by full-time male and female co-chairs and would have six other part-time board members; three male and three female.

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person over the age of 18 could nominate for the co-chair positions but would need first to be deemed by the ethics committee as capable of fulfilling the roles and a 'fit

and proper person' by established standards.

The executive/administrative support unit would consist of a chief executive officer recruited by the national executive, a company secretary, research, media and secretariat staff.

Membership of the first chamber would be confined to major peak bodies that were elected (rather than appointed) or otherwise representative. At present, the ACT Indigenous Advisory Committee is the only such state or territory advisory body.

However, the steering committee has identified more than 20 bodies that might feasibly qualify, such as the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Care (SNAICC), and the National Native Title Council (NNTC).

These organisations' affiliates, as well as local land councils or the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), for example, might qualify for membership of the second chamber.

Mixed response to plan for future

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hope the Aboriginal community don't get further behind the eight ball in waiting for it to happen."

Then there were others like Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey, who said he hoped major political parties would put more Indigenous people in Parliament, rather than be distracted by a new representative body.

Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre legal director Michael Mansell said the proposed model was 'a bit cumbersome' and gave elected representatives 'nothing to do'.

"They have no formal role or power over government decisions of services," Mr Mansell said, naming his own 'wish-list' for the national executive; people he believed had widespread support and were experienced and enthusiastic including former ATSIC commissioner Klynton Wanganeen (SA), Murandoo Yanner and Noel Pearson (Qld), Gary Foley (Victoria) Barb Shaw (NT), Dennis Eggington and Colleen Hayward (WA).

On Saturday, Mr Calma told *The Koori Mail* he was feeling very positive about the model's reception despite some opposing views.

"People sometimes get confused over controlling the money with power versus the ability to lobby and work in partnership with the deliverers and to make sure those that have responsibility to deliver are doing what's appropriate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," he said.

Mr Calma said commentators had made statements that were 'totally misleading, inaccurate and irresponsible'.

"For example, if they can tell me anybody in the country that can override the sovereignty of Parliament, let them do that," he said.

"Otherwise, they need to be responsible and talk about facts and not confuse the community.

"I can see, once we get it up to be a viable body, some of the people who currently command a disproportionate amount of space in the mainstream media might feel a little marginalised.

"Along the way we're going to make mistakes, but it will be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people making mistakes and rectifying them. It won't be non-Aboriginal people making judgment – other than ASIC (the Australian Securities and Investment

Commission that regulates companies in a business sense) – which is appropriate.

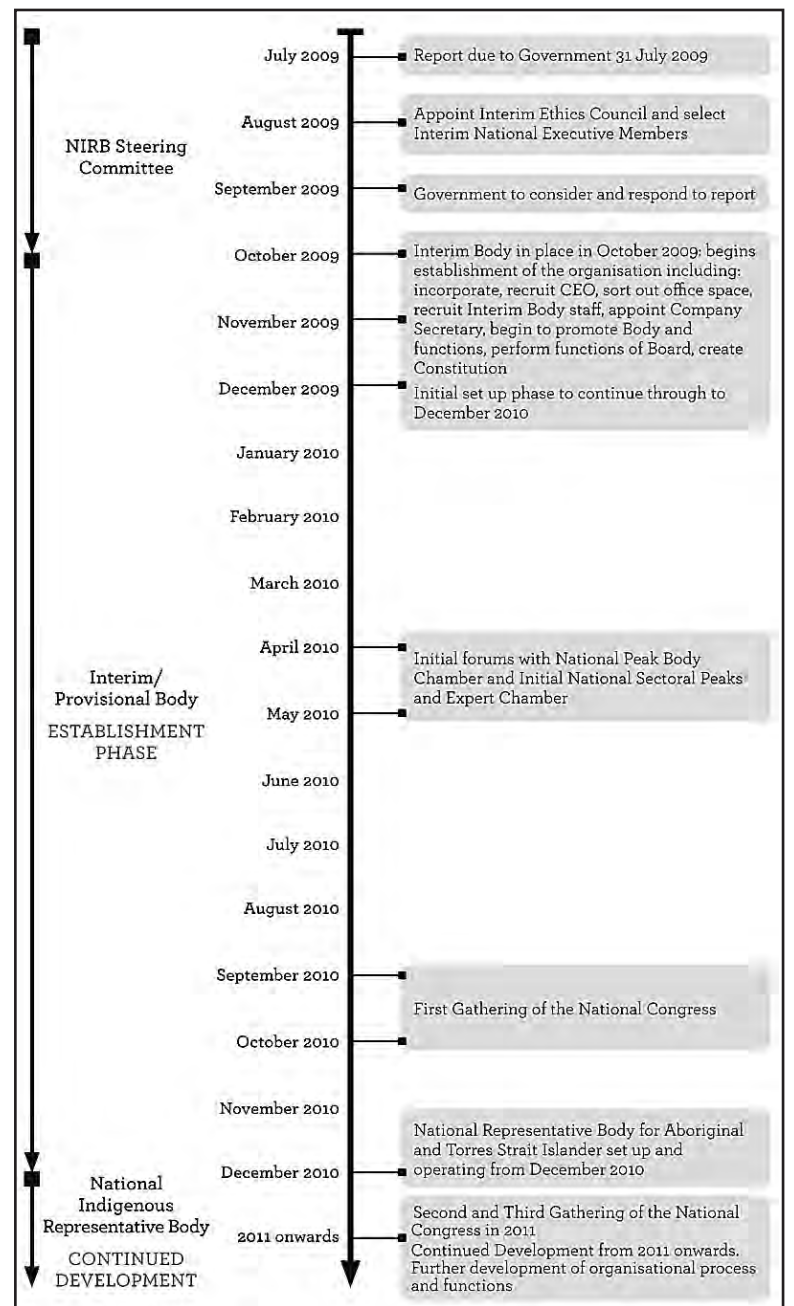
"By and large we'll be in charge of our own destiny. We'll either make it or break it. And I'm saying don't break before it even starts."

Mr Calma said the rep body model supported Article 18 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), which states: 'Indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters which would affect their rights, through representatives chosen by themselves in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own indigenous decision-making institutions'.

Mr Calma said: "Remember, do we want things to stay the same? Do we want to always be the most disadvantaged in Australia? I don't think we do; we want a pathway.

"This will develop over time – all bodies do – but the basic and most fundamental issues and structures are there right now to allow it to grow into a body of our people."

The report 'Our future in our hands' and Mr Calma's speech are available at http://www.humanrights.gov.au/social_justice/repbody/



UN criticism stings, sings

By KIRSTIE PARKER



THE Federal Government is standing by controversial measures under the Northern Territory intervention, despite pointed criticism from the United Nations' top envoy on Indigenous human rights and violations of them.

The measures may have been judged discriminatory and disproportionate by UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya, but Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says they're necessary to protect the rights of vulnerable people, especially women and children.

Mr Anaya concluded an 11-day tour of Aboriginal communities on 26 August, a day before presenting his preliminary report to the Government and media in Canberra.

He began his media conference by thanking the Government for inviting him to Australia and commending it on the National Apology and support for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

But he went on – albeit politely – to fillet specific intervention measures, which he said were discriminatory, disproportionate and breached Australia's international obligations.

Mr Anaya said he was aware of Government efforts to close gaps in disadvantage between Indigenous and other Australians, but aspects of those efforts 'raised concerns'.

"Of particular concern is the NT Emergency Response, which by the Government's own account is an extraordinary measure, especially in its income management regime, imposition of



UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya during his press conference in Canberra, following an 11-day tour of Aboriginal communities around the country.

compulsory leases, and community-wide bans on alcohol consumption and pornography," he said.

"These measures overtly discriminate against Aboriginal peoples, infringe their right of self-determination and stigmatise already stigmatised communities.

"...any special measure that infringes on the basic rights of indigenous peoples must be narrowly tailored, proportional, and necessary to achieve the legitimate objectives being pursued. In my view, the NT Emergency Response is not."

Mr Anaya said the Australian Government should reinstate 'right away' the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* that has been suspended in prescribed communities under the intervention, and review all its legislation, policies, and

programs affecting Indigenous Australians.

Questioned by journalists in Melbourne the next day, Minister Macklin said she knew that issues like income management in the NT and alcohol controls were controversial.

"But, for me, when it comes to human rights, the most important human right that I feel as Minister I have to confront, is the need to protect the lives of the most vulnerable, particularly children, and for them to have a safe and happy life, and a safe and happy family to grow up in," she said.

"These are the rights that I think need to be balanced against other human rights."

Vitriolic responses to Mr Anaya's assessment came from both sides of the racial divide – from Aboriginal Labor Party

honcho Warren Mundine and two former Howard Government Ministers; one still in politics, the other retired.

Mr Mundine said it was overtly racist, bizarre and 'should be chucked in the bin' along with every other rapporteur's report.

"What is detrimental about the protecting of children, the protecting of women against sexual assault, physical assault?" he told ABC Radio.

Opposition Indigenous affairs spokesman Tony Abbott labelled Mr Anaya's criticisms 'sanctimonious claptrap'. And former Indigenous Affairs minister Mal Brough said the Special Rapporteur needed to put living conditions ahead of 'some nicety about human rights legislation'.

But Mr Anaya's comments were widely applauded by Aboriginal, church and social change groups including Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) and the Anglican Bishop of Darwin, Greg Thompson.

Tasmanian activist Michael Mansell said Mr Anaya's appraisal was 'very accurate', and Australian Greens Indigenous affairs spokesperson Senator Rachel Siewert said 'the Minister for Indigenous Affairs and both major parties need to sit up and listen carefully'.

Ms Macklin said the Government had already started major consultation with people living in Indigenous communities in the NT 'on the shape of the emergency response as we go forward', including its intention to put legislation into the Parliament later this year to reinstate the RDA.

The Special Rapporteur will now prepare a final report for the UN Human Rights Council.

Anger at sex-case sentences

By KEN BOASE



A GROUP of Aboriginal women in Western Australia has called on the WA Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to appeal recent court cases in Broome where non-custodial sentences were

imposed on adult sex offenders in relation to Aboriginal girls aged 12 and 13.

The one- and two-year suspended sentences were handed down last month in the Broome District Court after three men pleaded guilty to sexual offences, with the judge commenting that the girls looked older than their real ages.

The sentences have also been criticised by the WA Police Union as extremely lenient and 'a slap on the wrist'.

Spokeswoman for the women's group, Perth-based Nyoongar lawyer Hannah McGlade, said the judicial system was not taking the issue of the sexual abuse of children seriously enough, and called on

the DPP to review the Broome cases and other similar sentences for sex crimes.

"As Aboriginal people trying to break the silence about Aboriginal child abuse, we feel our work is undermined by the comments by the judiciary that effectively excuse and normalise the abuse of Aboriginal children," Ms McGlade said.

"It was inappropriate for the judge to be

assault and acknowledges the harm to the young victims. There is no excuse ever for the sexual abuse of Aboriginal children."

Ms McGlade said the group was also concerned that there was no independent advocacy for Aboriginal victims of sexual abuse.

"We are concerned that the victim's interests disappeared in the sentencing

specialised Aboriginal holistic response to child sexual abuse."

Others voicing their concerns included Broome community development worker Rowena Puertellano, psychologist Victoria Hovane, social worker Dr Dawn Bessarab, psychologist Dr Pat Dudgeon, and Kate Davis, from the Women's Law Centre.

Acting Director of Public Prosecutions Bruno Fiannaca said in a statement to *The Koori Mail* that sentencing 'required a judge to consider any facts that lessened the criminality of an offence'.

In the brief statement, Mr Fiannaca said the circumstances of these cases were viewed as unusual. "This did not mean the court was unappreciative of the

problem of sexual abuse of Aboriginal children," the statement said.

"The work of the Kimberley Task Force had made this clear."

Mr Fiannaca said the court was informed of the victim's circumstances in each case.



'We feel our work is undermined by the comments by the judiciary that effectively excuse and normalise the abuse of Aboriginal children'

— Nyoongar lawyer Hannah McGlade

making comments about the physical appearance of a 12-year-old child victim.

"The community expects that adults who sexually abuse children should be sentenced to a term of imprisonment.

"This sends a clear message of the gravity of the offence of child sexual

process, and we also call for the establishment of a statutory advocate to represent the victim in the court to ensure that justice is balanced," she said.

"We believe that the courts, Government and Aboriginal people of WA should work together to develop a

Housing promise

Damning report slams program

By DARREN COYNE and AAP



THE Federal Government has promised to slash bureaucracy and tighten construction costs following a damning report into

the \$672 million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

But Opposition and Aboriginal groups remain unconvinced that the Federal and Northern Territory governments will be able to deliver the 750 new homes promised 18 months ago for NT Aboriginal communities.

When releasing the report on 31 August, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin admitted the scheme was three months behind schedule, but said urgent action had been taken to ensure the promised houses, rebuilds and refurbishments were delivered by the end of 2013 and within budget.

In order to achieve this, however, the cost of rolling out infrastructure would no longer be covered by the original budget, and the cost of houses would be capped at \$450,000.

Three of six levels of bureaucracy had also been removed, and less work would be



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completed by outside consultants, the report said.

The report does not say how infrastructure projects would now be funded, but some reports suggest the money would come out of the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing fund.

The Federal Government is now under pressure to explain exactly how much that infrastructure would cost, especially after NT Housing Minister Rob Knight admitted the

day after the report was released that his Government had underestimated infrastructure costs. Outrage over the lack of progress of SIHIP prompted the NT and Federal governments to announce the review of the scheme more than a month ago. It also led to a crisis for the NT Government after Indigenous MP Alison Anderson left Labor and turned Independent because of NT Labor's handling of the project.

The NT Government had been tasked with the roll-out of SIHIP, but the review found it had blown the budget and confused the chain of responsibility by outsourcing to the private sector.

Ms Anderson said she felt vindicated by the report, but NT Chief Minister Paul Henderson denied the Commonwealth had to step in because of his Government's failings.

"What the report shows is that we needed to regain control of

some of the costs associated with this program," he said.

"In any project of this size there were going to be issues, there were going to be problems. They've been identified."

Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott said, however, that there was 'something very smelly and suspicious' about SIHIP.

Central Land Council Director David Ross said checks needed to be in place to ensure infrastructure, as well as the new houses, rebuilds and refurbishments, turned out to be more than empty promises.

"As soon as Aboriginal housing is out of the limelight it is almost impossible to convince either the Commonwealth or NT governments to ensure that housing money is spent on good quality, value-for-money housing services," he said.

Meanwhile, Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) has called on Ms Macklin to reconsider handing monopoly control of Aboriginal housing to the NT Government in light of its repeated failure to deliver houses for Aboriginal people.

"The damning report on the troubled SIHIP scheme must cause the Minister to reconsider the broader implications of insisting on a 100 per cent public housing model for Aboriginal housing, to be controlled by the NT housing authority, Territory Housing," ANTaR spokesperson, David Cooper said.

"Community housing models, that are being expanded nationally, and which prioritise community involvement, should now receive the Minister's serious consideration for Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory."

Indigenous recognition move for Qld Constitution



state's Constitution.

A PREAMBLE recognising Indigenous Queenslanders has been recommended for insertion into the

Labor Member Barbara Stone told State Parliament last Thursday that the Constitution preamble was an aspirational statement on the 150th anniversary of the formation of Queensland.
"Importantly, the preamble

acknowledges and honours Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and pays tribute to their ancient and enduring cultures – a significant step in the ongoing reconciliation process," Ms Stone said.

The committee examining the preamble accepted in full the preamble submission lodged by the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Advisory Council.
It honours: "The Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait

Islander peoples, the first Australians, whose lands, winds and waters we all now share and pay tribute to their unique values and ancient and enduring cultures which deepen and enrich the life of our community." – AAP



A Jarjum Pre-school group listen intently as director Leigh Bosworth reads a story. She says literacy levels will surely improve as the children start to embrace a love of reading and enjoy the process.

Literacy the goal

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



DO you remember the first book you ever read? If you're lucky, it might have been while nestled up against your mum as she read you stories time after time, until you knew all the words by heart, and then eventually you could read them yourself.

However, some Indigenous children may never know that most simplest of joys – of opening a book and delving into the magic of the stories inside, getting caught up in adventures and lost in fantasy, for a little while anyway.

For the past five years, the Indigenous Literacy Project (ILP) – a partnership between the Fred Hollows Foundation and Australian book industry – has committed to addressing the literacy crisis in remote Indigenous communities.

By the age of 15, more than one-third of the country's Indigenous students don't have adequate skills and knowledge in reading literacy to meet real-life challenges.

And more than 70 per cent of

Indigenous children in remote communities suffer from the serious chronic middle ear infection Otitis Media that can cause permanent hearing loss and inhibit language and literacy development.

It is statistics such as these that drove the ILP, with Patron Therese Rein – the Prime Minister's wife – and a host of other Indigenous and non-Indigenous literary-minded folk, to initiate Indigenous Literacy Day, which was held last Tuesday, 2 September.

Members united

The founding members said they came together with a united level of concern for the illiteracy they believed plagued children from remote communities.

They said illiteracy often held back children from enjoying a full, healthy and happy life, with links going back to poor health, social and economic outcomes. And they just couldn't imagine a world without books and reading.

So how do we engage young Indigenous children with a love of reading?

The Director of Lismore's Jarjum Pre-school, Leigh Bosworth, says her centre's

approach was simple but effective.

First, they created an inviting space in which the children could read, a 'book corner' where they could read the books comfortably with the teacher's aides.

Secondly, they had two designated reading times every day, and chose from a group of books specifically selected for each week.

Now, the pre-schoolers often choose to read, with the assistance of staff, the books again in their 'quiet time'.

Ms Bosworth said that at first the children's reading levels and interest in books were minimal, but that was changing, and they were starting to look forward to the books.

When *The Koori Mail* visited the pre-school last week a reading session was already in progress, with 25 children aged between three and five mesmerised by *The Swamp Eggs*.

Their full engagement with the story and the words was immediately apparent as they laughed and joined in with the noises and gestures of the characters in the book. And after it was all over they begged Ms Bosworth to read it again.

"The biggest thing with us is sourcing

enough age-appropriate books for the children," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"Our level of funding means we often rely on community and others to donate books and we are always in need of more."

"We are starting to see a slow but sure change in the children – they're starting to really enjoy the books and engage with them."

Ms Bosworth said one of the most heartening things she'd heard since working at Jarjum was the story of a father with significant literacy problems deciding to return to TAFE so he would be able to read to his child.

Around the country on Indigenous Literacy Day, a band of musicians, artists and lovers of literature got together to promote the cause.

Singer Josh Pyke put on a gig called 'Busking for Change' in Sydney, while in Melbourne 'Songs for Stories' brought together The Cat Empire, Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter and Paul Kelly to join in a celebration of music and song.

Elsewhere, other ILP Ambassadors such as Tara June Winch, David Malouf and Anita Heiss attended literary events.

Tas education rates fudged, says Mansell

By Tasmanian Correspondent
JILLIAN MUNDY



OUTSPOKEN
Tasmanian Michael Mansell has accused the state's Education Department of fudging the books

when it comes to statistics on Aboriginal children.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre Legal Director said last week that a promise by Premier David Bartlett to boost Aboriginal retention rates and close the gap in achievement rates was hollow, wishful thinking.

"There is a culture of cover-up of the real figures of failure of Aboriginal children in Tasmanian schools," he said.

"The Premier's officials include into the achievement and retention statistics of Aboriginal children any child who ticks a box saying they are Aboriginal.

"Those who do tick a box have a higher standard of education and when thrown into the mix with Aboriginal children the result looks brighter than it really is."

The Koori Mail asked the Tasmanian Education Department how statistics on the academic levels of Aboriginal students were collected and was told 'measurement of all Tasmanian student performance is carried out through annual national literacy and numeracy assessments'.

The department's Manager of Aboriginal Education, Greg Lehman, said Aboriginality was confirmed in some cases.

"Where Tasmanians are applying for Aboriginal programs that involve additional resources, scholarships or participation in sensitive cultural practices, they must also have their eligibility confirmed through the Office of Aboriginal Affairs," he said.

"This has been our consistent approach following the 2005 amendment of the *Aboriginal Lands Act 1995* to provide a clear definition of Aboriginality."

Mr Lehman said that students were 'identified' by parents or carers on enrolment.

However, another departmental employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said they doubted that all students and families supported by Aboriginal liaison officers could prove their Aboriginality, even though they might be known as being Aboriginal within their community.

The employee ventured that a small minority were not Aboriginal but were offered educational and family support because they were 'high risk' and needed the support.

Brent Street Primary School Principal Andrew Moore told *The Koori Mail* there was an unfounded belief in the community that being an Aboriginal student attracted lots of extra funding for schools.

"Schools get extra funding if a student is below the benchmark in literacy and numeracy, regardless of



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their cultural background," Mr Moore said.

"In the current day and age, schools certainly do not encourage students or parents to 'tick the box'.

"If families 'tick the box' then that informs schools around cultural awareness, not from a funding point of view."

Mr Mansell said the Premier admitted to using 'Aboriginal money from Canberra' for all children.

"The more children are encouraged by schools to tick being 'of Aboriginal descent', the more money goes into schools," he said.

"It is institutionalised neglect of the real needs of Aboriginal children in order to boost Federal funding of schools."

Earlier this year, the Government announced that funds under the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) National Indigenous Early Childhood Plan would be used towards a new child and family centre in the Hobart suburb of Bridgewater.

It said Bridgewater was chosen for the centre due to 'the high number of Aboriginal people in the area and the high level of disadvantage shown across many indicators'.

"The Premier spent \$7 million of the \$8 million promised by the



DAVID BARTLETT

Commonwealth for Aboriginal education improvement at Bridgewater on the basis there were some Aboriginal students there," Mr Mansell said.

"It is the Aboriginal children who are under-achieving that are being punished by a culture of denial and rip-off."

But Mr Lehman told *The Koori Mail* the Education Department was committed to ensuring all Tasmanians had the opportunity to learn throughout their lives, no matter what their background.

"It's not acceptable for any group of people in our society to be disadvantaged. Every Tasmanian deserves the best start in life and equal access to opportunities," Mr Lehman said.

"That's why we are committed to making Aboriginal education a high priority.

"The aim of Aboriginal Education Services is to build capacity in schools to more effectively support the educational success of Aboriginal students.

"During 2009, the department also will commence implementation of a range of measures to respond to Indigenous education targets established by the National Indigenous Reform Agreement."

NSW drug treatment program 'has merit'

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



NEW research released by the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) has shown that a program that gives defendants the option of formal drug treatment while on bail reduces the risk of conviction for further offences.

The Magistrates Early Referral into Treatment (MERIT) program is being hailed by Aboriginal legal services in NSW and the ACT and others as a great success story for the criminal courts and a must for expansion.

BOCSAR Director Don Weatherburn said completion of the MERIT program reduced by 12 percentage points the proportion of participants reconvicted for any offence.

And Dr Weatherburn said the effect of the program on re-offending could be even better than the Bureau's findings suggested.

"Research has shown that modest reductions in reconviction generally signal quite large reductions in rates of re-offending," he said.

"The success of the MERIT program underscores the value of programs that address the underlying causes of involvement in crime."

Last month, NSW Auditor-General Peter Achterstraat called for the expansion of services for Aboriginal defendants as a means to better manage over-representation in the State's justice system.

"While Aboriginal people make up about two per cent of the population of NSW, one in every five inmates in the prison population is an Aboriginal offender, and this figure has never been higher," Mr Achterstraat said.

"Overall, those who complete MERIT have lower imprisonment rates, lower rates of re-offending and better health outcomes than those who do not... this helps the defendant and the community."

Remove obstacles

Mr Achterstraat also said any obstacles hampering Aboriginal defendants from accessing the MERIT program should be removed.

In most local courts, only defendants with drug problems could be accepted into the program. Those with alcohol-abuse programs, many of whom were Aboriginal, couldn't.

"I'm calling for an expansion of MERIT so defendants who have problems with alcohol abuse can also be part of the program," Mr Achterstraat said.

Aboriginal Legal Service NSW/ACT Chief Legal Officer John McKenzie agreed that the key to adapting the program to address Aboriginal incarceration was broadening eligibility for it.

He said the legal group was very concerned by the program not being available in courts such as Taree, Bourke and Lismore, which handled high numbers of Indigenous defendants, while it was available in 61 other areas within NSW.

Latest figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics show Indigenous children comprise about 70 per cent of the spiralling juvenile detention muster, and Mr McKenzie said the program could help deal with such problems if it were recalibrated to more specifically handle youth issues.

"Anything that can be done to reduce the incarceration rate of Aboriginal people – adults and children – should be done, and a consideration of resources simply should not get in the way of what is crying out as what is a very serious problem within our criminal justice system," he said.

Greens NSW spokesperson on police Sylvia Hale said NSW Police had a poor record of referring defendants to MERIT at the point of arrest.

She said that in 2007-08, only 273 out of 19,000 Aboriginal defendants before the courts were able to access the scheme.

"All Local Area Commands where MERIT operates should appoint appropriately-trained Merit Liaison Officers and ensure that Aboriginal Client Liaison Officers are familiar with the scheme and its benefits," Ms Hale said.

Anti-Opal petrol seller is defiant



SENATOR RACHEL SIEWERT

By DARREN COYNE



THE owner of a roadhouse blamed for a spike in petrol sniffing in Balgo Hills, Western Australia, is refusing to sell the non-sniffable fuel Opal.

Bruce Farrands, who has operated the Rabbit Flat Roadhouse just off the Tanami road for 40 years, told *The Koori Mail* he was philosophically opposed to stocking Opal.

The Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert has called on the Federal Government to intervene.

"I'm deeply upset. After such success in tackling petrol sniffing in Balgo, this problem is now reoccurring because a local roadhouse is allowed to continue selling regular fuel and because funding for youth diversionary programs has not continued," Senator Siewert said.

Fresh outbreak

A Senate committee inquiry in Broome on 26 August heard of a new outbreak of petrol sniffing in the remote WA central desert community involving around 16 young Aboriginal community members.

"The Rabbit Flat Roadhouse has refused to co-operate with the Federal program that subsidises the provision of non-aromatic Opal fuel. There is no excuse for this refusal," Senator Siewert said.

"This is a matter of community health and safety. It is time that the Commonwealth stepped in and either

required compliance or imposed sanctions."

She also called on the Government to fund two youth workers – one male and one female – to be permanently stationed in the community and properly resourced to provide diversionary activities.

A spokesperson for Federal Health Minister Nicola Roxon said the matter would be investigated.

But Mr Barrands, 70, is not having a bar of any of it, saying he would not kowtow to pressure from interfering white politicians.

He told *The Koori Mail* that he would be closing the roadhouse at the end of next year and it would not be offered for sale.

"As far as the Greens are concerned, and the blue rinse brigade and the Balmain basket-weavers, they all talk shit," he said.

"If you knew blackfellas like I do, you would know that what is happening is the result of decades of a succession of white people coming in who have all got different answers.

"Now the blackfellas sit around waiting for the whites to come up with an answer.

"What really needs to happen is for the parents, the uncles and the aunties who are sitting in the shade playing cards to get up, tip the petrol out, and kick them (the petrol sniffers) up the arse."

Mr Farrands also questioned the reliability of Opal fuel, saying most tourists reported a loss of power and higher consumption.

Attempts to contacted the Balgo community representatives on Friday proved unsuccessful.

Pollies in blame game on prison numbers

By DARREN COYNE



THE West Australian Government has come under fire following the release of figures showing its prison population – which has the highest rate of

Aboriginal prisoners in the country – was rising dramatically.

Already overcrowded prisons now have a total of 4500 inmates, according to the WA Opposition, with an increase of 700 prisoners since December, and 1200 above the desired capacity.

And while Aboriginal people make up just 3.2 per cent of the State's population, they represent 42 per cent of adult prisoners and up to 80 per cent of juvenile offenders.

The WA Department of Correctional Services admitted last month that more than 130 prisoners were sleeping on mattresses on the floor or on trundle beds because of overcrowding.

WA Attorney-General Christian Porter has blamed the situation on the previous Labor Government, saying it had ignored the need for extra accommodation in the prison system.

He said the Liberal-National Government committed \$655-million in the May budget to create 1657 beds over the next four years, with 600 of those by Christmas this year.

But that's not good enough, according to Shadow Corrective Services Minister Paul Papalia, who told *The Koori Mail* that the Government had to speed up its building program to avert a crisis.

Mr Papalia said mandatory sentencing legislation introduced by the new Government was also causing a spike in numbers, and that Indigenous over-representation should be addressed with more rehabilitation and diversionary programs.

"Beyond just building new prison capacity, the Government must focus on community justice services and other programs that can prevent people entering the prison system and reduce the rate of re-offending by people once they leave prison," he said.

WA Prison Officers Union State Secretary John Welch told ABC Radio last week that overcrowding was putting the safety of staff and prisoners at risk while the WA Greens said both major parties were to blame.

"The ALP is just as responsible for high prisoner numbers as the present Government," Greens MLC Giz Watson said.

"If the ALP wants to address overflowing prisons, then they must oppose mandatory sentencing," she said.

"I challenge the ALP to join the Greens and oppose mandatory imprisonment.

"The opposition spokesperson Paul Papalia can feign concerns about prisoner numbers, but his party has created or supported every piece of legislation that has led to WA's crisis in prison population."

Call for radical overhaul



A RADICAL overhaul of the justice system is needed to reduce the high numbers of Indigenous

young people from being locked up, a Sydney conference heard last week.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma used the Indigenous Young People, Crime and Justice conference to outline a new vision which he will put forward in this year's Social Justice Report.

Mr Calma told the gathering that an American system called Justice Reinvestment could help reduce incarceration rates by pumping money into building up communities, instead of locking up individuals.

He said the current way of dealing with Indigenous young offenders was not working, and it was time to take a whole new approach.

Mr Calma said a 27 per cent increase in the Indigenous juvenile detention rate nationally between 2001 to 2007 should sound alarm bells for all jurisdictions.

"I think that the over-representation of our Indigenous young people in the juvenile justice system is not just a policy issue, not just a political issue, but a major human rights issue," he said.

"There is something seriously

wrong with our system of justice when Indigenous young people are 28 times more likely to be detained than non-Indigenous young people.

"I am frustrated that our current system seems more intent on locking kids up rather than preventing crime in the first place.

"We have the tools available to turn this around through the justice reinvestment program that is slowly reducing prison rates and balancing government budgets in places like Texas, Kansas and the United Kingdom. Justice reinvestment asks the question: Is imprisonment good value for money?"

Positive investment

Mr Calma said the program was a way to positively invest in Indigenous young people and communities to prevent crime, while still retaining detention as a last resort.

"Instead of imprisoning people, it starts providing community-wide services that will actually prevent offending. It is not just about tinkering around the edges of the justice system, but actually trying to prevent people from getting there in the first place," he said.

Mr Calma told the conference that of the \$2.6 billion Australia spent on adult imprisonment in 2008, at least \$650 million went on Indigenous adult imprisonment.



Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland

And his message to those controlling the purse strings was that the global economic downturn could provide 'just the pragmatic opportunity we need to shift governments from the law and order, tough on crime mentality'.

"Framing the problem of Indigenous imprisonment as an economic issue might be more strategic than our previous attempts to address it as a human rights or social justice issue," he said.

He also said that any changes to the justice system would have to include close consultation with the Indigenous community.

"Indigenous communities have

the answers to their own problems and it is about time we started listening to them in the juvenile and criminal justice sphere," he said.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland told the conference the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) recently agreed to a range of principles underpinning a new National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework, to be finalised by the end of September.

"The framework seeks to provide a national approach to building a sustainable whole-of-government and community partnership approach to these issues," he said.

"The framework will not be prescriptive but rather, articulate an agreed evidence-based approach, providing guidance for agencies and service providers to identify the most appropriate response to specific issues at a local, regional, State or Territory level.

"The Government recently announced a \$2-million investment to evaluate the effectiveness of Indigenous law and justice programs to identify the best approaches to tackling crime and justice issues in Indigenous communities.

"The evaluation will concentrate on youth diversion and prisoner support programs, and will help build the evidence base for the framework."

World Vision chief Tim Costello listens to Mapoon Elders.



Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra ... "The houses are (to cost) probably twice as much as what we think they should be..."

Home ownership vision in Mapoon

But cost proving a barrier

By CHRISTINE HOWES



A LONG-STANDING aspiration to reclaim home ownership in the far north Queensland community of (Old) Mapoon could be realised within the next two or three years, with the help of aid agency World Vision.

It is hoped the project will be a blueprint for home ownership on other communities.

But affordability has emerged as a major stumbling block, with big gaps between what the State Government insists houses in the community are worth and what locals and others feel they can and should pay.

World Vision CEO Rev Tim Costello, who visited the far northern community for the project launch last week, said making housing affordable was critical.

"We must support and encourage people who want to become home owners and Mapoon community have asked us to give them a hand," he said.

In 1963, for reasons that are still disputed, the Country Party Government of the day ordered police to burn to the ground Mapoon's mission and houses — built and owned by locals.

For the past four decades — and particularly since gaining Council status in 2000 — the local people have clamoured to go back.

The community has had a unique opportunity to re-build



Locals keen to work with World Vision Mapoon Housing Project include Sandra and Willie Ase with their children, Eshtamoa, Tariq and Sabrina. Photos courtesy of World Vision Australia

according to their own needs and wants.

World Vision project manager Jane Holden said they were working with Indigenous Business Australia, the Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council and trustees, along with the state and federal governments to develop a workable scheme.

She said her organisation recently put together a brief for the Government on the affordability issue.

"The Government's current evaluation is that a three-bedroom house in Mapoon would be priced at \$326,000 and a four-bedroom house roughly around \$350,000. Some of the bigger houses they've priced at around \$420,000," Ms Holden said.

"They're using an approach that if we built that house today, what

would it cost us to build it and what's the depreciation on that and that's the book value.

"We've looked at basically the national industry standards of affordable mortgage repayments and we've found that really it should allow for the cost of remote living.

"We have put to the Government that they need to look at a range of around \$140,000 to \$185,000 as a median sales price that's within the affordability range."

Ms Holden said market price was determined by what people were willing to pay and who the potential buyers were.

"In this case, it's not \$370,000 or \$420,000," she said.

Ms Holden also said that although there was state legislation to allow for the granting of 99-year

residential leases on 'DOGIT' land, families also wanted and needed support around applying for those leases, financial education, estate planning, wills and help generally with decision-making.

She said the 99-year leases meant families were buying the home and leasing the land, and there was also service costs to the land.

"At the end of the day the major issue is whatever the final cost is," she said.

"All these other things need to come into alignment and the support structures need to be there to help people move through to actually owning their own home.

"We don't want to set people up to fail so we need support and financial education and to make sure people aren't signing up to a debt that they can't pay off."

Mapoon Mayor Peter Guivarra agreed that affordability was one of the biggest stumbling blocks.

"The houses are probably twice as much as what we think they should be and their methodology for getting to that total has got to be wrong somewhere because that's certainly putting Mapoon people out of reach of owning their own homes," he said.

"Nobody will own their homes if they stick to that methodology."

Mr Guivarra said it was time for the Government to come on board and help the community work through such issues.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't be able to settle this within a year and a half, two years," he said.

Sandra Ase currently lives with her family in a house that backs on to the beach and is one local aspiring to own her own home.

"I sort of sit on top of a cliff so I can see over to the water; it's like I have a big oyster reef in my backyard," she said.

"I want this home. I'm going to do whatever it takes to actually own my own home, so I'm prepared for the commitment.

"The house that I'm living in now was my mother's house, she moved into that house in 1994.

"My mother was one of the ladies involved in the burning of Mapoon, she was working in the girls' dormitory. She gets emotional even if I bring it up; some of the Elders here are still hurt by what happened."

But Ms Ase said that, despite all that Mapoon had been through, its people were still strong and proud.

"My people never forgot about Mapoon, we all came back and built it up again and now we can own our own homes," she said.

"For the Elders to actually come back after what they've been through and then still carry on the culture and traditions, I'm really proud of that."

State Housing Minister Karen Struthers was unavailable for comment at the time of printing.



Nicole Watson is the winner of the 2009 David Unaipon award for an unpublished Indigenous author.

Unaipon Award for legal eagle

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



AN unsuccessful native title claim, a Murri assassin, a murdered judge and a kidnapped premier. These are the bones of a plot that Nicole Watson had been working on for more than five years.

And it finally paid off yesterday with the announcement that Watson's crime fiction novel *The Boundary* had won her the 2009 David Unaipon Award for an unpublished Indigenous author.

The Queensland-raised lawyer said she had been entering the Queensland Premier's Literary Awards for about five years now, and despite several knock-backs, just kept going.

"You just have to keep going back, the rejections are character building, and most of all you have to believe in your work," Ms Watson said.

She worked as a solicitor in native title before becoming frustrated with the lack of outcomes and compassion for Aboriginal people. For that reason, she found writing and finally finishing her novel to be a cathartic experience.

The idea for it came to her as far back as 1999, but it took until 2004 to seriously start working on it. Since then, it has been edited and rewritten many over.

Ms Watson said that despite coming from a literary family – father Sam is a playwright and brother Samuel Wagan-Watson is a poet – she found the process difficult.

"The good thing about my

family is that they always had nice things to say and were incredibly supportive," she said.

Watson's win gets her \$15,000 in prizemoney and publication of her novel by the University of Queensland Press. She'll receive her actual award tomorrow at the Qld Premier's Literary Awards Presentation as part of the Brisbane Writers Festival.

Ms Watson said she would continue in her role as a research fellow at Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, but was looking forward to working with a professional editor before her book was published.

"I'm really looking forward to the next stage. I'll write another one and the next one's definitely going to be a funny one, possibly featuring a private investigator who's a 65-year-old aunty," she said.

Town camps wait

By DARREN COYNE



A FEDERAL Court challenge to the Australian Government's attempts to take over

control of Alice Springs town camps has been heard, but a decision is likely to be a few weeks away.

Mount Nancy town camp resident Barbara Shaw took the Federal Government to court over its handling of lease negotiations, resulting in injunctions being placed on the signing of leases and moves to compulsorily acquire leases.

A two-day hearing was held on 28 and 31 August,

and Justice Alan Goldberg reserved his decision, with a judgement expected in weeks.

Ms Shaw's lawyer George Newhouse told *The Koori Mail* the residents of town camps were now anxiously awaiting the judgement.

Meanwhile, Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, who has promised \$100 million to improve living conditions in town camps, has extended consultation on a possible takeover.

Hundreds of copies of a five-page letter from the Minister were affixed to houses, fences and signs in the town camps late last month.

Judge reserves appeal decision

They outlined the Minister's intention to acquire the camps, following an extension of time for residents to make submissions before 27 October.

Ms Shaw described the letter as 'a slap in people's face'.

"We want real dialogue and control over decisions that affect our lives – not pieces of paper with threats stuck up like this,

it's just wrong," she said.

"That's why I'm taking out this case, because people on the ground have not been listened to.

"Jenny Macklin is always talking about the women and children. But it's the women that are speaking out against this and demanding the camps stay under Aboriginal control – it's our children's future that she's talking about."

Mr Newhouse was also

critical of the Minister's motivations.

"The Minister is only allowing more time because of a serious error in failing to notify residential tenants of town camps (of her proposal to compulsorily acquire leases)," he said.

"She has already announced 40-year leases, but at the same time is issuing notices to compulsorily acquire."

The Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) group has also called on Ms Macklin to stop pursuing her plans to put NT Housing in charge of town camps.

ANTaR spokesman David Cooper said the Minister should consider community

housing models because NT Housing had 'a very poor record in Aboriginal housing'.

Ms Macklin has said her preference had always been an agreed outcome, but the 'Australian Government must look at all options, including possible compulsory acquisition'.

"The Government is committed to implementing the transformation plan in Alice Springs, including the establishment of new and expanded services and accommodation facilities," she said.

"Living conditions in the town camps are appalling and I will not give up on the residents."



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RAAF career drive more than hot air

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) has fired up its hot air balloon and is on the move.

Last week, a group of Northern Territory Indigenous children from remote areas got the chance to inspect the balloon up close for the first time.

It was all part of exercise Arnhem Drifter, a push to promote careers for Aboriginal people in the RAAF.

Over eight days the balloon visited the communities of Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala, Dhalinybuy, Wandawuy, Yilpara and Gapuwiyak.

For Leading Aircraft Woman Deborah Booker, a life in the defence force was something she had always planned on.

Raised in what she described as a loving but disciplined family environment in Alice Springs, the mother of two expected to follow her brother, who has served 20 years in the Army.

But her dreams were dashed after knee surgery that left her medically unfit.

Raising a young family and working as a prison officer, it was a game of touch football in Darwin against the RAAF team

that reignited her interest. A member of the team suggested she go to an information evening and the rest is history.

"One of the things that drew me in was that not only is it an awesome career, but it is also very family-orientated and supportive," LAC/W Booker said. "As a single mum, I really appreciate that."

LAC/W Booker said another important thing about a career in the defence force was there was support from the initial day of

feel an enormous sense of pride, and this is reflected back to me when Elders come up and say how proud they are.

"I want other Indigenous people to know that if they are keen, then there is support there for them."

Last week's balloon tour was the first time LAC/W Booker had joined the team on the road, and she said the most rewarding thing had been the look on the children's faces when they saw the balloon for the first time.

Squadron Leader Michael Bannerman couldn't agree more. After 16 years in the RAAF, he said it was the first time he had experienced a remote Aboriginal community in this way.

"As an exercise, it's been really successful. I've travelled all over the world, but one thing that's been lacking has been the interaction

with more remote Indigenous communities," he said.

"It been a real eye-opener, I think I'm going to get more out of this than they are."

Sqn Ldr Bannerman said the exercise formed part of the RAAF's commitment to closing the gap by increasing Indigenous employment within the air force.

"It's just magic," he said.

"The looks on the kids faces is just over-awed."



Gapuwiyak student Somerville Guyula, 9, under the balloon's envelope.

training through to the finish. But she warned it wasn't always easy, and required determination, strength and perseverance.

"The training is really intense, very confronting if you're not used to it, and to a certain degree you have to be a really strong person, but in the end it's all worth it," she said. "Your team becomes your family and you help each other get through."

"When I put on my uniform I



Gapuwiyak's Jason Gumbula, 29, with the Royal Australian Air Force Balloon lit up over the community oval.



Future recruit? Brian Wanambi, 3, from the Rymangirr Homelands, tries a t-shirt for size, with a little help from ground crew member Corporal Vivienne Rixon.

Queensland Government

BreastScreen
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mobile and relocatable services schedule

Queensland Health, through the BreastScreen Queensland Program, provides dedicated and accredited breast cancer screening services through a statewide network of screening and assessment services. In addition there are also mobile and relocatable services.

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Early September, Dimbulah. Mid September, Chillagoe. Late September, Kowanyama & Wujal Wujal.

Gold Coast: September, Beenleigh.

Ipswich: September to early October, Goodna.

Mackay: Early September, Sarina. Mid September to late September, Proserpine. Early to late October, Cannonvale.

Rockhampton: Early September, Barcaldine & Capella.

Sunshine Coast: Mid September to mid October, Buderim.

Toowoomba: Late September, Gatton. Late September to December, Warwick.

Townsville: Early September, Mt Isa & Julia Creek. Early October, Richmond. Mid October, Hughenden. Late October, Pentland. Late October to mid December, Charters Towers.

Wide Bay: Mid October, Agnes Water & Miriam Vale. Late October to late November, North Burnett.

As age is the biggest risk factor in developing breast cancer, the program targets women aged 50-69 years. Women over the age of 40 are also eligible. Women can arrange a free BreastScreen by calling **13 20 50**, for the cost of a local call, and will be connected to their nearest BreastScreen Queensland Service. Individual and group bookings are also available.

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Fri About the Margaret Lawrie Collection

1pm Indigenous Knowledge Centre

Sat Community Feast

4-6pm Saam Karem Beizam Sports Stadium

Sun Fish filleting competition and cooking demonstration

1pm Near the jetty

Saltwater Dining, North Stradbroke Island, Sat 7 Nov

The expansive waters of Moreton Bay provide a glorious backdrop as acclaimed Aboriginal chef Dale Chapman cooks with community taking traditional recipes and seasonal foods to create a menu for the contemporary palette.

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Happier days ... Rose Hancock (centre) with Wendy's sisters Elizabeth Wang and Mary Hancock.

At last, a family gets some justice

Five years ago, in the post-Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC) era, an Aboriginal woman called Wendy Hancock from western New South Wales took her own life in a Mulawa prison cell. Since then, Wendy's mother Rose Hancock has struggled to make sense of the tragedy. Here, SIMON LUCKHURST writes of Wendy and Rose's story, which has at last seen some semblance of justice.

IN 2004, there were 14 Aboriginal deaths in custody in Australia. One of those deaths was on the October long weekend, when Wendy Hancock, a prisoner identified as being 'at risk', managed to take her own life.

On 28 April 2006, the day after the conclusion of Wendy's inquest, members of her family were given access to her cell in Mulawa Correctional Facility. Etched on the window was the word 'Wendy', a name repeated on the perspex that now covered the bars that she had used to hang herself.

Although Wendy's mother Rose and other family members were able to say goodbye to Wendy in the cell, they weren't able to forgive the system that let Wendy down so badly. Rose Hancock took strength from the Coroner, who found that the NSW Department of Corrective Services (DCS) had failed to follow its own risk-management

procedures. She decided that something needed to be done, in the hope that other families didn't have to go through what her family was enduring.

Wendy's case, previously reported extensively in *The Koori Mail*, was testament to systemic failure within Mulawa prison, where a vulnerable young woman, who should have been under observation, not only managed to find a suspension point but also something to suspend herself with.

The matter had caused Rose a great deal of despair, not just because of the loss of her daughter, but because it transpired that although no less than eight prison officers were subsequently given 'counselling' and 'training' because of Wendy's death, it appeared that no-one was going to be punished for any of the duties they had failed to carry out at the time of Wendy's incarceration.

Rose Hancock grew up in north-west NSW. She had lived mainly in rural settings, and the thought of a drawn-out legal matter concerned her.

She did not feel confident that she, a single elderly woman, could take on a government department. Although she was supported by her family, it was Rose who took the brunt of the stress in the case, as she was subjected to legal meetings and psychological testing in order to 'prove' she had suffered emotionally as a result of her daughter's death – the impetus for her



The late Wendy Hancock.

case. While she knew that no amount of money could ever bring her daughter back, Rose wanted the NSW DCS to understand that it was accountable. She wanted it to accept responsibility. She wanted no-one else to go through what she had gone through after losing someone she loved so much.

Eventually the department, which had not disputed the findings made by the Coroner, agreed to make a payment to Rose as a result of the post-traumatic stress disorder she developed due to Wendy's death and recently – nearly five years after she lost her daughter – Rose's case was finally settled.

Rose Hancock is not the only mother to have taken

at some stage of their incarceration as being at risk of self harm. Yet all were able to carry out the actions necessary to take their own lives.

The 1991 report by Hal Wootten, the Royal Commissioner who compiled the overall report on Aboriginal deaths in custody in NSW, Victoria and Tasmania, found that 13 of the 18 Aboriginal people who had died in the care of the state during the period the Commission investigated may have remained alive had custodial authorities not been negligent, uncaring or had followed procedures adequately. And he found that the other five deaths might also have been avoidable on the grounds that these people may not have needed to be in custody at all.

But one could be forgiven for wondering how much the Royal Commission actually achieved. Especially given that, of the 96 Indigenous deaths examined in the period 1989-1996 (i.e. after the Royal Commission), an average of between eight and nine Royal Commission recommendations were ignored in each death.

It is arguable that, had they been followed in Wendy Hancock's case, she would have survived in October 2004.

Michael Kozlowski, Rose's lawyer from the NSW Legal Aid Commission, notes that the NSW Department of Corrective Services offered its officers 'counselling' regarding Wendy's death –

and none to Rose Hancock.

He wants other people to come forward in cases where they have lost loved ones due to omissions of care in the NSW prison and police custodial system. It appears that the weight of obtaining justice has once again fallen upon the families of those who have gone.

Rose Hancock feels it was worth the fight. She feels like a great weight has lifted from her shoulders.

Although she considered giving up many times during the period the case was active, she feels her decision to continue was eventually vindicated. She also knows that she didn't make the journey alone.

Rose was supported by a large number of people from both within and outside her local community, including Lyn Trindall and the Narrabri Local Aboriginal Land Council, her two dear friends (sisters) Jill Collis and Joyce Sharpley, and the staff of the NSW Legal Aid Commission in its Sydney and Newcastle offices, especially her lawyer Michael Kozlowski.

She still misses Wendy and still suffers as a result of the loss of her daughter but she knows, also, that she did what she could to see justice done.

● Simon Luckhurst (see www.simonluckhurst.com) is the author of *Eddie's Country*, the story of the Eddie Murray case published by Magabala Books.

Boomalli to close

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



ONE of Australia's longest-running Indigenous arts organisation, Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, will close in less than two months. The decision comes after 22 years of operation started by ten founding 'urban' Indigenous artists who found it increasingly difficult to show their art in a mainstream setting.

Founding member and Aboriginal artist Bronwyn Bancroft said the Sydney co-operative was established to provide a platform for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists to exhibit and promote urban Indigenous art on their own terms.

She said it was with great sadness that a resolution to declare Boomalli insolvent had been made at a recent extraordinary meeting of past and present members.

"We have made the decision to reform a more expansive organisation called the Coalition for NSW Aboriginal Artists. We'll be looking to change structures and bring in people with legal and financial expertise," Ms Bancroft said.

"We'll be looking to form a new board with a new constitution.

"At the end of the day we want to use the things that worked and throw out what didn't work so we can ensure that this doesn't happen again."

Ms Bancroft said that, more than anything, the Boomalli artists wanted to use the closure as a positive and let people know that, although they were down, they were far

Co-operative artists are 'down but far from out'

from out. "We're fighting this for everyone because at the end of the day Boomalli has been this institution for NSW artists but it hasn't worked for a while," she said.

Ms Bancroft said Boomalli had just weeks to move out of its Leichhardt premises and faced a mammoth task, with more than two decades of art works and other memorabilia needing sorting and returning to original owners.

"We've formed a small working party but we really need more volunteers to help with the task ahead," she said.

"We will be contacting as many artists as we can to retrieve their works from Boomalli, otherwise they are at risk of being taken over by the administrator to be sold off as assets, and we don't want that to happen."

Ms Bancroft said that while there was a lot of grief over losing Boomalli, there was a resolve to move forward and make the next chapter for NSW Indigenous artists a successful one.



Aboriginal artist and Boomalli founding member Bronwyn Bancroft.

Local Action Plans

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NT and NSW get new family and children centres



THE locations of six new children and family centres have been announced under the Indigenous Early Childhood

Development National Partnership Agreement with the Australian Government. Three will be in the Northern Territory and three in New South Wales.

The NT centres, at Palmerston, Gunbalanya and Ngukurr, will be in addition to two centres previously announced for Yuendumu and Maningrida.

The NSW centres will be in Campbelltown, Blacktown and Ballina.

Partnership

The National Partnership provides for joint funding of \$564 million over six years to help address the needs of Indigenous children.

Under the partnership, the Federal Government has provided \$293 million over six years to fund the establishment of at least 35 children and family centres in urban, regional and remote centres across Australia, including \$42.4 million to establish the five centres in the Northern Territory and \$74.7 million to establish nine centres in NSW.

Federal Minister for Early Childhood Education, Child Care and Youth Kate Ellis said the determining factor in deciding where

to locate the new centres was the community's high level of need and the fact that each location had a significant proportion of Indigenous children under five years of age.

The next stage is to consult with the local communities about the specific sites for the centres and the types of services that should be provided. The centres are expected to be established by 2011.

Meanwhile, the Federal Government, along with the Brotherhood of St Laurence, is seeking expressions of interest from organisations interested in delivering the Home Interaction Program for Parents and Youngsters in locations throughout NSW, Victoria, South Australia, the NT and Queensland.

The \$32.5 million program offers home tutoring, books and educational resources to disadvantaged pre-school-aged children and already operates in 22 communities across Australia.

Communities with high Indigenous populations are being targeted for the first time in Katherine and Mount Isa. Organisations applying for these locations are expected to include specific strategies about how to enrol approximately 75 per cent of children who identify as Indigenous.

Expression of interest documentation is available at www.hippyaustralia.org.au

Rethink on native title back-out

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government has reluctantly agreed to explore new funding arrangements to

settle native title claims following pressure from the states and territories.

A national summit of ministers responsible for native title ended in Adelaide last week with a renewed funding commitment from the Federal Government, after it had earlier tried to back out of a cost-sharing agreement.

The agreement was made last year on the understanding that a more flexible approach was needed to resolve a backlog of claims.

Just prior to the Adelaide meeting, however, the Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland had written to the various ministers saying that the Federal Government was unable to commit funds because of the global financial crisis.

Victoria's Attorney-General Rob Hulls, South Australian Attorney-General Michael Atkinson and West Australian

Attorney-General Christian Porter all spoke out, warning the Federal Government that it could not use the financial crisis as an excuse.

However, the ministers later emerged from the talks saying they were satisfied with a pledge from Mr McClelland to come back to them on 31 October with an offer of the best funding options possible.

Mr McClelland described it

"They came to this meeting saying there was no money for native title," Mr Hulls said.

"They've now gone away and said they will look at all avenues to fund native title settlements, and that's a good thing."

Prior to the meeting Mick Dodson, who chairs the Victorian Framework Steering Committee that will set up a new system to resolve native

title claims, supported Mr Hull's calls for the Commonwealth to share costs.

Professor Dodson said Indigenous Australians were the most disadvantaged group in society and

should not be made to bear the brunt of the financial crisis.

"We all know these are tough financial times, so imagine how much harder they are for the poorest in our community," he said.

WA's Attorney-General Christian Porter said ministers had already committed their governments to adopting the Federal Government's new native title agenda on the basis that the Commonwealth would make good its agreement to fund native title settlements to the extent of 75 per cent.

as a good outcome.

"... all parties recognise that native title outcomes can significantly contribute to breaking the cycle of Indigenous disadvantage and all parties have shown good faith," he said.

SA Attorney-General Michael Atkinson said the Federal Government must now deliver the money. "We were promised this money, we expected it, people acted on that assumption," he said.

The Federal pledge also satisfied Victorian Attorney-General Rob Hulls.

'We all know these are tough financial times, so imagine how much harder they are for the poorest in our community'

— Professor Mick Dodson

Appeal court orders retrial for Robinson



A COURT has overturned the convictions against former ATSIIC commissioner Ray Robinson and

ordered he be re-tried over allegations he used his position for an improper purpose.

Mr Robinson, 62, was last year found guilty of two counts of using his position as ATSIIC commissioner for improper purposes, arising from two letters he sent in 2004 in support of the sale of 10 vehicles belonging to Charleville-based Aboriginal agencies.

During the trial, the prosecution argued no Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Former ATSIIC boss's conviction set aside

Islander Commission (ATSIIC) approval had been obtained for the sale of the vehicles and that \$45,000 of the \$114,000 raised by the sale had been used by Mr Robinson to fund a court case he was involved in at the time.

Bond

Mr Robinson was given a three-year good behaviour bond and ordered to repay \$45,000 to the Commonwealth.

However, lawyers for Mr

Robinson took the matter to Brisbane's Court of Appeal in June this year, arguing the trial judge erred by not properly instructing the jury during the summing up on issues surrounding 'improper purpose', which resulted in a miscarriage of justice.

In a majority decision handed down on 1 September, the Court of Appeal set aside the convictions and ordered a re-trial. A date is yet to be set for the new trial.



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Funding for Foundation Skills Taster Course Program 2009

The Australian Government recently announced as part of the 2009 Budget process \$0.953 million to fund the Foundation Skills Taster Course Program. This new Program will assist job seekers and individuals who are outside of the workforce whose poor foundation skills are a barrier to re-engaging into learning and work.

The Foundation Skills Taster Course Program seeks to offer participants a positive learning experience through the provision of short, life-relevant courses in relaxed, non-threatening and community-based settings, with a view to their subsequent participation in the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Program, other foundation skills or work related education and training, and/or sustainable employment.

Applications for funding under the Foundation Skills Taster Course Program are invited from suitably qualified training providers including community education and training providers who are not Registered Training Organisations but have demonstrated experience in successfully engaging reluctant learners.

Priority for funding will be given to those applications that show collaboration between providers, and/or other community groups, and which are innovative in their approach to achieving program goals

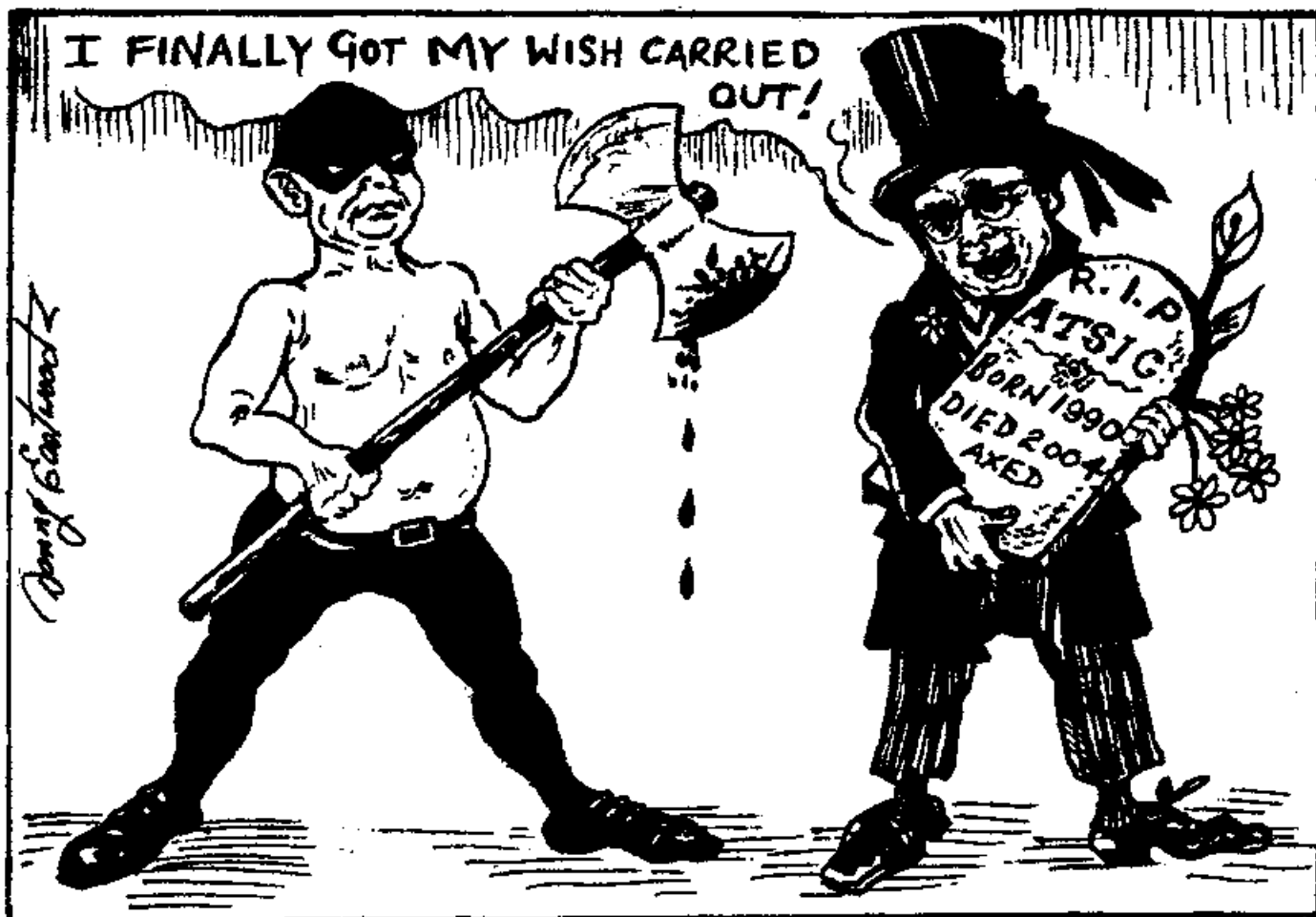
The Program guidelines, application access and other relevant information are available from <http://www.deewr.gov.au/fstc>.

For further information, please send an email to foundationskills@deewr.gov.au

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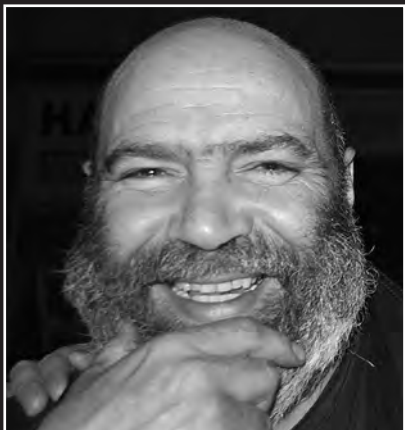
Applications must be received by mid-day (AEST), Friday 25 September 2009.

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



Flashback to April 2004 and Danny Eastwood's cartoon marking that month's axing of ATSIC.

Quote



'I think the next wave of film-makers to take Europe by storm, the next major mob will be Indigenous Australians'

– Indigenous film-maker **Richard Frankland**

● See page 45

Unquote

A watershed moment, true

It is not uncommon in Indigenous Affairs to hear it said that we are experiencing a 'watershed moment' but rarely could a truer word be spoken than now.

We believe the proposed national Indigenous representative body, unveiled in Canberra two weeks ago, has more than enough merit to make it worth a crack.

Yes, it is far from perfect. For example, the mooted ethics committee does seem exceptionally powerful and would need to be monitored. We're not sure it's fair to expect members of the national congress to fund their own attendance at annual meetings. And the steering committee – quite appropriately – has left some details for further discussion.

But we have to start somewhere. As long as all concerned understand that this creation is a work-in-progress and must be allowed to evolve for as long as it exists, we're on the right track.

If we wait until things are perfect, we will grow old doing so. Or, more likely, we will die waiting.

The void left by ATSIC, another imperfect body, has likely both damaged and strengthened us. On one hand, we lost a collective voice. On the other, some of us learned how to make our individual voices heard. As we – hopefully – regain the former, we must strive to retain the latter. Then, we will truly be ahead.



OUR SAY

The proposed rep body cannot and should not be seen as the entire pie but certainly, in Tom Calma's words, an essential ingredient of it. And the Government should back it, and back it properly.

To support the investment fund could be a gesture of the magnitude of the national apology; and it would likely halt ongoing slippage in the relationship between Indigenous people and the Government.

Failure to do so would be cruel after the Government's pre-election promises and the year-long consultation phase during which many of our people have dared to hope.

Despite what the steering committee says, the model is not a particularly simple one. But it manages quite artfully to weave together layers of nomination, election and application in a way that will give many people a reasonable degree of comfort.

It now remains for it to be explained and yarned about until things sink in. That, too, is up to all of us.

A Yarn With...



MEGAN DAVIS

Indigenous law centre director, Sydney

Favourite bush tucker?
Fish.

Favourite other food?
Yum Cha.

Favourite drink?
Sparkling mineral water.

Favourite music?
Townes Van Zandt, Keith Richards and Mahler.

Favourite sport/leisure?
State of Origin (rugby league).

Favourite holiday destination?
Barcelona (Spain) and Mum's house.

What are you reading?
Proust (still).

What are you watching?
Deadwood and *The Wire*.

What is the greatest highlight in your life?
Meeting Jamesy – the love of my life.

What do you like in life?
Rainy days and peonies.

What do you dislike?
Polemic and Hyperbole.

Who would you most like to meet and why?
Eric Cartman (from the TV show *South Park*) – 'cause we are very similar; and Willie Nelson – so he can sing to me *City of New Orleans*.

Who would you invite for a night around the campfire?
Jamesy, Mum, Allira (my niece), Lucy (my sister), Pinball, Willie Nelson and Derek Walgett.

If you could, what would you do to better the situation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples?
Amend the Constitution to recognise Indigenous interests and rights and equality between men and women.

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WA State Coroner Alistair Hope at the Blank Page Summit on Suicide at Billard, WA.
Photo by RAY SMITH

World focus turns to suicide

TOMORROW (10 September) is World Suicide Prevention Day and Australians are being encouraged to develop their awareness of the issue and to commit to action to address it.

In July, the Aboriginal community of Billard, in Western Australia's Kimberley region, hosted the inaugural Blank Page Summit on Suicide to do just that.

State Coroner Alistair Hope, who last year investigated 21 Kimberley deaths by suicide, was amongst those to address the summit.

'Disgrace'

He said suicide rates in the region remained 'a disgrace'.

"Before these excessively high suicide rates can be brought down... there is a need for positive and direct action on the part of governments and individuals," Mr Hope said, praising the summit.

"It is important that the desire for changes is translated into action so that houses are built, children go to school, health is improved. Only when the gap is reduced in wellbeing will these unacceptably high suicide rates go down."

Speeches

Tomorrow, there will be speeches in both houses of the WA Parliament concerning the Blank Page Summit and its communiqué, which included a 'call to action' to create suicide-proof communities, train families to be families, and for people to be supported to heal and 'self-care'.

Those attending the Parliament House event will hear from members of the Billard community and others.

Software to save our languages

By BRITTA LYSTER



ABORIGINAL languages throughout Australia have been given a much better chance at survival with the distribution of an award-winning computer program aimed at reviving traditional languages.

Miromaa, meaning 'saved' in the local Awabakal language of the Newcastle Hunter region, has been a labour of love for the Arwarbukal Cultural Resource Centre's Daryn McKenny in his efforts to reclaim, preserve and disseminate traditional Aboriginal languages.

A recent report found that of the 145 Indigenous languages still spoken in Australia, 110 were at risk of disappearing unless drastic action was taken to preserve them.

Five years in the making, Miromaa has been developed by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal people and is already being used nationally and internationally to support the preservation of more than 70 languages and dialects.

In May 2008, Miromaa received national recognition as the winner



Townsville's Jedda Priman (Warrgamay language) using the Miromaa program.

of the competitive 'Best Software In A Non-Profit Setting' category at the annual Connecting Up Conference in Sydney.

The program is part of a multi-pronged approach to language preservation and follows the announcement last month by

Environment, Heritage and Arts Minister Peter Garrett that the Government would take a new approach to Indigenous language preservation.

Miromaa has full media capabilities, making it possible for the user to attach multiple sound,

video and still images to each piece of language data recorded. The program is easy to use and requires minimal set-up and training.

Mr McKenny says the idea for Miromaa came from the need to empower Aboriginal people with the right tools to be directly involved with language maintenance instead of being on the sidelines.

"Already the program has lifted the IT skills of the Aboriginal people that use it and also provided employment opportunities," Mr McKenny said.

"But, more importantly, it has put them in the middle of the day-to-day activities surrounding the revival of their language. Now, that's important."

"The program is unique and nothing like it can be found anywhere else in the world. Best of all, Miromaa is free to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people involved directly with language maintenance."

● For more information about Miromaa visit www.miromaa.com.au or contact (02) 4954 6899.

Islanders see Qantas 'doco'



LAST Monday the Thursday Island (TI) community had its first look at *Coming Home*, a behind-the-scenes documentary on the making of the new *I Still Call Australia Home* commercial for Qantas.

Call Australia Home commercial for Qantas.

The commercial stars 13-year-old TI lad Tyus Arndt singing in one of the languages of the Torres Strait and was unveiled for the first time late last month, in conjunction with the screening of the documentary and the broadcast of the Bledisloe Cup.

Tyus also sang a solo as part of the pre-match entertainment.

Qantas Indigenous Programs Manager Traci Williams said that coincidentally, the 'making of' documentary had not yet screened on Thursday Island, meaning it was the first time the community had had the chance to see it.

She said about 200 people attended the event in the grounds of Olandi Street Hall on Thursday Island.

"We got really good feedback. And there was a big clap at the end," Ms Williams said.

Many of the Torres Strait Islander children who are members of the Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir – one of three children's choirs featured in the ad – attended the community event.

Also in attendance were Sani Townson and Percy Jacksonia, who translated *I Still Call Australia Home* into Kala Lagaw Ya language, and Adhi Dimple Bani, eighth tribal chief Wagadagam Mabuia, who endorsed the translation.

The local Rotary club hosted a free barbecue before the open-air documentary screening.



Clockwise, from above:

● Gondwana National Indigenous Children's Choir members from the Torres Strait who attended the community event on Thursday Island last week, from left, Tyus Arndt, Renea Guligo, Pearl Foster, Benjamin Yorkston, Kia Arndt and Vaiana Manuel.

● Percy Jacksonia, Adhi Dimple Bani, Sani Townson and Qantaslink's Matt Trevett-Lyall, who is based in Cairns.

● Tyus Arndt (second from left) with his family, from left, Kia Arndt, father Thomas Loban, mother Tania Loban and Tara Arndt.



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WULGURUKABA PEOPLE # 1 and WULGURUKABA PEOPLE # 2

NOTICE OF MEETING TO AUTHORISE A PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT (ILUA) NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993(Cth)

All persons who hold or may claim to hold Native Title in relation to the land and waters covered by the Wulgurukaba People # 1 Native Title Claim QUD 6221 of 1998 and Wulgurukaba People # 2 Native Title Claim QUD 6252 of 1998 and whom believe their interests may be affected by the proposed ILUA are invited to attend an Authorisation Meeting to be held in Townsville on 26 September 2009.

Area of Claim:

The Wulgurukaba People # 1 Claim covers the National Park on Magnetic Island (Q6221/98) and the Wulgurukaba People # 2 Claim covers specific areas of unallocated State land and reserves on Magnetic Island (Q6252/98).

Magnetic Island lies off Townsville in Queensland.

Purpose of Meeting:

Authorisation of an ILUA with the State of Queensland to resolve the Wulgurukaba # 1 and Wulgurukaba # 2 claims as presently filed in the Federal Court.

Details:

Venue: Mercure Inn - Woolcock Street Hyde Park Townsville.

Date: 26 September 2009

Time: 9.00 am to 5.00 pm.

Contact & Attendance:

No Attendance monies or Sitting Fees are payable to Attendees.

Mr Michael Johnson will make all travel, accommodation and meal arrangements for this meeting within the strict terms of a budget. Receipts must be produced in order to seek reimbursement of any other agreed expenses incurred in attending the meeting.

Please contact: Mr Michael Johnson on Ph: (07) 4729 8380 Mobile: (0415) 985 948 or by Fax (07) 4729 8333 by close of business Friday 11 September 2009 to register your interest in attending the meeting.



An invitation to all

Darug

to attend the next

Darug Peoples Advisory Committee (DPAC) Meeting

WHEN: Saturday 19th September 2009

TIME: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

WHERE: Parramatta Park Event Centre

Parramatta Park

Cnr Macquarie & Pitt Streets, Parramatta

PLEASE NOTE: The intention of this open meeting is for Darug people to discuss their views on the proposed Darug Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) and to clarify its relationship with the MOU between the Darug People and DECCW.

For more information and to register your interest in attending, please contact:

Den Barber

(Aboriginal Co-management Officer)

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dennis.barber@environment.nsw.gov.au

by Wednesday 16th September 2009

Department of
Environment, Climate Change and Water NSW



She Bumped into a man

MET a man! A real live human man! Now before you get too excited and wet your bloomers, let me tell you the yarn right from the start.

It all happened at Redfern Records' National Bump Hip Hop and R'n'B Awards a few weeks ago.

My two standout performers on the night were Konect - A- Dot (they are going to be HUGE) and MC Task (just dip me in Golden Syrup and throw me at him!).

I saw this fulla out of the corner of my eye in one room, then when I walked to this other room he followed. Eventually I wandered up to the bar near where he was standing, and while I ordered a lemonade I said 'hi'.

Instead of being nervous about saying 'hi', it's just common courtesy to say 'hi' to the person you are standing next to. That way, if you don't get any good vibes back you can just walk away.

After I said 'hi', he said 'hi', and we slipped into



Ms KOORI LOVE

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conversation. The usual questions were asked like 'what's your name', 'where are you from', 'who are you here with'.

Eventually we sat down on the lounge and kept yarning. He was so nice to talk to, with lovely green eyes. He told me about himself (lives a quiet life, works with his hands) and I told him about myself (lives in the city but loves a quiet life, works with heaps of people).

I was nervous about sharing too much info about myself in our first conversation, so I didn't say I was Ms Koori Love with a newspaper column, Facebook page, website and blog. After all, I didn't want him thinking I was some kind of succubus or Crazy Single Female sizing him up. Even if I was!

I just yarned about my day job in the most boring way I could so it didn't seem like I was big noting.

After a long chat I went off to find my friend and go to the bathroom. I like to have a bit of a break after chatting to someone to see if they come looking for me later in the night!

So for a few hours we were circulating around, me keeping an eye on him and him keeping an eye on me. How cute eh! Makes me fizzy just thinking about it again!

Midnight came and this black Cinderella needed to get out of there and make the long journey home. By this time the guy hadn't come up to me for that

second chat, but he and his group of friends was standing next to mine.

Instead of waiting for him to come over to me, I went over to him and said 'Hey there, it was really great having a yarn to you earlier. Give me a call sometime hey?' and offered my business card.

I've never done the 'share numbers' thing before so I didn't think about putting my number in his phone. He said sure, and took it.

That was a few weeks ago and he hasn't called me. My business card has my direct number on it so I didn't think that would be too shame. What do you think?

Now I'm thinking I shouldn't have given my business card at all. If only I thought about putting my number in his phone! Urgh!

What do you think? Help a sista out!

Do you think giving a guy your business card is shame or just right?

Visit mskoorilove.com.au and let her know what you think.

Home ownership on Indigenous land is the goal

IN a previous column I commented on the importance of home ownership for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in providing a first step towards economic stability and security for current and future generations.

The rates of Indigenous home ownership continue to rise. However, until recent times the choice of individual home ownership has not been available for Indigenous Australians living in remote communities on Indigenous land. This was due to underlying land tenure not providing sufficient security for a lender to provide a loan.

In remote Indigenous communities, obtaining a home loan can be a turning point, as home ownership can provide a positive alternative to chronic public housing shortages and overcrowding.

Important progress has been made in the development and implementation of IBA's Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) program, an enabler for the individual purchase of housing on Indigenous land.

This program is funded by the Federal Government as part of the overall strategy to



Participating in the Economy

with **RON MORONY**
General Manager
Indigenous Business Australia

address the need for more housing in remote communities.

Following the signing of the 99-year township lease by the traditional owners of Nguuiu in the Tiwi Islands and the Office of Township Leasing (OTL), IBA has been working closely with potential home-loan clients, the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs and OTL to roll-out the new HOIL program.

It is important to note that this is pioneering home ownership on Indigenous land, because it's the first community that has taken the option of an alternative choice.

If people are tired of waiting for public housing, have an income and the capacity to service a loan, we believe that an option should be there for individuals to own their own home on Indigenous land.

More recently, the signing of a township lease over the communities of Angurugu, Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt, and Milyakburra on Bickerton Island, has paved the way for the HOIL program to begin there.

In Queensland, IBA has been working closely with the Queensland Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and the Department of Environment and Resource Management to promote the HOIL program. Progress is being made with the roll-out of the Mapoon Home Ownership scheme, and encouraging discussions taking place with other shire councils.

Achieving home ownership on Indigenous land has initially been slow, as it needs

to be underpinned by long-term leases that provide security of tenure for both borrowers and lenders. Setting up systems, and community education and acceptance, also takes time.

I am pleased that there has been progress in the Tiwi Islands, with nine loans recently approved at Nguuiu following the previous loan approved on Melville Island where the construction of a house is nearing completion.

At Nguuiu, IBA has just started the construction of four low-cost, two- and four-bedroom homes, which will further stimulate interest in private ownership. Negotiations are also taking place with 13 other families on the Tiwi Islands who want to purchase a house.

I am mindful that there is still a long way to go in providing home ownership options on Indigenous land, but every story has a beginning.

It is up to all of us to make sure that home ownership on Indigenous land programs are supported and resourced, so that Indigenous Australians living in remote areas can share the dream of owning their own home.



Land of 'fair go' not so fair to us

THE United Nations (UN) Special Rapporteur on Human Rights has found 'entrenched racism against Aborigines in Australia'. It seems the Northern Territory intervention legislation breaks two UN treaties to which Australia is a signatory.

Where is the public outrage? Far from being embarrassed, we have Minister Jenny Macklin, former Liberal ministers Mal Brough, Tony Abbott and (former Labor Party National President) Warren Mundine using ABC Radio to justify or rationalise the discriminatory legislation they support.

Governments reflect the views of the people they govern, and Australia hasn't yet reached a critical mass of ordinary people who really care about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who share this country with them.

Minister Macklin's excuse for continuing the Howard Government's racist legislation is that 'government needs to protect the most vulnerable women and children'.

These measures are directed ONLY at Indigenous people. Isn't that the kind of thinking that gave us the Stolen Generations and previous dispossessions of Aboriginal people since 1788?

One suspects governments deliberately seek to disempower Aboriginal Australians.

The land of the 'fair go' is not so fair to Indigenous Australians, and the United Nations has noticed.

ELSA STORY
Wollongong, NSW

UN Special Rapporteur James Anaya fielding media questions in Canberra at the beginning of his recent tour.



Open letter to Warren Mundine

ON behalf of my people, I am calling on you to heed the advice of the UN Special Rapporteur on Indigenous Rights and support Aboriginal people demanding an end to the NT Intervention.

In your recent statement against the Rapporteur, you say the Intervention is protecting women against sexual assault and physical assault, but this is not true. You need to focus on the big picture of what is happening to us.

Your Government's so-called measures under the intervention go far beyond this to take away our dignity, our self-esteem, and land control, disempowerment, human and

Indigenous rights. More oppression, more young people in jails, we have no say in the justice system, which is failing. Your system is about creating divisions, hate and racism and control over people who are already struggling under oppression.

Get out of your air-conditioned office. You need to visit the people on ground, see and listen to them – or are you afraid to find and learn the truth?

You are an outsider, an outcast, a nobody just like us. The governments have taken away all our Indigenous and human rights in this country.

We are now separate from the rest of

Australian people. Otherwise, I urge you to show Aboriginal people evidence and proof that we are all equal.

Show me where you and your Government have had consultation, meetings with my people. Show us where this great law is protecting women and children. Give us the evidence on how many convictions there have been for sexual child abuse, rape, murders. Where is this Indigenous paedophile ring the governments statements claimed at the beginning?

We don't need any controls and measures and taking away of our land to negotiate to

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

A BIG thanks to all of our readers for sending letters, poems and other feedback; we love hearing from you.

You can help us by keeping your letters to 400 words or less and poems generally no more than 25 medium-length lines. This will increase your chances of being published.

Even if sent via email, all letters and

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

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

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

Poetry

Confusing

How confusing is the life of an Aboriginal
From the day you are born you are taught to be white
Speaking your native tongue is unacceptable
The English language is what you read and write.

You no longer are allowed to live off the land
Gathering bush tucker as your ancestors did
Practising ceremonies through song and dance
Your home is now owned by the white man.

Pushed on to missions for their own protection
Losing your independence along the way
Giving birth to half-caste children
So begins the story of the Stolen Generation.

Children stolen from those that love and care
Thrust into a world of turmoil and despair
Hearts and lives are broken and torn apart
Sense of identity and belonging lost forever.

Ridiculed for the way you look and smell
Listening to racist jokes about your people
Being born black but taught to be white
How confusing is the life of an Aboriginal.

STEVEN SUMNER
Ngarrindjeri
Murray Bridge, SA

Making a difference

We must come together for the spirit of this land
To try to relieve the pressure of inequality
This is what we must achieve
For doing things together for our nation to survive
We need a better understanding to revive
The true nature of God's gift to his children
He gave His only Son to give eternal life
This is what we must bring to this wonderful land Australia
With its beauty all around
There is plenty for all to share
So join with us in our cultural, sharing way
This is all we ask, this is all we pray
Our Dreaming, of making a difference.

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

Shame job in Rocky

I'm an Indigenous digger in the Australian Army. Recently I was on the massive Australian-United States exercise 'Talisman Sabre 09' near Rockhampton in central Queensland.

I'm not afraid of having a yarn with anyone and I took it upon myself early on to welcome and introduce myself and my community to many US sailors, soldiers and marines.

When I got back from bush, sadly quite a few of these fellas told me nothing but bad stories they had been experiencing – the local 'hospitality' in several Rocky pubs and clubs, in particular from my Murri brothers.

Several told me they had been bashed, robbed or otherwise experienced nothing but the redneck stereotype of Indigenous Australians.

I felt so shame. I apologised to the fellas and just felt that I had to let the local mob up here know that their actions were in-line with redneck idiots' ideas of our mob and were noted not just from other Murri mob but from overseas tourists on their first trip to Australia. Shame job.

GAMILAROI DIGGER
Via www.koorimail.com

Alternative view to Pearson's

IT'S time someone gave an alternative view to (north Queensland-based) Noel Pearson's mantra.

The Pearson-led support of the Northern Territory intervention was certainly the subject of a contrary view by United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya.

In fact, Professor Anaya made it clear these schemes were racist and in breach of Australia's obligations to the UN.

Pearson is responsible for the Intervention. It comforts white Australia – it's a 'black leader' promoting Indigenous overhaul that sits on all fours with white Australia's ethnocentrism.

While many non-Indigenous Australians applaud Pearson as 'a great leader for his people', anyone who knows Indigenous culture knows there's never one sole homogenous spokesperson for all Indigenous people.

My main purpose in writing is to dissect the Pearson agenda.

He's intent on running the high moral ground of being 'cruel to be kind' – demanding that Indigenous Australians have to self-reflect themselves and face up to the responsibility that the endemic problems – what he calls the perpetuating 'victim mentality' – is in large part their own doing.

According to Pearson, Indigenous Australians need to take ownership of the shame they will continue to suffer in the submissive, complacent acceptance of their impoverished lot in life living off hand-outs. Indigenous Australians must become entrepreneurial, business-orientated, transparent and accountable in action. Exercise some inner-reflection on the poison of community violence and abuse.

I'm not going to run what Pearson calls the left 'bleeding heart' argument about the past injustices Indigenous people have experienced. It'd fall on deaf ears with Pearson anyway.

I have one simple message. Mr Pearson, tell me this. Mayors and Councillors who have just as much intellect (and probably more



NOEL PEARSON

traditional cultural knowledge) than you – how are they expected to have thrust upon them compulsory policies to set up corporations, self-sufficient enterprises ... capitalism?

The divide between Indigenous communities and the corporate world is incorrigible. It needs introduction, familiarisation, training ... not punishment by compulsory land seizure; not 'cold-turkey' bans on alcohol.

Would you expect a person to do medical surgery without the training? Would you expect a sparky to do electrical work without the qualifications?

Mr Pearson, your gusto agenda is setting Indigenous people up for failure. Put simply, Indigenous councils don't know the ins and outs of the corporations law, governance principles, or annual general meetings for corporate executives of business enterprises.

Promote training before thrusting your city-fast corporate world. And take a leaf out of the book *Why Warriors Lie Down and Die*.

KAREN WALTERS
Immediate Past Qld
Anti-Discrimination
Commissioner
Private Consultant, Indigenous
Affairs

Open letter to Mundine

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come to an agreed partnership arrangements with governments and others.

Make your stand, Warren. Human rights for all people of different cultures. Support your people's United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Start your journey of discovery of yourself, your people, humanity our brother. Open your mind and let your spirits guide you. Focus on the whole issue, not on particular points to pull the wool over our general public friends. Tell the general public the

truth – don't hide the rest.

'A man who takes away another man's freedom is a prisoner of hatred; he is locked behind the bars of prejudice and narrow-mindedness. I am not truly free if I am taking away someone else's freedom, just as surely as I am not free when my freedom is taken from me. The oppressed and the oppressor alike are robbed of their humanity'. – Nelson Mandela

RICHARD DOWNS
Ampilatwatja Community
Walk-off Spokesperson
Northern Territory

It's like this...

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

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

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

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

"WHICH WAY?"

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

"OUR WAY"

a strong community way is the right way.



A STRONG COMMUNITY WAY



Aunty Irene mourned

By SUSAN FORDE

THE Brisbane and Stradbroke Island Aboriginal communities are mourning the loss of respected Elder Aunty Irene Egert after her passing on 15 August.

Aunty Irene's funeral was held at her birthplace, Minjerribah or Stradbroke Island, where she was laid to rest by about 600 family and friends.

She is mourned by her husband Clive Egert, her three sons Greg, Craig and Carl, nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren, two surviving sisters and one brother.

Irene Daisy Egert (nee Moreton) was born on Stradbroke Island in 1932 at the Myora mission. She spent her childhood at Myora and later the One Mile mission, before going to work as a domestic at the nearby Peel Island leper colony.

Her son Craig said her work at Peel Island during the 1940s and 1950s summed up his mother's nature well.

"Although the patients there were frowned upon by most of society, that didn't deter Mum. She said she worked there because she wanted to work there, not



The late Aunty Irene Egert

because she had to," he said.

"And that's the way Mum was. She was never quick to judge people despite any circumstances."

Mr Egert said his mum was well-known for her regular card games, and a day at the races.

"After I was discharged from hospital as a new-born baby, Mum

took me straight to the races. Mum said she missed the running of the 1965 Stradbroke Handicap, and she wasn't going to miss the Brisbane Cup!"

He said the family had pulled together over the past months as his mother became increasingly ill.

"I'm especially proud of my niece Sonya, who's shown maturity beyond her 21 years. Sonya's care for Mum and Dad, especially Dad during this time, has been priceless," Mr Egert said.

Aunty Irene was also cared for by daughter-in-law Tamara Egert, and niece Angela Ruska.

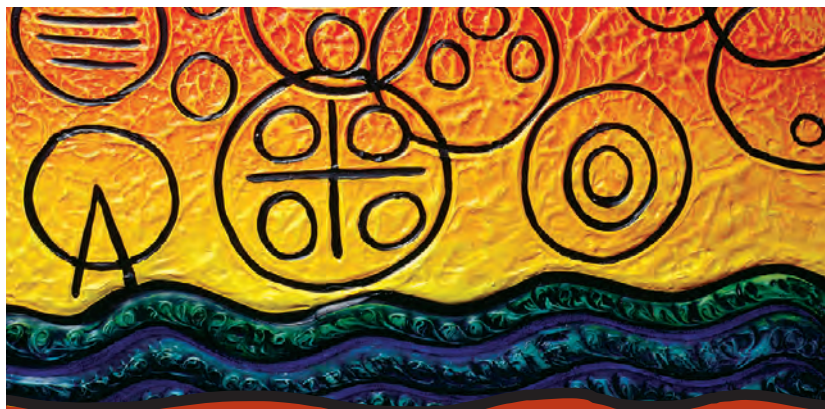
Recordings of Aunty Irene's stories from the early days on the Stradbroke Island missions are held in the local Redlands Library's oral history collection.

All three sons gave a eulogy at Aunty Irene's funeral, and Craig Egert completed his eulogy with a poem about his mother and her reunion with her parents and other siblings who have also passed on.

"I wrote the poem (printed at right) for all the grandchildren, to reassure them that Mum is at peace now with her family," Mr Egert said.

Back Home Again

As Grampsy's foot is tapping under the table, Mum's up there playing cards with Aunty Mabel. At the stove Grandfather Mookin is overlookin' Aunty Dulcie's cookin'. Uncle Charlie's providing the laughter, As his witty yarns bellow out through the rafter. Like all good brothers should, Uncle Donny's chopping the wood To make the fire good. Nan is humming a tune because she knows Gramp will be on the piano accordion soon. And like Mum's been anticipating There's little Sammy, at the gate waiting. No more suffering, no more pain Irene Daisy is home again.



Invitation to participate

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

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

The Conference theme, *Strength in Community: Closing the Gap*, emphasises the challenges of accelerating outcomes for Indigenous students and successfully engaging Indigenous communities with education and training in order to strengthen culture and improve quality of life for our people. Indigenous communities, students, carers and parents, as well as teachers, researchers and administrators all have a responsibility in responding to the challenge.

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

Greg Lehman, Convenor



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- Margaret Brown
- Linden Coombes
- Danny Lester

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

Important dates

- Early bird registration by 01 October 2009
- Registration of presenters by 11 September 2009

Your Poems

The Intervention: All the way without the RDA (Racial Discrimination Act)

How can you say
you're gonna suspend the RDA
without sounding like the KKK

You remove human rights
with your legal might
It's like trying to fight
with both hands tied
behind your back

Shouldn't you take the land
where the church stands
and their money
because their holy men are playing funny
games with altar boys
like they're blow-up toys

Rudd fiddles
while the camp fires burn
the latest to take his turn
"I want to see a landscape of, of, of,
... working black families".

Smiles all round and polite applause
'now, if we could just find the right clause
for THAT Act'
tricky stuff, legislation
two sets of rules
one nation

RICHARD CAMPBELL
Katherine, NT

Our Tribal Anthems

Our tribal voices echoes, in Australia's land of
dreams
Our beliefs in spiritual creations, mirrors out in
streams.

Our Rainbow serpents and legends, our
traditional laws
Our dreaming Dreamtime, high upon Heaven's
doors.

Our ancestors hunted, and fought throughout
time
Our sacred sites and ceremonies, traces our
generation line.

Our tribal tongues, once taught were spoken
Our tribal belonging, once torn is broken.

Our totems, initiations and corroborees
are crying
Our tribal hearts loves country are dying.

Our tribal footsteps walkabout, Australia's
earthy shores
Our hands and stories, painted on Australia's
ochre floors.

Our cry for justice, recognition titles to our
lands
Our spirits held history, in the palms of our
hands.

Our past and reconciliation flows on the never-
never
Our clap-sticks, boomerangs over Australia
forever.

E D WALKER (MARALMURRA)
North Rockhampton, Qld

**The Koori Mail welcomes your letters
and poems. Please send them to any of
the addresses in the panel on page 23.
Include a daytime phone number for
checking purposes.**

In search of lost Kostya

I CAME across your newspaper recently, and while I am not Indigenous, I'm hoping you may be able to help me.

Kostya (pictured) was one of my Dad's dogs who was with him on his travels from Cairns. Dad died suddenly on 11 June 2009 by the roadside on the Barkly Highway, NT, between Tennant Creek and the Qld border. The location was quite close to the turn-off to Rockhampton Downs.

When the police found Dad, one of his beloved dogs Kostya, ran into the bush and was unable to be caught.

In early July, I packed my 12-year-old into the car and we drove from the Gold Coast to Tennant Creek to search for him, and to bring his other dogs home.

Whilst there, I met some wonderful people who told me it's possible Kostya could now be with a local community,



and that news still travels very well by mouth.

I was told that if he is with someone there, that they would most definitely return him to me as he is not 'one of their dogs' but that they would care for him in the meantime.

Of course, having searched the area I am well aware he may have died somewhere on that long highway too.

The other option is that a traveller passing through may have picked him up, and as such, I have contacted many organisations who are also helping me.

In my last phone call with my Dad, I promised him I would look after the dogs if something happened in his travels.

Kostya looks exactly like Lassie, only small. He is a Shetland Sheepdog or Sheltie, also known as Mini Collie or Mini Lassie.

Please contact me on the email address below if you have any information that could help.

JODI DUNCAN
puddycent@hotmail.com

Seeking retired athletes

I AM a student at the University of Technology, Sydney. I am conducting research into Retirement Experiences of Elite Indigenous Australian Athletes: Policies, Programs and Practices.

The aim of the research is to understand retirement from sport for Indigenous athletes, and to make this transition easier and more positive than it may have been for some people in the past.

I am wishing to make contact with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander athletes who have retired from elite level sport, or who have started to think about and prepare for their retirement.

The research would involve an interview of about 30-60 minutes.

In particular, I would like to talk to people who have played AFL, NRL or Rugby Union, or who have been boxers.

I would also like to talk to people who have worked with these athletes as managers, coaches or officials.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me by phone on (0417) 338 113, email to mmstronach@gmail.com, or via Facebook.

Some of the questions to be asked

during the interviews may include:

I would like to hear about your transition out of sport. Can you tell me a little bit about yourself, such as your family, your interests and how you became involved in sport?

What was the retirement experience like for you?

Did you experience any bad treatment or racism during your career? What was the role of family, friends and your community before and after your sport career?

What sort of support did you receive from your sport organisation?

What or who do you believe was the most help to you as you left sport?

What programs did your sport provide to help you with life after sport?

How effective were these programs? How did you cope with the changes in your life after you finished sport?

Looking back, is there anything that would have made you retirement from sport easier?

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

MEGAN STRONACH
Hobart, Tas
Via www.koorimail.com

Who's that in the mirror?

A sense of confusion over who I am
Educated and employed by the
government
Unknowingly in control of the life I
live
I'm trying to understand where I fit
in

Continuously justifying love,
culture and religion
Friends and family accept me for
who I am
To hell with the Racists, Fascists
and Bigots of this land
All standing under one flag for all
to see

That's why I question:
'Who's that in the mirror looking
back at me,
Is it the person I am,
The person I always wanted to be?

Looking at life through misty eyes
Clouded by suspicion and political
lies
Recognising all people have an
identity of their own
Still together as one under this flag
we have grown

We stand together tall and proud
Where 'C'mon Aussie' can be heard
out loud
So who's that in the mirror looking
back at me?
Is it the person I am,
The person I always wanted to be?

STEVEN SUMNER
Ngarrindjeri
Murray Bridge, SA

Samson and Delilah first class

VISITING my daughter in Noosa, I went to see the movie *Samson & Delilah* by Warwick Thornton. I had heard so much about it and wanted to see it.

Firstly I must say what a first-class movie it was. Thanks and congratulations to actors, and all concerned for making such an outstanding film.

I was getting over a bad flu so I had

my knitted Koori beanie on.

Non-Indigenous people came up to me and got talking about the film, saying that they loved it and that they try to see what Indigenous movies they can to learn of our culture, past and present.

They were very interested and asked me if there were any DVDs of Indigenous movies. Right off, I said *Ten Canoes*.

I thought it so fantastic that there are non-Indigenous people who really want to learn about our culture.

I also want to say thank you to *The Koori Mail* for your coverage of NAIDOC Week from different mobs, and how they celebrated our special day.

NAJELLA GREEN
Palm Beach, QLD

Bombers score RAP



ESSENDON has become the first AFL club to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) as part of its business operations.

The RAP was officially launched at the club's home ground, Windy Hill, on 28 August.

Australian of the Year and co-chair of Reconciliation Australia Mick Dodson spoke at the launch, and urged other AFL clubs to follow Essendon's lead.

"The RAP is about changing attitudes and environments where Indigenous people feel welcome, respected and supported," said the Sydney Swans supporter.

Mr Dodson said the Essendon launch represented the 155th RAP. Developed in conjunction with Reconciliation Australia, it has been established to identify specific and measurable action the club can take as part of a national effort to close the life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and other Australians.

The RAP aims to reconcile the 17-year life-expectancy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians by contributing to an improvement in the standard of living, education and employment, housing, self-esteem and health.

Essendon managing director Peter Jackson said the RAP was an important step for the club in that it would ensure its Indigenous community programs met the needs of Indigenous people and assisted in creating genuine and lasting change.

Mr Jackson said Essendon had witnessed first-hand the outstanding contribution of some remarkable Indigenous talent including the likes of Michael Long,



At the RAP launch were Kylie Belling with Essendon's Jobe Watson and Patrick Ryder.

Gavin Wanganeen, Derek Kickett, Dean Rioli, Norm McDonald, and many more.

"The club hopes the RAP will play a role in giving other Indigenous Australians the opportunity to experience success at the highest level, whether it be sport or business," he said.

Essendon – the 'Bombers' – has relationships with the remote communities of Wadeye and the Tiwi Islands as well as a sister-club relationship with the Rumbalara Football and Netball Club in Shepparton.

Essendon also has a community partnership with The Long Walk and was

the driving force behind the development of the Dreamtime at the G game – now the centrepiece of the AFL's Indigenous Round.

Essendon's Indigenous Program partner is DESA Australia and the AFL and the Federal Government support its community partnership programs.

John Koowarta honoured by law scholarship



APPLICATIONS are now open for a legal scholarship in honour of John Koowarta, whose legal challenge against the Queensland Government led to a decision that was pivotal to the success of the historic Mabo case.

The Law Council of Australia established the John Koowarta Reconciliation Law Scholarship in 1994, with funding from the Federal Government. It is awarded annually to an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student enrolled in a Bachelor of Laws degree at an Australian tertiary institution.

Successful applicants receive \$5500 a year towards their studies. One scholarship will be awarded in 2010 and recipients may re-apply in subsequent years until completing their degrees.

Mr Koowarta was a member of the Winychanam community at Aurukun and a traditional owner of the Archer River region on Cape York Peninsula in Queensland. He challenged the Qld Government under the *Federal Racial Discrimination Act 1975* after its decision to prevent the Aboriginal Land Fund from acquiring a Crown lease on a pastoral property for the Winychanam people.

The decision by the Bjelke-Petersen Government was based on Cabinet policy at the time which opposed ownership of large tracts of land by Aboriginal peoples.

The Qld Government challenged the validity of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* in the High Court and was defeated.

The High Court decision was later pivotal in the recognition of native title in *Mabo v Queensland (No.2)*.

Mr Koowarta was described by former Federal Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Minister Robert Tickner as 'an Australian hero who was a courageous fighter against governments which discriminate against people on the basis of race'.

John Koowarta died in 1991 without fulfilling his dream of seeing his traditional lands returned.

Further information can be found on the website at <http://www.lawcouncil.asn.au/about/scholarships/koowarta.cfm>

Previous recipients include Terri Janke (1995) to help her complete her studies at the University of NSW and at the NSW College of Law. Ms Janke is now a leading international authority on Indigenous cultural and intellectual property.

Gina Masterton was a scholarship recipient from 1996-99, and graduated from the Queensland University of Technology in 2000. She subsequently accepted an offer to continue her legal career in the US, where she now lives and works.

Nathan Jarro was a scholarship recipient from 1996-99 when he graduated from the Queensland University of Technology. He now is a Qld barrister, and has his own civil practice.

Accommodation Grants



Applications Open for Heffron Hall

City of Sydney invites not-for-profit organisations to submit applications to lease the following space under the Accommodation Grants Program:

Heffron Hall, located in Darlinghurst.

Suitable for a local performing arts organisation for rehearsals and community gatherings, the 160 m² (approx) community hall offers a small stage, kitchen and storeroom.

Heffron Hall will be open for inspection from 4.00–5.30pm, Friday, 11 September 2009.

Applications close 6.00pm, Monday, 28 September 2009.

Application forms, guidelines and property information is available on the City's website

www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/grants or call (02) 9265 9333

or email communitygrants@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au

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Aboriginal Heritage Great Western Highway Upgrade – Bullaburra West

The Roads and Traffic Authority of NSW (RTA) proposes to upgrade a two kilometre section of the Great Western Highway, from approximately 400 metres west of Genevieve Road, Bullaburra to immediately east of Tableland Road, Wentworth Falls, to a four lane, divided carriageway.

The RTA seeks the registration of Aboriginal groups and/or Aboriginal people who wish to be consulted on Aboriginal cultural heritage matters relating to this upgrade.

The cultural heritage assessment may result in the RTA applying for a section 87 permit and/or a section 90 consent under Part 6 of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, and may also be used in the assessment of the impact of the project under the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Registrations must be received by phone, or in writing, **by 2nd October 2009.**

To register your interest, please contact:
Barry Gunther,
Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Advisor Sydney,
PO Box 973,
Parramatta NSW CBD 2124.
Phone: (02) 8849 2006.

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... 'Deferral of action seems to be the primary course of action by government in relation to Indigenous affairs'

Kimberley's funding plea

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



A KEY Kimberley Aboriginal organisation has told a Senate inquiry that cries for funding and resources to help make alcohol restrictions in the region more effective and relevant for Aboriginal people are going unheeded.

The controversial but widely-supported alcohol strategy has been the subject of State and Senate parliamentary inquiries.

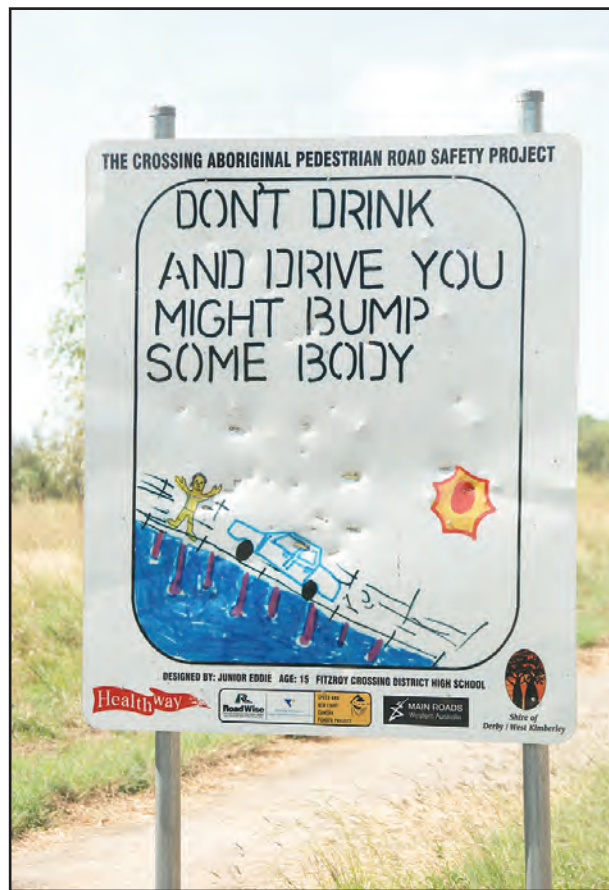
In Fitzroy Crossing last month, Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre (KALACC) co-ordinator Wes Morris provided testimony to a hearing by the Senate Committee of Inquiry into Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities.

More hearings

A report from the committee should be available in the next few months, but the State inquiry will be ongoing for some months yet, with hearings in Fitzroy Crossing again in October.

Mr Morris said government delays in addressing the alcohol-related issues in the region since the 2001 Working Together Report could not be overlooked, and 'it seems that the development of a Kimberley Regional Alcohol Management Plan is still many months away'.

Mr Morris said the delay was disappointing, but not surprising,



A Fitzroy High School student designed this sign. It urges motorists to be aware of pedestrians.

'since deferral of action seems to be the primary course of action by government in relation to Indigenous affairs'.

KALACC was responsible for the representation of cultural needs for 22 language groups in the Kimberley region, he said, and many of the concerns it raised with the inquiry related to a lack of Indigenous involvement in the restrictions and failure to acknowledge the cultural needs or diversity of the communities there.

Most at risk

KALACC deals largely with young people in the 15-30-year age group, which is identified as most at risk of self-harm. But Mr Morris said the prevention programs were grossly under-funded.

The KALACC submission said the organisation was aware of the need to 'assert the importance of culture for its intrinsic reasons, but also for its extrinsic social and health benefits'.

Mr Morris said the close parallel between the loss of culture and the 100 suicides in as many months reported on by WA Coroner Alistair Hope last year was exacerbated by drug and alcohol abuse, and the dire situation illustrated the importance of maintaining language and culture to

keep youth engaged.

Mr Morris said that after the last COAG meeting, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said 'grog is the key', but the COAG communique issued just two days earlier contained no references to drug and alcohol abuse in Aboriginal communities.

He said KALACC's calls for funding were slipping through the cracks in communication and co-ordination between Federal Government ministers, who were failing to keep each other informed of issues raised in the region by stakeholders.

"It took five years of experience of alcohol restrictions in Queensland to learn that restrictions, of themselves, are not an effective solution to alcohol," Mr Morris said.

Properly funded

"So we're saying skip out that five years of frustration and let's go straight to a comprehensive regional alcohol management plan that is properly funded and resourced right from the word 'go'.

"Queensland took five years to learn that restrictions on their own are insufficient and recently the West Australian Director of Liquor Licensing said the same in his submission to a State Parliamentary Report.

"Eight months after we wrote to State and Commonwealth governments calling for a Kimberley Regional Alcohol Management Plan akin to the \$109-million program in Queensland, KALACC has attended lots of meetings and we have an ever expanding correspondence file.

"But neither State nor Commonwealth Government has given any indication that it is considering funding our requests.

"If it (funding) does go beyond just simple restrictions, what it gravitates towards naturally is treatment programs," Mr Morris said.

"I can identify \$150 million that is available for treatment, but where is the money for prevention programs?"

"We work with troubled youth and the kinds of programs we are continually advocating for are in relation to that 12-to-30-year-old age group, but there's a whole raft of things you would need to do right from early childhood schooling onwards if you actually wanted to have a proper preventative strategy.

"They're the ones who are ending up in jail, they're the ones who are taking their lives and they're the ones we're working directly with."



This sign tells visitors to the Fitzroy River Lodge about alcohol restrictions in the town.

Project grows

McMullen joins with engineers

By KEN BOASE



NYOONGAR family support groups say a community garden project launched recently in the inner city suburb of South Perth has the potential to be a training ground for minor offenders, especially youth sentenced to community service orders.

The garden project, begun by non-Aboriginal ex-farmer John McBain on a 1500 square metre property in South Perth, has the support of the local Nyoongar community as well as the City of South Perth and in-principle support from Labor and Liberal state politicians.

Start-up funding has been provided by the City of South Perth and the sale of donated paintings by Ngaluma/Injibandi artist Lois Olney.

Mr McBain said the idea was to establish a network of community gardens throughout the suburbs as the best way of obtaining fresh and affordable produce, as well as use community waste products such as lawn clippings and other green waste.

Land for the project will be a mix of unused Crown land and private under-used gardens or properties.

"We're planning to set up a network of community gardens within South Perth as a model for the rest of suburban Perth," Mr McBain said.

He said collecting local green waste could have economic advantages for the project and the suppliers.

"People pay to dispose of that waste, so if we're doing something productive with that waste, why can't they pay us?" he asked.

"And if we're value-adding it, we're adding to it further and



Amanda Wilkes, Gary Wilkes and Robin Thorne from Nyoongar family support group Maamba with community garden project manager John McBain.

people buy value-added products like chutneys and all sorts of different things."

Robin Thorne from Nyoongar family support group Maamba said he would be keen to include the garden project in justice rehabilitation programs, especially youth serving a community service court order.

"We're looking at the possibility of creating something that young people, who have to do community hours because of minor offending and stuff like that, can participate in a community garden, which is something that is going to provide an ongoing option, therefore be sustainable," he said.

"But also they can get something back out of it and take a great deal of pride in it."

Mr Thorne said the Maamba organisation already did

supervision work for the courts.

"We have a number of young people who we supervise to do their community hours in the absence of other options," he said.

South Perth Marmun Men's Group leader Gary Gower said the project could also be used to benefit local Nyoongar families, particularly those in crisis.

"We've developed a long-term plan to gain interest and to bring others in on the plan," he said.

"So there's a huge scope there for training and obviously with Aboriginal foods, bush tucker comes into it and growing and knowing the right herbs and the right seasons is an important aspect of making it all work."

The garden project was officially launched on 2 September by South Perth Mayor James Best.



Convener of the South Perth Marmun Men's Group Gary Gower ... "There's a huge scope there for training."



HIGH-PROFILE journalist Jeff McMullen has joined the Board of Engineering Aid Australia

(EAA), an organisation working to increase the number of Indigenous engineers.

And EAA founder Jeff Dobell says he expects Dr McMullen's experience in working with Indigenous people to help the organisation.

"Jeff's wealth of knowledge adds strength to EAA's contribution towards closing the gap," Mr Dobell said.

"EAA is a small but dedicated team of people working to increase the number of Indigenous engineers. In the process we also hope to improve the engineering industry's understanding of Indigenous knowledge and culture."

Dr McMullen said EAA programs were all part of empowering Indigenous people to make their own positive choices about the future.

"EAA, through its annual Summer School, has developed a way to share with young Indigenous Australians what engineering is all about," he said. "Some young Indigenous people have no understanding of what engineers do – let alone have considered that one day they could become one."

"But there is an emerging generation of young, well-educated and confident Indigenous Australians. Through the Summer School we can encourage the growth of this group – and hopefully add to it some aspiring Indigenous engineers."



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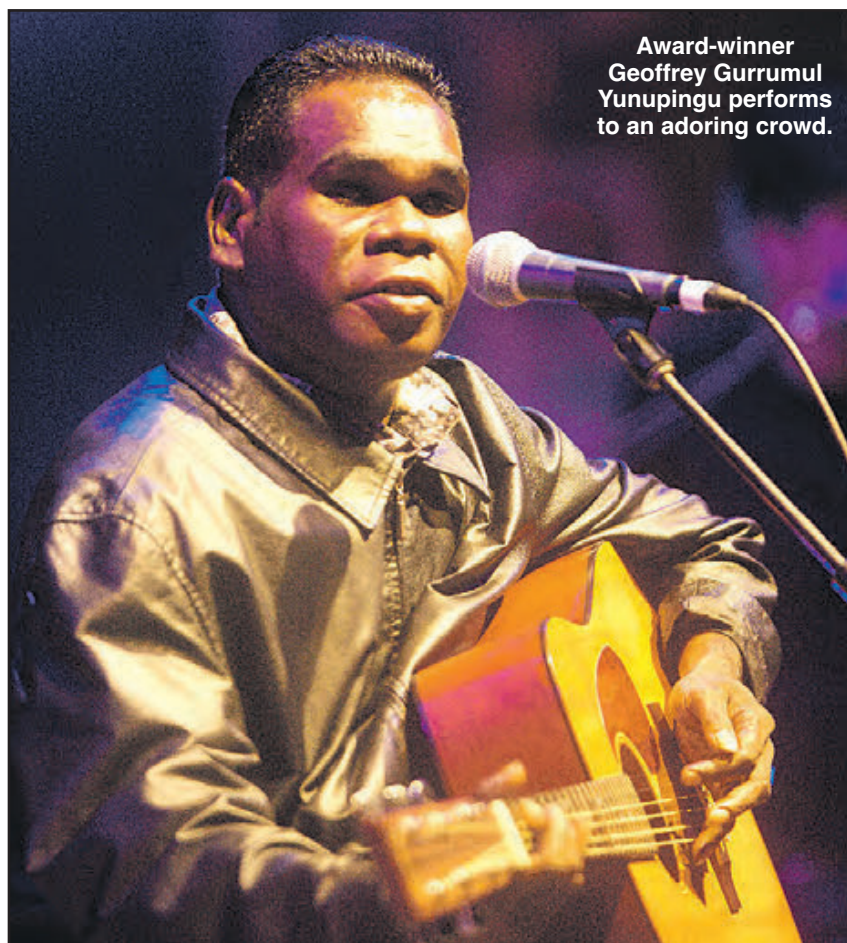
Darwin hip-hop act Pott Street was named Emerging Artist of the Year. From left, Zac 'Gusto' Watt, Mandy 'Dizzle' Garling, Tim 'Fliz' Johnson and Adam 'O Zee' Austin. Photos by GLENN CAMPBELL



Lex Holt of the Tableland Drifters, who were inducted into the Hall of Fame.



People's Choice Award for Best Song of the Year winner MC Hora with DIG radio content director Stuart Matchett.



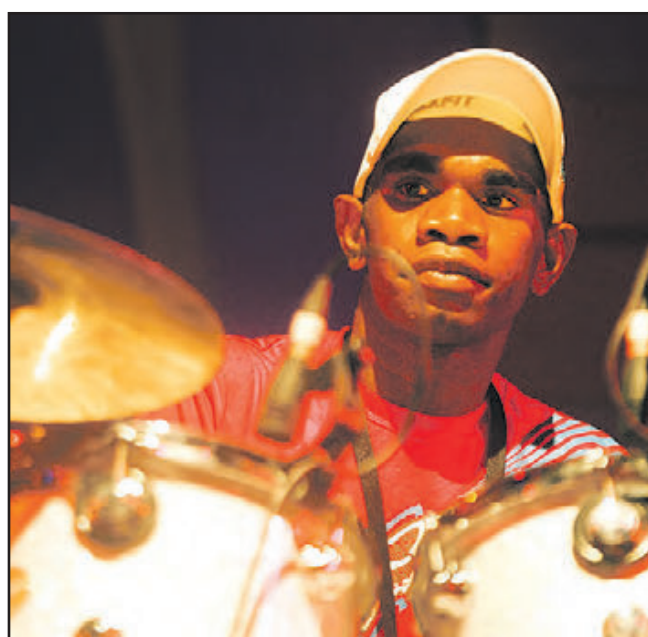
Award-winner Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu performs to an adoring crowd.



All the right moves ... Jessica Mauboy on stage at the awards.



Tjupi Band lead singer Dwayne Abbott belts out a song.



Tjupi Band drummer Desmond Inkamala.



Hall of Fame inductee and Warumpi Band guitarist Sammy Butcher, centre, with Mandy Muir and Shelly Morris.

Photo by Francine Chinn

Indigenous Music Awards



A small section of the crowd at the Northern Territory Indigenous Music Awards. Photos by GLENN CAMPBELL



Awards compere Ally Mills on stage during her performance.

Top honours to Gurrumul, Jess

BY NOELETTA MCKENZIE and
PETER JAMES DAWSON



JUST as the Top End's famous 'build-up' charges the air with electricity leading into the wet season, the crowd at the recent sixth NT Indigenous Music Awards (NTIMA) was also abuzz.

And this year's alcohol- and smoke-free event, held at Darwin Amphitheatre, had a real family atmosphere.

The outcome of the battle for Act of the Year – between the charismatic Geoffrey Gurrumul Yunupingu with his angelic voice and spiritual songs, and soul diva Jessica Mauboy – seemed impossible to pick, as both were huge crowd favourites.

In the end, ARIA Award winner Gurrumul took out the coveted prize, but Jessica didn't go home empty-handed, winning the Album of the Year and Song of the Year awards. Gurrumul also snapped up award for Album Artwork and Design.

Larrakia musician Ally Mills was the event compere, running the show so efficiently that it was ahead of time. She also sang her mother's song *Arafura Pearl*, joined by Hawaiian hula and Filipina dancers.

Midway through the awards, Mills called for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for F Gararrwirtja, recently deceased Soft Sands musician and manager of the Galiwinku dance group The Chooky Dancers. Mr Gararrwirtja had been one of the pioneers of contemporary Indigenous music.

Darwin hip-hop outfit Pott Street scored the Emerging Artist of the Year award, plus the \$10,000 Touring Prize. Dizzle (Mandy Garling) and the boys, Fliz (Timothy Johnson), Gusto (Zachary Watt) and O' Zee (Adam Austin), were over the moon.

Dunganda Street Sounds/Ramingining Artists won DVD/Filmclip of the Year and the Traditional Music award, thanks to the dedication of producer Allen Murphy.



Jess Mauboy with one of her awards.

The Turn Around, by MC Hora, (Joel Reid) won the People's Choice Award for Song of the Year.

The artist was recently acquitted of assault charges, relating to an incident where – according to the *NT News* – he chased drunk intruders from his mother's

home with various items, including a microphone stand.

Inducted into the Hall of Fame were the Barkly region's Tableland Drifters, Warumpi Band guitarist Sammy Butcher and Reggae Dave Asera. The Tableland Drifters were deservedly pleased after almost 25 years playing rock, country and roots music.

Butcher said his experience with the Warumpis had allowed him to 'act as a role model and teach all our kids the good things in life, no matter what their background – black, white or Asian'.

After making his way on stage with crutches, a beaming Asera said: "Sammy has taken the words out of my mouth, but it is great to finally get this!"

Three acts performed on the night including the Sammy Butcher's protégés the Tjupi (Honey Ant) Band from Papunya. Their tight reggae rhythms had everyone dancing.

Mauboy was ecstatic about her wins, and sang songs from her platinum-selling album *Been Waiting* to her home-town audience. Her R'n'B compositions had the crowd singing along in a whirl of excitement. She and Mandy Garling had sung together at a previous awards.

Gurrumul played ten songs from his debut album, which recently burst into Germany's mainstream charts at number nine. Joined by his mother, father and other family members he sang *Wukun* with reference to storm clouds – images of his mother, the Gälpu people and their lands.

Gurrumul History: I Was Born Blind sounded like an anthem of hope as he chorused *United we stand, divided we fall, together we'll stand in solidarity*.

"Fantastic," exclaimed 2007 School-Band Award winner Kingsley Murphy from the Crazy Boyz.

And Ally Mills was visibly moved as she farewelled the crowd, declaring 'The King has left the building!'

● Check out hip hop outfit Pott Street's website www.pottstreet.com



A delighted Michael Dawu, of Dunganda Street Sounds.



Tjupi Band lead guitarist Jason Butcher playing under lights on the night.

Mayor on most powerful people list



ALF LACEY

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey has been named amongst north Queensland's most powerful 50 people. Mr Lacey came in at number 37 and was the only Indigenous person named amongst the men and women on the list, which is compiled annually by the *Townsville Bulletin* newspaper. The 42-year-old was voted in as Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor at the Queensland council elections in March last year.

"The Mayor of Palm Island is a passionate advocate for reconciliation and Indigenous rights and is not afraid to get into a stoush with the State Government, evidenced by his stance during the Doomadgee death in custody case. Mr Lacey is well respected throughout the city and he remains one of the highest-profile Aboriginal leaders in the State," his top-50 profile read.

The newspaper told readers that the criteria to gain selection was simple. "These are people who influence decisions through their roles in our community. We expect them to be decision-makers,

influence policy and make north Qld a better place to work and play," said editor Peter Gleeson.

Cr Lacey told *The Koori Mail* he had received a lot of positive feedback even from non-Indigenous business people on the mainland.

'Thankful'

"Even though I'm thankful many people have given me positive comment about it, I take in stride and will continue the work," he said.

Having been on the receiving end of some mainstream media criticism in the past, the mayor said

it was good to get a pat on the back.

Mr Lacey also paid tribute to Aboriginal activist Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood, who was named in the most powerful 50 two years ago.

The number-one most powerful named was developer Laurence Lancini, State politician Craig Wallace was ranked second, and Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell came in number three.

Federal Member for Herbert Peter Lindsay, who has been severely critical of Palm Island on many occasions, made the list at number 16.

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Australian Government

Australian Pensions are changing

Do you, or someone you know, receive a pension?

There are significant changes to Australian pensions from 20 September 2009 as part of the Australian Government's Secure and Sustainable Pension Reform.

If you currently receive the Age Pension, Disability Support Pension, Wife Pension, Widow B Pension, Carer Payment, Service Pension or Income Support Supplement, these changes may affect you.

During September you will receive a letter from Centrelink or the Department of Veterans' Affairs that explains the changes and how they affect you.

It is important that you read this letter carefully.

The changes include:

- an increase in the pension rate
- combining four existing allowances into a new Pension Supplement
- new indexation arrangements
- availability of the Seniors Supplement for eligible cardholders
- introduction of the Work Bonus
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- closure of the Pension Bonus Scheme
- changes to the income test

To talk to someone about your pension, contact:

- Centrelink on:
 - 13 2717 for Disability Support Pension, Carer Payment and Carer Allowance recipients
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- Department of Veterans' Affairs on 1300 307 901 for Veterans, War Widows and War Widowers.

www.australia.gov.au/pensions

For a copy of a fact sheet, call 1800 663 011

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Call to return busts



THE Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) is planning to write to museums and institutions asking for the return of up to 30 busts of their ancestors Truganini and her husband Woureddy.

Two of the busts were pulled from an auction at Sotheby's in Melbourne recently after two TAC representatives, Nala Mansell-McKenna and Sara Maynard, led a small protest at the auction house.

They opposed the sale of the busts on the grounds that they perpetuated the myth that Truganini and Woureddy were the last Tasmanian Aborigines.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said they were pleased at the decision to pull the busts from the auction, but unhappy that they had not been returned to Tasmania's Aboriginal people.

"We urged the auctioneer to consult with the

vendor to allow us to take the busts back to the Aboriginal community," she said.

"We gave an undertaking we would hold the busts with dignity, and that we would hold good faith negotiations with the vendor about the future of the busts."

But Ms Mansell-McKenna said those requests were declined and Sotheby's was not able to say that there would not be a private sale of the busts.

The plaster busts, about 75cm high, were originally bought by Hobart convict turned businessman Judah Solomon and were made in the 1830s by Benjamin Law, who reportedly knew Truganini and Woureddy.

The Solomon family has always owned the works, but they were on loan to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for 26 years.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said TAC would attempt to contact the family to discuss the future of the busts, and would also attempt to track down the other busts held in institutions and collections.

"Truganini's memory should not be used in this way, nor should any others of her generation," she said. "They were people who suffered enough, and their memory should be honoured and treated with respect.

"We have since become aware that there are other images floating around museums and other institutions of Truganini and her generation.

"We will make contact with them to request the same result as we have proposed for the busts at Sotheby's." — By DARREN COYNE



Nala Mansell-McKenna

Dining in at Erub



FORMER Master Chef contestant Tom Mosby is taking his passion for food into a whole different area in his new

position with the State Library of Queensland, which will see him accompany celebrity chef Matt Golinski to Erub (Darnley Island) later this month.

Mr Mosby, who grew up on Thursday Island, said the trip was just one of a series of food-related events organised by the State Library of Queensland called *At Our Table* to create a 'food map' of the State to mark its 150th anniversary.

"Matt will be travelling up there with a videographer and I will be facilitating discussions with the community about making food," Mr Mosby said.

"It's about recording information about Indigenous gardening and foodstuffs and food trading routes up to New Guinea. A lot of our Elders are dying off, so that knowledge is being lost."

The Erub *At Our Table* event will take place on 26 September, which coincides with the last day of a local sports carnival and preparations for the ensuing feast will be recorded.

Traditional meal

Mr Mosby said the main focus would centre around the kupmurri, or ground oven, and the traditional sop sop – chopped sweet potato and pumpkin covered in freshly-squeezed coconut milk, made into a huge, flat parcel, wrapped in banana leaves and tied with vines.

As part of the trip, Mr Golinski would also give a cooking demonstration, using only ingredients available on the island.

Mr Mosby said fresh fruit and vegetables were often past their best by the time they were brought by barge to Torres Strait



Clockwise, from left:

● Torres Strait pearl diver, 1958.

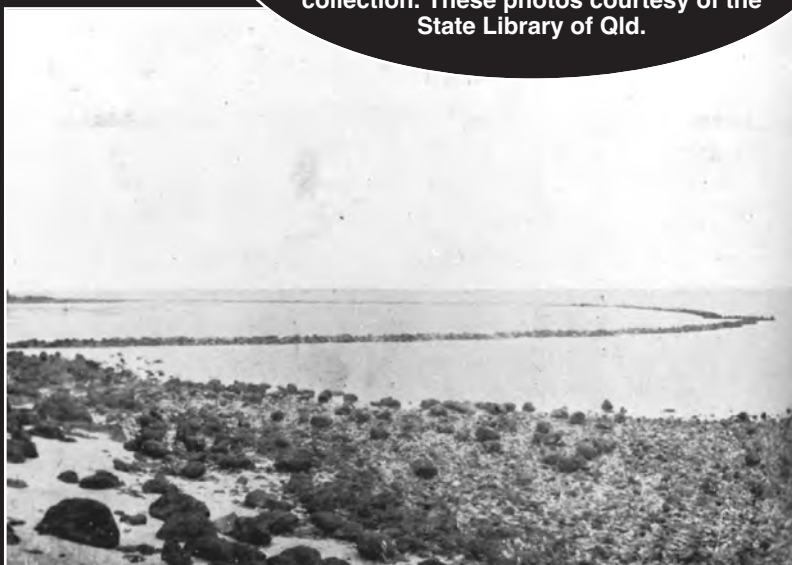
● Fishmonger on Thursday Island, circa. 1935.

● Heap of pearl shells at Darnley Island, circa. 1948.

● Large fish trap at Darnley Island, Torres Strait.



Historical Torres Strait Island photos from the State Library of Queensland collection. Former Master Chef contestant Tom Mosby will be part of an upcoming trip to Erub (Darnley Island) to film traditional Indigenous food crops and practices for the library's collection. These photos courtesy of the State Library of Qld.



communities, so this would pose something of a challenge.

"He'll have to come up with something that the Islanders can cook. Maybe a more healthy option," Mr Mosby said.

Before joining the Master Chef kitchen, Mr Mosby worked

as a lawyer, but before that he was an art restorer. He told *The Koori Mail* that in his new job he saw himself returning to his earlier profession, albeit with a twist.

Down the track he hoped to return to Erub for a more

in-depth look at traditional food crops and gardens with a view to restoring this traditional knowledge to the community.

"A lot of people don't create traditional gardens any more because it's easier to go down to the local food store," he said. "I'd

like to re-introduce and re-energise these practices."

In the long term, Mr Mosby said it could be possible to introduce market gardens to the island so locals weren't as reliant on food being barged in.

More than a game, footy is the life of this town



A DOCUMENTARY series that captures 'the heart and soul' of a small rural town whose fate rests with footy and reconciliation has premiered on NITV.

The first episode of *Life of the Town* screened last Thursday and the series will run on subsequent Thursdays at 7pm for another 12 weeks.

It portrays the West Australian wheatbelt town of Ongerup, population 200, as 'on the brink of extinction with its survival dependant on Aboriginal footballers from neighbouring communities'.

Just one year after gloriously snatching victory in the regional Aussie rules football grand final, their club, the Ongerup Roos, cannot get a win on the board. And many believe that if the club collapses, so too does the town and its dwindling non-Indigenous population.

The region is littered with others that have already suffered the same fate.

There to join the fight is a large contingent of Noongar players, a generous offer considering that Indigenous people no

longer live in Ongerup.

For them, it's the honour of playing for a club whose close-knit black/white camaraderie stretches back generations.

But time is ticking away. Whether they like it or not, the Ongerup Roos' fate represents the *Life of the Town*.

Life of the Town is presented by former AFL great Dale Kickett. It focuses on grassroots football, community and Indigenous and non-Indigenous reconciliation. It tracks the fortunes of the Ongerup Football Club and these larger-than-life characters into their homes, the clubrooms, the pub, the meeting places, and looks deep into the lives of their families, the wives, the girlfriends, and the children.

NITV says that in *Life of the Town*, viewers will come to know these people and communities well, and admire their fundamental courage and decency throughout adversity.

NITV is broadcast nationally to various metropolitan and regional areas, as well as via Foxtel, Austar and Optus. For more info, visit www.nitv.org.au



The Ongerup Roos are featured in NITV'S new documentary series *Life of the Town*.



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Murawina Limited will be held at the

**Redfern Community Centre,
Hugo Street, Redfern
Saturday 12 September, 2009
Commencing at 12.00pm**

Murawina Pre School ceased operations in late 2008 for various reasons.

The Board of Directors of Murawina Ltd invite interested Aboriginal Community Members to apply for membership of the Company and to elect a new Board of Management with the potential and capacity to complete the tasks required to reopen Murawina Pre School.

Interested persons must be a member of the Company to be eligible for election to the Board of Management.

To obtain a membership form and for further information please contact Beverly on 0419 120 417

Project:

Aberglasslyn Stage 2 and Maitland / North Rothbury Stage 3 Water and Wastewater Systems' Upgrade Works Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Assessment

Location:

Aberglasslyn, Maitland and North Rothbury in the Maitland City Council LGA.

Proponent:

Hunter Water Corporation.

Should you wish to be consulted during this project, please register your interest in writing by **Tuesday the 22nd of September 2009** to:

Lisa Campbell
RPS Harper Somers O'Sullivan
PO Box 428
Hamilton NSW 2303
archaeology@rpshso.com.au

Following registration, each party will be consulted and will receive an information pack outlining the project in detail.

HAWKESBURY-NEPEAN CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Join us at the second Hawkesbury-Nepean Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Forum

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Authority (HNCMA) invites members of the local Aboriginal community to take part in our second Aboriginal Natural Resource Management Forum.

Come along and have your say on the priorities for natural resource management issues in the Hawkesbury-Nepean catchment which stretches from Lithgow to Goulburn and on to Windsor and Brooklyn.

Date: 1st October 2009

Time: 10am till 12.30pm

Where: Muru Mittigar
89-151 Old Castlereagh Rd
Castlereagh NSW 2749

RSVP: John Lennis on 02 4587 0059 or
Email john.lennis@cma.nsw.gov.au by 25th September



Kids urged to 'dream big'



THEIR home town may be little, but that home town wants them to dream big.

Eight youngsters from the western New South Wales town of Gilgandra were treated to a real adventure last month when they travelled to Sydney to watch the Penrith Panthers play a home game at CUA Stadium against the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

The trip was organised by the Gilgandra Aboriginal Community Working Party (GACWP), with support from the Gilgandra Shire Council, local businesses and other community organisations as a way to motivate and inspire the kids and to build their self-confidence.

The group stayed at the Rooty Hill RSL Club and burned their way through pocket money at a local shopping centre before heading off to CUA Stadium where they met Penrith Panthers halfback/five-eighth Wade Graham and the club's CEO Glenn Matthews and then settled in amongst a crowd of 14,000-plus fans.

They were thrilled to learn they had front-row seats at the try line, especially as it meant they were able to get their faces and mighty yells on TV.

With their local rugby side named Gilgandra Panthers, it wasn't hard to guess who the group were barracking for.

"When the big match was on, the excitement and anticipation increased dramatically. We were about five metres away from the first 'try' where it was then video-refereed 'no try' and everyone from Gil was booing, especially the girls," said the GACWP's

voluntary activities co-ordinator Helen Cobb.

"The girls definitely made more noise than the boys!"

Ms Cobb said the trip was all about letting the young people know they were valued at school and as members of the wider community and with education, they could fulfil their dreams.

"We believe in making a difference in the community. It is important to get everyone involved and be part of what is going on," she said.

"Youth know what they want they just need to be heard and know someone believes in them. GACWP aims to do just that.

"There are a huge amount of young people who aspire to be like certain sporting stars, so what better way to build confidence than to take them to a live NRL game?"

Local school principals assisted the GACWP in choosing students to attend

the game, ultimately selecting William McKenzie and Talitha Chatfield from St Joseph's School; Bradley Stubbs and Katelyn Quinn from Gilgandra Public School, Ricky Towney, Ashleigh White, and Gemma Nolan from Gilgandra High School. Sam Anforth, also from Gilgandra High School was also selected, but couldn't travel due to illness.

They were accompanied by GACWP chairman Raymond Thompson, Gilgandra Uambi Aboriginal Corporation chairman Neville Merritt, Uambi administrative assistant Shantelle Riley and Ms Cobb.

GACWP said the trip would not have been such a success without the generosity of the Rooty Hill RSL, the Penrith Panthers, Gilgandra RSL Club, IGA, the Gilgandra Shire Council, the local Caltex and Gilgandra Bowling Club.

Oh, and the score was 40-10, the Panthers' way.



Gilgandra Uambi chairman Neville Merritt and GACWP chairman Raymond Thompson in the stands. The group had front-row seats at the try line.



The Gilgandra youngsters at Sydney's CUA Stadium before the game, with Penrith Panthers halfback/five-eighth Wade Graham and the club's CEO Glenn Matthews.



Koori Toastmasters club members and guests at this month's special meeting.

Toastmasters look to culture

Story and photos by SOLUA MIDDLETON



KOORI Toastmasters members came together in Redfern this month for a unique event featuring invited speakers young and old.

The night's theme was centred on a project called 'Growing up strong in culture', which was developed by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC).

Koori Toastmasters President Jenny Thomsen said the night provided a good opportunity to talk about the theme of growing up strong in culture.

She said many of the adult speakers talked about their childhood and upbringing.

"But there were some adult speakers there who hadn't grown up with their Aboriginal communities, so they told their journeys of finding their people and learning about their heritage as adults," she said.

There were also speeches from primary-school-aged children who also talked about their family and culture. Some sang and danced.

Ms Thomsen said it was important for young people to feel like they could speak up in public.

"We encourage them to speak up in meetings and for as long as they want to," she said. "It gives them self-confidence. We're teaching our young people to speak up strong and learn leadership skills for the future."

Jane Harrison, from SNAICC, co-ordinated the project, and had approached Koori Toastmasters to collect research on Indigenous child-rearing.

"It was an opportunity to collect and share stories on how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families rear their children up strong in culture," Ms Harrison said. "There are some really rich stories."

Ms Harrison said she was enjoying exploring the intergenerational aspect, and it was important to not only hear the Elders' stories but also acknowledge the young children.

"With all the stories there have been



Faith Landy-Ariel and Michelle Blakeney at the gathering.



Bonita Leahy and Daniel Taylor enjoyed the Toastmasters event.



Beni-Israel Landy-Ariel speaking.

themes developing such as language, bush, the importance of culture and so on. It's really important for this to be preserved," she said.

There's been controversy in recent weeks that child protection systems could be



Jane Harrison from SNAICC co-ordinated the project.

creating a new wave of Stolen Generations.

Ms Harrison said she believed there were still many people who did not understand the dynamics of Indigenous families, but the sharing of stories could help to preserve and educate people about Indigenous family life.

Wanted: Wise Elder to help pregnant females



AN Indigenous Elder is being sought to offer 'wise words', support and guidance to young pregnant women in Cunnamulla,

south-western Queensland. The initiative is believed to be a first, and is the brainchild of Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health Chief Executive Officer Ann-Maree Thomas.

Ms Thomas, who had her first child at 17, said she struggled to support her young family while working full-time as a waitress in Toowoomba.

"It was the hardest thing I've ever had to do," she said.

"I had no idea what was involved. I would live on four hours' sleep and push my son home from work at ten o'clock at night, it was just so hard.

"But if I had someone, an Aboriginal woman who I could trust to sit with me and help with my baby, just while I got an hour's sleep during the day, or simply to explain that this was a normal part of raising a child, it would have made a huge difference."

Ms Thomas left her home town to receive an education and returned to Cunnamulla as a registered nurse, armed with knowledge and committed to supporting the community through health initiatives.

'Realistic'

"Statistically, Aboriginal girls will birth at a very young age and that has always had a negative presence in the media, but we have to be realistic," she said.

"There are currently more than 20 pregnant women in the community, and most of our Indigenous girls are 15, 16, and 17 upwards. Our job is not to judge them; we simply want someone who will let young mothers know they're not alone."

In addition to guiding first-time mothers, the Indigenous Elder will provide ante-natal classes, work with schools to address educational gaps, and play a vital role in strengthening community ties to traditional cultural values.

"As kids, we learnt through stories and we want to get that back," said Ms Thomas.

"This role is going to offer stories to young mothers about raising their children.

"We've got Elders in the community who have had ten children and don't even look like they're stressed out, it's amazing. This role is going to be crucial in encouraging that culture of strong black women."

The Employment Office is working closely with Cunnamulla Aboriginal Corporation for Health to find a talented and committed candidate.

The recruitment agency has high hopes, having been successful in filling roles for community organisations throughout Australia.

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ARMIDALE DUMARESQ COUNCIL

**Request for Registration by
Interested Groups / Individuals.
Impact on**

**Aboriginal Cultural Heritage
Proposed Project
Shared Pedestrian Cycle Path
Scholes Street Armidale**

Armidale Dumaresq Council Armidale NSW requests groups or individuals to register their interest in the heritage impact on the Aboriginal artefacts found during the design and investigation phase of the project known as Shared Pedestrian Cycle Path Scholes Street.

Council proposes to comply with the requirements of *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*, Part 6 'Approvals' and seeks approval from the Director General under section 87 and or 90 of this Act, before this project can proceed.

The project is the construction of a 2.5 metre wide asphalt concrete path in Scholes Street between Harden Street and Link Road, Armidale. Scholes Street is currently an unformed road with a significant cover of native vegetation. The path is to be used by both pedestrians and cyclists. The existing vegetation is to be preserved and the road reserve will serve to act as a wildlife corridor. Council proposes to manage the road reserve to promote the growth of native flora and fauna.

A section of approximately 50 metres of the proposed 820 metre path crosses a site, where a number of 'Aboriginal stone tools' were found. Groups / individuals who have a knowledge of or an interest in this site are welcome to register their interest, by writing to the General Manager, Armidale Dumaresq Council PO Box 75A, Armidale NSW 2350, to be received by 5pm on Wednesday 7 October 2009. For further information contact John Tooke on 02 6770 3895 or email jtooke@armidale.nsw.gov.au.



GUMBAYNGGIRR PEOPLE (WARRELL CREEK) NATIVE TITLE CLAIM GROUP MEETING

Date: Tuesday 22nd September 2009
Time: 9:00am, arrival and morning tea
9:30am start - 4:00pm

Venue: Valla Beach Resort,
1 Regatta Drive, Valla Beach NSW 2448

NTSCORP Ltd (formerly NSW Native Title Services Ltd), provides legal assistance to the Gumbaynggirr People's Warrell Creek Native Title Claim (NTS006; NC 96/41; NSD 6054/98) and is convening a meeting of all members of the Gumbaynggirr native title claim group.

Purpose: The purpose of the meeting is to consider and make decisions about the following:

- Update on developments in the native title claim
- Overview of the mediation to take place where evidence will be given by some Gumbaynggirr witnesses
- Re-affirmation of Gumbaynggirr participation in the mediation for the collection of evidence
- Endorse the witnesses to give evidence
- Endorse sites/significant places for the purpose of the on country mediation

Who should attend: The following people are encouraged to attend the meeting:

- All people who hold or may hold native title for the land and waters in and around Gumma Peninsula and all the land east of the Warrell (or Gurravembi) Creek known as Forster Beach, the islands in Warrell Creek and land as far south as Scotts Head.

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please complete the enclosed meeting registration form and return it to NTSCORP Ltd Coffs Harbour Regional Office by no later than **Friday 18th September 2009**, so that all relevant arrangements can be made.

Our details are:

Post: P.O. Box 156, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450
Fax: (02) 66 517 954

Alternatively, you can ring the Coffs Harbour Regional Office to confirm your attendance and any other details which may be required on freecall 1800 111 844 or (02) 66 514 588.

Mileage assistance and accommodation will also be available to persons attending the meeting in accordance with NTSCORP Ltd policies. **Please note that accommodation is limited and will be provided based on completed meeting registration forms received or confirmed details by telephone.**

All enquiries should be directed to Natalie Rotumah, Manager – Client and Community Relations at the Coffs Harbour Regional Office of NTSCORP Ltd.

Bush tucker cook-up on menu for Bagot seniors



MORE than 80 Indigenous seniors from Bagot community in Darwin were the guests of honour at a traditional 'cook up' with kangaroo tails, whistle duck, magpie geese, wallabies, barramundi, crocodile sausages and yams all cooked traditionally over hot coals.

The recent event was held as part of Seniors Week and was an initiative by Charles Darwin University, Danila Dilba Health Service, Koda and Larrakia Nation.

Head chef and celebrated CDU cooking identity Steve 'The Walkabout Chef' Sunk said the event was an appreciation of Indigenous seniors who had helped shape a community.

"What we've got here is a whole range of traditional tucker cooked in a traditional way just as the old folks like it," he said.

"This is a great example of a number of proactive organisations coming together to lift the spirits of Bagot Community to share a feed and a yarn."

Larrakia Nation Ranger Keith Sailor said he was more than happy to brave the coals for the cause.

"The elderly people around here are the ones who taught and shared their knowledge with me when I was little, so I'm happy to help out and put on a feed for them," he said.

The afternoon also had a surprise



Steve 'The Walkabout Chef' Sunk prepares another feed.

guest, with acclaimed Indigenous musician, singer, songwriter and guitarist Jimmy Little popping down to play a few of his favourites.

Also in attendance was Administrator of the Northern Territory Tom Pauling.

Dubbed 'The Walkabout Chef' for his 16 years spent teaching cooking to Aboriginal women and young people in remote communities, Mr Sunk recently received the Medal of the Order of Australia for his services to Indigenous communities.

Action targets rare disease



IT'S a hideous and debilitating disease for which there is no cure. First there is clumsiness and weakness in the arms, developing into a staggering, lurching walk easily mistaken for drunkenness.

Speaking becomes difficult, as does swallowing, and once the cerebellum – a part of the brain that helps co-ordinate voluntary motor movement and balance – is damaged enough there is a total lack of voluntary control and, eventually, death.

Machado Joseph Disease, otherwise known as MJD, causes the nerve cells to die prematurely in the brain, and it's prevalent in remote communities across the Top End.

In places like Groote Eylandt, which has the world's highest incidence of the neurodegenerative disease, there is a chance that one in every two people will one day suffer from it.

They live with the knowledge that at least half of their children will also get sick, only when they do it will be almost a decade earlier.

"The MJD disease tragically has an anticipation effect where children develop the disease around eight years earlier than their affected parent," NT Minister for Children and Families Malarndirri McCarthy said on 24 August.

Ms McCarthy was speaking from Groote, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding

between the Anindilyakwa Land Council, the Machado Joseph Disease Foundation, the East Arnhem Shire Council and the Federal and NT governments.

"It is imperative we have a collaborative approach to the delivery of MJD support services to enhance the well-being of individuals, families and carers," she said.

The Rudd Government last year conceded not enough was known about the disease, which could have a potentially huge impact on the relatively isolated region.

Groote region

It dedicated \$100,000 to investigating MJD in the Groote Eylandt region after a report found the number of people affected could 'climb sharply' over the next 10 years.

While the research has helped health professionals and families better understand the genetic basis of MJD, Ms McCarthy is calling for a process to be set up for sharing prevention and treatment options.

"Program funding will see the supply and installation of appropriate adaptive equipment to individuals homes as well as community facilities," she said.

"It will also work to increase respite trips for MJD clients and carers along with a greater number of specialists visits to Groote Eylandt."

Libby Morgan, from the Machado

Joseph Disease Foundation, said the disease caused severe physical disability.

"We've certainly got many, many households on Groote Eylandt with people with the disease in wheelchairs or with the mild form of the disease who will end up in wheelchairs," she said.

"It beggars belief to live caring for somebody with the disease thinking perhaps you might have it and that you may have even passed it on to your own children."

Earlier this year, NT Labor Senator Trish Crossin spoke out about MJD in an effort to increase its national profile.

She said there were about 275 people thought to be at risk of developing the MJD in East Arnhem Land, including 128 people on Groote, 97 people at Yirrkala and 52 people at Galiwinku. "So in years to come we may well in fact see those numbers blow out to more than 300 or 400," Senator Crossin said in February.

"There is no doubt that it is a disease that is rarely heard of. It needs to be brought to national attention and given some national significance."

MJDF Executive Officer Nadia Lindop said the MOU was the basis from which the foundation would continue to increase its work – in partnership with the local people – to improve the well-being of those with MJD and their families.

"This proposed co-ordination is crucial. We're dealing with the highest incidence of this genetically inherited disease in the world," she said. – AAP

Armstrong is on 2009 'True Leaders' list

By **DARREN COYNE**



LEAH Armstrong, the former executive director and founder of Yarnteen, has been recognised for her leadership qualities.

The Torres Strait Islander woman, who was born in Mackay, north Queensland, has been listed in the *Australian Financial Review* BOSS True Leaders list for 2009.

Also listed was Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Chief Executive Officer Andrew Penfold, who has been instrumental in raising funds for Indigenous youth to attend boarding schools across Australia.

Ms Armstrong was

recognised for her work promoting economic opportunities for Indigenous communities.

Since the award, Ms Armstrong has left her Yarnteen position to take up work with Social Ventures Australia, which is based in Sydney. There she will continue assisting Indigenous communities with their building strategies, focusing on economic development.

She told *The Koori Mail* her interest in economic development arose from her background in small business as a young woman.

Married with two children, Ms Armstrong juggles her family commitments with her career.

She currently serves on the boards of the Australian

Indigenous Minority Supplier Council, Indigenous Business Australia and the Hunter Regional Sports Authority.

"I start at the end of September and I'll be taking my experience from Yarnteen and sharing it with other Indigenous groups," she said.

NSW Opposition Spokesperson for Aboriginal Affairs Kevin Humphries congratulated Ms Armstrong and Mr Penfold for making it to the list this year.

"I congratulate Mr Penfold and Ms Armstrong on their stand-out achievements with Indigenous Australians through the not-for-profit sector," he said.

"It's great to see Australians share the same passion and commitment to improving the lives of Indigenous Australians."



Leah Armstrong ... on *Australian Financial Review* BOSS True Leaders list for 2009.

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JESSICA Mauboy will lead a stellar line-up of Indigenous

performers at the 15th annual Deadly Awards, celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander excellence in music, sport, entertainment and community achievement.

The awards will be announced at the Sydney Opera House on Thursday 15 October.

Also appearing on the Deadlys stage will be fellow Australian Idol alumni Casey Donovan, Newcastle rappers the Street Warriors and Arnhem Land song man Djakapurra Munyarryun.

They will be joined by host Luke Carroll and an array of Indigenous celebrities and high achievers, including internationally-acclaimed model Samantha Harris, 2007 Young Australian of the Year Tania Major and the Doonooch Dancers.

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To find out more and register now, visit www.vibe.com.au/deadlys

Tickets for the 2009 Deadlys are now on sale from the Sydney Opera House Box Office. To book, call the Sydney Opera House box office on 02 9250 7777 or go to www.sydneysydneyhouse.com

For those who can't make the show in person, SBS TV will broadcast a highlights program on Sunday 18 October.

Voting for the 2009 Deadlys@vibe.com.au/deadlys closes at 5pm AEST on Friday 25 September.

Wiradjuri mob clean up

By LINDSAY HAYES



THE Wiradjuri River Mob are pretty proud, and a walk along the Murrumbidgee River at Darlington Point shows why.

Gone are the weeds that infested the banks and an unsightly rubbish dump.

In their place are native seedlings, many propagated in the mob's nursery, and planted as part of a work-in-progress to return a degraded 10km riverine stretch on either side of the old paddle-steamer port to its natural state.

The mob comprises seven local Aboriginal trainees, aged 18 to 55 who signed on in November for a traditional owners river restoration project, which includes the nearby Wilbriggie State Forest.

The project is a partnership between the Murrumbidgee Catchment Management Authority, Murrumbidgee Shire Council and the local Aboriginal community, with funding support from the Federal and NSW governments.

Besides large-scale weed eradication and tree-planting to control bank erosion, the trainees have fenced off areas from stock and vehicles, created an attractive 'meeting place', made nesting boxes to hang in trees and crafted some river red gum picnic tables and seats.

Their accomplishments have led to an extension of the project, now valued at upwards of \$800,000.

Project supervisor Shirley Norris said the team was very dedicated and was learning so much.

"It's hard for some of the older ones because they are on trainee wages, but they all want to be here," Ms Norris said.

"I think it is fantastic. They're reuniting with the country, learning about their culture and caring for the red gum forest, the flora and fauna."

The trainees are gaining qualifications in conservation and land management, and it is hoped these will open up job opportunities in



The youngest member of the Wiradjuri River Mob Joel Undy, 18, with common sneeze weed plants he propagated from seed in preparation for revegetating the Murrumbidgee River environs at Darlington Point.

natural resource management.

Riverina Institute of TAFE teacher Christina Hay visits Darlington Point weekly to conduct classes for the trainees at the Road and Traffic Authority's former depot, which serves as a temporary base and accommodates the nursery.

She is impressed by the trainees' aptitude for learning.

"They are doing so well and have finished both TAFE courses well ahead of time," Ms Hay said.

"They've done Conservation and Land Management Certificate II and Horticulture Certificate II."

She said the, trainees, who would graduate this month with their first qualifications, were now working towards the more advanced certificates.

Leahanna Longford, a former feedlot employee, said reconnecting with country and the outdoors work was what appealed to her.

"We all work so well together; we're all so

enthusiastic," Ms Longford said, tossing a bouquet the teacher's way.

"Christina's enthusiasm is really catching, it's very infectious. We all left jobs to come here."

The project ticked all the right boxes, too, for mature trainee John O'Hara.

"I drove a forklift for rice growers for 13 years," he said.

"I was made redundant and then I worked in a vineyard, but that didn't really suit me."

He said the project offered him the opportunity to work outdoors, restore the area, propagate plants, build things, learn about culture and acquire new skills en route.

A sacred site survey has not been undertaken, but the mob has turned up some interesting finds by tuning into their traditional land.

They have identified a number of ring trees, which they said pre-dated white settlement and may have served as a sign for women's business, a men's ceremony or to mark a trading route as Darlington Point was known to be a popular trading area.

The project nursery is one of the mob's successes with a variety of native plants, including species culturally significant to the Wiradjuri people, propagated from seed they have collected.

Hopbush, acacias, river sheoak, ruby saltbush, black Sally, native willow and common sneeze weed, a multi-purpose medicinal plant, are among the seedlings poking through the soil.

With a string of milestones met, the contract extended and graduation looming, the Wiradjuri River Mob is looking forward to tackling the challenges ahead.

One of the most daunting is the on-going battle to rid Wilbriggie State Forest of the invasive osage orange trees and date palms competing with the native vegetation.

Murrumbidgee Shire Council general manager Paul Goodsall expressed the council's strong support for the project.

"We're only too pleased to be involved and we'll see some great benefits for the environment," he said.

Nominate now for HR awards



AUSTRALIAN Human Rights Commission (AHRC) President Cathy Branson, QC,

has urged human rights advocates to nominate themselves or others for this year's Human Rights Medals and Awards.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 2 October, and winners will be presented with their medals and awards at a gala luncheon ceremony in Sydney on Human Rights Day – Thursday 10 December.

"Hundreds and thousands of Australians are working persistently around the country year in, year out, to improve the human rights of others and to promote a fairer place for all of us," Ms Branson said.

"The Australian Human Rights Commission has been recognising these efforts since

1987 by awarding the Human Rights Medal and Awards to these quiet achievers without whose efforts, our country would be the poorer.

"The awards aim to recognise outstanding contributions made within communities or through the practice of law, through writing books about human rights issues or through the media."

Nominations are being called for the Human Rights Medal and Young People's Human Rights Medal and seven award categories: Law, Community (Organisation), Community (Individual), Literature (non-fiction), Print Media, Television and Radio.

For more information, go to www.humanrights.gov.au/hr_awards

● RIGHT: AHRC President Cathy Branson pictured last year with the 2008 Human Rights Medal winner Les Malezer.



Rudd calls for end to 'history wars'



JOHN HOWARD



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd has called an end to the 'history wars' of recent years that have polarised debate, especially with regard to the treatment of Indigenous Australians.

The Prime Minister was launching a new book, *Australians: Origins to Eureka*, by the author Thomas Keneally, at the National Library of Australia (NLA) in Canberra on 27 August.

In a reference to the Howard Government, Mr Rudd said it was time to leave behind the 'polarisation that began to infect every discussion of our nation's past'.

During his address, Mr Rudd said it was time to go beyond the so-called black-armband view that refused to

confront some hard truths about our past, 'as if our forebears were all men and women of absolute nobility, without spot or blemish'.

History, he said, also needed to celebrate the explorers, pioneers and entrepreneurs as well as the reformers, renegades and revolutionaries. Mr Keneally's art was proof, Mr Rudd said, that a great national story did not need wars, revolutions and bloodshed.

The Prime Minister said there should not be one single, official narrative of Australia's history. But neither should there just be an interpretative view of history.

He said a core chronology of events was essential for understanding the nation's history, but there should be more beyond that.

But former PM John Howard told

Fairfax media that Mr Rudd had failed to grasp the basic concepts of the history debate.

"I can understand why he wants to move on from the debate because he clearly doesn't understand the intellectual framework of it," Mr Howard said.

"It's the opposite of what he said it was. The black-armband view was that our past was filled with unutterable shame."

As Prime Minister, Mr Howard often referred to the 'black-armband' view of history when rationalising why he did not believe in giving an apology to the Stolen Generations.

Mr Rudd's office said later the Prime Minister was using the term to refer to those who were guilty of glossing over Australia's past blemishes.



KEVIN RUDD

Insights provided in report



THE workplace is slowly improving for Indigenous Australians but there's a long way to go, according to a new report into employment initiatives.

Titled 'Engaging Aboriginal Australians in the Private Sector: A Consultative Report Into Aboriginal Employment Strategies and Initiatives', the report was compiled using the views of Aboriginal people in the corporate sector.

Key findings highlighted the need for employers to develop genuine relationships with Aboriginal people, communities and organisations, tackle racism in the workplace and focus on young people with proper training.

It was a joint report by National Australia Bank (NAB) and the Diversity Council Australia (DCA).

DCA Chief Executive Officer Nareen Young said previous reports had focussed on the employer experience, rather than what the actual Indigenous employees experienced themselves.

"As corporate Australia increases its engagement with Indigenous Australians, these important insights highlight a range of issues that companies can consider when they are working to attract, engage and retain Indigenous employees," she said.

"We hope the report will inspire corporate Australia to follow NAB's lead and take a thorough and mindful approach to creating sustainable and successful career paths for Indigenous people."

NAB head of Community Finance and Development Richard Peters said the research was essential reading for any organisations hoping to attract, engage and retain Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees.

"The consultations identified a

What people had to say

Feedback from Indigenous people included:

- Indigenous employment targets were seen as one way to address workplace under-representation, but respondents urged companies to avoid creating short-term unsustainable jobs just to meet Indigenous employment targets.

- Indigenous-specific positions were encouraged, such as school-based traineeships, to provide opportunities for entry into the job market. However, trainees need clear career pathways to avoid being 'locked in' to specific roles.

- A focus on young people is widely encouraged.

- Like all workers, the reasons Indigenous employees leave their jobs are varied. Participants indicated that employers can improve the retention of Indigenous employees by developing mentoring schemes, addressing racism in the workplace, providing cultural awareness education, keeping people employed even after any wage subsidy period ends, providing career development and progression, and enabling flexible work practices.

number of practical ideas that can help engage and build relationships with Indigenous communities, such as using informal networks to communicate job vacancies," he said.

The consultations also highlighted that while leading diversity employers have made some good progress, there is room for improvement.



NSW AHO Chairman Tom Slookee with Angela Pitts, from the NSW Federation of Housing Association, at the launch.

Material designed to help open doors



THE NSW Federation of Housing Association has launched new promotional materials designed to raise Indigenous people's awareness of mainstream community housing options. As well as a poster, there's a comic book-style brochure that tells a short story and provides contact details of local community housing providers.

Launching them in Sydney, Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) Chairman Tom Slookee said mainstream community housing had always been an option for Aboriginal people needing low-cost housing, but this was not widely known amongst the Aboriginal community.

He said because of this knowledge gap, Aboriginal households were still under-represented in the mainstream community housing sector.

"This brochure raises awareness in the Aboriginal community that there are options other than just Aboriginal housing providers, like local Aboriginal land councils," he said.

"In launching this brochure, mainstream community housing is announcing that they are a social housing option for Aboriginal people. It's an open invitation to look at this type of housing and consider if it's right for you."

The NSW Federation of Housing Association is the peak body for the community housing sector which provides affordable rental housing to people on low to moderate incomes across NSW.

Community housing is part of a broad social housing system that includes public housing and Aboriginal housing. At the moment, community housing organisations manage about 18,000 tenancies across NSW.

Over the next few years, the Federal and State governments are providing additional resources to help increase the community housing sector to about 30,000 properties.

Rev Slookee said the social housing sector was going through some exciting changes and was working more collaboratively than before. He said a few years ago community housing providers had agreed to increase the proportion of Aboriginal clients in their portfolios by developing ways of making their housing more accessible to Indigenous people, including the adoption of culturally appropriate management practices.

The brochure and poster will be distributed throughout the state to key locations such as Housing NSW offices, community centres and service providers.

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- natural and social science
- business administration
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NRM Council members are appointed by the Governor on the nomination of the Minister for Environment and Conservation, and the positions are remunerated. Members should be willing to provide approximately three to four days per month and the Presiding Member should be willing to provide approximately eight to nine days per month for their service on the NRM Council. The successful applicants will be appointed for a term ending on 29 April 2013.

The State Government's policies with regard to gender balance, cultural diversity and representation of indigenous Australians will be adhered to in the selection process. Women and Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be in writing using the application form provided, and must include a current curriculum vitae.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday, 25 September 2009.

Application forms and other relevant information can be downloaded from the following website: www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/nrm/vacancy_system/index. Alternatively, see contact details below if you would like to request an Applicant Information Pack. Completed applications should be addressed to:

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\$46m more for rangers



THE FEDERAL Government has given Indigenous ranger programs across Australia a \$46 million

funding boost to work on country. Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett visited Napranum, on Cape York, to announce the funding on 23 August.

Napranum will receive \$2.3 million over four years for its Working on Country initiative.

The project will involve training and employment of five Indigenous rangers to undertake important environmental work such as visitor management, protecting cultural sites and turtle rookeries, removing marine debris, and rehabilitating

dunes, estuaries and wetlands.

Mr Garrett said Napranum was one of 20 Working on Country projects across Australia which would employ 115 Indigenous rangers to manage land and sea country. The projects will be delivered in partnership with Indigenous communities until mid-2013.

Vital partners

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin said traditional owners were vital partners in caring for Indigenous owned land.

"Working on Country draws on the significant skills and knowledge that Indigenous people bring to land management. When traditional methods and contemporary practices are used hand in hand

you get the best results for the environment," she said.

"These projects also create economic opportunities in some of our most remote places for Indigenous people."

Mr Garrett said the establishment of Indigenous Protected Areas across the country was also a tribute to the key role of traditional owners.

"Since the concept was first championed in the early 1990s, 31 Indigenous Protected Areas have been declared in Australia covering more than 20 million hectares," he said.

"Working on Country and Indigenous Protected Areas are perfect examples of how innovative, culturally-aware, sustainable conservation can provide jobs for Indigenous people."



Federal Environment Minister Peter Garrett with rangers Peter Harper and Angela Christie, and Member for Leichhardt Jim Turnour.



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Group members after being presented with their letters of reference at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Job-seekers on the right course



A PRE-EMPLOYMENT workshop for Indigenous job-seekers in

Melbourne has been hailed a success following the completion of short courses, worksite visits and skills development.

The Skills and Employment Workshop, organised by Melbourne Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation (MAYSAR) and the Fitzroy Stars, has already resulted in one job and several possible work placements.

Twenty-four Indigenous job-seekers from across Melbourne took part in the workshop, which saw 17 completing their Construction Industry certificates enabling them to work on any building site in Australia; 16 completing the Responsible Serving of Alcohol certificates for use in the hospitality industry; and six completing Food Handling certificates.

One of the participants, Eric Edwards, has already been selected by Crown Casino in Melbourne to begin training for security work. Several other participants are also close to selection for training in the hospitality and gaming sectors of Crown Casino. Others are looking into the selection processes for entry into the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.

MAYSAR Chairperson Mick Edwards said the workshop was a success and gave the job-seekers a taste of several industries and workplaces during the week.



Workshop participants at Crown Casino in Melbourne.

"The workshop represents a first step on the pathway to meaningful employment," he said.

"All of us in the Koori community know and realise how important it is to our partners, our families, our community, and in particular ourselves, to be gainfully employed, and a contributor to society."

Impressed

Fitzroy Stars President Troy Austin said he had been impressed by the level of commitment shown by participants during the week-long workshop.

"However, the journey really starts now for the group if they aspire to a job. There is still some work to do to get some of the group job-ready, which falls on to job service providers and Koori organisations to get them to the next level," he said.

The workshop included visits to work sites such as the Metropolitan Fire Brigade in Eastern Hill, Crown Casino in South Melbourne, North Melbourne Football Club in Arden Street, Richmond Football Club in Punt Road, and a final presentation of letters of reference at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Industry and organisation partners included Brotherhood of St Laurence, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, North Melbourne Football Club, Richmond Football Club, Indigenous Education Centre, AFL Sportsready, Victoria Police, Ambulance Victoria, Crown Casino, Department of Justice, Centrelink, Department of Environment, and the City of Yarra.

A Koori Job Club will operate in coming weeks at MAYSAR in Fitzroy, which will build on areas such as resume writing, working through photo ID processes, and helping job-seekers to get their driver's licence.



REV WALTER FEJO

Fejo to become roving minister



REVEREND Walter Fejo will soon be visiting Aboriginal communities in South Australia as a roving

minister for the Uniting Church.

Rev Fejo has recently been appointed to the Patrol Ministry of Frontier Services, which is a charity and agency of the church.

It provides aged care, health and community services in outback Australia, and was founded in 1912 by the Rev John Flynn, who is pictured on the \$20 note.

In his new role, Rev Fejo will travel around the upper north areas of South Australia, visiting Aboriginal communities.

Originally from the Larrakia Nation, Rev Fejo is a former principal of the Nungalinga College in Darwin and has also worked as a prison chaplain.

As a patrol minister, he is one of 22 ministers who travel to stations and remote communities and families to provide practical and pastoral support.

The role is very fluid in the different ways the ministers work and support the community.

The Mobile Aboriginal Patrol is based in Port Augusta and covers most of the upper north of South Australia.

Rev Fejo said he was looking forward to the new challenge.

"I am looking forward to working with the communities to address some of the issues they face," he said.

"I would like to assist the communities in planning ahead so that positive change can occur."

Frontier Services Associate National Director David Thiem said Rev Fejo's experience in education and pastoral care was the perfect fit for his position with the Mobile Aboriginal Patrol.

"We are delighted to welcome him to the organisation and believe he can make a real difference to the community in South Australia where he will be working," Mr Thiem said.

Rev Fejo will be officially inducted into the role on 20 September.



The Top Western Boys dancers from Boigu and Saibai islands in the Torres Strait.



The Djarragan College dancers from Murray, Yam, Mabuiag and Boigu Islands.



Coralie George with her daughter Tyrese George, 6, and Leshanti Rusty, 5, all from Camooweal and Michelle Gallagher, 12, from Doomadgee.

Festival feast of culture

By ALF WILSON



ORGANISERS of the 15th Townsville Cultural Fest have praised the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities who had by far the highest participation of any culture at this year's event.

More than 80,000 people from many cultures and from as far away as Camooweal, Mount Isa, Perth and Doomadgee were at Townsville's Strand Park from 12-16 August for the fest.

The celebratory event was organised by the Townsville Intercultural Centre in partnership with the Townsville City Council.

Activities included hula extravaganzas, mega drumming circles, the Global Village, ZincFM's Q150 Tropigo Street Carnival,

Bollywood night and the Cultural Fest Idol competition, while arts and crafts and foods stalls and displays packed the park and adjacent beachfront.

Fest organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri said the Indigenous community supported the event in a massive way.

The Koori Mail estimates that as many as 15,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people took part in the Fest, which recognised the late Indigenous singer Tonky Logan with a cup named in his honour for the Idol competition.

On day one, Associate Professor Gracelyn Smallwood welcomed guests to country and renowned didgeridoo player William Barton entertained on stage.

During the carnival, Djarragan College dancers from Murray, Yam, Mabuiag and Boigu Islands and Top Western Boys dancers from Boigu and Saibai islands all performed on the beach.



The Horopes at their stall.



Weipa women Jacqui Madua and Katrina Madua at the gate to the fest.



From left, Moira Tapau, King of the Global Village Aicey Day and William Tapau, 14.



The Logohou Cultural Group dancers took part in the Townsville festival.



From left, Miguel Love, (Mt Isa), Nathaniel Walsh (Palm Island), Malcolm Murray (Townsville) and Lyle Hill (Cherbourg) were there.

Darnley's Millianna has a ball — of sorts

By ALF WILSON



DARNLEY Islander Millianna Davey is proud of a ball she has handcrafted from coconut palm leaves, and believes it could be the largest one made by a Torres Strait Islander person. The 68-year-old proudly displayed her creation — which is 30cm (12 inches) in diameter and required 10 leaves to create — at her Erub craft stall during last month's Townsville Cultural Fest.

"I haven't seen a bigger one than this in the Torres Strait islands. Everybody has been looking at it," she said, obviously chuffed.

Ms Davey explained that most such balls were the size of those used in tennis or cricket.

"They're filled with small stones and used to play rounders or vigoro," she said.

But Ms Davey's is bigger than a basketball and, given that it is square, its creator doubts that it could be used in any sport.



Darnley Islander Millianna Davey with her creation at the Townsville Cultural Fest in north Queensland.

"I crafted it to take to schools and talk about our culture," she said.

Big things are no stranger to Ms Davey, who recently donated another interesting object to the Townsville Museum.

Giant rock foot

More than 20 years ago when her husband Richard was a fettler and ganger

with Queensland Railways at Marathon in outback Queensland, she discovered a rock which resembled a giant foot from a dinosaur or some other prehistoric animal with five toes at its front.

"It was all of rocks and really looked like a Big Foot from an animal for the prehistoric era," she said.

Ms Davey's find made front-page news in local media at the time but she

kept the big foot for almost two decades before donating it to the museum.

"I found it whilst walking at Marathon in the bush and kept it for all those years until I decided to give it to science," she said. For now, though, Ms Davey is keen to hear from anybody who may have crafted a bigger palm ball.

"There may be one, but I don't know about it," she said.

Weipa gets festive

Didgeridoo competition a highlight



DIDGERIDOO players from throughout Australia will battle it out for \$1000 first prize in a competition expected to be one

of the highlights of the inaugural Weipa Fest from 18-20 September.

The Fest is being organised by the local Malaruch Aboriginal Indigenous Corporation and is expected to attract visitors from around the country. The theme is 'Land and Sea, You and Me' at Rocky Point.

Assisting the corporation with organisation is the Townsville Intercultural Centre, whose boss, Dr Farvardin Daliri, spoke enthusiastically about the didgeridoo competition.

"We invite didgeridoo players from everywhere to be involved and we expect they will come from near and far," he told *The Koori Mail*.

Already didgeridoo players from Weipa, Napranum, Mapoon, Aurukun, Kowanyama, Coen, Lockhart River, Pormpuraaw and



Weipa Festival organiser Dr Farvardin Daliri with Katrina (left) and Jacqui Madua.

as far away as Cairns and Townsville have indicated they'll compete.

The Weipa Fest has been modelled on the Townsville Cultural Fest, which was held last month and attracted more than 80,000 people.

A large totem will be unveiled

at the official opening ceremony on Friday, 18 September, and there'll be a parade showcasing all the totems in a form of large lantern carried to the sounds of didgeridoo, sticks and drums.

Organisers say there will be lots of traditional food for sale, craft stalls, campfire story-telling

and dance. And the alcohol- and tobacco-free event will feature a youth hip-hop dance.

The event is being supported by the Weipa Township Authority. Malaruch Aboriginal Indigenous Corporation representatives Jackie and Katrina Madua were special

guests at the 15th Townsville Cultural Fest, and gathered lots of tips for their own event.

"We learnt all about running such a festival and did some of the preparation work to see what pressure is involved in such an event," Jackie said.

— By ALF WILSON



Women's resource centre issues an open invitation



THE Lismore Women's Resource Centre is open for business and local Indigenous women

and families are more than welcome to utilise its services.

An Indigenous Women's Group, 'Rekindle the Spirit', will operate out of the centre in the northern NSW city.

Project Officer Danielle Notara said the new centre in Lismore's Woodlark Street, would provide

women with a central contact point, where they could come together in a confidential and empowering environment to access resources and seek referrals.

Staff aim to assist clients in making informed decisions on matters such as domestic violence, health, finances, legal and children's issues.

"We are a one-stop shop essentially, and want to welcome all women," Ms Notara said.

The Lismore Women's

Resource Centre is open from Monday to Thursday. Support workers will be at the Lismore Shopping Square today and Friday to talk with women about what they would like to see the service doing in the community.

● **PICTURED LEFT: Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell, left, with the Chair of the Northern Rivers Women and Children's Service Inc Management Committee Gwen Hickling at the recent opening of the resource centre.**

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(Damian played the part of Vaughn in Beneath Clouds 2002)



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Agenda

1. Cultural Significance of Lot 217 DP: 48786 and Lot DP: 729758
2. Disposal of the Lot 217 DP: 48786 and Part of Lot 206 DP: 729758
3. Only Karuah LALC "Voting Members" can vote **Proposed Motion:**
 1. That the members of Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council determine that the Lot 217 DP: 48786 and Lot 206 DP: 729758 are not of Cultural significance to Aboriginals of that area and should be disposed of.
 2. The members of the Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council authorize the Board under Karuah LALC common seal of any document required to give effect to the sale.

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Gordon has a vital role

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



'BLACKIE' Gordon knows that Aboriginal people have always known how to take care of country. It is, he says, how they survived thousands of years on the land.

And he is heartened that mainstream organisations are utilising the wealth of Aboriginal expertise to be had.

Mr Gordon is the Aboriginal Community Support Officer for the Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA), which operates in western NSW, and is also undertaking a Natural and Cultural Resource Management degree with Batchelor Institute.

His role with the CMA is to help ensure Aboriginal knowledge of country is not only kept on the agenda, but to liaise between the local Indigenous community and the organisation.

"What we are trying to do is promote Aboriginal cultural heritage and what it can do to help protect the land," Mr Gordon said. "It's all about caring for country and learning from the traditional owners. The knowledge that Aboriginal people have saw them looking after the land for thousands of years."

Mr Gordon isn't acting alone. The Western CMA has an



Western CMA Aboriginal Community Support Officer 'Blackie' Gordon at the Old Brewarrina Mission Wetland, which is being restored by the Ngemba Billabong Restoration and Landcare Group using funding from the High Conservation Value program.

Aboriginal Reference Advisory Group of 23 traditional owners and Elders who meet four times a year to give their perspective of what should and shouldn't be done on the land.

Mr Gordon said the trend towards Aboriginal consultation in matters of the environment and heritage showed a positive shift in working relationships between the Indigenous community and others.

He said the CMA offered a host of programs with the potential to protect areas of high conservation value including

cultural heritage sites.

One such program is the 2009 Incentive Program.

The CMA is asking catchment residents who think they have land of high conservation or cultural value to contact the office to learn more about the funding that may be available.

Last year, Wirrabilla station, near Collarenebri, received funding to protect an area on the property of cultural significance to the Kamilaroi people. The Wetland had scarred trees, occupation sites, implements, hearth sites and middens.

Hopevale kids on reggae CD



CHILDREN from Hopevale on Cape York feature on a new reggae, roots and culture CD launched on Saturday.

The song about their home town was recorded by Brisbane-based recording label, Dubwise, after workshops in Hopevale between March and May.

The workshops were organised by the Champion Sound group, a youth engagement and community

development organisation based around reggae music and Jamaican sound system culture.

The Champion Sound crew visited Hopevale after being booked by AFL Cape York to engage the children in weekend activities.

As a result of the workshops, the Hopevale children laid down the vocals for their track, which was later mixed in Brisbane.

Their song Hopevale celebrates the joys of living in tropical Queensland and their hopes for the future.

It features alongside tracks by Jamaican singer Junior Murvin, and Dee Kay, a Kamilaraay producer and artist.

The album also features Daddy Freddy, who was formerly listed in the the Guinness Book of Records as the world's fastest rapper.

The album – the first in the Champion Sound Sampler series – was officially released at the Brisbane Multicultural Arts Centre on Saturday evening.

For more information, visit www.championsound.com.au



At the official preview screening in Sydney last week of the movie *Stone Bros* were, from left, Thara and Kween G, Lola Forester and Kate Munro, Kim and Jeff McMullen and Vanessa Cavanagh and Jodi Orcher.

Film a rib-tickler

By SOLUA MIDDLETON
in Sydney

RICHARD Frankland's new film *Stone Bros* is being flagged as Australia's first Aboriginal comedy.

And it will have you cracking up until the end.

Eddie, played by Luke Carroll, and Charlie, played by Leon Burchill, may be cousins, but they are very different on the surface.

Eddie struggles to come to terms with his lighter-coloured skin and is hungry for culture and a sense of belonging.

In sharp contrast Charlie is a seemingly careless and confident, selfish party boy.

But peel away the layers and you soon discover he's also a man connected to country and his cousin Eddie.

The film's title is a play on words... while marijuana is a strong theme of the film, where the characters spend much of their screen time stoned, it's also the story of two cousins connected to country and the return of a stone symbolising that journey.

There's many laughs along the way but, beneath the humour, writer and director Richard Frankland tackles many issues relevant to Aboriginal identity.

Among the film's themes are racism, identity, reverse racism and drugs... but the strongest is to choose culture over drugs.

Frankland was disappointed when the film received a Mature



From left, *Stone Bros* actors Luke Carroll, Valentino Del Toro and Leon Burchill with writer-director Richard Frankland.

Audiences 15+ (strong drug use) rating from the Classification Board.

However, Federal Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor last week ordered a review of the decision and the film-maker says he now hopes that 'commonsense prevails and the film gets the rating it deserves'.

The film's distributor, Australian Film Syndicate, is seeking an M rating, arguing the film is not about drug use but the futility of it.

Frankland told *The Koori Mail* there was definitely something for young people to take away from this film.

He says *Stone Bros* is a journey film of courage and

'reclaiming who you are'.

And to pull off his vision, he needed the right actors.

"Luke had the qualities that I was looking for in Eddie... In fact he took Eddie to new heights – heights I didn't think were possible," Frankland said.

Zaniness

"And Leon brought another zaniness to Charlie and his character just grew. My only concern was how they were going to get on and lock in 'cos we need to see that brotherly love. And they did, which we see on the screen. They grabbed these roles, they owned the journey and they took me on a journey.

"As a director I really just sat back and spun the wheel, once they claimed their characters they owned them."

Joining Carroll and Burchill in the film is David Page who plays Regina, Eddie's cross-dressing cousin who aspires to be the next Koori Idol.

Page's portrayal of Regina is tender and convincing.

There is also the hitch-hiker, Vinnie, who is played by Valentino Del Toro. He's also on a journey of self-discovery, but he's Italian rather than Aboriginal.

Frankland said his favourite part of the film was to hear 500 people giggling throughout the movie.

In fact, he even makes it a point before the screening to tell people to empty their bladders because they 'will wet themselves laughing'.

Frankland wrote the film 15 years ago at a time when he says there were only sad stories about Indigenous Australia.

But he has been encouraged by the films *Samson and Delilah*, *Bran Nue Dae* and his own film that Indigenous film-makers have an exciting future.

"With Aboriginal film-makers we're in a position where we just won't see stories of a tragedy which our people live," he said.

"What we are seeing now is a reflection of us as we are... and it's not just the tragedy. We're funny, we've got the action stories and more.

"I really believe the renaissance of Indigenous film-making that began with the Australian Film Commission is going to impact across the world.

"I think the next wave of film-makers to take Europe by storm, the next major mob will be Indigenous Australians.

"I think we will be in a position where we can negotiate big film accords with European companies and I am very excited by this.

"Actors like Leon Burchill, Luke Carroll and David Page are going to be very world famous and this is just the beginning. I think that we have a long way to go but we are rapidly heading down that path."

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Lisa Michl in front of her artwork.



Torres Strait Islander George Nona beside his work.



Queensland Premier Anna Bligh with artists Rosella Namok and Samantha Hobson at the Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.

Event wins praise



THE inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair (CIAF) has been declared a huge success, with more than 10,000 people flocking to the event and more

than \$500,000 worth of art sold.

The three-day art fair and performance festival far exceeded organisers' expectations.

Presented by Arts Queensland, CIAF attracted more than 32 stall holders and work by 150 Queensland artists. It boasted a program packed with events, performances, workshops and artists' talks.

And it looks as if it will now become a regular event.

Premier and Arts Minister Anna Bligh opened the fair, which attracted collectors and buyers from across the world and Australia along with thousands of people from Cairns and surrounding regions.

"It was inspiring to see established artists such as Judy Watson and Vernon Ah Kee showing work alongside those finding new and exciting ways to work in the art world, such as the Kuku Yalanji in Mossman Gorge or the Giringun weavers now working in ceramics," Ms Bligh said.

"We set out to create a new model with CIAF, creating an exciting and inspiring event that would bring important economic benefits for Indigenous artists and those working in the sector, as well as the region's cultural, tourism and hospitality sectors.

"(The fair) has succeeded in doing this with excellent attendance figures and sales well into six figures."

Ms Bligh said key works had also been reserved by two leading national art institutions. Accompanied by Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley and Elder Thanakupi (Thancoupie), the Premier was amongst more than 750 people who watched the opening smoking ceremony.

The capacity crowd were then treated to performances by the Aurukun Songmen and Dancers and Kulkal Baba (Blooded feather) before Ricardo Idagi (aka King Kadu) took to the stage.

The following night, the festival concert Bipperra Kymel attracted a sold-out crowd, with Will Kepa, King Kadu, Christine Anu and Zennith drawing applause.

CIAF Director Michael Snelling was elated with the result.

"Not only have the local community supported the event by coming to see the exhibition, the children's art station, dancers and the musicians, they have also bought a considerable amount of work," he said.

A number of unsigned artists were snapped up by galleries looking for new talent, and several early and mid-career artists such as Lisa Michl, George Nona, Laurie Nilsen and Tony Albert reportedly benefitted from national and international exposure offered by the fair.

Dancers

The performance program included Saibai Island (Torres Strait) dance troupes Ariw Poenipan and Kulkal Baba (Blooded Feather), Badu Island dancers Lagaw Titui, Aboriginal groups Aurukun Songmen and Dancers, Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji (Cairns) and the Mornington Island Dancers.

Cairns-based cultural group Djakapurra Munyarryun Dancers also appeared with local trad-modern dance troupe Baiwa performing a series of dances from the Torres Strait.

Art dealers who attended CIAF said the event bought sales and attendances beyond their expectations and many had made new customers internationally and in far north Qld.

"One of the important things is that we did not release any of the work we had at CIAF before opening night because we wanted genuine sales and we got them," Australian Commercial Galleries Association president Beverly Knight said.

"All of the sales were to people who visited the fair."

CIAF ended on 21 August with a closing ceremony led by traditional owner Seith Fourmile and a performance by local dance troupe Gimuy Walubarra Yidinji.

CIAF is part of the Queensland Government's 'Backing Indigenous Arts' program.

Cairns Indigenous Art Fair



A capacity crowd filled the Tanks Arts Centre for the official opening of the inaugural Cairns Indigenous Art Fair.



Artists Arone Meeks and Judy Watson.



Artist Tony Albert at his studio booth.
All photos by David Campbell Photography



Johnno and King Kadu on stage at the opening event.



Aurukun songmen and dancers perform at the opening event.



Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, left, with artist Lorna Shuan, Minister Desley Boyle and designer Linda Jackson.



Kulkal Baba (Blooded Feather) performs at the opening event.



● ABOVE: The galleries were kept busy at CIAF, where more than \$500,000 worth of art was sold over the three days.

● RIGHT: Artist Samantha Hobson beside her artwork at the Cairns fair.



Sandra McLean and Jenuarrie from Arts Queensland share a joke with Thanakupi (in wheelchair).

People have art choice



ART lovers have until 5pm this Sunday, 13 September, to vote for their favourite entry in this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and

Torres Strait Islander Art Award in Darwin. The People's Choice Award winner will be announced the following week.

More than 15,000 people have visited at the Museum and Art Gallery

of the Northern Territory since the art awards opened on 14 August, and more than 600 votes have already been counted.

For the first time those who can't make it to the exhibition can view works online and cast a vote for their favourite in a separate online competition. Online voting closes on Sunday 25 October. To view and vote in the online People's Choice Award go to www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

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From left, Erica Kerr, 15, Rehannon Pompey, 13, Tasha Nelson, 14, and Monty Pompey with their 'Little Black Books'.

Qld students now authors

Story and photos by
Townsville Correspondent
ALF WILSON



YOUNG Indigenous writers from Aurukun and Townsville had their work showcased

when 12 'Little Black Books' were launched last week at Townsville's Garbutt State School.

Written and illustrated by kids for kids, the set of books are all the work of Indigenous students and young people.

A number of students from Garbutt State School, Townsville's Heatley Secondary College, and Aurukun community took part in a series of workshops facilitated by staff at Black Ink Press, Townsville's Indigenous publisher, a few years back.

From these, 12 were chosen for production – six from Garbutt, three from Heatley and three from Aurukun.

They were:
Heatley Books by students at Heatley Secondary College, Townsville:

- *The Day My Yummy Went Missing* (Graeme Owens)
- *Fishing Time in the Banana Boat* (Jesse Mooney),
- *When I was in The Bush* (Shannon Summer Phillips).

Garbutt Books by students at Garbutt Primary School Townsville:

- *Disaster Camping* (Monty Pompey)
- *Watch out for Cars* (Bruce Nelson)
- *My Fishing Adventure* (David Inkerman)
- *Trip To Cairns* (Erica Kerr)
- *Smashing Auntie Kathy's Car* (Rehannon Pompey)
- *My Holiday at Balgal*



Black Ink Press's Jeanie Adams with some of the books.

Beach (Tasha Nelson).

Aurukun Books by youth at Aurukun Community, Cape York Peninsula:

- *Two in a boat Boatang mo 'pull* (Steve Yunkaporta)
- *Spearing Crabs* (Brent Wolmby)
- *Catching Fish Minh ga 'an Wichan* (Venita Korkaktain).

At the launch, Jenny Wyles welcomed guests to country on behalf of the Bindal people and the Wulgurukaba mob. North Queensland Cowboys players Donald Malone and Ben Henaway were special guests at the launch.

Four of the authors, Erica Kerr, 15, Rehannon Pompey, 13, Tasha Nelson, 14, and Monty Pompey spoke to *The Koori Mail* and were enthusiastic about the project.

"It was very exciting being part of it," said Erica.

Two of the books are in Wik Mungkan, the language spoken at Aurukun, as well as in English.

The workshop process at Aurukun and Townsville provided a means for the young aspiring writers to discover their ability. Publication of their books was made possible by the sponsorship of TEAR Australia (Transformation,

Empowerment, Advocacy, Relief), which encourages Indigenous students to read and write. Workshops were also supported by various Queensland Government agencies.

Black Ink Press co-ordinator Jeanie Adams said it was good to finally see the books come to life.

"We have taken a risk in publishing these, but when they see them we're sure children will be inspired by the words of other children," she said.

"I am confident that it will encourage other writers and illustrators of all ages to become more creative."

The launch coincided with Literacy Week which started the next day, and many books were bought at the launch.

The books will be available for purchase as a set or individually.

For further information, contact Jeanie, Topsy, Sylvia or Lisa at Black Ink Press on (07) 4773 5077 or email projects@blackinkpress.com.au

Black Ink Press is a part of Congress Community Development and Education Unit (CCDEU) Ltd, an initiative of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress.

History books in awards territory



A COLLABORATION between the Marika family and the Museum and Art Gallery of

the Northern Territory has resulted in the first Indigenous art publication to focus on one significant ancestral site, Yalangbara (Port Bradshaw).

The book, *Yalangbara: art of the Djang'kawu*, has now been short-listed as one of two finalists vying for the 2009 Chief Minister's NT History Book Award. The other finalist is *Lives of the Papunya Tula Artists*, by Vivien Johnson, which celebrates 50,000 years of culture, covering half a million square kilometres of country across five deserts.

NT Library Assistant Director Research and Collections Diana Richards said the Chief Minister's NT History Book Award was presented annually to the author of a published book that related to NT history.

She said seven entries were received this year for the award and the 'exceptionally high standard' of the two finalists particularly impressed the judges.

Awards

Meanwhile, the Territory's best poems, short stories and essays have been whittled down to 22 finalists from more than 200 entries received in the 2009 NT Literary Awards.

The two finalists in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Writer's Award category are Joy Cardona, for *The Buffalo Shooter*, and Elen Maria Pocock, for *Hello Sally*.

Ms Richards said the selection panel was made up of 15 judges including interstate publishers, international authors, local journalists and academics.

"The Literary Awards, established in 1984 to recognise significant contributions to the NT's literature culture, offer Territory writers an industry-recognised award and is a great asset to a writer's career," she said.

"The NT Library is proud to act as custodian of these awards. We endeavour to cultivate a prosperous creative writing industry in the Territory, and aim to inspire a new generation of writers."

The winners of the 2009 NT Literary Awards and the 2009 Chief Minister's NT History Book Award will be announced at a ceremony held in Parliament House Friday, 9 October.



Evan Wilfred, Benjamin Wilfred, Wesley Wilfred and Daniel Wilfred with Paul Grabowsky.

Wagilak music, dance on show

By TODD CONDIE in Melbourne



A CROSS-CULTURAL collaboration between a Northern Territory community and the Australian Art Orchestra wowed audiences in Melbourne recently, combining ancient Aboriginal musical traditions with contemporary jazz improvisations.

The Young Wagilak Group, from the Ngukurr community in Arnhem Land and led by Benjamin Wilfred, and the Australian Art Orchestra, led by Paul Grabowsky, presented a fusion of traditional Wagilak music and dance with Western jazz in a performance at the newly-opened Melbourne Recital Hall.

The hour-long event, *Crossing Roper Bar*, was performed to a backdrop of Indigenous artworks by Ngukurr residents displayed on a massive screen. Performers were Wagilak men Benjamin Wilfred, Evan Wilfred, Wesley Wilfred and Daniel Wilfred.

The Young Wagilak Group relayed through song, dance, clapsticks and yidaki (didgeridoo) the story of Djupalwarra, ancestor of Nilipidji, who traverses the land gathering and making things for survival such as 'gara' – spear, 'galpu' – spear-thrower, 'galpan' – woven basket, and 'malga' – string bag.

The song cycle also includes stages of purification, 'wata' – wind, and, a farewell song, 'birrkpirrk' – plover.

The story had been passed down to Benjamin by his grandfather, Djambu Barra Barra, who was a senior ceremonial man and renowned artist.

As Benjamin said at a music forum at Federation Hall, part of the Victorian College of the Arts: "My grandpa's spirit is with me always, and I want to share my culture with you."

The Wagilak collaborated with the Australian Art Orchestra, which featured Paul Grabowsky on piano and keyboard, Tony Hicks on reeds, Stephen Magnusson on guitar, Philip Rex on double bass, Niko Schauble on drums, and Erkki Veltheim on violin, to create a fusion of traditions.



Wesley Wilfred, Daniel Wilfred, Evan Wilfred, and Benjamin Wilfred, at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

Paul Grabowsky, a well-respected artistic director, piano player and AAO founder, said the members of the Young Wagilak Group were some of the finest musicians he had ever worked with.

"When they perform, there's a power in the room or venue, and the music is staggering in its complexity," he said.

"Most of the music they play has a rhythmic base which is unique to this community. These guys represent a musical culture of indefinite age, and is part of the oldest continuous performing tradition in the world."

Grabowsky and several other musicians from Melbourne have travelled to Ngukurr since 2004, developing and refining the concept of *Crossing Roper Bar*.

Last year it was toured for three weeks from Darwin to Perth via Broome, and involved performances, workshops and community collaborations in regional locations such as Katherine, Kununurra, Warmun,

Wangkatjungka and Beagle Bay.

As Grabowsky said in an interview in *Rhythms Magazine*, the title, 'Crossing Roper Bar', itself stands as a metaphor.

"Roper Bar is a place where you can cross over the Roper River in the dry season to come into the Ngukurr community. We've used it as metaphor for bridging the two languages that we speak," he said.

"There are no pre-conceived ideas about how the work should go, and from the beginning it has been a case of sitting down, learning the Manikay (song cycles) and working things through."

Crossing Roper Bar is being developed into a studio album and may be toured overseas.

The performance and a music forum held earlier in the day was an initiative of the Australian Art Orchestra and the National Recording Project for Indigenous Performance in Australia, and organised by Lyndon Ormond-Parker, and Caroline Darke.

Poet tells his story

By MARGARET SMITH

MORE than 100 people gathered at Redfern's Community Centre in Sydney to hear the poems of political activist Lionel Fogarty.

The Red Room Company chose Brisbane-based Fogarty as the fourth poet to profile in their series celebrating outstanding poets because of his bold use of language and strong message-based work.

The audience included broadcaster and singer Marlene Cummins, activists, poets, local residents, and sponsors of the Red Room including James Fairfax who sits on the board of Fairfax newspapers.

Aunty Sylvia Scott gave a welcome to country before Red Room Artistic Director Johana Featherstone spoke, telling the audience that Fogarty had shown a great commitment to tell his people's stories and history through poems for more than 30 years.

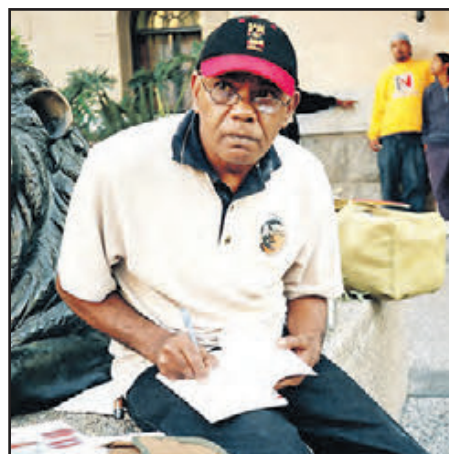
The audience was then mesmerised by a presentation that lasted 90 minutes in which Fogarty told his story of how a young mission boy grew into an angry young man and a poet, forced to confront the major issues facing Indigenous Australians.

Born on Cherbourg Aboriginal Reserve, Qld, in 1958, Fogarty revealed how the mission changed his people's life, though he remained 'proud to come from Cherbourg ... and to know that my people belong to the Yugambeh area south of Brisbane as well as I belong to the Kujjela people of north Queensland'.

But he was forced to work as a child 'and at nine-years-old, we were cheap labour'.



Poet and political activist Lionel Fogarty at the Sydney reading.
Photo by ONUR KARAOZBEK



Lionel Fogarty signing a book in Brisbane.

"Some of us children started rebelling and when I was 15 we ran away and jumped a train for Brisbane," he said.

Despite the hardship that followed, Fogarty joked with the audience as he told of how they camped out in the parks and under the Palace Hotel, where he was amazed to meet all these young 'Born Free' black activists.

"They were talking about revolution, but I didn't know what the word meant," he said.

Still, Fogarty admits he learnt quickly and when he was 17, he and Denis Walker were arrested and charged with conspiracy when they tried to raise money for Aboriginal causes.

"A long political campaign followed and we travelled all over the country," he said.

"I was eventually let off on a legal technicality."

Writing poetry helped him make sense of all the events and to find his own political voice.

He became involved in the land rights movement and the Tent Embassy in

Canberra, where he met Gary Foley, Billie Craigie, and the Munros.

In his poem *Pay the Rent*, he wrote:

*Like the Embassy of the tent
This isn't Black supremacy
It's Black intelligence
So its time to pay the rent'*

Fogarty told the audience his life changed again when his younger brother Daniel Yock died in police custody in Brisbane during 1993. He became involved in the deaths in custody cause and, to this day, is committed to bringing justice to all those who've suffered.

The author said he writes some of his poems in Bundjalung language 'because it's so important that we keep language alive for our culture and for our children'.

At the end of his talk, Fogarty read poems from his new book *Yerrabilela Jimbelung – Poems about friends and family*, which was published by Keeaira Press and includes his ironic *Fair Skinned Abo*:

*I mightn't chase emus
But I'm Black
You may think I'm a half-caste
But I'm Black
That's right, Black
Black to the Bone*

Afterwards, James Fairfax told *The Koori Mail* that Fogarty was an exceptional poet. And fellow activist Jenny Munro said she had always been inspired by Fogarty and was now writing her own political poems.

● **Lionel Fogarty's two most recent poetry books, as well as other Aboriginal titles, can be obtained from www.kpress.com.au**

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\$7000 injection for Tamworth festival Indigenous showcase



THE fostering of up-and-coming talent through the Aboriginal Cultural Showcase at the Tamworth Country Music Festival has been given a \$7000 boost by the NSW Government.

Announcing the funding in Tamworth last month, State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the showcase organising committee would expand the program to include workshops for performers and other informal events where festival-goers could interact with the artists.

"The showcase is an opportunity to unearth local talent at Australia's biggest country music festival," he said.

"It is a nurturing ground for Aboriginal musical and artistic talent while promoting the diversity of Aboriginal culture to tens of thousands of people."

Loren Ryan, who performed at the announcement, said the showcase had opened doors for her and helped attract more bookings.

"I was also thrilled to be walking down Peel Street the other day and hear Johnny Huckle recognise me and call out to me," she said.

Country music festival performer Rod Dowsett said the showcase had deepened his understanding of Aboriginal people.



Loren Ryan and Buddy Knox performed at the funding announcement in Tamworth last month and spoke about the impact of the Cultural Showcase.

"Through the showcase, I have been transformed by the exposure to Aboriginal culture and the performers," he said.

Tamworth MP Christine Robertson said next year's showcase would feature the Gala Concert in the new 400-seat Capitol Theatre.

"More than 50,000 people from across Australia and overseas attended this year's country music festival," she said.

"The showcase is a great opportunity for artists to demonstrate their talent and celebrate Australia's proud Aboriginal culture."



Keringke artists, from left, Patricia Wallace, 'MW' and Kathleen Wallace.

20 big years for art centre



THREE generations of Eastern Arrernte families last week celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Keringke Art Centre at the central Australian community of Santa Teresa, 80kms south-east of Alice Springs.

Since its inception, about 200 Eastern Arrernte artists have been involved in the centre, which has overseen the growth of one of the most distinctive art styles in central Australian Aboriginal art.

Exhibitions of Keringke art have been held nationwide and abroad.

In the past decade the centre, which grew out of a nine-week fabric painting course, has generated more than \$2 million worth of sales, contributing to the livelihoods of two-thirds of all Santa Teresa households.

The 20-year anniversary also marked the launch of renowned Eastern Arrernte painter Kathleen Kemarre Wallace's biographical book *Listen Deeply, let these stories in*, which features more than 200 illustrations and includes an audio CD with seven traditional stories told by Ms Wallace in Eastern Arrernte language.

Local women enjoyed their first exhibition at the Australian Bicentennial Craft Show in 1988, and the purpose-built Keringke Art Centre opened in 1989.

The centre is especially known for its vigorous use of colour in painting designs for a range of modern-day objects, including ceramic bowls, vases, chairs, tables, carved artefacts and, more recently, life-size mannequins and musical instruments.

Instrumental in helping to set up the centre, Kathleen Wallace said that 20 years on it was exactly how they always wanted it to be.

"I think many Arrernte at Ltyentye Apurte are proud of this place," she said.

"Even if they don't make art here, they are proud Keringke has been going for 20 years and that it is still in the hands of some of the first artists to work here, along with the next generation.

"Our children are the ones who now do the jobs we used to do – but they have more skills than we had, with computers, writing, talking to all sorts of people, selling – they do all of this and they still make art as well!

"It is wonderful to watch this place grow and go through its bursts of energy. Seeing the generational changeover is exciting and I am absolutely in awe of the way younger Arrernte are managing the systems surrounding them and controlling their decisions and lives, with such strength and generosity.

"Over and over again I can see their sense of identity and pride."



Author Kathleen Wallace with singer/songwriter Paul Kelly, who launched her book *Listen Deeply, let these stories in* as part of the 20th anniversary of Keringke Art Centre in Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa), central Australia. The book was written with Judy Lovell and published by Alice Springs-based Indigenous publishers IAD Press.



Samson & Delilah director Warwick Thornton with the two lead actors, Rowan McNamara (Samson) and Marissa Gibson (Delilah).

Samson & Delilah just keeps on its winning way

DIRECTOR Warwick Thornton's much-acclaimed film *Samson & Delilah* just keeps winning awards.

The film tells the love story of two Aboriginal teenagers living in a community outside Alice Springs wracked by violence, substance abuse, poverty and boredom.

The film received the major AWGIE award for the most outstanding Australian script of the year at the 42nd Annual Australian Writers' Guild AWGIE awards on 28 August. It was also awarded the AWGIE for Original Feature Film.

Guild President Tim Pye said the AWGIE Awards were a time to acknowledge the vital contribution made by Australian performance writers 'to our sense of cultural identity'.

"The calibre of the work for screen, theatre and radio that has been recognised demonstrates that Australian writers are among the best in the world," he said.

The previous day, *Samson and Delilah* won the \$25,000 Kate Challis RAKA Award, presented for best script by an Indigenous writer.

Gala event

The award was presented at a gala event held as part of the Melbourne Writers' Festival on 27 August.

The judges praised it as 'one of the most important scripts to be produced in Australian film history'.

The award from the University of Melbourne's Australian Centre in the Faculty of Arts was made available through the generosity of art and cultural historian Professor Emeritus Bernard Smith.

He established the prize to honour the memory of his late wife, Kate Challis, who was known in her youth as Ruth Adeney (RAKA is an acronym for the Ruth Adeney Koori Award).

In their summary, the judges noted Thornton's 'brilliant use of cyclical time to create a highly original and compelling narrative that provides a voice to children at the centre of ongoing struggles in the Northern Territory'.

"Great dramatic tension between the two main characters and an innovative mix of dialogue and other forms of communication create a powerful intimacy punctuated by moments of violence and conflict," they said.

The judges also highly commended Beck Cole's *Plains Empty*.

They remarked on the original use of the ghost story to provide a format for considering colonial violence against Aboriginal women.



Aboriginal actor Trevor Jamieson is also well known for *Ngapartji Ngapartji*, his own story that is now a major theatre production.

Daylight to burn across the nation



Aboriginal actor Trevor Jamieson performs in *Burning Daylight*.



A LONE Aboriginal cowboy blows into town and pearl fishermen take to the sea. Add to that cracking

whips, high-energy 'Broome-style' karaoke and geishas performing ancient ceremonies and you have the multimedia and dance production *Burning Daylight*, set to hit the stage at the end of October.

Presented by contemporary theatre company Marrugeku, the production will start in Broome and head to Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart on a national tour from 28 October to 28 November.

It comes two years after the production toured across Switzerland, coming full circle back to its home base.

Burning Daylight was researched and created in Broome and explores a complex community with a unique history of cultural relations between the local Aboriginal people and immigrant Japanese, Chinese and Malay communities.

The performance is set late one night outside a notorious pub on a karaoke night, and follows the characters until dawn the next day. A series of contemporary dance scenes

unfold expressing the friction, local humour and cultural collision in the streets at night in the part of Broome known as 'the Bronx'.

Director Rachael Swain said she was inspired by the depiction of Broome at the turn of the 20th century as an 'Asian Wild West'.

"We are really exploring the intergenerational ghosts that haunt the young people in Broome now," she said.

Love stories

Burning Daylight also features karaoke videos from award-winning director Warwick Thornton. The multi-screen short films explore classic interracial love stories set as Westerns against the backdrop of the racist government policy from the 1930s to the 1950s.

Indigenous actor Trevor Jamieson is one of the leading performers, having spent the past several years developing and co-creating his own story, now a major theatre production. *Ngapartji Ngapartji* has been featured in the major Indigenous cultural festivals throughout the country.

Jamieson is joined onstage by Sermsah Bin Saad, a recent finalist in the television show *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Scholarship on offer



TALENTED Indigenous musicians are being encouraged to apply for a new scholarship in Western Australia.

One artist from each participating state and territory will be selected by a panel to join the One Movement Showcase Music Festival, which will be held on the Perth Esplanade on 17-18 October.

Also performing will be international and national acts including Hilltop Hoods, Frankmusik, Sarah Blasko, Kate Miller-Heidke, and Blue King Brown and Wolf & Cub.

Each act will also be offered

NSW Govt puts up \$5000 grant

THE NSW Government is offering a \$5000 grant to assist Indigenous musicians to perform at the One Movement For Music Festival in Perth in October.

Minister Assisting the Premier on the Arts Virginia Judge said the scholarship would give a local band or solo musician an opportunity to play alongside some of the biggest names in the Australian music industry and showcase their songs to music heavyweights.

She said the winner of the AIMS scholarship, which could be either a solo musician or band who plays contemporary original music, would receive studio and recording time, plus tutoring from a professional music producer.

The winner will be selected on artistic merit and entries must be in by Monday September 21, with the winner announced at the end of the month. For more information on how to apply visit www.onemovementmusic.com/AIMS

studio time in Perth and receive recording time and tutoring from a professional producer.

The panel will then select one

of these acts as an overall winner for the program. This act will receive additional development opportunities, including the

chance to record a full album with a professional producer to be manufactured, distributed and marketed in partnership with

Skinnyfish Music and MGM Distribution.

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames said he was inspired to support the program.

"I am very proud that the WA Government can make one young musician's dreams come true in this way, and very much look forward to seeing this artist succeed in a tough industry," the Minister said.

Interested artists are invited to apply by sending a short biography, MP3 and photo to info@onemovementmusic.com with AIMS Application and the artist's name in the subject line.

More detailed information is available at <http://www.onemovementmusic.com/AIMS>

Breast screening rates improve, but...



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander women's participation rates in potentially life-saving breast screening is increasing, but is still

lower than the rate for the overall population.

More than 1.5 million Australian women were screened through the BreastScreen Australia program in 2005-06, and most were in the target age range of 50-69.

According to the BreastScreen

Australia monitoring report 2005-2006 released last month by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW), nearly 57 per cent in the target age group participated, which was an increase on 2004-2005.

"Participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women aged 50-69 years is still lower than the national rate, at about 38 per cent of the eligible population, but participation in this group has increased from 35 per cent over the last five years," said Dr Alison Budd of the institute's

Cancer and Screening Unit.

"One of the aims of the BreastScreen Australia Program is to maximise the number of small cancers detected, since early detection is associated with better treatment options and improved survival."

Over the ten-year period from 1996 to 2006, the proportion of invasive breast cancers detected that were small remained above 60 per cent.

Since the BreastScreen Australia program began in 1991, new cases of breast cancer for women aged 50-69

years increased from 230 per 100,000 in 1991 to 279 in 2005, with a peak of 305 in 2001.

Conversely, deaths from breast cancer for women aged 50-69 years have decreased steadily from 66 per 100,000 women in 1991 to 47 per 100,000 in 2006.

BreastScreen Australia is a joint program of the Australian and state and territory governments that aims to reduce morbidity and mortality from breast cancer through regular screening to detect breast cancer early.

Call for more organ donors

By Perth Correspondent
KEN BOASE



IN a bid to potentially save hundreds of Indigenous lives, a double kidney transplant patient in Western Australia has called for more education about cultural objections to organ donation.

Nyoongar Eddie Brown, who received his second kidney transplant two years ago after the first kidney he received in 2004 failed, said the small pool of Indigenous organ donors was making it difficult for medical authorities to find a match for patients.

Figures from Kidney Health Australia show that at the end of 2007 there were 9642 renal patients in Australia, of which 1065 – or 11 per cent – were Indigenous, but the pool of Indigenous donors was very low compared with donors in the wider population.

Mr Brown said he was diagnosed with renal failure in 2003 despite the fact he did not drink and did not have diabetes, the most common triggers for

renal failure, but he said work pressure and poor eating habits had probably caused the condition.

Mr Brown recently competed in the World Transplant Games in Queensland, winning a silver medal for Australia in table tennis.

He said that to be in a situation where he could communicate with hundreds of transplant recipients from around the world was the inspiration for him to make a call to the Indigenous community about organ donation.



Nyoongar Eddie Brown and wife Deborah. Mr Brown is wearing the silver medal he won for Australia in the World Transplant Games in Queensland last month.

games. Sitting in that audience with 1800 other athletes knowing that every one of us would not have been in that place without a generous person ticking the box and saying I'll be a donor."

Perth kidney transplant surgeon Dr Andrew Mitchell said a larger pool of Indigenous organ donors would make it far easier for medical authorities to find a

difficult for them because lots of these people live in remote populations and they have to travel to a special clinic and it's quite a challenge to get all this done for them."

Dr Mitchell said he was encouraged by Mr Brown's call for more Indigenous Australians to register as organ donors generally.

was an issue he struggled with until he was diagnosed with renal failure.

"The cultural group I grew up in, it's important to retain your body as best you can," he said.

"Now we're in a Western world, we're in a world where we need to change our philosophies and I think that communities need to talk about it."

Mr Brown said the most important form of organ donation was from a living donor – usually a family member.

"If people went in from a family and said we want to offer a kidney for one of our family, they'll be tested and if it's compatible that gives their family member an opportunity to go straight to

an operating table and have that transplant," he said.

"It's important that we as Indigenous people take the lead."

To become an organ donor register at any Medicare office or online at <http://www.donorregister.gov.au/>

People in remote areas should ask their doctor.

'The quicker you can get a kidney transplant the better your survival long term and also the better your quality of life, so it's a huge issue'

– Perth kidney transplant surgeon Dr Andrew Mitchell

"There was a young guy over there, a young non-Aboriginal boy we met, eight years old. He had a lung transplant at the age of three. If he doesn't receive a donor before the end of the year he may not be alive," Mr Brown said.

"Those are the things that came out as being part of the

matching organ for patients waiting to have a transplant.

"The quicker you can get a kidney transplant the better your survival long term and also the better your quality of life, so it's a huge issue," he said.

"Obviously the answer to that would be more living donors from the Aboriginal population, but it is

Centre boost to health



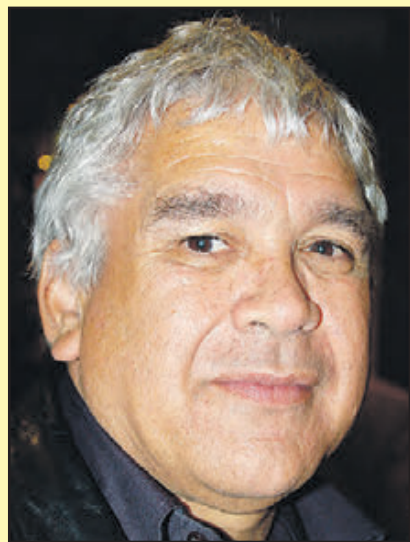
EFFORTS to close the Indigenous health gap received a boost last month with the launch of a new centre to

support primary health care organisations to deliver high quality care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Queensland Health Minister and Deputy Premier Paul Lucas launched One21seventy, the National Centre for Quality Improvement in Indigenous Primary Health Care, in Brisbane on 25 August.

One21seventy emerged from a research project, the Audit and Best Practice in Chronic Disease (ABCD) project, which provided support to more than 120 Indigenous health services around the country to use Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) methods.

According to project leader Professor Ross Bailie, from the CRC for Aboriginal Health (CRAH) and the Menzies School of Health Research, the outcomes clearly demonstrated Indigenous primary health care services were achieving better health outcomes through the use of quality improvement.



'High quality care is critical to improving Aboriginal health. This new centre provides a mechanism to ensure that not only can health centres steadily improve the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but they can access new evidence about best practice as it emerges through the work of organisations like the CRAH and Menzies.' – *Mick Gooda*

"The model used is a major success story of Indigenous primary health care, influencing funding programs such as Healthy for Life and finally leading to the establishment of this new national Centre which will provide services to primary health care centres that want to use CQI methods," he said.

"This new centre will be critical in ensuring that we build on the demonstrated successes of the

ABCD project, with several state and territory governments already indicating their strong interest in using the centre to provide these services within their regions."

Improvement

Health centres taking part in the project have seen substantial improvement in most key indicators for diabetes and preventive care, with more than 100 per cent improvement over

baseline performance in some cases.

"Services in north Qld which only joined the project last year are already seeing some significant improvements," said Prof Bailie.

"These sorts of improvements in the quality of primary health care lead to improved quality of life, reduced complications, hospitalisations and deaths for people in these communities,

while reducing costs to the health system."

One21seventy supports health providers to measure and improve quality of care in a range of illnesses affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people including maternal and child health, diabetes, renal disease, hypertension and coronary heart disease, mental health and rheumatic heart disease.

The new centre was launched as part of the ABCD project's annual conference, attended by 140 people from Indigenous health services throughout Australia, and senior health policy people from Federal and State/Territory jurisdictions.

CRAH CEO Mick Gooda welcomed the launch of One21seventy.

"High quality care is critical to improving Aboriginal health," he said. "This new centre provides a mechanism to ensure that not only can health centres steadily improve the delivery of services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but they can access new evidence about best practice as it emerges through the work of organisations like the CRAH and Menzies."

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Up to \$1,000 per subject is available for Aboriginal students who are residents of New South Wales. The scholarships are: Aboriginal Undergraduate, Aboriginal Post Graduate and Aboriginal Post Enrolment.

Applications for the Scholarships

Open September 2009. More information on scholarships can be found at <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarships.asp>

Want to find out more?

For information about how to apply for the courses, cadetships positions and scholarships, contact our Aboriginal Project Officer **Ms Lana Shaw**, Nursing and Midwifery Office, NSW Health on Phone: **02 9391 9607** or **1800 330 933** or email: aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

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University seeks another Rising Star



INDIGENOUS students living in remote and regional areas are being urged to apply for a scholarship to attend Southern Cross University in the mid north and north coast areas of NSW.

The \$15,000 three-year scholarship from Telstra Country Wide is for an undergraduate student enrolling in any degree, and is part of the University's Rising Stars Scholarship program.

Telstra supports a number of undergraduate and Honours scholarships at the University, including three for Indigenous students.

The new scholarship is open to mature-age students and school leavers planning to start full-time study at the Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Tweed or Gold Coast campuses in 2010.

The recipient will receive \$5000 a year over three years beginning first semester next year.

While the scholarship is open to students from across Australia, Year 12 students from the about 325 schools in the SCU feeder region can apply for this and other scholarships via the Star Entry Scheme.

Feeder region high school students need to submit their applications to their school careers advisor by Friday, 4 September for both early entry and for scholarships. Other applicants need to contact the scholarships office to get an application form, which will be available from early next month.

For more information contact the scholarships office on 6620 3313 or student services on 1800 626 481.

● **The Koori Mail sponsors a scholarship through Southern Cross University.**



From left, director of research and research training at Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples Jeff Nelson, Telstra Country Wide general manager for North Coast NSW Michael Sharp and SCU director of development Karen Van Sacker.

Winners in Tassie

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



ABORIGINAL people took home a swag of trophies from the 2009 Tasmanian Training Awards announced in Hobart at the end of August. The annual awards recognise, reward and honour the achievements of apprentices, trainees and vocational students for their efforts.

Joanne Crowden, who won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award on the eve of her 40th birthday, told *The Koori Mail* it was a great birthday present.

"It will lift my self-esteem and confidence in myself. I hope I can be a role model for other people my age who have bad memories of school and are a bit afraid of going to take that step into re-training," she said.

Ms Crowden left school at the age of 14 and took up hairdressing. A back injury forced her to change her career path and she returned to study almost four years ago. "To go back and train again I had to start from scratch. I'm proud of myself, I wish the nuns could see me now," said the former all girls Catholic school student.



Joanne Crowden, who won the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year award.

Ms Crowden's advice to anyone thinking of leaving school at 14 these days, is to 'stay there, find a way to make it work'.

"I work with 'disengaged' youth, and there are so many options and choices these days," she said.

Ms Crowden hopes she also can be a role model for the young people she works with, demonstrating that 'you can achieve if you put your mind to it'.

She gained a Diploma of



School Based Apprentice of the Year award winner Natasha Hill with Murrayfield farm manager Lynne Micheal.

Community Welfare Work while working with National Job Link's Youth Pathways Program and is now completing a research project about the benefits of transitional programs for young people as part of her qualification.

National awards

Ms Crowden will be off to the national awards competition and presentation in Canberra this November along with other state winners.



Jess Benge won the Vocational Education and Training in Schools Student of the Year category.

Aboriginal students also took out the award in two of the other five (non-Aboriginal specific) student categories at the candle-lit gala occasion.

Seventeen-year-old Jess Benge, from Devonport, won the Vocational Education and Training in Schools Student of the Year Award after completing her Certificate II in Community Services Work.

Natasha Hill won the School Based Apprentice/Trainee of the

Year Award. She started a school based apprenticeship in Year Eleven and completed the practical components of her qualification on Murrayfield farm, a 4000 hectare merino farming property bought by the Indigenous Land Corporation for the Tasmanian Aboriginal community in 2001. Ms Hill gained her Certificate III in Agricultural Studies and a Wool Classing and Wool Handling II Certificate.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year nominees Jiah Clair, from Hobart, mother and daughter Angelene Stuart and Michelle Howard, from Ulverstone, and category winner Joanne Crowden, from Burnie.

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Conference looks to stars

Scholarships for Aboriginal students

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Applications close 2 October 2009.

www.rta.nsw.gov.au



THE leaders of a project funded by the United States National Science Foundation to help bridge the cultural divide between Indigenous and

Western science education will be in Western Australia later this year.

Native American scholars Nancy C Maryboy and David Begay will be guest presenters at the international Indigenous Studies Indigenous Knowledge Conference (ISIK) on 30 November and 1 December at the University of Notre Dame's Fremantle campus.

Dr Maryboy is Cherokee/Navajo and comes from a family of traditional and medical healers. She is also the Executive Director of the Indigenous Education Institute based in New Mexico.

Dr Begay is a member of the Navajo (Dine') Nation and an adjunct professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Northern Arizona University.

Both are involved in education at the boundaries of traditional Indigenous and Western science,

such as the Cosmic Serpent project and NASA's Sun/Earth and Stargazer programs. The Cosmic Serpent is a central character in Native American cosmology and appears in the legends of Indigenous cultures throughout the ages to represent the interconnected nature of the universe.

The 2009 ISIK Conference is the fourth in an annual series hosted by Australian Indigenous academics and researchers to discuss and share developments in the field. This year's conference coincides with the International Year of Astronomy, and will contribute to a global effort to help people rediscover their place in the Universe.

The ISIK conference is convened by the School of Indigenous Studies (UWA) and The University of Notre Dame with help from sponsors – the Department of Indigenous Affairs (WA) and *The Koori Mail*.

Those interested in attending or presenting on any of the conference themes are encouraged to apply. Conference registration forms and further information is available on the website www.isik.org.au

PALS in the west



PARTNERSHIP, acceptance, learning and sharing are all qualities promoted through the PALS project – a WA State Government initiative, run in partnership with BHP Billiton, which encourages young West Australians to develop projects that promote reconciliation.

At Santa Clara Catholic Primary School in the Perth suburb of St James, a \$750 PALS grant enabled the school to run an Aboriginal Education Day last month, with storytelling and a range of traditional activities.

The school invited Year 6 and 7 students from the Al-Hidayah Islamic School in Victoria Park to join them for the special event, and principal Richard Win Pe said the whole school from Years 1 to 7 was involved.

The school also invited Aboriginal Elders and local residents to participate, and a group of five presenters from the Yelakitj Moort Nyungar Association hosted three concurrent sessions on traditional storytelling, hunting and food gathering and traditional lifestyle. There were demonstrations of

hunting techniques on the school oval and the session on bush food took place around a fire tin.

"The association was set up in the name of my grandfather Tom Bennell," the school's Aboriginal teaching assistant, Marie Taylor, said. "Yelakitj Nyungar means Tom's family."

"The aim of the association is to continue the traditions, customs and culture of Aboriginal people of the Perth region."

Meanwhile in the northern outskirts at Landsdale Primary School, students took advantage of their garden featuring totem poles based on the six Noongar seasons during Children's Book Week late last month.

The garden was created last year through funding from the PALS program, and the school's Year 6 class who researched the six Noongar seasons, and did presentations for all the classes, who were then involved

in painting the poles. This year, the school has received two PALS grants of \$750 each which will allow them to extend the design to include paths and areas where the children can sit and enjoy the garden.



Brodie and Kelsea enjoy story time amongst the totem poles in Landsdale Primary School's 'Six Season Sanctuary'.

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Troy Cassar-Daley national tour. Catch one of Australia's most popular country singers at following venues. Details: (02) 9819 6411 or email info@artistnetwork.com.au or visit www.troycassardaley.com.au/dates

11 September at Rooty Hill.
12 September at Revesby.
13 September at Mittagong RSL.
17 September at Young.
18 September at Cooma.
19 September at Canberra.
20 September at Goulburn.
2 October at Deniliquin.
7 October at Bundaberg.
8 October at Rockhampton.
9 October at Mackay.
10 October at Home Hill.
11 October at Cairns.
13 October at Roma.
6 November at Jimna.
20 November at Dovalson.
21 November at Campbelltown.

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, Auntie Maggie and The Womba Wakgun, The Party Shoes and Fire Talker. Featuring Deborah Mailman and Leah Purcell. Details: (02) 9380 4000 or visit www.norpa.org.au

9-10 September, Star Court Theatre, Lismore.
12 September, Dancenorth, Townsville.
17-18 September, Cinema Paradiso, Perth.
23-24 September, Peacock Theatre, Salamanca Arts Centre, Hobart.

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 19 September: Marian Hosking: Jewellery as part of the Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft series Exhibition. All welcome. Held at the Artisan, Brisbane. Details: (02) 9361 4511 or email object@object.com.au or visit www.object.com.au

Until 20 September: Our Mob Exhibition. This exhibition will showcase works by emerging and established Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists and will include paintings, sculptures and prints. All welcome. Held at the Adelaide Festival Centre, Adelaide. Details: (08) 8216 8850 or email www.adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au

Until 21 September: Funding for Child Safety Placement Services - Calling for applications. This funding is to enable non-government organisations to provide residential care services to Brisbane, north Queensland, south-east and south-west region for young people aged between 12-17 years. Details: (07) 3224 4546 or visit www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar

Until 25 September: Victorian Indigenous Art Awards - Calling for entries. The awards celebrate and showcase the rich diversity of Victorian Indigenous art from traditional to contemporary works. There's a total prize pool of \$35,000, including the Deadly Art Award of \$25,000. Details: Michele Boscia on (03) 9639 0399 or email art@bosciagalleries.com or visit www.bosciagalleries.com

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

Troy hits the road



Country singer Troy Cassar-Daley is about to head off on an extensive tour. See details at the beginning of our National Calendar.

Week Achievement Award. Nominations close 5pm. Details: 13 12 44 or www.nswseniorsweek.com.au

Until 27 September: 'Artist of the Barkly' Art Exhibition. The Barkly artists paint in styles as rich and diverse as the language groups they represent between Alice Springs and Darwin. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, SA. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 30 September: Australian Institute of Management NSW and ACT Rebecca Gregory Indigenous Scholarship 2009 - Calling for applications. This scholarship is for ATSI leaders and managers working in the public and private sectors across NSW and ACT. Details: Charlene Davison on (02) 9561 1210 or call (02) 9956 3030 or email scholarship@aimnsw.com.au or visit www.aimnsw.com.au/scholarships

Until 30 September: IBA Scholarship Fund. The fund aims to contribute to economic development in Indigenous communities, by assisting those who are supported by their employer, community or an ATSI organisation to undertake study in the areas of business, finance and leadership. Applicants must be over 19 years. Details: (02) 6121 2700 or 1800 107 107 or email scholarships@iba.gov.au or visit www.iba.gov.au

Until 4 October: Our Metro Mob Art Exhibition. Showcasing works by emerging and established Adelaide-based contemporary Australian Indigenous artists. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, SA. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

Until 11 October: Lane Cove Cameraygal Festival 'One Village, Many Cultures'. This is an urban grassroots festival, combining café culture, a beautiful bushland environment, lots of fun and family times, fascinating discussions, heaps of kids activities, plenty of great music and much more. All welcome. Held at Lane Cove, Sydney. Details: (02) 9911 3555 or email lccouncil@lanecove.nsw.gov.au or visit www.lanecove.nsw.gov.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 galler@qag.qld.gov.au or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions

Until 21 October: Westfarmers Arts Indigenous Fellowship Workshops. The National Gallery of Australia and Westfarmers are seeking input from the visual and Indigenous arts sectors to inform the structure of the top-level professional development opportunity with the Gallery. Dates and locations: 10 September held in Alice Springs, 11 September held in Darwin, 20 October held in Perth and 21 October held in Broome. Details: John Saulo on (02) 8204 3876 or email johns@coxinnallridgeway.com.au

Until 25 October: Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards Exhibition. An installation of 93 works by established and emerging Indigenous artists. All welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery, Conacher St, Fannie Bay, Darwin NT. Details: (08) 8999 8203 or (08) 8999 8264 or email natsiaa@nt.gov.au or visit www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa

Until 15 November: Menagerie - Contemporary Indigenous Sculpture Exhibition. This is a groundbreaking exhibition showcasing the work of 33 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists who have each produced outstanding sculptural works depicting animals. All welcome. Held at the Object Gallery and Australian Museum, Sydney. Details: (02) 9361 4555 or email object@object.com.au or visit www.object.com.au

Until 15 November: The West Australian Indigenous Art Awards Exhibition. This exhibition showcases outstanding works by 15 Indigenous artists from across the nation and one artists' group who were selected as the finalists. Free and all welcome. Held at the Art Gallery of Western Australia, Perth Cultural Centre, Perth, from 10am-5pm daily closed Tuesdays. Details: (08) 9492 6622 or (08) 9492 6600 or email admin@artgallery.wa.gov.au or visit www.artgallery.wa.gov.au

Until 22 November: Design Now! 2009 and Design Discovery Award Exhibition 2008. All welcome. Held at the Melbourne Museum, Vic. Details: (02) 9361 4511 or email object@object.com.au or visit www.object.com.au

6 September-18 October: Desert Mob 2009. This year Desert Mob includes 40 community-based Aboriginal art centres from regions, including the Northern Territory, South and Western Australia. The exhibition showcases established and emerging artists. Held at Araluen Art Centre, 61 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs, NT. Details: (08) 8951 1120 or email araluen@nt.gov.au or visit www.araluenartcentre.nt.gov.au

12 September: 20th anniversary of the hand back of Nitmiluk National Park. There will be traditional song and dance performed by the Djiilpin dancers of Beswick Festival fame, concert by the Black Arm Band, kids activities, guest speakers and more. Held at the Gorge, Katherine, NT from 4.30pm onwards. Details: (08) 8972 1253 or 1300 146 743 or visit www.nitmiluktours.com.au

14-18 September: Bush Berry Dreaming Art Exhibition. This is an exhibition featuring new works by Josie Patrick Kemarre. All welcome. Held at Smith and Hall, 53-59 Great Buckingham St, Redfern, NSW. Details: Laura Deane on (02) 8823 4303 or email laura@smithandhall.com.au or visit www.smithandhall.com.au

15 September: Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council Community Meeting. This meeting is being held for the members of Karuah LALC to determine specific land areas of the region that are not of Cultural significance to Aboriginals of that area and should be disposed of. Held at Karuah Aboriginal Community Hall, Mustons Road and Ridgeway Close, Karuah, NSW from 10am onwards. Details: (02) 4997 5733 or email karuahaboriginal@bigpond.com

15 September: ANTaR Queensland'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 5-17 October: Ikuntji Artists and Fiona Omeenyo Art Exhibitions. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington. Details: Nina Berrell on (02) 9360 6839 or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com

16 September: Ashford Local Aboriginal Land Council Culture Centre and Keeping Place. You are invited to attend the official opening of the centre. Information Stalls, barbecue lunch and more. All welcome. Held at 25 Albury St, Ashford, from 11am onwards. Details: (02) 6725 4411 or email ashfordalc@live.com.au

16-17 September: Weipa Vibe Alive. This is a two-day festival for young Australians of all backgrounds that incorporates music, sport, art, education and healthy living. There's a Vibe Alive community concert, film night, dance oarty, Vibe break-off dance competition and more. Special guest included. Drug and alcohol-free event. All welcome. Held at the Western Cape College, Weipa Campus, Central Avenue, Weipa, Qld. Details: Mayrah Butt on (02) 9361 0140 or email mayrah@vibe.com.au or visit www.vibealive.com.au

18 September & 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

18 September: Balunu Foundation dinner fundraiser. Trendy Trev will MC 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.

21-27 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.

22 September: Lismore Group Screening Day. This is a free breast screening for all Aboriginal women over the age of 40 years. Have a breast x-ray every two years. Refreshments provided. Held at the BreastScreen Clinic, 29, Uralba St, Lismore, from 9.30am-1pm. Details: Bullinah AMS on (02) 6681 5644 or Melissa at BreastScreen on (02) 6621 1206 or 13 20 50.

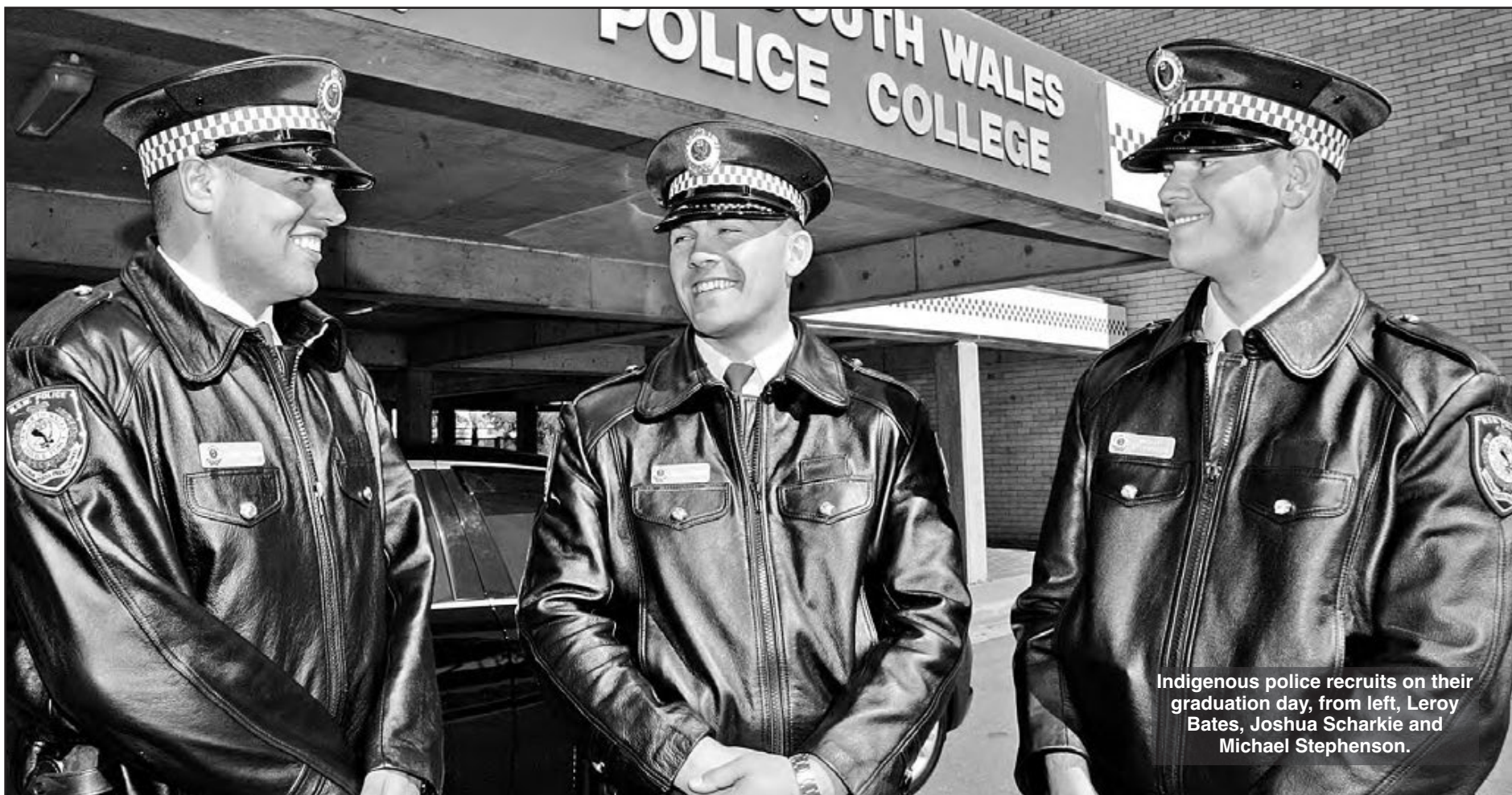
23 September: Audition alert - Black Sheep Wanted. Ilbijerri Theatre Company is on the lookout for the funniest Blackfellas in town to join the writer/performer team for a new production in the 2010 Melbourne International Comedy Festival. You will be asked to prepare a selected monologue plus a comedy piece of your own choice. All welcome. Held at Ilbijerri Theatre Company, Arts House, Meat Market, 5 Blackwood St, North Melbourne. Details: (03) 9329 9097 or email info@ilbijerri.org.au or visit www.ilbijerri.org.au

27 September: Garden Music at Government House. Come and enjoy delicious food, wine, exhibitions, activities, games, performances by The Audreys, Dan Sultan, Bridezilla, Unkle Ho and more. No BYO, picnics

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Employment

INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



Indigenous police recruits on their graduation day, from left, Leroy Bates, Joshua Scharkie and Michael Stephenson.

Ready to serve

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THREE of the NSW Police Force's newest recruits are keen to put their training

to the test.

Josh Scharkie, Leroy Bates and Michael Stephenson graduated last week as probationary constables after completing the Indigenous Police Recruitment Out West Delivery Program (IPROWD), joining 147 other graduates ready to take up posts around the state.

The program is an initiative between the NSW Police Force and TAFE NSW aimed at helping more Indigenous Australians develop the skills they need

to get a job in the police.

The trio were the first graduates to complete the program, spending six months with IPROWD before going on to the Police College in Goulburn.

For 20-year-old Josh Scharkie, of Tamworth, who one day hopes to become a detective, the support that was built into the program made it achievable.

"If you're thinking of joining the police force, then just do it," Const Scharkie offered other potential recruits.

"In IPROWD, you are in a group of people in the same situation as yourself and you're supported throughout the whole experience. Everybody is there to help you succeed, it is worth it."

Fellow recruit Leroy Bates said

the program helped prepare him for further studies at the police college.

"The hardest thing for me has been the university environment. I think IPROWD gave me a really good introduction into what was to come and I'm glad I was able to be a part of the program," Const Bates said.

Tradition

Twenty-year-old Michael Stephenson continued a family tradition when he graduated, and said the program helped him reach his goal.

Const Stephenson said he was proud that his father and grandfather served as NSW police officers before him and that he had often considered

policing as a career choice.

"I have known for a while that I might join the police force, it was in my blood so to speak," he said.

"When IPROWD came along, it was the perfect opportunity and it gave me the confidence to make the decision to join."

The program was set up last year by Western Region police officers and Western TAFE to support and encourage potential police recruits from remote Aboriginal communities. The program teaches literacy and numeracy, fitness and health, nutrition, self-esteem and self-development workshops, teamwork, communications skills and leadership.

Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione praised the young

Indigenous graduates for their efforts.

"I first saw the IPROWD students in August last year, and I have admired and followed the progress of all of them," he said.

"Some of the participants have overcome considerable hardship in their lives to participate in the program.

"Looking at the three young men attesting as police officers today, I see their pride and admire their personal achievement.

"I encourage members of the Aboriginal community to consider the IPROWD program for themselves or their young people. It's a great stepping stone into the NSW Police Force and will build skills and personal confidence."

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Aboriginal Identified Position

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Contact recruitment on phone 9822 4922 or email recruitment@kari.com.au to receive an application package. Only applicants who obtain a package and follow the instructions will be considered for interview, only those called for interview will be contacted.

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Information Package Contact: Les Evans 8836 9444

Inquiries Name and Contact:

Bianca Williams 8836 9498

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT,CLIMATE CHANGE
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Aboriginal Co-management Coordinator

Clerk Grade 7/8, New England/Northwest, Baradine,
Temporary Part time

Vacancy Ref :DECC09-168

Total remuneration package to \$91,779 p.a. including salary \$75,137 p.a. up to \$83,171 p.a pro rata. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme pro rata. Develops and implements programs and projects to advance co-management within the Area. Works with members of the Aboriginal community to continue the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Gawambaraay Pilliga C0-management Committee (GPCC) and DECCW.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated knowledge, understanding and association with the local Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills including conflict management skills and high order influencing, persuading and negotiating skills, with the ability to work within and across complex personal relationships.
- Proven ability to communicate across cultures, presentation and facilitation skills and experience in correspondence, letter and report writing; experience in liaising and working with Aboriginal people, government organisations, and communities.
- Demonstrated experience in project development, implementation and management.
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- Knowledge of co-management arrangements and use of public estate in order to ensure that the cultural heritage, public safety, and flora and fauna remain protected; understanding of environmental issues and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage management.
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Inquiries: John Whittall (02) 6843 4000 or 0428 693 909 or john.whittall@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kylie Barker (02) 6843 4000

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Closing Date: Friday 18 September 2009

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- Aboriginality and demonstrated knowledge, understanding and association with the local Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills including conflict management skills and high order influencing, persuading and negotiating skills, with the ability to work within and across complex personal relationships.
- Proven ability to communicate across cultures, presentation and facilitation skills and experience in correspondence, letter and report writing; experience in liaising and working with Aboriginal people, government organisations, and communities.
- Demonstrated experience in project development, implementation and management.
- Demonstrated analytical, problem solving and time management skills.
- Knowledge of co-management arrangements and use of public estate in order to ensure that the cultural heritage, public safety, and flora and fauna remain protected; understanding of environmental issues and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage management.
- Supervision, administrative and organisation skills and experience including an understanding of budgetary principles, OH&S and a knowledge of adult learning principles and current issues in staff development.
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to fly in light aircraft.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary part time position 5 days per fortnight up to 30 June 2012. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Mark Fosdick (02) 6842 0206 or 0428 414 285 or mark.fosdick@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Cheryl-lea Britton (02) 6842 1311

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 18 September 2009

GA1-800675

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



HOUSING NSW LEARNING & EMPLOYMENT COORDINATOR

Clerk Grade 9/10

Southern & Western NSW Housing Services Division
Western Area, Wagga Wagga

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 09-HNSW-20517

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: The role exists to work in partnership with the community, government and the business sector in identified social housing neighbourhoods, to increase opportunities for employment and learning and enhance local economic development.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Sound knowledge and understanding of the learning and employment sectors.
- Demonstrated experience in developing strategic programs or initiatives to improve learning, employment and/or economic development outcomes.
- High-level communication, negotiation and facilitation skills, including a demonstrated ability to work with and secure the support of a wide range of stakeholders.
- Good understanding of the issues facing disadvantaged communities and the principles underpinning community regeneration policy and practice.
- Sound knowledge of Government policy and programs addressing the needs of disadvantaged communities.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team and contribute to achieving team outcomes.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement joined up outcome-focused plans and strategies.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 31 December 2012, with possibility of extension, under the terms of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002. In this role it will be critical to work closely with education and employment networks to improve retention of social housing recipients in learning environments, co-ordinate effective pathways from learning into employment and build sustainable products to assist people to stay in employment. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

Inquiries: Paul Fernon (02) 6921 0052

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 6392 8250

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: The Manager, NSW Businesslink, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, Orange NSW 2800.

Closing Date: Friday 18 September 2009

GA1-793885



Bankstown Area
Multicultural Network

SWS HACC Aboriginal Access/Development Project Officer

Permanent/Full time (35 hours/week)

Grade 5 Year 2 (SACS Award) \$54 336/year

Project Car available to lease for private use

Bankstown Area Multicultural Network Inc. invites applications for the permanent position as South West Sydney HACC Aboriginal Access/Development Officer covering Bankstown, Fairfield and Liverpool. This is a great opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities & organisations and mainstream HACC agencies to build relationships that will be strong, ongoing and resilient to enable the delivery of culturally appropriate, flexible and responsive services to Aboriginal people in Bankstown, Fairfield & Liverpool Local Government Areas.

The position is funded by DADHC through the HACC Program.

Essential Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Worked successfully with Aboriginal Communities and/or service providers.
- Know about the Home & Community Care Program including HACC National Standards, how to get services and/or willingness to undergo further training.
- Worked successfully with many different people, organisations and groups (including government departments) to achieve better partnerships and results for Aboriginal people.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain networks; High level of verbal & written communication skill.
- A Commitment to reconciliation and building the cultural competency and awareness of all HACC services.
- Skills using computers and relevant software.
- Understanding and commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity,
- Access & Equity, Occupational Health and Safety and Ethical Working Practices.
- Current driver's licence.

Please Note: Applicants must be Aboriginal, which is exempt under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act.

Desirable Criteria:

- Cert IV in Workplace, Training & Assessment (or commitment to undertake).
- Worked with communities and others to identify common needs.
- Be able to juggle different points of view and agendas while working to a common end.
- Knowledge of Bankstown Fairfield & Liverpool.

For an information package or further information, please contact: Debbie Giacomini, HACC Coordinator/ Development Officer on 02 9791 9765 or swshaccdo@bamn.org.au.

Written applications must address the essential and desirable criteria and include contact details of at least 2 work referees.

Applications close: 5.00 pm on Monday 28 September 2009 and can be sent by email (swshaccdo@bamn.org.au) or post (c/- HACC Coordinator, BAMN, PO Box 3164, Bankstown Centro, BANKSTOWN NSW 2200). The successful candidate is required to undergo relevant checks.



Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, New England/North West,
Baradine, Permanent/Temporary
Vacancy Ref : DECC09-171

Total remuneration package to \$65,619 p.a. including salary \$38,567p.a. to \$51,454p.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. Implementation of the Area Works Programs. The position participates in varied maintenance and operational activities including fire fighting and Hazard Reduction burning.

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 including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties
- Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate
- Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills.
- 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: There is one Permanent and two temporary positions available for the period up to 30 June 2012. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. 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 to 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: John Whittall (02) 6843 4000 or 0428 693 909 or john.whittall@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Kylie Barker (02) 6843 4000

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department of Environment, Climate Change & 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: Friday 18 September 2009.

GA1-800688

NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at
www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

Administration Officer AO2

Youth Health Team, Kaleidoscope, 621 Hunter Street, Newcastle

Perm Part Time, 22 hpw

Position No: 64457

Enquiries: Karen Dixon, (02) 4921 3671

karen.dixon@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Administrative Officer Level 2

Emergency, John Hunter Hospital, New Lambton

Perm Part Time and creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions

Position No: 64413

Enquiries: Catherine Foster, (02) 4921 3049

catherine.foster@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Clinical Administrative Support Officer

Cardiology Division of Medicine, New Lambton

Perm Full Time and creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions

Position No: 64493

Enquiries: Kerrie Kelly, (02) 4921 3554.

FOR ABOVE POSITIONS:

These positions have been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. 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.

Vaccination Data and Liaison Officer

Population Health, Negotiable

Perm Part Time, 16 hpw

Position No: 63573

This is a designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander position. Applicants for this position must be of Aboriginal descent through parentage, identification as being Aboriginal and being accepted in the community as such. Exemption is claimed under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act. Hunter New England Health deems it appropriate to seek confirmation of Aboriginality status from applicants applying for Aboriginal identified positions or targeted positions either during the interview process or after commencement of the position.

Enquiries: Patrick Cashman, (02) 4924 6499,

patrick.cashman@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for all positions: 25 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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Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

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If you have experience in emergency management and in particular experience in the effective coordination and management of emergency operations, including mobilising staff and volunteers, then this could be the role for you.

Applications close 5pm Wednesday 16th September 2009.

Communications Account Manager/Project Coordinator

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Programs
- Excellent salary packaging

This newly created position will see you responsible for the day to day management of communications and special projects relating to Red Cross Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs.

If you have first class communications skills, well developed relationship building and persuasive skills, project coordination experience and demonstrated knowledge of humanitarian programs and service delivery in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander network then this could be the role for you.

Please call Susie Chippendale on 03 9341 7532 or Hang Vo on 03 9345 1859.

Applications close 5pm Friday 18th September 2009.

Regional Manager – Western

- Lead change
- Excellent salary packaging
- Dubbo location

An opportunity exists for an experienced manager to take responsibility for the operational management of Red Cross services and activities from our Western regional office, including the provision of community care, disaster response, stakeholder relations and promotional activities. Development of new programs in response to Red Cross' new strategic direction for services will be a key aspect of this role.

Critical to your success will be excellent leadership skills; proven ability to manage human, financial and physical resources; excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to promote ideas to business and community sectors; excellent problem solving and decision making skills; an 'outcomes' focus; and an affinity with the principles of Red Cross.

Please call Lewis Kaplan on 02 9229 4219.

Applications close 5pm Monday 28th September 2009.

For further information on how to apply for these roles visit our careers page at

www.redcross.org.au

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Aboriginal Employment Register

The University of Tasmania invites Aboriginal people to register their interest in being considered for employment in casual and fixed-term positions for periods up to 12 months, as well as longer contract and permanent positions.

The Aboriginal Employment Register is utilised for filling Identified Aboriginal Positions, other vacancies, and those positions targeted under the University's Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2008-2010.


Registrants who are successful in securing work in the University will be entitled to salary and conditions of employment as prescribed under the University of Tasmania Academic and General Staff Agreements. Verification of Aboriginality will be sought according to the University's Guidelines for Identified Aboriginal Positions prior to a position being offered.

Registration forms can be accessed from the Human Resources website at www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/eoo/ATSI.html

Alternatively, a registration form can be posted to you by contacting:
Shayne Davies
Executive Officer
Human Resources
University of Tasmania
Locked Bag 102, Hobart TAS 7001
Telephone (03) 6226 7503
Fax (03) 6226 7536
Email shayne.davies@utas.edu.au

Further information about the University's Aboriginal Employment Strategy (AES), along with the Guidelines for Identified Aboriginal Positions, can be found on the University website at www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/eoo/ATSI.html

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If you are passionate about Primary Health Care and are seeking a unique and rewarding outback experience that also offers a balanced lifestyle, we are keen to hear from you.

Gidgee Healing is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. The most significant function of our service is to provide primary health care and medical services to Indigenous people living in the Mount Isa community and the surrounding areas. Our team includes Indigenous Health Workers, nurses, doctors and is further complimented by visiting allied health professionals and specialists.

Location: Mount Isa based
Mount Isa is a unique and progressive city with a population of 20000 people nestled among the splendour of the Selwyn Ranges in the heart of North West Queensland. Once a raw frontier town built around the vast mineral resources the city is famous for hosting the Southern Hemispheres largest rodeo, the Mount Isa Rodeo. Mount Isa has grown into a thriving industrial and commercial centre renowned for its friendly and welcoming nature, while also offering modern metropolitan conveniences which add to the city's increasingly cosmopolitan ambience. The city has well developed infrastructure and offers a wide variety of sporting and social activities. Education facilities range from Pre-school to Year 12 with the opportunity for further studies through the Mount Isa Institute of TAFE.

Position:
The service provides primary health care and medical services to the Mount Isa community and parts of the surrounding area. The work is broad and challenging, delivering primary health care, acute clinical care and chronic disease management. Your main responsibility will be providing medical care to the community and participating in the delivery of primary health care services. The position is supported by allied health professionals and visiting specialists. There is some on-call and after hours service responsibility and there is also an opportunity to participate in outreach services.

Offer:
We will negotiate a base salary with the right applicant and include:
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For more information or to discuss the role further please contact:
CEO, Mount Isa Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Ltd
Telephone: 07 4744 0400 or email bdesatge@gidgeehealing.com

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Compliance Officer, Credit & Portfolio Management, IBA Enterprises

Salary Range \$61,168 - \$64,860 plus super

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) plays an important role in creating opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals and communities to build assets and wealth.

The Credit & Portfolio Management (CPM) team of IBA Enterprises is primarily concerned with ensuring that the management of business loans is effective, and more particularly those in default of lending terms and conditions. CPM endeavours to explore all options to enable clients to recover from financial difficulty before considering options to recover outstanding debts.

As a Compliance Officer, you will primarily be responsible for the management of a caseload of delinquent loan accounts and the implementation of risk management strategies. You will also be required to undertake data collation activities, provide research support and conduct procedural reviews of regional offices focussing on loan and risk management.

Do you have the following skills and attributes?


- Are you able to identify key credit risk issues and develop practical solutions?
- Are you a lateral thinker?
- Are you willing and able to convey unwelcome information or decisions effectively?
- Are you familiar with debt recovery processes?
- Are you able to write informative reports and correspondence involving complex issues?
- Do you have a demonstrated ability to communicate, liaise and negotiate proactively and effectively with others?
- Do you have effective time management skills and the ability to prioritise workflow?
- Do you work well in a small team?

If you have the above skills and experience and you are interested in enhancing the economic outcomes of Indigenous Australians, please contact Kellie Hind on 07 3008 8307 or email kellie.hind@iba.gov.au or visit our website at www.iba.gov.au for the position description, selection criteria and application requirements.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close on Wednesday, 16 September 2009.

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Director of Media and Communications

EL2
\$90,544 - \$102,675
Ongoing
Full time

This position provides strategic direction to the Executive Program and manages the staff and distribution of work as well as being responsible for the delivery of all key functions of the Executive Program. This position provides high level advice to the Principal on corporate strategy, and under the direction of the Principal, carry out departmental and ministerial liaison and liaison with the Chairperson and Council. This position is responsible for the most sensitive and strategic issues of interest to stakeholders and the media. They would be responsible for the development of communications and stakeholder management strategies to deliver key messages for the organisation to its stakeholders.

Executive Officer, Policy and Strategy

APS 6
\$61,349 - \$70,473
Ongoing
Full time

Under the direction of the EL2, this position would have the primary responsibility for executive and secretariat functions for Council, including minutes, policy development and coordination, organisational planning and reporting. In the first twelve months this position would have a key role in reviewing systems and processes for Council secretariat, membership elections.

Please consult the AIATSIS website www.aiatsis.gov.au to obtain the selection documentation for this position. For those without access to the Internet, selection documentation can be obtained from Ross Spencer on (02) 6246 1128.

If after reading the selection documentation you require further information, contact Rod Stroud on (02) 6246 1118

Applications together with an application cover sheet and the names and telephone numbers of two recent referees should be forwarded to:

The Recruitment Officer
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553
Canberra ACT 2601

Closing Date: COB 18th September 2009.

Applications may also be forwarded by e-mail: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

Applicants must address the selection criteria, which include the ability to demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of Indigenous cultures and the issues affecting Indigenous Australians today and an ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

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Government of
Western Australia
Department of Corrective Services

AVS Operations Manager

Offender Management & Professional Management

Web Search No: 007873

Level/Salary: L6 PSGA \$77,679 - \$86,017 pa

The Aboriginal Visitors Scheme (AVS) seeks an Operations Manager to coordinate key functions of the Directorate. This position provides support for Aboriginal detainees and prisoners in prisons, juvenile detention centres and police lockups throughout Western Australia. The role of the Operations Manager is to ensure that financial and legislative requirements are complied with whilst assisting management with strategic initiatives to further the objectives of the Directorate. Aboriginality is a requirement of the position s50d.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9264 1562 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Inquiries: Please contact Laurel Sellers on (08) 9220 9401.

Location: East Perth

Closing Date: Monday, 21 Sept 2009 at 4.30pm.

Communities NSW Arts NSW

Communities NSW is committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct, equity, diversity and flexible work practices. The Department will contribute to a healthy and safe work environment by protecting its employees' physical and emotional wellbeing. To do this we will ensure fair and merit based employment policies and procedures, compliance and access to safe work practices and procedures, and a workplace free of any discriminatory practices or harassment. The Department welcomes applications from Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders, members of racial, ethnic and ethno-religious groups and people with a disability.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Indigenous Cultural Development

Clerk Grade 3/4, Sydney Permanent Full-Time, Vacancy Number: DASRA09/62. Total remuneration package valued to: \$67,675 p.a. (\$56,009-\$61,328). Includes annual leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

The position holder contributes to the Capacity and Development team by assisting with activities related to the administration of the Indigenous Art Strategy and various identified project implementation tasks.

The "client" of Arts NSW is considered to include arts and cultural organisations, grant recipients, the arts audience and the community more broadly.

Notes: This is a Permanent position. In this position Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. Background check, including criminal and employment records and relevant AVO will be conducted on recommended applicants. No offer of employment will be made until all clearances are finalised.

Applicants MUST obtain information pack and complete all relevant paperwork.

Inquiries: Peter White (02) 9228 4746

Information packages: Nicki Adams (02) 9228 4731

Applications to: The Senior Employee Relations Officer - Recruitment, Corporate Human Resources Group, Communities NSW, GPO Box 7060, SYDNEY NSW 2001 or email recruitment@communities.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: COB, 18 September 2009.

GA1-790059

NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

SHELLHARBOUR HOSPITAL

Aboriginal Child & Family Health Registered Nurse

Shellharbour Hospital - Shellharbour Midwifery & Family Health Centre

Perm Full Time

Position No: 132545

Part Time hours and/or a jobshare arrangement will be considered.

Enq: Sheree Eaton, (02) 4295 2418,
sheree.eaton@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Female Aboriginal Health Education Officer
Shellharbour Midwifery & Family Health Centre, Graduate or Non-Graduate Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Perm Full Time

Position No: 132779

• An applicant's race and gender are genuine occupational qualifications and are authorised under Sections 14(d) and 31 of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977

Enq: Sheree Eaton, (02) 4295 2418,
sheree.eaton@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date for both positions: 25 September 2009

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

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New South Wales Government



NSW Aboriginal Housing Office

Regional Manager

Statewide Housing Services,
Clerk Grade 12, Dubbo,
Permanent Full-time,
Job Reference Number AHO09/246.

Remuneration Package of \$126,424 (\$99,063 - \$103,263). Total remuneration package includes employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.

The Manager Western Region supports sustainable Aboriginal housing in NSW by providing direct contact between the Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) and the Aboriginal community and Aboriginal community housing providers, and assists in the delivery of the AHO programs and the NSW Aboriginal Housing Strategic Plan at a regional level.

Job Notes: This is an identified position.

Aboriginality is an essential requirement for this position. This position has been identified as an Aboriginal position in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Applicants should obtain an information package for full job details and must address selection criteria as outlined within the information package in their application.

Information Package Contact: Les Evans 8836 9444

Inquiries Name and Contact: Bianca Williams 8836 9498

Applications: Post to:

The Human Resources Officer, ServiceFirst, Governor Macquarie Tower, 1 Farrer Place, Sydney NSW 2000 or email: recruitmentbligh@servicefirst.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 23 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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NSW Health is looking for dedicated professionals with child protection expertise to provide telephone support and advice to healthcare workers when they have concerns for children's safety, welfare and wellbeing.

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District CEO Cape York

Queensland Health is committed to the delivery of best practice health services to all sectors of the Queensland community. An opportunity exists to play a leadership role in improving health outcomes in one of the State's more remote locations. Reporting directly to the Director-General, Queensland Health, the District CEO Cape York is accountable through an annual performance agreement for the effective operations of the district to ensure optimal levels of health service and patient care are delivered. Specific responsibilities include:

- managing the delivery of public sector health services in the District.
- ensuring the available resources are used effectively and efficiently including managing expenditure within agreed budget parameters, and managing and maintaining the physical assets of the District (buildings, equipment etc)
- ensuring effective community engagement strategies, including clinician involvement, are in place so the District can effectively respond to local health service needs and expectations.
- ensuring sound governance and patient safety systems and procedures are in place.
- developing and implementing a workforce strategy that recognises the cultural and geographic diversity of the District, supports our staff in meeting the unique challenges of the District and encourages flexible and innovative workforce solutions.

As the District CEO you will have sound knowledge of complex service delivery environments, outstanding strategic capability and a strong business focus. You will have the capacity to draw together all the service elements necessary to deliver quality health outcomes. You will also be an exceptional leader and manager of people with the interpersonal skills and cultural sensitivity necessary to engage effectively with all sectors of the District community.

Please refer to the Role Description for further details.

Please quote **Job Ad Reference: HogEA08553** when applying for this role.

Total remuneration value \$194 222 p.a. (DCE01) (Contract position).

If you are not a current Queensland Health employee, a criminal history check will be conducted if you are recommended for the role.

For more details please contact: Russ Wilde on 0409 640 398 or email Russ_Wilde@health.qld.gov.au

Application Kit including Role Description: (07) 3136 5612 or online www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 21 September 2009.

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Administrative Assistant.

Centre for Health and Society, School of Population Health

An exemption has been granted under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No. A312/2007). Only Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

This part-time fixed-term (two years) position will provide effective administrative support for the Centre for Health and Society. This is a high-quality customer service and administrative support role that provides the first source of advice and guidance in relation to the Centre's administrative procedures and processes. You are required to exercise judgement, set priorities and schedule work to meet deadlines.

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Salary: \$41,212 - \$45,503 p.a. (pro-rata) plus 9% superannuation.

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Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation (ENAC) In DERBY Western Australia

is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced and qualified persons for the role of

Chief Executive officer

Derby is a regional town situated in the northwest of Western Australia. Derby is located on the shores at the bottom of King Sound. It has a population of approximately 5,000 people. It has all the services provided by governments and shopping precincts. There is a District High School and a private Catholic primary school and a regional hospital. Access to derby is by road and airflights 3 times a week. Perth is approximately 21/2 hours by air and 24 hours by road. The major industry in the region is mining and pastoral activities.

ENAC is a not for profit community resource organisation with a substantial turnover and a large number of employees. It was formed in 1994 to provide CDEP services to the local Aboriginal population but has since grown beyond that role and carries out many more function within Derby.

ENAC is seeking a suitably experienced and qualified person with at least 5 years experience managing organisations in townships or large regional centres in Australia. This person must have a good working background in financial management, human resources management and associated issues, engaging with different levels of government and above all have worked with Aboriginal people.

The position is responsible to the governing committee of the organisation and will be managing a staff of eleven people in different work areas. The position will be responsible to manage a number of programs in particular a CDEP program and a Housing Repairs and Maintenance contract. There are many other small income generating projects to manage as well. The person will be responsible to ensure all activity reporting is timely and complete by agreed timeframes to relevant stakeholders.

Salary Negotiable.

For further remuneration details please contact CEO

Closing Date: 18th September 2009

Please address and **Mark Confidential** your expressions of interest to

The Chairperson
Emama Nguda Aboriginal Corporation
PO Box 513, Derby WA 6728

For information regarding position please contact;
Raymond Davey CEO

Telephone: 08 91931600 Facsimile: 08 91931700
Email: ray.emamanguda@bigpond.com

Required documents required at interview stage after short listing.

Current National Police Clearance and Drivers licence.
If you do not have BOTH of these you will not be considered.

Indigenous persons are strongly encouraged to apply



CLINIC MANAGER

At Gidgee Healing you can make a difference. Yours skills, dedication and focus can change lives. We are looking for a Registered Nurse with management experience to take on the role of Clinic Manager. If you are passionate about Primary Health Care and are seeking a unique and rewarding outback experience that also offers a balanced lifestyle, we are keen to hear from you.

Gidgee Healing is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service. The most significant function of our service is to provide primary health care and medical services to Indigenous people living in the Mount Isa community and the surrounding areas. Our team includes Indigenous Health Workers, nurses, doctors and is further complimented by visiting allied health professionals and specialists.

Location: Mount Isa based

Mount Isa is a unique and progressive city with a population of 20000 people nestled among the splendour of the Selwyn Ranges in the heart of North West Queensland. Once a raw frontier town built around the vast mineral resources the city is famous for hosting the Southern Hemispheres largest rodeo, the Mount Isa Rodeo. Mount Isa has grown into a thriving industrial and commercial centre renowned for its friendly and welcoming nature, while also offering modern metropolitan conveniences which add to the city's increasingly cosmopolitan ambience. The city has well developed infrastructure and offers a wide variety of sporting and social activities. Education facilities range from Pre-school to Year 12 with the opportunity for further studies through the Mount Isa Institute of TAFE.

Position:

Your role will be to manage all aspects of our busy practice so as to achieve the highest level of service and drive the business forward. This is an exciting opportunity for someone who thrives on challenge and wants to be part of a highly motivated team who are passionate about the services we offer, committed to improving the health of Indigenous people and constantly looking to push the boundaries of 'best practice'.

To be successful in this role you will have:

Registered nurse registration
Excellent leadership skills
Highly developed communication skills
Effective management and delegation skills
Ability to implement change and improvement initiatives
A management qualification is highly desirable but not essential.
We will negotiate a base salary with the right applicant with added incentives.

For more information or to discuss the role further please contact:
CEO, Mount Isa Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Ltd
Telephone: 07 4744 0400 or email bdesatge@gidgeehealing.com

To apply: Please forward your CV to:
Executive Support, Mount Isa Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services Ltd
Telephone: 07 4744 0400 Fax: 07 4749 2930 or
Email: ssmith@gidgeehealing.com

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COFFS HARBOUR AND DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

Program Manager

Permanent Full-Time

CH&DLALC is seeking applications from experienced and qualified individuals to join our expanding service in the exciting new role of Program Manager.

The Program Manager will be required to possess and demonstrate high level skills primarily in the area of rental housing management. Training for other program delivery will be provided.

All applicants must obtain an application package and address all selection criteria.

For further enquiries and to obtain an application package please contact Chris Spencer on (02) 6652 8740 or email chris@coffsharbourlalc.com.au

Applications close: 4pm Friday 2 October 2009

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

HOUSING NSW PROJECT OFFICER, HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

Clerk Grade 7/8

Northern NSW Housing Services Division
Hunter Area, Newcastle

Temporary Full-Time

Position No: 09-HNSW-20521

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: Responsible for the development and implementation of the "This Way Home" Homelessness project.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- High level planning and project management skills.
- Experience in delivering high quality services in a human services environment.
- Demonstrated organisational skills.
- Excellent interpersonal, negotiation and conflict management skills.
- Strong written communication skills and ability to prepare program and project documentation.
- Proven leadership skills and ability to influence others.
- Commitment to working with non-government organisations as partners in achieving community outcomes.
- Relevant tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences, Planning, Management, and / or extensive industry experience.
- Current Driver's Licence.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Full-Time position for a period of up to 18 months under the terms of the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. Further information about this position is available on-line and applicants MUST address the full Selection Criteria.

Inquiries: Anna Zycki on (02) 4925 6362

Information Packages:

www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers or contact NSW Businesslink (02) 4960 4635

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 18 September 2009

GA1-793886



On Track Community Programs

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Aboriginal Housing & Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI)

Team Leader & Support Workers

Looking for a challenge and want to make a difference in Aboriginal Mental Health?

We are a not-for-profit community organisation committed to providing responsive and flexible support services to Aboriginal People living with a mental illness.

Now is your opportunity to join a new team working within the Aboriginal Communities in the Bundjalung Nation in the Lismore area.

HASI 5 A is an innovative partnership program between NSW Health, the NSW Department of Housing and non government organisations. The program is designed to assist Aboriginal people living with mental health problems who require accommodation support to participate in community life, maintain successful tenancies and improve their quality of life. We have both permanent part and full time positions available

Team Leader Aboriginal HASI 5 A

As Team Leader you will be responsible for ensuring the team provides quality services while meeting legislative, organisational and best practice standards. This position is paid at SACS Grade 4.

Aboriginal Mental Health Support Workers (HASI 5 A)

These challenging and varied roles would suit "hands on" people with an innovative and enthusiastic attitude towards recovery for Aboriginal people experiencing mental illness. These positions are paid at SACS Grade 3 (dependent on qualifications and experience).

All positions include superannuation and generous salary sacrificing options available to the not for profit sector.

A position description and selection criteria are available from our website at www.ontrack.ngo.org.au or from janet@ontrack.ngo.org.au

Applicants identified as being of Aboriginal descent are encouraged to apply.

Applications must address the selection criteria and should be returned to the above email address by **Friday 18th September**. For enquiries call Janet Whiting on 07 55249732.



ABORIGINAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM - FIELD OFFICER

Newcastle & Hunter Region (6 Month Contract)

Closing Date: 15th September 09

Expressions of interest are invited for Aboriginal applicants who are interested in a temporary appointment for up to six months with the possibility of extension to the position as AEOP Field Officer.

The AEOP aims to offer training and employment opportunities to long-term unemployed and low skilled Aboriginal people in the Hunter region by providing training and employment opportunities. In addition the AEOP will provide mentoring support to meet the needs of AEOP participants.

The AEOP are currently seeking expressions of interest from motivated and enthusiastic Aboriginal persons with the knowledge and ability to work with a variety of stakeholders, while multi-tasking in a continually changing work environment.

Suitable candidates will possess the following selection criteria;

- Ability to provide a professional, confidential, reliable and consistent service to clients
- Ability to communicate effectively and objectively with all stakeholders
- Ability to mentor clients through training and employment
- Ability to market AEOP services to employers and other stakeholders
- Sound administration skills and strong level of computer competence
- Knowledge of difficulties facing unemployed Aboriginal persons
- Knowledge of Job Services Australia members and the services they provide
- Knowledge of Registered Training Organisations and the services they provide
- Knowledge of the Hunter Aboriginal community members

Remuneration will be dependent on experience

Your application addressing the selection criteria, your resume and reference contact details should be submitted to jennylee.pye@business.nsw.gov.au

Enquires: Jenny-Lee Pye on 0448 473885



"The Australian Government and the NSW Government have contributed to funding this Program under the Council of Australian Governments Skills Package - Regional Initiatives (Targeting Skills Needs in Regions Program).

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER NSW

Aboriginal Co-management Coordinator,

Clerk Grade 7/8, New England/Northwest, Narrabri,
Temporary Full Time

Vacancy Ref :DECC09-177

Total remuneration package to \$91,779 p.a. including salary \$75,137 p.a. up to \$83,171 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Works with Aboriginal communities to coordinate, develop and implement co-management programs.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and demonstrated knowledge, understanding and association with the local Aboriginal community.
- Demonstrated interpersonal skills including conflict management skills and high order influencing, persuading and negotiating skills, with the ability to work within and across complex personal relationships.
- Proven ability to communicate across cultures, presentation and facilitation skills and experience in correspondence, letter and report writing; experience in liaising and working with Aboriginal people, government organisations, and communities.
- Demonstrated experience in project development, implementation and management.
- Demonstrated analytical, problem solving and time management skills.
- Knowledge of co-management arrangements and use of public estate in order to ensure that the cultural heritage, public safety, and flora and fauna remain protected; understanding of environmental issues and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage management.
- Supervision, administrative and organisation skills and experience including an understanding of budgetary principles, OH&S and a knowledge of adult learning principles and current issues in staff development.
- Current Driver's Licence and willingness to fly in light aircraft.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. This is a temporary position for the period up to 30 June 2012. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Darren Pitt (02) 6792 7300 or 0427 212 255 or greg.devine@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Sue Solomon (02) 6792 7300

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 18 September 2009

GA1-800877



ABORIGINAL SERVICE COORDINATOR

Grade 6/7 (HCS Admin)
Metro South Region
Alleena/Warrambucca Branch
Alexandria
Permanent Full-Time
Position No: 09-HCS-20530

Total remuneration package is valued up to \$68,172 per annum (Salary: \$56,009 pa to \$61,778 pa) includes annual leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation.

Job Description: This position is responsible for providing consistent, high quality and cost-effective services to Home Care's customers through the planning, allocation and supervision of Care Workers, matching service delivery resources to requirements.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Knowledge of the community care needs of frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Commitment to improving quality of life for frail aged, people with disabilities and their carers.
- Effective written and oral communication skills.
- A focus on customer service and administrative, record keeping skills and computer literacy.
- Significant experience in a similar role in a community service setting and/or tertiary qualifications in the behavioural, social and health sciences.
- Sound organisational skills and ability to supervise staff; ability to roster staff work on a computerised roster system and ability to undertake training.
- Understanding of and commitment to Aboriginal Access.
- Driver's Licence, own vehicle and ability to travel.

Job Notes: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S14 (d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Applicants MUST obtain an information package, which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service of NSW. Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria and complete the forms. Successful applicants will be subject to criminal records check.

Inquiries: Judith Murray (02) 9245 1822 or (02) 4633 2111
Information Packages: Robert Cutmore (02) 9245 1822 or www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers

Applications to: As per link given in the Information Package or post to: The Branch Manager, Home Care Service Alleena/Warrambucca Aboriginal Branch, 12a Dudley Street, Alexandria NSW 2015

Closing date: Friday 18 September 2009

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The Alternative Care Support Workers can be contacted at:

Indigenous Family & Child Support Service
17 Overend Street, East Brisbane Q. 4169
Phone : 3217 4112 Fax :3392 4703

For Expressions of Interest please contact



Free call on 1300 550 877

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Job Reference No: EX09/073.

We are looking for two committed undergraduate law students who are interested in undertaking a Legal Cadetship with Legal Aid NSW. The cadetships comprise of 40 weeks of full-time study and 12 weeks work placement per year. The work placement will involve assisting with the preparation of legal cases within the areas of criminal, family or social justice/civil law.

Applicants **must** obtain an information package for full program details and selection criteria.

Inquiries: Janelle Clarke on (02) 9219 5146.

Information packages: www.legalaid.nsw.gov.au or Ana Miletic on (02) 9219 5024.

Closing Date: Friday 9 October 2009.

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Client Service Manager - Remote Communities

North Queensland Area Office, Townsville
Communities

Salary: \$63 201 - \$68 693 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM1377/09

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality housing service to a diverse range of clients. Support and supervise a small team.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Jenny Cramer, Senior Client Service Manager (07) 4760 7310 or E-Mail: Jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 14 September 2009

Senior Housing Officer - Remote Communities

North QLD Area Office, Townsville
Communities

Salary: \$54 534 - \$59 969 p.a.

Location: Townsville

REF: QLD/COM1381/09

Key Duties: Support the delivery of quality housing service to a diverse range of clients. Support and supervise a small team.

Skills/Abilities: Ability to organise and deliver integrated services to a diverse range of clients. Strong communication, team work and problem solving skills.

Enquiries: Jenny Cramer, Senior Client Service Manager (07) 4760 7310 or Email: jobvac.hsg@ssa.qld.gov.au

Closing Date: Monday, 14 September 2009

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region

Queensland Police Service

Salary: \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a.

(\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if under 21 years of age)

Location: Gladstone

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The cadetship is an opportunity for professional study in the building industry. The course of study is open for consideration, however studies in Project Management, Building, Architecture, Surveying or similar courses relating to the study of the built environment would be considered favourably.

The NSW Aboriginal Housing Office (AHO) is an Aboriginal agency which provides culturally appropriate housing to Aboriginal people in NSW. The AHO is seeking an Aboriginal Cadet to work in the Statewide Housing Services branch which is involved in the acquisition, construction and maintenance of housing for Aboriginal people.

Some intrastate travel may be required during the Cadetship.

The AHO will provide a study allowance of \$13,000 p.a. and a commencing salary between \$29,262-\$38,144 (pro rata) depending on age during the work placements. Salary progress is possible depending on satisfactory academic progress and work performance during work placement.

Upon successful completion of the cadetship the Cadet may be offered permanent employment by the AHO within their area of expertise.

In the first instance, please contact Ms Jean Pasfield for further information on 8836 9456, or email: jean.pasfield@aho.nsw.gov.au

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Program And Service Adviser - Indigenous Communities

\$63,358 to \$71,887 + Superannuation

The role will implement a service brokerage pilot for Aboriginal people with a disability and their families. You will also focus on the implementation of individualised plans for selected Aboriginal clients with a disability and their families.

The role will include client support and action that will directly address barriers to access faced by a sample of Aboriginal people with a disability.

Work will be undertaken with relevant DHS programs and other agency staff to determine where more flexible, responsive options are needed.

This position is identified for an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander under Section 14 of the Anti-discrimination Act 1977. Exemption number A6/2009.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Emma Watene on (03) 9767-8627. To apply online and to view a copy of the job description you are invited to visit www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers.

Please quote reference no DHS/STH/23348

Closing Date: Friday 25 September 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit

www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

and click on Vacancies. For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



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Already a specialist in taxation, you'll have practical experience in a relevant

industry position and high level relationship management skills. Experience in a professional income tax services firm, the finance industry or the legal profession will be highly regarded.

In return, we offer a competitive remuneration package, a variety of locations in modern offices, flexible working hours, generous leave provisions and a unique perspective the commercial world just can't match.

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Applications close 17 September 2009. Relevant tertiary qualifications are highly desirable.

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Australian Government
Department of Health and Ageing

There's no better time to join our team.

The Department of Health and Ageing is focussing on achieving better health and active ageing for all Australians. If you would like to join our team, and can meet our job requirements, we invite you to apply for a position with us to build better health, better care and better quality of life for all Australians.

**DIRECTOR
 EXECUTIVE LEVEL 2
 \$99,190 - \$117,436**

**Ref No: 09-0600
 CANBERRA**

The successful applicant will be responsible for a range of program management, communication, monitoring and reporting functions, including supporting the implementation of key government initiatives for Indigenous Australians. The ability to work well in a team environment with strong leadership, organisational and written skills, as well as demonstrated experience in program management and/or implementation is required.

Contact officer: Garry Fisk on (02) 6289 5325 or garry.fisk@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 24 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.

The Department of Health and Ageing is a member of the Australian Employers Network on Disability.

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Australian Government

The Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA) is a Commonwealth statutory body located on Thursday Island. The TSRA is engaged in a wide range of service delivery functions to Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people living in the Torres Strait region.

The TSRA is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the following **non-ongoing** position:

GALLERY OFFICER APS4 (P/N T00076)

GAB TITUI CULTURAL CENTRE

***REMUNERATION RANGE \$67,463 - \$72,510 P/A**

The Gallery Officer will provide support and assistance in the efficient front of house operations of the Gab Titui Cultural Centre by providing a high level of customer service, supervising the front of house facilities and staff; providing assistance with the installation of exhibitions, equipment and events and taking administrative responsibility for tour bookings and tour operators.

Gab Titui Cultural Centre is the Torres Strait's first keeping place for historical artefacts and contemporary Indigenous art. The central focus of the centre is to contribute to the maintenance, revitalisation and preservation of Torres Strait art and culture. Established in 2004, the Gab Titui Cultural Centre is operated by the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), services 20 communities and supports more than 70 artists across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

*The above remuneration packages consist of base salary, district allowance (without dependants); leave fare allowance (payable after 12 months service), housing subsidy, and superannuation (default fund). A performance bonus of up to 10% of base salary may be payable for a rating of exceeds expectations against a performance agreement.

TSRA accommodation is not available for this position.

You are required to include two documents:

- (1) "General Application Form" and a covering letter not exceeding 4 pages outlining your skills and experience against the Selection Criteria" and
- (2) "Resume or CV" detailing full qualifications and experience including the names of at least two referees.

Closing date for applications is 23 September 2009.

For further information relating to this position please contact Bronwyn Jewell Tel: 07 4090 2130. To obtain a copy of the selection criteria for this position email recruitment@tsra.gov.au or visit the TSRA website <http://www.tsra.gov.au> and click on the Employment link on our homepage.

Applications should be forwarded via email to recruitment@tsra.gov.au or mailed to **Recruitment, Torres Strait Regional Authority PO Box 261 Thursday Island Qld 4875**

Note: Applications which do not address the selection criteria will not be considered.

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**Exciting In-House Role
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- 3 years + legal experience
- Working for a statutory not for profit body with PBI status
- Commercial, property, litigation, public interest and administrative law practice
- Friendly working environment with attractive salary packaging options
- Diverse and challenging work
- Commitment to work life balance

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply

If you would like further information on this role, please contact Diane on 02 9689 4499



Origin Communications Group

NETWORK PROJECT OFFICER

Our client is currently looking to employ a Network Project Officer within a small, culturally diverse team.

Job details

- Part-time 14 hours per week
- Salary: SACS Award Grade 4
- Term: 3 year contract
- Sydney based (Inner West)

As the Network Project Officer you will:

- Support service providers and work collaboratively to build capacity locally
- Improve prevention and early intervention approaches and the local coordination of services, in order to ensure optimal access, engagement and results for clients.


Key Selection Criteria:

- Tertiary qualifications in Social Work or related field or diploma or 5 years relevant experience
- Highly developed written and oral communication skills
- Knowledge of issues for children and families particularly as relates to Aboriginal communities
- Solid computer skills
- Organisational and planning skills

Personal Specifications

- Ability to use initiative
- Demonstrated capacity to problem solve complex issues
- Ability to motivate others
- Ability to effectively liaise and network with government and non- government agencies, Aboriginal families and communities
- Commitment to empowering families
- Current drivers license

To apply please email admin@origincg.com.au addressing the selection criteria, and a copy of your resume (and two referees). **This position closes COB on Tuesday 16th September.** *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.*



AUBURN CITY COUNCIL
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This is a great opportunity for an enthusiastic, self-motivated and experienced individual to join the Community Development Team.

Aboriginal Community Development Officer

(This is a re-advertised position, previous applicants need not apply)

Reference: 09/08

Salary: \$42k to \$46k + Super
 (4 days per week, for 2 years)

Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities and ability to develop networks and build partnerships within the local community.
- Demonstrated understanding of, and ability to articulate, the relevant issues, culture and protocols of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.
- Tertiary qualifications in a relevant discipline, at least at Diploma level.
- Ability to undertake community projects and organise community events.
- Demonstrated ability to build relationships and work effectively with a wide range of stakeholders including community groups, service providers and government.
- Demonstrated high level written and verbal communication skills, including conflict resolution skills.
- Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander descent and demonstrated identify with Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island heritage and culture.

Auburn City Council considers that being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information including full selection criteria please visit our website at www.auburn.nsw.gov.au or contact Louise Reece on 9735 1274 or Marie Wilson on 9735 1302 to obtain a candidate information package. Enquiries about the position may be directed to Merryn Howell on 9735 1235.

APPLICATIONS

Please send your written applications (including a resume, covering letter and a claim for the position addressing each of the selection criteria and quoting relevant reference number) to John Burgess, General Manager, Auburn City Council, PO Box 118, AUBURN 1835 by no later than **4.00pm Friday 25th September 2009.**

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Senior Program Policy Advisor

\$73,104 to \$88,450

Reporting to the Team Leader, Practice & Service Development, Aboriginal Children and Families Unit, this Senior Program Adviser position will have responsibilities for the development, implementation and evaluation of policies; program design, service planning and implementation and support covering a range of activities identified as priorities for the Unit.

This position will require a sophisticated knowledge and understanding of service provision to Aboriginal Children and Families, have knowledge of the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and the non-Indigenous child and family service system.


Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/256724
 Closing Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
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East Art93982-v1

www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Program Advisor, Data Management

\$63,358 to \$71,887

Aboriginal Children & Families Unit is establishing a new role to collect, analyse and distribute data from sources both within and external to the department to assist evidence based planning and policy development.

You will be responsible for collecting, analysing and distributing data relevant to the planning, provision and monitoring of services for Aboriginal children and families. There will be particular emphasis on dissemination using a range of systems to meet the needs of data users. A key aspect of this role will also be enhancing, maintaining and updating the Aboriginal Children & Families Unit Website.

You will also be required to provide advice, assistance and support in the use and interpretation of data and relevant analysis tools.


You will have good skills in data analysis and interpretation, and a strong interest in how data can be used to identify emerging trends, geographical and service user profiles and to meet client's through informed policy and planning processes.

Please quote reference no DHS/CYF/86922
 Closing Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values. DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity.
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East Art93991-v1



Youth Worker (Re-advertised)

- Permanent Part Time (21 hrs per week)
- \$24,723 to \$27,285 pa, inc. super

Reporting to the Manager of Community Services, you will work with young people aged from 12 to 25 years in the Glen Innes Severn Local Government area, to promote their involvement in community activities. Placing a special emphasis on increasing services to Aboriginal youth, you will provide information where required and liaise with Aboriginal and other relevant youth organisations and services. Aboriginal applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Able to work alone and with others, you are responsive to change, have a flair for problem solving, and are strongly committed to customer service, workplace safety and ethical behaviour. An effective communicator, you are culturally aware, have sound computer skills and possess a Class C Driver's Licence and First Aid Certificate.

You have a good knowledge and understanding of current practices, standards and guidelines relevant to youth service provision and experience working with young people, particularly Aboriginal youth. Ideally you have formal qualifications in Community Services (Youth Work) and knowledge of services provided in the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.

It is an offence for a person convicted of a serious sex offence or a Registrable Person under the Child Protection (Offenders Registration) Act to apply for this role. Employment screening and Working with Children Checks apply.

Contact Peter Sayers on 02 67302300 or email psayers@gisc.nsw.gov.au for an information kit. Aboriginal applicants requiring further information may also contact Di McGuinness on 02 67302505 or email dmcguinness@gisc.nsw.gov.au

Apply by 4:30pm on 21 September 2009, following the directions in your kit. Ref CS18/09/07.

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General Manager

The Green Team Development Unit Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a General Manager with vision to create a unique employment and training pathway in land rehabilitation for Aboriginal people living in the central to north coast of NSW. The General Manager will need the capacity to develop strategic partnerships with Governments, industry, training institutions, and the Aboriginal people living in this region in order to deliver land rehabilitation services to industry and government.

The Green Team Development Unit Aboriginal Corporation has recently been established through a combination of Commonwealth and State funding to be provided over the next three years. After this round of funding, it is expected that the Green Team Unit will be able to operate on self-generated income.

Applicants are encouraged to seek further information about the position, its duties, performance criteria, and selection criteria by contacting Bernard Goldman (0427 710 155) or bernard.goldman@bigpond.com.

Applications addressing the selection criteria should be forwarded by email to bernard.goldman@bigpond.com by **close of business 23 September 2009**.

Careers @ Justice

INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Corrections Victoria, Mildura CCS

\$39,000 - \$50,083 Position No : 3834 Ongoing

Duties include:

- monitoring and supervising offenders sentenced by the Court or released on parole by the Adult Parole Board;
- assisting in the development and delivery of programs for offenders;
- developing strong links with local agencies;
- undertaking the prosecution of offenders failing to comply with orders.

A degree in an appropriate discipline is desirable but not mandatory. The successful applicant will be subject to a Police Records check.

For a position description contact the Mildura Operations Manager: **Leo Saunders** Tel. **03 5021 6100**. Please submit your written application to: Leo Saunders - Operations Manager C/- Mildura Community Correctional Services 59 Madden Avenue, Mildura Vic 3500

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 24 September 2009 www.justice.vic.gov.au

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Executive Assistant to Second Commissioner

APS 5 – Canberra \$63,861 – \$67,715 (plus superannuation)

- Are you highly organised?
- Can you communicate effectively with a range of people?
- Do you have common sense and good judgment?

As executive assistant you will provide high-level executive support to the Second Commissioner by managing and coordinating their daily engagements and commitments. You will schedule appointments, identify priorities, monitor and report on issues of particular interest and coordinate flights, accommodation and transport.

An understanding of our structure, operations, committees and forums particularly as they relate to the Office of the Commissioners is a must. You will also need strong office management skills, be proficient in Microsoft Office applications and be able to nurture working relationships.

Applicants should address the selection criteria comprehensively.

Applicants should include the name and contact numbers of two referees. Applications will not be formally acknowledged. Late applications may not be accepted.

To apply

The information you need to apply for this position is contained in the candidate information kit. You can get a copy by visiting www.ato.gov.au/careers You must submit your application by 17 September 2009.

More information

If you have read the candidate kit and need more information about this position, please contact Jessica Carew on **(02) 621 62046**

You can do that here



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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978 (WA)*:

| LEASE | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 15/1792 | Avoca Resources Ltd | 1087.5ha | 7km E'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat 31°30' Long 121°38' | Coolgardie |
| 24/566 | Paddington Gold Pty Ltd | 143.91ha | 64km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°22' Long 120°57' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 24/567 | Neil Wesley Sinclair | | | | |
| | Paddington Gold Pty Ltd | 309.76ha | 66km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°23' Long 120°55' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| | Neil Wesley Sinclair | | | | |
| 26/804 | Centaur Mining & Exploration Ltd | 23.18ha | 14km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°37' Long 121°30' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/246-7 | Peko Exploration Ltd | 1999.98ha | 46km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°20' Long 121°27' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 59/591 | Minjar Gold Pty Ltd | 577.13ha | 73km NW'ly of Paynes Find | Lat 28°56' Long 117°01' | Yalgoo |

Nature Of The Act: Grant of mining leases, which authorises the applicant to mine for minerals for a term of 21 years from notification of grant and a right of renewal for 21 years.

Notification Day: 9 September 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 **9 December 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. 9 January 2010**), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) in relation to the area of the mining leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT AMALGAMATION APPLICATIONS NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following amalgamation applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| EXPLORATION NO | APPLICANT | AMALG NO | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 15/905 | Aragon Resources Limited | 305862 | 198ha | 15km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat 31°12' Long 121°48' | Coolgardie |
| 28/1866 | Pioneer Nickel Ltd | 326571 | 61.378ha | 73km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°36' Long 122°09' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 36/624 | Plutonic Operations Ltd | 326519 | 3.88ha | 45km SE'ly of Leinster | Lat 28°05' Long 121°04' | Leonora |
| 36/628 | Synergy Metals Ltd | 326521 | 100.06ha | 31km SE'ly of Leinster | Lat 28°01' Long 120°58' | Leonora |
| 37/697 | Pacrim Energy Ltd | 326211 | 244.57ha | 59km N'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°23' Long 121°33' | Leonora |
| 38/2027 | Carbon Energy Ltd | 326679 | 12.46ha | 12km S'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°42' Long 122°21' | Laverton |
| 45/2174 | Shaw River Resources Ltd | 300139 | 104.48ha | 44km NW'ly of Marble Bar | Lat 20°49' Long 119°31' | East Pilbara |
| 53/1014 | Echo Resources Ltd | 327346 | 99.55ha | 80km SE'ly of Wiluna | Lat 26°54' Long 120°56' | Wiluna |
| | | 327353 | 3.03ha | 78km SE'ly of Wiluna | Lat 26°53' Long 120°56' | Wiluna |

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 9 September 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 **9 December 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. 9 January 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT PROSPECTING LICENCES NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following prospecting licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| NO | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 15/5405-8 | Regency Mines Australasia Pty Ltd | 704.8ha | 29km E'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat 31°34' Long 121°52' | Coolgardie |
| 15/5413 | Steele Stacey | 15.99ha | 22km NW'ly of Widgiemooltha | Lat 31°19' Long 121°28' | Coolgardie |
| 16/2628-30 | Michael Ronald Strowger | | | | |
| | Penny Strowger | | | | |
| 16/2628-30 | Cazaly Resources Ltd | 457.9ha | 75km S'ly of Menzies | Lat 30°19' Long 120°47' | Coolgardie |
| 25/2064 | Golddust Drilling Pty Ltd | 195.81ha | 32km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°42' Long 121°48' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 25/2096 | Thomas James Giri | 121.3ha | 25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°45' Long 121°43' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 27/1962 | Empire Resources Ltd | 99.95ha | 49km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°30' Long 121°54' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1184 | Peter Romeo Gianni | 9.71ha | 72km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°31' Long 122°10' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 29/2115 | Stuart Leslie Hooper | 9.72ha | 77km NW'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°08' Long 120°32' | Menzies |
| 31/1979-80 | Sammy Resources Pty Ltd | 289.69ha | 112km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°00' Long 122°15' | Menzies |
| 37/7775 | St Barbara Ltd | 121.37ha | 33km NW'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°40' Long 121°05' | Leonora |
| 38/3840-4 | White Cliff Nickel Ltd | 885.43ha | 34km S'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°55' Long 122°21' | Laverton |
| 38/3854 | A1 Minerals Ltd | 8.38ha | 28km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°45' Long 122°38' | Laverton |
| 39/5037 | Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd | 32.57ha | 47km S'ly of Laverton | Lat 29°02' Long 122°23' | Leonora |
| 51/2615 | Emu Nickel NL | 21.62ha | 60km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 27°07' Long 118°34' | Cue |
| 51/2616 | Emu Nickel NL | 45.2ha | 62km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 27°08' Long 118°33' | Cue |
| 51/2629 | Michael Francis Madigan | 119.7ha | 81km W'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 26°19' Long 117°44' | Meekatharra |
| 52/1220-2 | Plutonic Operations Ltd | 482.11ha | 172km N'ly of Wiluna | Lat 25°07' Long 119°40' | Meekatharra |
| 52/1223 | Plutonic Operations Ltd | 59.6ha | 174km N'ly of Wiluna | Lat 25°05' Long 119°42' | Meekatharra |
| 52/1224 | Plutonic Operations Ltd | 31.06ha | 161km N'ly of Wiluna | Lat 25°14' Long 119°39' | Meekatharra |
| 52/2623 | Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd | 5.94ha | 10km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 26°40' Long 118°28' | Meekatharra |
| 59/1902 | Gindalbie Metals Ltd | 99.05ha | 72km W'ly of Paynes Find | Lat 29°08' Long 116°57' | Perenjori |
| 8 59/1913 | | | | | |
| 63/1785-7 | Avoca Mining Pty Ltd | 549.22ha | 34km N'ly of Norseman | Lat 31°53' Long 121°45' | Dundas |
| 63/1788 | Avoca Mining Pty Ltd | 182ha | 36km N'ly of Norseman | Lat 31°52' Long 121°45' | Coolgardie/Dundas |
| 77/3976 | David Mark Barlow | 194.28ha | 123km N'ly of Koolyanobbing | Lat 29°42' Long 119°26' | Menzies |

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: 9 September 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 **9 December 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. 9 January 2010**), a native title party lodges an objection with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of the licence is an act attracting the expedited procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 11, 233 Adelaide Terrace, Perth, or GPO Box 9973, Perth, WA 6848, telephone (08) 9268 9700.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| NO & PURPOSE | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|--------------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 26/117 | Newmont Kaltails Pty Ltd | 13.46ha | 13km SE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°48' Long 121°35' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |

Purpose: Tailings Dam Extension

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 9 September 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 **9 December 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. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 9 January 2010**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT EXPLORATION LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following exploration licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

| NO | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | CENTROID | SHIRE |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 08/1467 | North Mining Ltd Mitsui Iron Ore Development Pty Ltd Cape Lambert Iron Associates Pannawonica Iron Associates Robe River Mining Co. Pty Ltd Aurora Resources Pty Ltd | 19.07km ² | 37km W'ly of Pannawonica | Lat 21°45' Long 115°59' | Ashburton |
| 08/1721 | Aurora Resources Pty Ltd | 197.29km ² | 111km SW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°51' Long 116°50' | Ashburton/Upper Gascoyne Upper Gascoyne |
| 08/1764-6, 08/1768 & 08/1777 | Aurora Resources Pty Ltd | 1028.83km ² | 100km S'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat 24°02' Long 117°19' | |
| 08/1953 | Giralia Resources NL | 183.81km ² | 78km SW'ly of Pannawonica | Lat 22°14' Long 115°55' | Ashburton |
| 08/1960 | Boleslaw William Kozyrski Rodney Laurence Bellotti | 3.14km ² | 81km W'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°25' Long 116°55' | Ashburton |
| 08/1975 | Australian Outback Mining Pty Ltd | 37.61km ² | 70km SW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°44' Long 117°19' | Ashburton |
| 08/1979 | Empire Resources Ltd | 97.57km ² | 170km E'ly of Coral Bay | Lat 23°15' Long 115°25' | Ashburton |
| 08/2002 | Evanton Ross Harris | 110.38km ² | 150km S'ly of Pannawonica | Lat 22°55' Long 115°52' | Ashburton |
| 09/1637 | Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd Complex Exploration Pty Ltd | 200.02km ² | 162km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 26°03' Long 116°23' | Murchison |
| 09/1638 | Complex Exploration Pty Ltd Lightwave Investments Pty Ltd | 64.61km ² | 138km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction | Lat 26°06' Long 115°57' | Murchison |
| 15/1142 | Ausprey Resources Pty Ltd | 2.94km ² | 13km N'ly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°50' Long 121°11' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1145 | Belres Pty Ltd | 17.53km ² | 49km E'ly of Widgeemooltha | Lat 31°33' Long 122°05' | Coolgardie |
| 15/1147 | Melville Raymond Dalla-Costa | 11.73km ² | 27km E'ly of Kambalda | Lat 31°12' Long 121°57' | Coolgardie |
| 16/389 | Matsa Resources Ltd | 5.9km ² | 53km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°37' Long 120°46' | Coolgardie |
| 16/390 | Matsa Resources Ltd | 23.61km ² | 44km NW'ly of Coolgardie | Lat 30°41' Long 120°49' | Coolgardie |
| 21/137 | Mt Magnet Gold NL | 18.21km ² | 26km S'ly of Cue | Lat 27°39' Long 117°56' | Cue |
| 27/407 | Maddison Resources Pty Ltd | 41.38km ² | 30km N'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°28' Long 121°28' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1945 | Westex Resources Pty Ltd | 14.74km ² | 76km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°42' Long 122°16' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1951 | Peninsula Minerals Ltd | 2.95km ² | 95km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°20' Long 122°20' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1955 | Chandling Pty Ltd | 584.61km ² | 109km N'ly of Balladonia | Lat 31°31' Long 123°32' | Dundas |
| 28/1956 | Chandling Pty Ltd | 572.15km ² | 114km W'ly of Rawlinna | Lat 31°11' Long 124°02' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1957 | Buxton Resources Ltd | 224.71km ² | 95km NW'ly of Balladonia | Lat 31°40' Long 123°28' | Dundas |
| 28/1958 | MPF Exploration Pty Ltd | 76.19km ² | 134km N'ly of Balladonia | Lat 31°16' Long 123°35' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1959 | Buxton Resources Ltd | 371.92km ² | 123km N'ly of Balladonia | Lat 31°21' Long 123°52' | Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1964 | Westex Resources Pty Ltd | 14.74km ² | 85km E'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 30°42' Long 122°21' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 28/1968 | Robert George Hodge | 5.88km ² | 37km W'ly of Rawlinna | Lat 31°00' Long 124°50' | Kalgoorlie-Boulder City |
| 29/722 | Mining 2000 Pty Ltd | 3.01km ² | 89km W'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°42' Long 120°26' | Menzies |
| 29/723 | Mining 2000 Pty Ltd | 3km ² | 88km W'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°45' Long 120°26' | Menzies |
| 29/724 | Mining 2000 Pty Ltd | 15.03km ² | 83km W'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°47' Long 120°29' | Menzies |
| 29/725 | Mining 2000 Pty Ltd | 6km ² | 80km W'ly of Leonora | Lat 28°56' Long 120°30' | Menzies |
| 29/732 | Mining 2000 Pty Ltd | 3km ² | 83km W'ly of Leonora | Lat 29°00' Long 120°29' | Menzies |
| 30/369 | Heron Resources Ltd | 14.93km ² | 45km NW'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°31' Long 120°37' | Menzies |
| 30/384 | Hatches Nominees Pty Ltd | 2.98km ² | 110km W'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°46' Long 119°54' | Menzies |
| 30/385 | Hatches Nominees Pty Ltd | 5.96km ² | 114km W'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°45' Long 119°52' | Menzies |
| 30/386 | Hatches Nominees Pty Ltd | 5.96km ² | 117km W'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°41' Long 119°49' | Menzies |
| 30/387 | Hatches Nominees Pty Ltd | 20.89km ² | 120km W'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°37' Long 119°37' | Menzies |
| 31/819 | Wayne Craig Van Blitterswyk | 8.92km ² | 126km S'ly of Laverton | Lat 29°45' Long 122°27' | Menzies |
| 31/856 | Heron Resources Ltd | 38.69km ² | 94km E'ly of Menzies | Lat 29°45' Long 122°00' | Menzies |
| 31/857 | Golddust Drilling Pty Ltd | 2.97km ² | 141km S'ly of Laverton | Lat 29°52' Long 122°38' | Menzies |
| 31/862 | Legacy Iron Ore Ltd | 14.85km ² | 121km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie | Lat 29°56' Long 122°18' | Menzies |
| 38/2158 | Raglan Pty Ltd | 39.41km ² | 17km NW'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°29' Long 122°19' | Laverton |
| 38/2300 | Petrus Resources Pty Ltd | 90.04km ² | 63km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°53' Long 122°58' | Laverton |
| 38/2304 | Rubicon Resources Ltd | 30.04km ² | 19km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°46' Long 122°29' | Laverton |
| 38/2316 | A1 Minerals Ltd | 3km ² | 29km SE'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°45' Long 122°39' | Laverton |
| 39/1479 | White Cliff Nickel Ltd | 111km ² | 42km SW'ly of Laverton | Lat 28°56' Long 122°09' | Laverton |
| 45/2655 | Kevin Graham Danks | 51.18km ² | 34km SW'ly of Marble Bar | Lat 21°19' Long 119°27' | East Pilbara |
| 47/1942 | Brockman Iron Pty Ltd | 144.8km ² | 9km NW'ly of Paraburdoo | Lat 23°10' Long 117°36' | Ashburton |
| 47/2039 | Brockman Iron Pty Ltd | 9.54km ² | 10km SE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat 21°40' Long 116°24' | Ashburton |
| 47/2040 | Brockman Iron Pty Ltd | 34.98km ² | 19km SE'ly of Pannawonica | Lat 21°42' Long 116°29' | Ashburton |
| 51/1309 | Emu Nickel NL | 12.2km ² | 62km S'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 27°09' Long 118°33' | Cue/Meekatharra |
| 51/1327 | Venus Resources Ltd | 110.47km ² | 100km W'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 26°23' Long 117°31' | Murchison |
| 51/1328 | Venus Resources Ltd | 46.23km ² | 102km NW'ly of Meekatharra | Lat 25°52' Long 117°52' | Meekatharra |
| 52/2369 | Sipa Exploration NL | 620.39km ² | 81km S'ly of Newman | Lat 24°05' Long 119°51' | Meekatharra |
| 52/2389 | Giralia Resources NL | 62.9km ² | 34km W'ly of Newman | Lat 23°28' Long 119°25' | Meekatharra |
| 52/2404 | Duketon Consolidated Pty Ltd | 207.14km ² | 136km NW'ly of Wiluna | Lat 25°37' Long 119°23' | Meekatharra |
| 57/766 | Empire Resources Ltd | 6.02km ² | 72km SW'ly of Sandstone | Lat 28°32' Long 118°53' | Sandstone |
| 57/792 | Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd | 138.77km ² | 79km SE'ly of Sandstone | Lat 28°31' Long 119°49' | Menzies/Sandstone |
| 58/379 | JML Resources Pty Ltd | 60.61km ² | 25km N'ly of Mount Magnet | Lat 27°50' Long 117°50' | Mount Magnet |
| 58/380 | Mt Magnet Gold NL | 910.07km ² | 33km S'ly of Cue | Lat 27°43' Long 117°52' | Cue/Mount Magnet |
| 59/1546 | Coventry Enterprises Pty Ltd | 24.07km ² | 43km SW'ly of Yalgoo | Lat 28°36' Long 116°21' | Yalgoo |
| 59/1592 | Venus Resources Ltd | 194.6km ² | 93km W'ly of Cue | Lat 27°26' Long 116°56' | Yalgoo |
| 59/1593 | Venus Resources Ltd | 237.05km ² | 104km NW'ly of Yalgoo | Lat 27°32' Long 116°08' | Murchison |
| 59/1602 | Zetek Resources Pty Ltd Ironcap Resources Pty Ltd | 3.02km ² | 21km N'ly of Yalgoo | Lat 28°09' Long 116°44' | Yalgoo |
| 63/1155 | Leahy Haulage Pty Ltd | 54.66km ² | 25km E'ly of Esperance | Lat 33°52' Long 122°10' | Esperance |
| 63/1342 | Ilmenite Resources Pty Ltd | 89.16km ² | 104km E'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat 33°01' Long 122°45' | Esperance |
| 63/1343 | Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd | 28.71km ² | 69km E'ly of Salmon Gums | Lat 33°11' Long 122°20' | Esperance |
| 69/2613 | Tiger Minerals Pty Ltd | 578.68km ² | 25km W'ly of Balladonia | Lat 32°28' Long 123°36' | Dundas/Esperance |
| 69/2614 | Tiger Minerals Pty Ltd | 303.51km ² | 123km SW'ly of Balladonia | Lat 33°25' Long 123°12' | Esperance |
| 69/2617 | Whinnen Resources Ltd | 425.4km ² | 115km E'ly of Esperance | Lat 33°39' Long 123°08' | Esperance |
| 69/2637 | Venus Resources Ltd | 418.21km ² | 53km NE'ly of Cocklebidly | Lat 31°36' Long 126°20' | Dundas |
| 70/3269 | Geotech International Pty Ltd | 60.45km ² | 20km SW'ly of Morawa | Lat 29°21' Long 115°53' | Morawa/Perenjori/ Three Springs |

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: 9 September 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 **9 December 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. 9 January 2010**), 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.



Northern Australia Indigenous Partnership Office - Bush Heritage Australia (BHA) & North Australia Indigenous Land & Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)

Indigenous Partnership Officer

This position is part of Bush Heritage's increasing commitment to working with Indigenous peoples in Caring for Country. It is a position in partnership with North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA) and will be hosted at NAILSMA's office in Darwin.

The Indigenous Partnership Officer will work across North Australia to: assist in increasing the number of ecologically and culturally significant properties acquired by Indigenous people; identify ways to support land management on Indigenous lands; and work with Bush Heritage to improve Indigenous participation on properties managed by them. As part of a committed team, this position will facilitate partnerships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organisations for the purposes of nature conservation.

It is essential that you have demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Indigenous societies and cultures; 'on-ground' experience working with Indigenous peoples in practical Caring for Country activities; and a broad and practical understanding of Caring for Country and conservation management.

Bush Heritage and NAILSMA strongly encourages Indigenous people to apply.

For more information about Bush Heritage or NAILSMA, and to download the selection criteria / position description: <http://www.bushheritage.org.au/> or <http://www.nailsma.org.au/>

For more information about the position contact: Sarah Eccles Ph: 02 6040 0924 / M: 0419 365 532 (email: employment@bushheritage.org.au)

Applications must be sent to: Sarah Eccles either via email or at:

Bush Heritage Australia
PO Box 329
Flinders Lane, Melbourne, VIC 8009

Applications close: Monday, 21st September 2009



**Origin
Communications
Group**

PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO CEO

Do you want to work for an organisation that is committed to improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people?

Job details

- Full time position
- Salary: \$50,000 per annum
- Term: 12 month contract with a view to permanency
- Location: Sydney, NSW

As the Personal Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer you will:

- Maintain and co-ordinate the schedule of the CEO
- Organise travel arrangements for the CEO (flights, accommodation & car hire)
- Provide secretarial support for the CEO
- Be responsible for head office reception duties (incoming calls, screening, messages)
- Responsible for all head office mail, faxing, couriers and deliveries
- Organise, schedule and take minutes at internal and external meetings as required
- Provide additional support to head office staff as required.

We are looking for someone who:

- Has 3 years or more experience in a similar role, supporting high level manager/s (experience in a corporate environment will be an advantage)
- Highly motivated, hands-on, self-starter work ethic and committed to a high standard of client service
- Extensive cultural awareness and connection with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities
- Highly organised, with strong administration and time management skills
- Experience (advanced) using Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint, previous experience in Mac based environment will be highly regarded
- Strong written communication skills and attention to detail
- Able to work well in a small team environment

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply please email admin@origincg.com.au for an application form. Please send a completed application form and your resume (including two current referees) to admin@origincg.com.au by **COB Wednesday 23 September 2009**.



**KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc
has an opportunity for an experienced**

Community Programs Coordinator

to join our dynamic team in Liverpool CBD. We are seeking a motivated, experienced and genuine individual with a passion for Indigenous community development. If you are seeking work in a friendly and team orientated environment then this role is for you.

This is a full time **Indigenous Identified (Australian Aboriginal)** contracted position. (**Pkg \$72,210 incl. of Base + Super +L/L + Sal.Sac**)

To be a success in this role, you will have:

- Experience in developing, implementing, managing and evaluating youth development projects.
- Experience in identifying community and social priorities and developing responses to address these.
- Well developed communication and interpersonal skills, including consulting, liaising and resolving issues with a range of stakeholders.
- A proven ability to collaborate and contribute as a team member.

Your key duties will include:

- Liaising with internal and external stakeholders, service providers & partners of the organisation.
- Demonstrated skills at building and maintaining professional networks and contacts.
- Public speaking ability.
- Keeping of records, data and reports.

Essential skills required:

- Experience working within a Community based environment.
- Intermediate Microsoft Office.
- A Current NSW Drivers License.

If you have a passion for Indigenous community development and/or experience working with Indigenous people you are encouraged to apply.

Job package consists of:

- Job Application
- Job Description
- Applying for a job with KARI document

Enquiries please contact:

recruitment@kari.com.au or Phone: 9822 4922

Applications close: 23rd September 2009.

(Only candidates selected for interview will be contacted)



Case Workers

Indigenous Support, Youth & Family

- * Make a difference within the community!
- * Attractive remuneration on offer!
- * Be truly valued in a uniquely rewarding role!

New Horizons has opportunities for part time **Case Workers** to join the Indigenous Family Support program based in Lismore, and the Indigenous Youth Support program based in Kempsey. These vital programs provide support to individuals affected by mental illness or extreme trauma. Joining a supportive workplace with **fantastic working conditions**, you will be **truly valued** as a pivotal member of the team. You will also receive a **generous remuneration package, further training and immense job satisfaction.**



ApplyNow.com.au/Job14026
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

Conservation Trainer / Manager

Land Management Services

Make a difference to Cape York conservation and indigenous devt as part of a \$5million land & sea enterprise support program!

As a result of new funding, *Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation* is seeking a **Conservation Trainer / Manager** to join their team in Coen, on the Cape York Peninsula. Don't miss this **varied and hands-on** opportunity to ensure environmental, employment and development outcomes are achieved in support of the area's indigenous communities! Enjoy **attractive remuneration \$70,000 - \$80,000 + super + salary sacrifice options, accommodation and home leave.**



ApplyNow.com.au/Job14080
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

Trainers

Language, Literacy & Numeracy Program

- * Enjoy a wide range of fantastic benefits!
- * Highly rewarding and varied role!



If you're a self-motivated 'go getter' committed to supporting the goals of Indigenous Australians, *STEPS Training* has a fantastic opportunity for **Trainers - Language, Literacy and Numeracy** to work in a choice of locations in the NT. In return for your hard work and dedication, you will be rewarded with a generous salary **\$55,000 - \$60,000 + super**. *STEPS* is also offering successful candidates a host of **outstanding benefits**, including **5 weeks annual leave**, access to **salary sacrificing arrangements, professional development opportunities, travel allowance** paid for food and incidentals and **MORE!**



ApplyNow.com.au/Job14063
Apply Online or Call 1300 366 573

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER NSW

Aboriginal Co-Management Program Coordinator, Clerk

Grade 9/10, Sydney Southern Suburbs, Hurstville,
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Ref :DECC09-180

Total remuneration package to \$104,152 p.a. including salary \$85,650 p.a. to \$94,384 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Coordinate the Aboriginal Co-Management Program, including guidelines and advice on developing and implementing co-management arrangements between DECC and Aboriginal communities for parks reserved under National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974; developing Department positions and a central point of reference for staff working on co-management; manage and disburse the Aboriginal Co-Management Program budget.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality
- Extensive knowledge of State and Federal legislation related to Aboriginal cultural heritage and natural heritage conservation, including roles and functions of NSW Government agencies
- Working knowledge of issues that may impact on natural and cultural heritage management in NSW. Superior negotiation, written communication and verbal communication skills
- Demonstrated project management, financial management, time management, organisational skills, and supervisory and team work skills.
- Current driver's licence.
- Willingness to travel to remote locations, including overnight stays on a needs basis, as well as a willingness to fly in light aircraft.

Job Notes: This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

Inquiries: Lenore Fraser (02) 9585 6632 (M) 0423 700 810 or lenore.fraser@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: (02) 9585 6771

Applications Marked 'Confidential' To: Recruitment Officer, Department Environment, 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: 25 September 2009

GA1-800687



ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - ABORIGINAL

Grade 2/3 (HCS Admin)
Daramulen Aboriginal Branch
Gosford, Central Coast
Temporary Part-Time (21 hpw)
Position No. HCS-09-20546

Full time salary package quoted valued up to \$53,935 pa (Salary range \$45,332 pa to \$48,876 pa) includes leave loading and employer's contribution to superannuation. Hourly rate: \$24.82 ph - \$26.76 ph

Job Description: To provide a range of administration, office management and customer services to support branch teams.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality/Torres Strait Islander.
- Demonstrated experience in a high-volume administrative position, involving customer service, finance, records management and purchasing.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively interpret policies and procedures relating to the service, and in providing advice and information to business customers.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills in all areas of office management, including liaising with internal and external customers.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team environment, manage time effectively and set priorities.
- General knowledge of community services, including services to the frail aged, younger people with disabilities and their carers.
- Demonstrated advanced computer literacy and keyboard skills, including knowledge and experience with relevant Microsoft Office applications in word processing, spreadsheet and database software.

Job Notes: This is a Temporary Part-Time position (21 hours per week) for a period of up to 6 months with possibility of extension. Applicants must obtain an information package which contains complete details of the advertisement and information about Home Care Service NSW.

Inquiries: Kathy Leayr on (02) 4320 4115

Information Package:

www.dadhc.nsw.gov.au/dadhc/careers or contact NSW Businesslink on (02) 4960 4635.

Apply on-line: As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink, PO Box 2160, Dangar NSW 2309

Closing Date: Friday 25 September 2009

GA1-802259

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| EPC1429 This Application consists of six separate parts | <p>Part 1: Approx. 40 km N from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°14'S Long.148°57'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council</p> <p>Part 2: Approx. 24 km NNE from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°24'S Long.149°01'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council</p> <p>Part 3: Approx. 32 km NNE from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°21'S Long.149°05'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council</p> <p>Part 4: Approx. 48 km N from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°10'S Long.149°0'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Central Highlands Regional Council</p> <p>Part 5: Approx. 46 km N from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°11'S Long.149°01'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council</p> <p>Part 6: Approx. 39 km NNE from Blackwater Centred at approximate Lat.23°17'S Long.149°05'E Local Government Area: Central Highlands Regional Council</p> | <p>Area of Part 1: 32 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2795</td><td>p</td></tr><tr><td>2796</td><td>l, q, r, s, v, x, y</td></tr><tr><td>2868</td><td>a, d</td></tr></table> <p>Area of Part 2: 16 km² Btlock Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2941</td><td>l, q, v</td></tr><tr><td>3013</td><td>a, f</td></tr></table> <p>Area of Part 3: 9 km² Btlock Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2941</td><td>j, k</td></tr><tr><td>2942</td><td>f</td></tr></table> <p>Area of Part 4: 6 km² Btlock Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2724</td><td>z</td></tr><tr><td>2796</td><td>e</td></tr></table> <p>Area of Part 5: 3 km² Btlock Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2797</td><td>f</td></tr></table> <p>Area of Part 6: 3 km² Btlock Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)</p> <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>2869</td><td>p</td></tr></table> | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2795 | p | 2796 | l, q, r, s, v, x, y | 2868 | a, d | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2941 | l, q, v | 3013 | a, f | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2941 | j, k | 2942 | f | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2724 | z | 2796 | e | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2797 | f | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 2869 | p | Yarrabee Coal Company Pty Ltd 010 849 402 |
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| 2942 | f | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation), creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude. The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx. 1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade, or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development & Innovation). Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

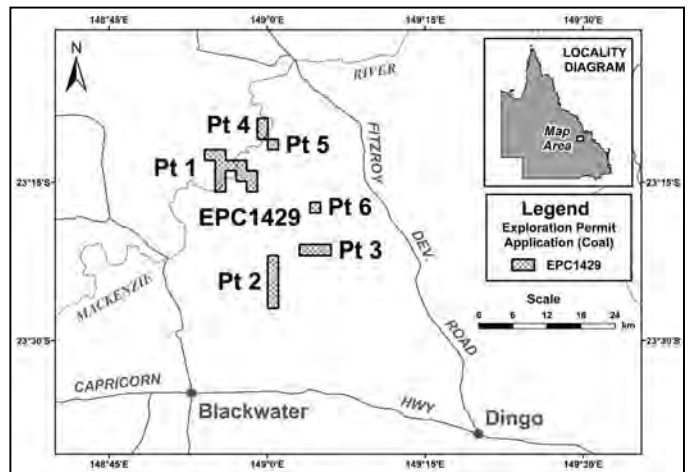
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 September 2009



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allowed. Cost \$35 general admission, \$25 concession or \$95 family. Held at Macquarie Street, Sydney from 12-6pm. Details: (02) 8239 2211 or visit www.hht.net.au or www.myspace.com/gardenmusicsydney

28-29 September: Stronger, Smarter Summit Conference 2009. 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'. Speakers include Mick Dodson, Tom Calma, Dr Sarra, Catherine O'Sullivan and more. All welcome. Held at Sofitel Brisbane Central, 249 Turbot St, Brisbane, Qld. Details: (07) 3138 9357 or email StrongerSmarterSummit@qut.edu.au or visit www.strongersmater.qut.edu.au

29 September-1 October: AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference – 'Perspectives on Urban Life; Connections and Reconnections'. This conference will consider a range of questions facing ATSI people living in urban and semi-urban/regional areas. All welcome. Held at the Manning Clark Centre, Australian National University, Canberra. Details: (02) 6246 1111 or email conference2009@aiatsis.gov.au or visit www.aiatsis.gov.au

30 September-29 October: Parliament House Art Exhibition. The 2009 Parliament of New South Wales Aboriginal Art Prize is an acquisitive prize of \$20,000 that recognises the achievements of NSW Aboriginal artists. From the submitted entries, a number of finalist art works will be selected. Held at the Parliament House, Sydney, NSW. Details: (02) 4645 4000 or (02) 4645 4100 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

2 October-6 November: Liz Williamson: Textiles as part of the Living Treasures: Masters of Australian Craft series Exhibition. All welcome. Held at Noosa Regional Gallery, Qld. Details: (02) 9361 4511 or email object@object.com.au or visit www.object.com.au

2-5 October: 39th NSW Annual Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival 2009. 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 (0423) 943 756 or email nominations@narwaneels.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 RSVP for catering purposes. Camping and sleeping facilities provided. Drug and alcohol-free event. All welcome. Held at Muru Mittagarr, 1951 Castlereagh Rd, Cranebrook, NSW. Details: Sandra Lee on (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 325 or email darug_tribal@live.com.au

3 October: Intertwining. This is a day-long sculpture weaving demonstration from artists in Arnhem Land and Tasmania. Visitors will be able to view the weaving activities, ask questions of the participants and purchase woven items, including bags, baskets and small sculptures made by Indigenous artists. Free and all welcome. Held at Hyde Park, Sydney from 11am-4pm. Details: (02) 9361 4511 or email object@object.com.au or visit www.object.com.au

8-9 October: Two-day symposium – Calling Indigenous Graduates of the University of Newcastle. The Wollotuka Institute is proud to announce the launch of the first Indigenous Kunarr Alumni Chapter. There will be a symposium followed by a cocktail party. All welcome. Held at the University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan. Details: Lillian Eastwood (02) 4921 5569 or email Lillian.Eastwood@newcastle.edu.au or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka

10-11 October: Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival 2009. Two days of fun, footy, food and entertainment. Queensland Indigenous teams compete for prize money and the cup. All welcome. Held at South Logan Magpies Rugby League Club, Davies Park, Jane St, West End, Brisbane. Details: Paul Spearim on (0412) 459 027 or email bilaari.m@hotmail.com or visit www.championsound.com.au

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 Liebbezeit on (03) 9417 1549 or annaliebezeit@ccp.org.au or visit www.ccp.org.au

15 October: 15th annual Deadly Awards 2009. Join Indigenous Australia's top musicians, actors, sports people and community heroes in an evening that showcases accomplishment and achievement throughout the year. Followed by an after party. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the

Sydney Opera House, Sydney from 8pm till late. Details: (02) 9250 7777 or visit www.vibe.com.au/deadlys

19-23 October: Train the Trainer – an Indigenous and cross-cultural awareness development program. This course offers participants an opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to present cultural information appropriately, effectively and competently within a structured framework. Registrations close 9 October. Cost involved. All welcome. Held in Brisbane. Details: Tom Kirk on (07) 3395 1054 or email tom.kirk@bogpond.com

27 October: 'Looking Out for Culture' Workshop. This is a one-day workshop with Ms Terri Janke, one of Australia's leading Indigenous cultural and intellectual property specialists. You will receive a Certificate of 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

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Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|--|--|--|---|
| EPM16330 This Application consists of three separate parts | Part 1: Approx. 68 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°35'S Long.144°05'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 65 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°28'S Long.144°08'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 65 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°30'S Long.144°03'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council | Area of Part 1: 95 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 29 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 q, r, v, w, x, y, z 1298 v, w 1369 b, c, d, e, j, k 1370 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p Area of Part 2: 20 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton and Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Normanton 1296 o, p Townsville 1225 l, m, q, r Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 c | Euramo Investments Pty Ltd 058 226 136 |
| EPM17123 | Approx. 86 km WNW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.16°53'S Long.143°46'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council | Area: 321 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 98 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 718 h, n, r, s, v, w, x, y 788 q, r, s, t, u 789 e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, y, z 790 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 791 l, q, r, s, v, w 861 d, e 862 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p 863 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x 864 l, q, r | West Kimberley Metals Pty Ltd 128 016 571 |
| EPM17547 This Application consists of three separate parts | Part 1: Approx. 41 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°21'S Long.144°13'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 45 km SW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°26'S Long.144°14'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 43 km SSW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°27'S Long.144°17'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council | Area of Part 1: 104 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1082 s, t, y, z 1083 v, w, x 1155 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u 1156 a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q, v Area of Part 2: 7 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1227 j, k Area of Part 3: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1228 m | Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606 |
| EPM17561 | Approx. 76 km SSW from Chillagoe Centred at approximate Lat.17°44'S Long.144°10'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council | Area: 104 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 32 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1442 k, p, t, u, y, z 1443 f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 1514 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, p 1515 a, b, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o | West Kimberley Metals Pty Ltd 128 016 571 |

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Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

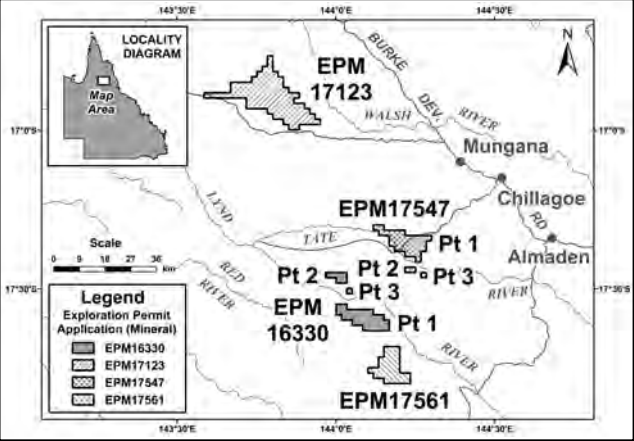
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Notification Day: 30 September 2009



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| EPM17646 | Approx. 76 km NW from Cloncurry Centred at approximate Lat.20°12'S Long.140°01'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council | Area: 29 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>168</td><td>o, p</td></tr><tr><td>169</td><td>g, l, m, n, q, r, s</td></tr></table> | Block Number | Sub-blocks | 168 | o, p | 169 | g, l, m, n, q, r, s | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
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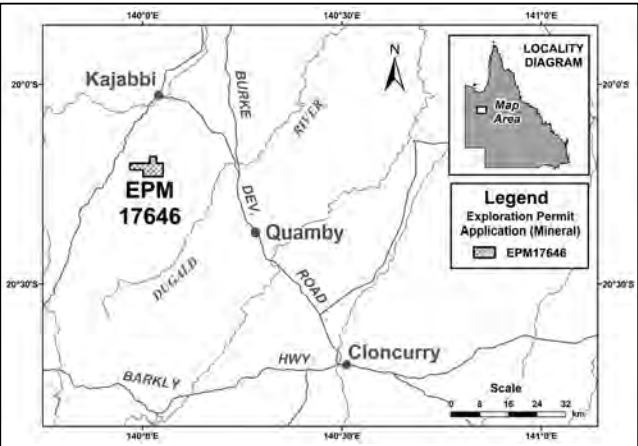
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Notification Day: 30 September 2009



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Calendar

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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

31 October-13 November: Bundanon to Host Workshop. A two-week residential workshop called IndigeLab and is for Indigenous artists, performers, writers, directors, dancers, choreographers, screen-based artists, designers and more. Held at Bundanon, 170 Riversdale Road, West Cambewarra, Nowra, NSW. Details: (02) 8571 9111 or (02) 4422 2100 or email indigelab@performancespace.com.au

6-8 November: Mercy Justice Conference. Major social issues will be the focus of the conference. Featuring leading social justice campaigners and thinkers including Australian of the Year Professor Mick Dodson. Held at the Queanbeyan Conference Centre, Canberra. Details: Carmel Heagerty on (0408) 426 876 or email Institute.Justice@mercy.org.au or visit www.mercy.org.au

14-29 November: Adelaide Feast Festival '09. An annual gay and lesbian community arts festival gathering. Theme 'Home Grown'. A collection of works by emerging Indigenous visual artists. All welcome. Held in Adelaide, SA. Details: Danny (08) 8463 0684 or email visualarts@feast.org.au or visit www.feast.org.au

24-27 November: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Care Conference 2009. The conference will address the critical success factors that underpin 'Closing the Gap' by our distinguished line up of speakers. There will be case studies and commentary from Australia's Indigenous health care leaders and an opportunity to attend one of our popular pre or post-conference workshops. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at Rydges World Square, Sydney Hotel. Details: 1300 316 882 or visit www.indigenoushealthcare.com

25 November: Koori Night Market. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stallholders selling a diverse range of hand-made quality products, including traditional artifacts, traditional food, hand woven baskets, paintings, jewellery, a massive variety of arts, crafts, clothing and much more. New stallholders welcome. Held at the Northcote Town Hall, 189 High St, Northcote, Vic, from 6-9.30pm and also on 5 December from 4-8.30pm. Details: (0419) 750 399 or (03) 9490 1468 or email contact@koorienightmarket.com.au or visit www.koorienightmarket.com.au

27-29 November: First Contact 16th annual Sport and Cultural Festival 09. Men's opens, mixed opens, mixed secondary schools and youth groups. There will be information stalls, food stalls, face painting, kids rides, stage performances and more. All welcome. Held at Robbie Williams Sports and Recreational Reserve, Boundary Road, Coorparoo, Qld. Details: (07) 3420 4291 or email trish@firstcontact.asn.au or visit www.firstcontact.asn.au

First Contact is on in November



First Contact – one of Australia's biggest Indigenous sporting and cultural events – will be held in Brisbane on 27-29 November. ● See details above

One-off game for RL Ashes

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| EPM16792 | Approx. 16 km NE from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°32'S Long.138°27'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council | Area: 637 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1228 c, d, e, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1229 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1299 e, k, p, u 1300 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1301 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1302 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1303 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1304 q, r, s, t, u, z 1372 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u 1373 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 1374 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16798 | Approx. 37 km NNE from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°17'S Long.138°28'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council | Area: 637 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1014 n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1015 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1016 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1084 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1085 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1086 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1087 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1156 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, x, y, z 1157 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |

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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy & Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

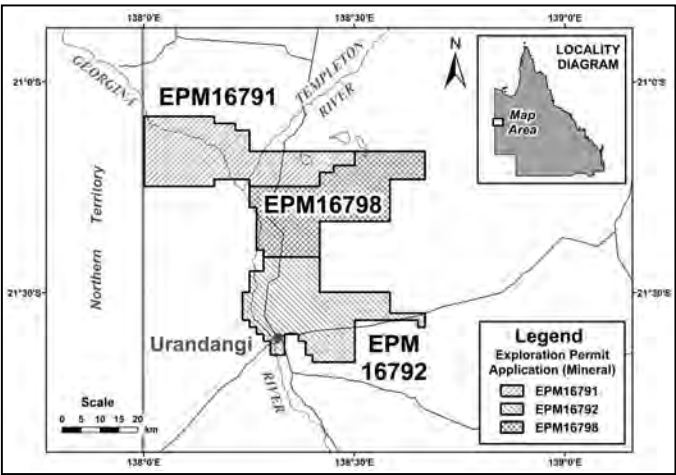
Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 September 2009



Queensland Government

Former captains divided over whether it's the right decision



AUSTRALIAN Rugby League officials have decided to put their 36-year domination over England and Great Britain for the sport's Ashes on the line in a one-off game next month.

ARL chief executive Geoff Carr has confirmed that Australia and England will play one-off matches for the 101-year-old title over the next three seasons, beginning on 31 October in Wigan during the Four Nations series. The system will then be reviewed.

The trophy is normally contested over a three-match series and former Australian captains were divided over an English proposal that it be handed to the winner of a one-off game.

"We decided that we will put the trophy on the line in that game at the end of next month," Carr said.

"There was some suggestion that it be decided based on however many games we play in a given season, but we can't say for sure that England or Australia would make a Four Nations final.

"So it's going to be one game per year for the next three years."

The Ashes trophy is currently on display at the National Museum in Canberra and will be transported to Britain for the Four Nations, which kicks off on 23 October.

Australia dominates

Series between Australia and England, the Northern Union or Great Britain have been known as the Ashes since 1908. But there are no such series planned until after the 2013 World Cup, with Australia to have 2012 off at the request of players.

Britain won the trophy in Australia in 1970, but the green-and-golds regained it in the UK during 1973 and have held it ever since.

Current Australian captain Darren Lockyer and predecessors Laurie Daley, Arthur Beetson, John Raper and Bob McCarthy have said they were opposed to the title being decided in one match.

But Brad Fittler, Max Krilich and Gordon Tallis had no problem with the idea, first raised publicly by England skipper Jamie Peacock at the beginning of last week. –AAP

AFL semis to be night games



THE Australian Football League (AFL) has confirmed both of next weekend's semi-finals will be played as night games at the Melbourne Cricket

Ground (MCG).

The first semi will feature the loser of last Sunday's clash between St Kilda and Collingwood, and Adelaide, winners of last Friday's clash with Essendon, to be played on Saturday 12 September.

The second semi will feature the loser of last Saturday's meeting between Geelong and Western Bulldogs, and the winner of Saturday night's Brisbane-Carlton game, and will take place on Friday 11 September.

The winners of the semi-finals will proceed to preliminary finals the following weekend, and the losers will be eliminated. –AAP

‘Beautiful’ Crows swoop on depleted Bombers



THEY'RE beautiful, breath-taking and sweet, according to Matthew Knights. Unfortunately for him, the Essendon coach was talking about the Adelaide Crows and not his AFL outfit.

After being trounced by the Crows by 96 points in Friday night's Australian Football League (AFL) elimination final, Knights was glowing in his praise of the South Australian club.

The Bombers coach described Adelaide's long kicking as 'beautiful', their ability to run into space as 'breath-taking' and their goal kicking 'amazing'.

"They are travelling pretty sweet," Knights said of Adelaide, who have kicked an extraordinary 53 goals in their past two matches – 26 against Essendon following 27 put through against Carlton the previous week.

Veteran Andrew McLeod continued the sparkling run of form he has sustained for more than a month for the Crows.


Adelaide's next fixture is a semi-final at the MCG next Saturday night against a likely banged-up loser from last Sunday's St Kilda-Collingwood qualifying final.

"With an eight-day break for them, the draw really opens up for them nicely," Knights said of Adelaide.

Knights noted Adelaide was missing only two frontliners – Nathan Bock, Nathan van Berlo – while his playing roster had been crippled by injury this year.

"Having a healthy list like at this time of year is amazing," he said.

"They have got good health, they have got big bodies, they have still got their wily veterans playing super footy – McLeod, Edwards and Goodwin and Burton... they have still got a really good top end that just gel them together at times of need." – AAP



Andrew McLeod was in scintillating form for the Adelaide Crows against the Essendon Bombers last Friday night.

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Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
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| EPM16609 | Approx. 69 km ESE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°13'S Long.138°42'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 644 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 80 u, y, z 81 q, u, v, w, z 82 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 83 q, r, v, w 151 e, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 152 a, d, e, f, g, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 153 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 154 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 155 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w, x 223 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, p 224 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 225 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 226 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16611 | Approx. 9 km NNW from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°51'S Long.138°05'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 692 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry, Newcastle Waters and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 215 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 2 a, b, c, g, h Newcastle Waters 3240 e, k, p, u, z 3312 e, k, p, u, z 3384 e, k, p, u, z 3456 e, k, p, u, z Normanton 3169 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3170 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3241 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3242 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3313 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3314 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3385 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u, z 3386 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16616 | Approx. 24 km ESE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°0'S Long.138°20'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 570 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 177 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 3 e, k, p, u, v, w, x, y, z 4 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 5 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 6 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, v Normanton 3315 v, w, x, y, z 3316 v, w, x 3387 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, t, u, z 3388 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3389 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3390 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16619 | Approx. 43 km S from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°19 Long.138°08E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 443 km² Block Identification Maps: Alice Springs and Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 139 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Alice Springs 288 u, z 360 e, k, p, u, z 432 e, k Cloncurry 147 f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 217 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 218 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 219 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 289 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 290 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 291 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 361 a, b, c, d, e 362 a, b, c, d, e 363 a, b, c, d | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16633 | Approx. 47 km SE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°15'S Long.138°25'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 644 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 75 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 76 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 77 q, r, v, w 147 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 148 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z 149 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 150 v, w, x, y, z 151 v 219 d, e, j, o, t, u, y, z 221 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, u 222 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 223 a, f, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 224 q, v, w, x, y, z 291 d, e, k, p, u, z 292 a, f, l, m, q, r, v, w 363 e 364 a, b, g, h | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |

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Top tips in the Top End



THE next generation of Indigenous Australian stars showcased their skills in Darwin last week and received coaching tips from National Basketball League coaches who were in town for the official NBL pre-season tournament – the Top

End Challenge.

A select group of athletes was chosen following this year’s Barunga Cultural and Sporting Festival, which is one of the most significant celebrations of Aboriginal culture, art, music and sport in the Top End.

Held in the Aboriginal community of Barunga, in the western corner of the Beswick Aboriginal Reserve 80km south-east of Katherine, the festival included basketball teams from the Roper Gulf and Victoria Daly shires in the Katherine region as well as men and women from Kalkaringi and Ngukurr.

The top players selected following the festival competed in men’s and women’s All-Star competitions at the Darwin Basketball Association last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the inaugural Bangardi Lee Indigenous All-Star Event.

NBL assistant coaches provided guidance to the players throughout the tournament, sitting on the bench for all teams during games.

Darwin Basketball Association supported the event by supplying the facilities, referees, bench officials, administration and donating the winning teams’ trophies. Basketball Northern Territory also ran training sessions to help the players elevate their games to the next level.

Katherine-based Indigenous sport program officer Paul Murray has a vision of running a sustainable basketball competition involving remote communities from the region.

“His goal is to build the capacity of the community members to run a sustainable basketball competition,” said Basketball NT President Pam Adam.

“BNT is committed to helping develop players and officials, creating a clear pathway for their representative teams and exposing these players to higher levels of competition.”

Soccer kits on the way to kids

SPECIAL soccer kits are to be distributed to more than 50,000 young players in regional and urban Australia as past of the Optus Small-Sided Football (OSSF) program. The kits are being provided through Optus and Football Federation Australia (FFA).

All under-six registered OSSF players across the country will receive a football kit, which includes a T-shirt, football and backpack. Their local club will also receive equipment and resource materials.

OSSF is football for children, played on smaller fields, with fewer players on a team and with an emphasis on having fun through playing football.

Organisers say OSSF maximises participation for all players and is an important component of FFA’s commitment to building for the future.

“For more than a decade football has had the highest participation rates of any sport for boys aged 5-14,” FFA chief commercial officer John O’Sullivan said.

“It is also the fastest growing team sport for girls. We are thrilled, that together with Optus, we are able to support grassroots football in a practical way.

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| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
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| EPM16789 This Application consists of two separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 15 km S from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°03’S Long.138°08’E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council Part 2: Approx. 10 km SW from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.19°59’S Long.138°03’E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area of Part 1: 48 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2 f, l, q, r, s, v, w, x, y, z 74 a, b, c, d, e Area of Part 2: 42 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 1 a, b, c, d, e Normanton 3385 l, q, r, s, v, w, x, y | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16790 | Approx. 91 km NNW from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.20°47’S Long.138°12’E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 627 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 196 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 578 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 579 v, w, x, y, z 580 v, w, x 581 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 649 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, u, z 650 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 651 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 652 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 653 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 722 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, v ,w, x 723 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, l, m 724 a, b, c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, s, t, x, y 725 a, b, c, f, g, h | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16794 | Approx. 54 km NE from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°17’S Long.138°43’E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council | Area: 621 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 195 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1016 v ,w, x, y, z 1017 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1018 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1088 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1089 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1090 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1160 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 1161 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1162 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16795 | Approx. 69 km SE from Camooweal Centred at approximate Lat.20°21’S Long.138°35’E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 699 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 218 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 148 v, w, x, y 219 k, p 220 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 221 l, q, r, s, t, v ,w, x, y, z 292 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 293 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 294 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 295 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 296 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 364 c, d, e, j, k 365 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 366 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 367 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 368 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k 369 f, g, h, j, k 370 f, g, h, j, k 371 f, g, h, j, k | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16796 | Approx. 37 km NE from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.21°26’S Long.138°38’E Local Government Area: Boulia City Council | Area: 637 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1158 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1159 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1160 q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1230 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1231 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1232 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1233 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1234 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 1304 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16797 | Approx. 71 km NNW from Urandangi Centred at approximate Lat.20°59’S Long.138°10’E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Mount Isa City Council | Area: 640 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 649 q, r, s, t, v ,w, x, y 721 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 793 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 794 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 795 q, v 865 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 866 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 867 a, b, f, g, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 868 d, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z 939 a, b, c, d, e, j, k 940 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v ,w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |

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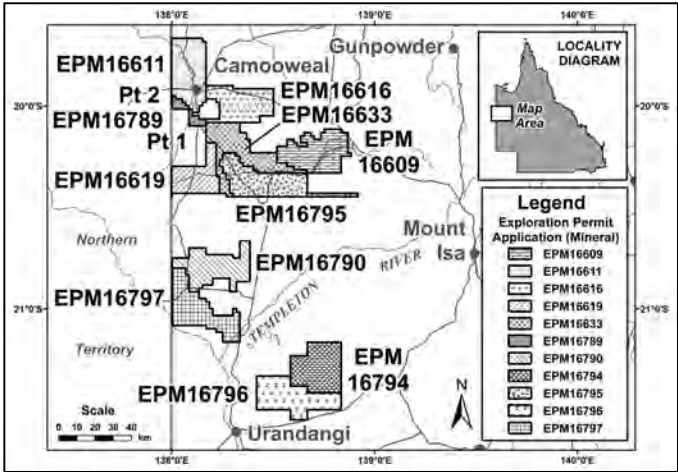
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Sport

Diamonds from the desert shine at NT titles



THE women's softball team from the remote central Australian community of Nyirripi have won their division at the Northern Territory softball championships in Darwin.

It was a case of many firsts for Nyirripi: It was the first time a team from central Australia had competed; it was the first time the girls had played on grass; it was the first time they had played under lights; and it was the first time they had worn runners.

It was also the first time that Nyirripi had not played in the local Yuendumu Sports Carnival because it clashed with the big Darwin event.

The Nyirripi team won the right to compete in Darwin when they won the inaugural Central Desert Shire softball tournament.

In their opening game in Division 2, Pool C, the Nyirripi girls came up against Darwin team South-Tracy Village.

Nervous, excited

Captain Lizzie Spencer said that before the game, she was nervous and excited.

The Nyirripi girls made a slow start, but with coach Christine Curtis directing their play they won 6-4.

The girls were back on the diamond almost immediately after their win, this time to play Timber Creek Storm.

With the taste of success still fresh, Nyirripi won 10-5, thanks to great batting by Zenaida and Margaret Gallagher.

It was hot and humid and vastly different to the weather they left behind in Alice Springs when Nyirripi took on Waniymin Fireballs in the opening game on day two.

Close encounter

It was a tight game, but Nyirripi came away with a 2-0 win.

The girls then backed up against Tiwi and stormed home to a 16-1 win to complete a clean sweep of the qualifying games.

Nyirripi used their down time to cheer on fellow Central Desert Shire players Susie Stafford, Mildred Fishook and Jacinta, from Laramba, who played for Souths/Tracy Village.

They also supported the Titjikala team that was in the same division but different pool.

Nyirripi assistant coach Petra Marshall and catcher Audrey Miller represented the team by being base umpires for one of the other games.

Opposition improved

In the final in their pool, Nyirripi again came up against a vastly improved Souths-Tracy Village.

Nyirripi's plan was to score quickly, however it didn't initially go to plan. The game was tough, with Nyirripi working hard to get in front.

The girls had some great fielding moments, with catches by left fielder Janita Gallagher, and consistent pitching from Margaret Gallagher.

Nyirripi had done enough, taking out the game 14-10.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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|---------------------------|--|---|--|
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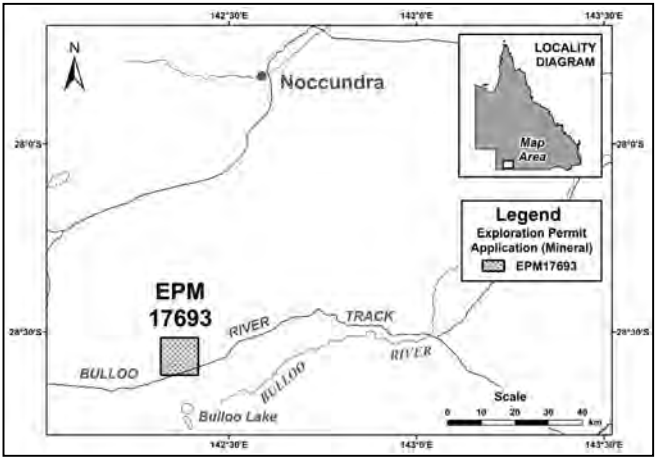
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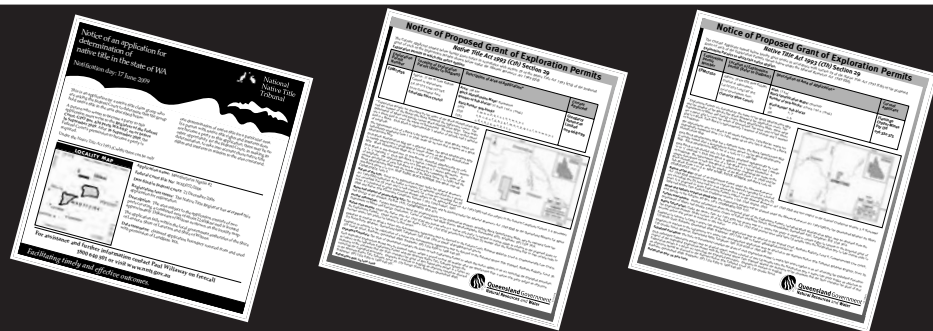
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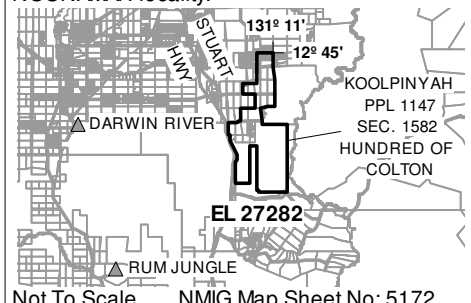
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NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

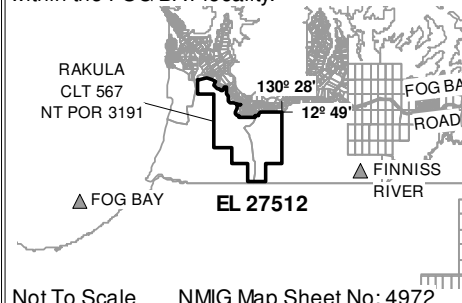
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

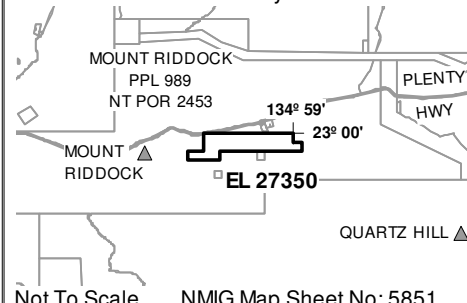
Exploration Licence 27282 sought by ACACIA MINERALS PTY LIMITED, ACN 127 419 729 over an area of 31 Blocks (66.52 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the NOONAMAH locality.



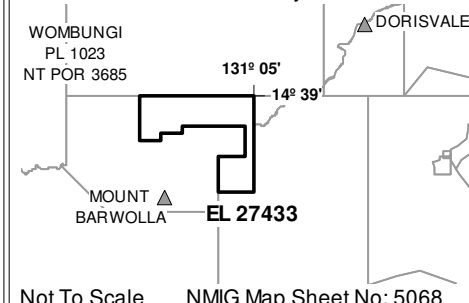
Exploration Licence 27512 sought by HAPSBURG EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 119 756 133 over an area of 16 Blocks (46.67 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the FOG BAY locality.



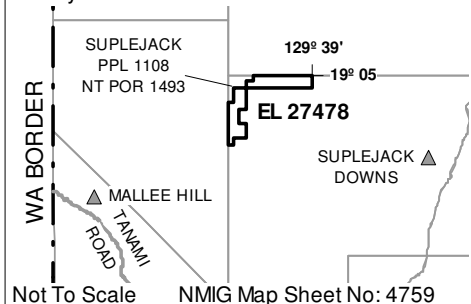
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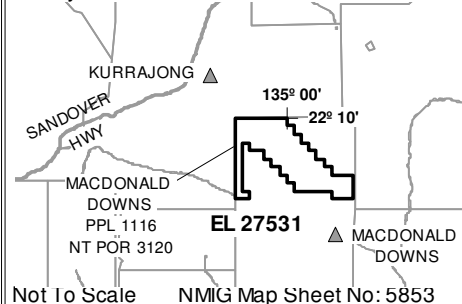
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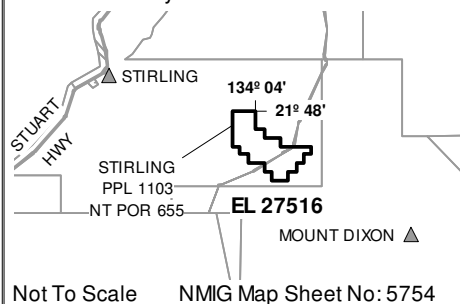
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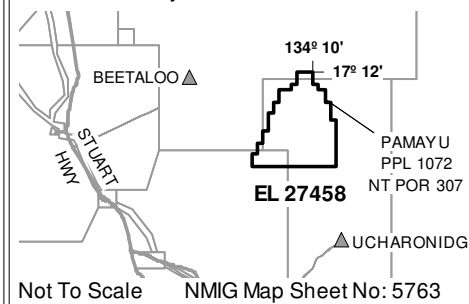
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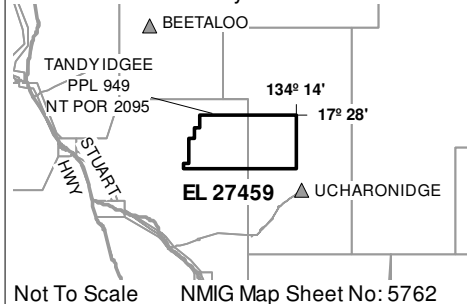
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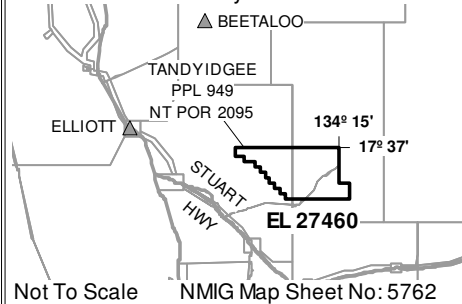
Exploration Licence 27458 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 166 Blocks (544.24 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the MUNDAH locality.



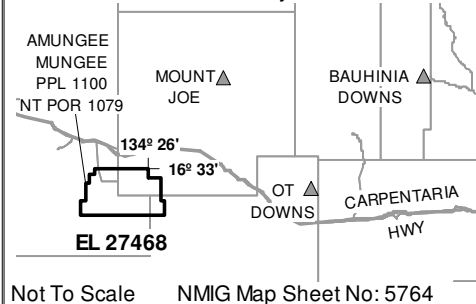
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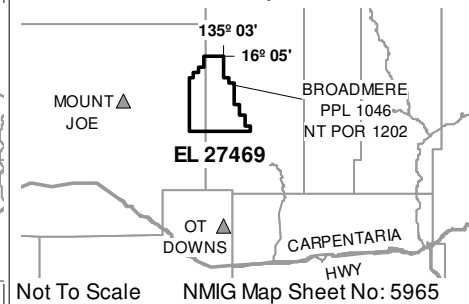
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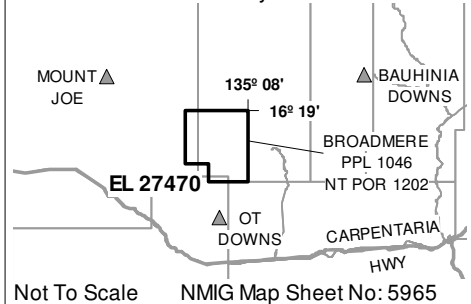
Exploration Licence 27468 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 166 Blocks (546.37 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AMUNGEE MUNGEE locality.



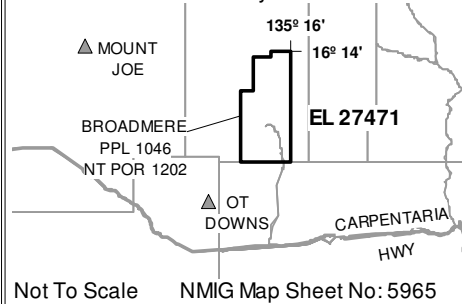
Exploration Licence 27469 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 117 Blocks (385.88 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



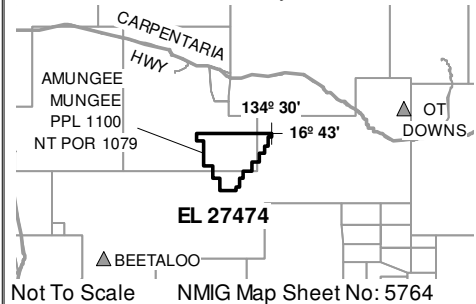
Exploration Licence 27470 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 120 Blocks (395.34 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



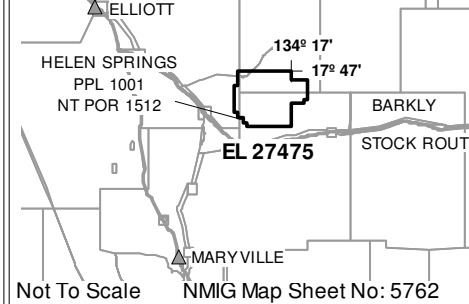
Exploration Licence 27471 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 121 Blocks (398.71 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the BAUHINIA DOWNS locality.



Exploration Licence 27474 sought by WDR BASE METALS PTY LTD, ACN 125 044 984 over an area of 163 Blocks (535.77 Sq Kms) depicted below, for a term of 6 years, within the AMUNGEE MUNGEE 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 Centrepont Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

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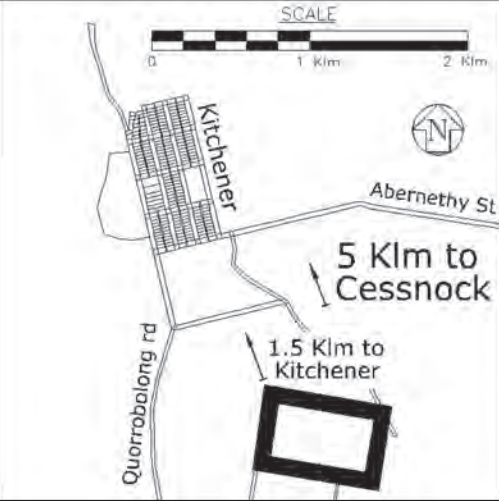


Mining Lease Application 333 (Act 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

Description of area that may be affected by the grant of a mining lease:

An area of 34.13 hectares situated approximately five (5) kilometres south southeast of Cessnock, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.



Description of the nature of the act:

Austar Coal Mine Pty Limited (ACN 111 910 822) is the applicant of Mining Lease Application No. 333 (Act 1992), for mining lease which would authorise the mining for Coal and be granted for a term of 21 years.

Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done:

Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

How further information about the act can be obtained:

Further information may be obtained from Peta Johannessen; Titles Program, Department of Industry & Investment, Telephone (02) 4931 6613 or Fax (02) 4931 6776.

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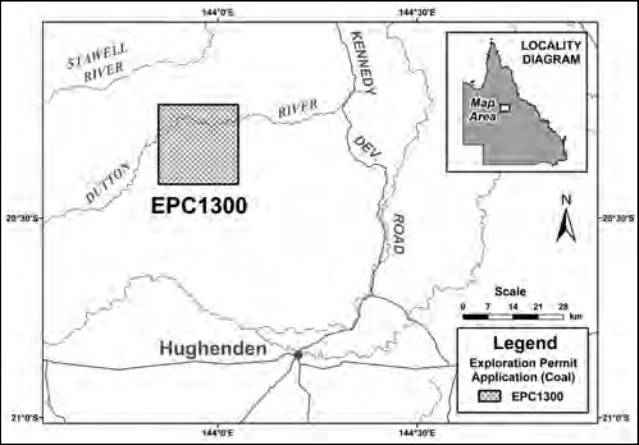
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NOTICES INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES MINING ACT 1971 SA SECTION 63M

TAKE NOTICE that **MARMOTA ENERGY LIMITED** (ACN 119 270 816), of UNIT I, 5 BUTLER BOULEVARD, BURBRIDGE BUSINESS PARK, ADELAIDE AIRPORT SA 5950 (and its successors and assigns) as licence holder, propose to carry out mining operations pursuant to Exploration Licences (ELs) 4252, 4254 and 4256 (including any renewals, extensions, transfers, assignments or other dealings) on the following land (Land):

The Land in the State of South Australia being the land comprised within: **EXPLORATION LICENCE 4252 - AREAS A & B - DESCRIPTION OF AREA LAKE CALLABONNA AREA - Approximately 170 km and 210km northeast of Olary, bounded as follows:**

AREA A Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°10'S and longitude 140°33'E, thence east to longitude 140°42'E, south to latitude 30°14'S, east to longitude 140°51'E, south to latitude 30°17'S, east to the eastern border of the State of South Australia, thence southerly along the border of the said State to latitude 30°19'S, west to longitude 140°33'E, and north to the point of commencement.

AREA B Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°41'S and longitude 140°31'E, thence east to longitude 140°35'E, south to latitude 30°46'S, east to longitude 140°37'E, south to latitude 30°55'S, west to longitude 140°31'E, and north to the point of commencement.

All the within latitudes and longitudes are geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p.4894 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

EXPLORATION LICENCE 4254 - AREA B - DESCRIPTION OF AREA LAKE CALLABONNA 2 AREA - AREA B - Approximately 180 km northeast of Leigh Creek, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 29°52'S and longitude 140°10'E, thence east to longitude 140°21'E, south to latitude 29°53'S, east to longitude 140°22'E, south to latitude 29°54'S, east to longitude 140°23'E, south to latitude 29°55'S, west to longitude 140°21'E, north to latitude 29°54'S, west to longitude 140°14'E, south to latitude 29°59'S, east to longitude 140°17'E, south to latitude 30°05'S, west to longitude 140°14'E, north to latitude 30°02'S, west to longitude 140°12'E, north to latitude 29°57'S, east to longitude 140°13'E, north to latitude 29°56'S, west to longitude 140°12'E, north to latitude 29°54'S, west to longitude 140°11'E, north to latitude 29°53'S, west to longitude 140°10'E, and north to the point of commencement.

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EXPLORATION LICENCE 4256 - AREA A - DESCRIPTION OF AREA LAKE FROME AREA - AREA A - Approximately 170 km east of Leigh Creek, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 30°05'S and longitude 140°21'E, thence east to longitude 140°26'E, south to latitude 30°09'S, west to longitude 140°07'E, north to latitude 30°07'S, east to longitude 140°18'E, south to latitude 30°08'S, east to longitude 140°21'E, and north to the point of commencement.

The general nature of the proposed mining operations that are to be carried out on the Land is as follows:

Exploratory operations to determine the geological structure of the land and presence of economical mineralisation which may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical survey, geochemical soil and rock-chip sampling; shallow trenching;

rotary air blast, aircore, reverse circulation percussion and diamond core drilling; minor clearing for drill rig access, and construction of temporary camp sites.

WE, MARMOTA ENERGY LIMITED, seek to negotiate a native title mining agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act, 1971 in respect of the proposed mining operations on the Land.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, if two (2) months after this notice is given as required by the Mining Act, 1971, there are no persons registered under the law of the State or Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, **MARMOTA ENERGY LIMITED** may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63N of the Mining Act, 1971 for a summary determination authorising entry to the Land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if within (4) months from the initiation of negotiations, **MARMOTA ENERGY LIMITED** and any native title party(ies) have not reached agreement under Part 9B of the Mining Act, 1971, any party to the negotiations or the Minister may apply to the Environment, Resources and Development Court pursuant to section 63S of the Mining Act, 1971 for a determination in relation to the conduct of mining operations on the Land.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the Land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact **MARMOTA ENERGY LIMITED**.

Contact:
Domenic Calandro, Director

Phone: 08 8735 4300
Facsimile: 08 8735 3999

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

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|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| EPM16832 | Approx. 120 km SW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°36'S Long.139°0'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council | Area: 327 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 104 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3036 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3037 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3038 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3107 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u 3108 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3180 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16833 | Approx. 82 km NNW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°14'S Long.139°34'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 578 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 182 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1746 o, p, t, u, y, z 1818 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1819 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1890 d, e, j, k, o, p, t, u, y, z 1891 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1962 d, e, j, k, p, u, z 1963 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1964 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2034 e, k, p, u 2035 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 2036 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
| EPM16834 | Approx. 47 km NW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.22°32'S Long.139°40'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council | Area: 593 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 186 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2037 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2108 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2109 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2180 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, t, u, z 2181 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2251 k 2252 e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2253 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2324 b, c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u 2325 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |

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Notification Day: 30 September 2009



Queensland Government

Warragul statue of Lionel Rose

By GRAHAM HUNT



JUST six bronze statues of Aboriginal boxing legend Lionel Rose – miniature versions of a larger one to take pride of place in the Victorian country town of Warragul – remain to be sold.

They are for sale for \$12,000 each, with proceeds going towards the cost of the larger Warragul statue.

Fifteen limited-edition miniature statues were commissioned.

The Warragul-based Baw Baw Shire Council, which already has approved the site of the Lionel Rose statue, has promised to buy the last miniature version.

Rose still lives in Warragul with wife Jenny, and it was he who selected the site of the statue.

The two men behind the statue project are Stephen Mold, who spent his early years in Warragul but now lives at Red Hill, on the Mornington Peninsula, and Robert McCarthy, also of Red Hill.

Mold said he had known Lionel Rose and the Rose family for a long time and he had felt that Australians had not justly recognised the achievements of the former world champion.

"He's a humble man living a simple life in Warragul. He's never been properly recognised and it's about time he was," Mold told *The Koori Mail*.

In 1966 in Japan the 19-year-old Rose took the world bantamweight title from champion Fighting Harada, becoming the first Aborigine to win a world professional boxing title.

Mold said it was only right that a statue be gifted to the birthplace and home of Lionel Rose.

"The statue depicts Lionel in a famous boxing stance, but it symbolises far more than Lionel's sporting achievements," he said.

"It celebrates the human spirit through the achievements of one man who persevered against the social and economic obstacles in his way, until he succeeded."

The statue will stand 3.6 metres in total (bronze 2.2 metres, granite based 1.4 metres).

Sculptor Stephen Glassborow has been commissioned to create the statue.



Lionel Rose at the 2005 Deadly Awards.

Bombers host four home games



FOUR home games for the Tiwi Bombers at Nguui is a feature of the 2009-10 Northern Territory Australian Football League season about the open.

Other features are the inclusion of seven Friday night games, 11 double headers and six triple headers.

The Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFL NT) also announced it would introduce themed rounds to this season's fixture, including a Women's Round (Round eight), Community Round (Round nine) and a Call to Arms Round (Round ten).

Round one of the TIO NTFL season will see the annual Defence Jobs Carnival take place in conjunction with the NTFL League Round one fixtures at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Wanderers and Darwin will open hostilities at TIO Stadium on Friday 2 October, followed the next day by the historic match between the Tiwi Bombers and reigning premiers St Marys at Tiwi Oval, Bathurst Island.

Nightcliff and Palmerston Magpies will meet on 3 October at TIO Stadium, followed on Sunday 4 October by the game between Southern Districts and Waratah at TIO Stadium.

Other highlights of the 2009/10 TIO NTFL Season include grand final replays between St Marys and Wanderers in rounds seven and 16.

Going on the success of the 2008-09 TIO NTFL finals series, the 2009/10 grand final will be played under lights for the second successive year on Saturday 13 March.

The 2009-10 TIO NTFL season has a changed dynamic now, with the NT Thunder's inaugural inclusion in the 2009 QAFL competition.

Officials say that combining this with new coaches for Palmerston, Waratah, Southern Districts, the Tiwi Bombers and reigning premiers St Marys, the season is one not to be missed.

Essendon adopt action plan for reconciliation



THE Essendon Football Club has been praised as the first individual sporting club to adopt a Reconciliation Action Plan.

The Melbourne Age reported that the club's RAP focused on 'closing the gap' and pursuing reconciliation in the key areas of relationships, respect and opportunities.

Some of the actions in the plan include identifying opportunities to engage with Indigenous communities, and developing existing relationships with the remote communities of Wadeye and the Tiwi Islands.

The program would also recognise and foster awareness of Indigenous culture at events such as Dreamtime at the G, as well as celebrate the achievements of the Indigenous community through an Indigenous profile in the Hall of Fame.

Range of opportunities

The Age said the RAP aimed to provide a range of education, business, recreational and health opportunities for Indigenous people within the club by growing Indigenous employment, as well as providing off-field development and education for players.

Essendon chief executive Peter Jackson said the commitment to the RAP went beyond one person

"It's been embedded in the values and behaviours of the club and its people," he said.

Former Essendon player Michael Long said The Long Walk charity was a proud partner with the club – 'both wanting equality and opportunity for Indigenous Australians'.

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| EPM17469 | Approx. 113 km W from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°49'S Long.138°59'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 19 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3252 z 3253 q, v 3324 c, d, e | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17470 | Approx. 91 km W from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°0'S Long.139°11'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council | Area: 6 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 2 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 15 a, b | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17491 | Approx. 71 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°23'S Long.140°07'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 32 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 10 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2906 h, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2978 c | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17493 | Approx. 81 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°20'S Long.140°16'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 19 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2836 q, r, v, w 2908 b, g | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17497 | Approx. 59 km N from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°30'S Long.140°08'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 16 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 5 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2978 w, x 3050 c, d, h | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17498 | Approx. 34 km NNE from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.19°45'S Long.140°10'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 26 km² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 8 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3194 p, u, z 3195 l, q 3266 e, k, p | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |

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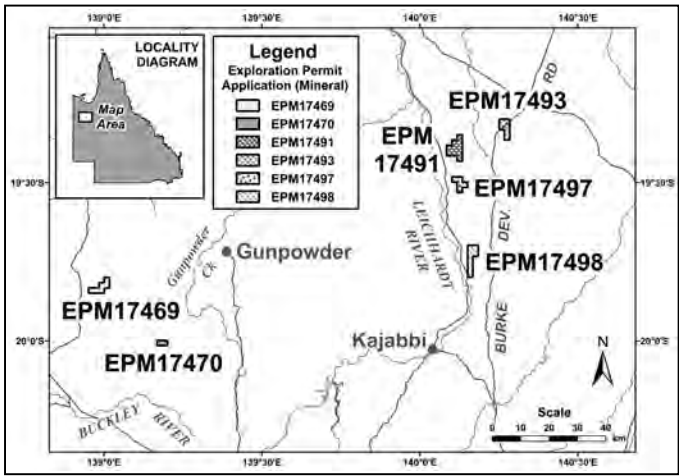
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Caroline
off to
Japan
for judo

A YOUNG Indigenous girl from the western NSW town of Wellington will head to Japan in October to learn more about her sport of judo.

Caroline Hain, who has just turned 13, has a mild case of the rare genetic disorder Treacher Collins Syndrome.

But that hasn't prevented her from excelling at judo.

She has been involved in the sport since she was young and has had success in a number of tournaments.

In 2006 at the 'Red Earth' tournament in Cobar, Caroline won her age/weight division.

Then, in 2007 at the NSW Country

championships at Coffs Harbour, she came third in her age/weight division.

Last year Caroline won her age/weight division.

She is the current NSW champion in her age/weight division.

Recently, on the Queen's Birthday long weekend, Caroline competed at the national championships and finished with a bronze medal in her age/weight division.

Since then, she has stepped up an age division and now competes against rivals up to three years older and heavier than her.

Her most recent tournament was at the NSW PCYC titles at Blacktown, where she

won the under-16 under-40kg division and won a bronze in the mixed division.

Caroline lives at Wellington with her great aunty Caroline Ling, but recently spent a term with her grandmother Linda Hain in Newcastle as she prepared for the national titles.

When she goes to Japan next month, her grandmother will be at her side.

Caroline is a Wiradjuri girl. She previously attended the Wellington Christian School but now is at Wellington High School.

Her grandmother described her as an achiever, excelling at judo, swimming and athletics.

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| EPM17382 | Approx. 66 km SSW from Eulo Centred at approximate Lat.28°37'S Long.144°35'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council and Paroo Shire Council | Area: 301 km ² Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 439 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 440 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 511 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 583 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, n, o, p 584 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o | Earth Ray Exploration Pty Ltd 128 511 062 |
| EPM17385 | Part 1: Approx. 75 km WSW from Eulo Centred at approximate Lat.28°25'S Long.144°20'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 64 km WSW from Eulo Centred at approximate Lat.28°24'S Long.144°27'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council | Area of Part 1: 157 km ² Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 52 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 292 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 293 q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 365 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y Area of Part 2: 145 km ² Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 48 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 293 b, c, d, e, h, j, k 294 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 295 f, l, q, v 366 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o | Earth Ray Exploration Pty Ltd 128 511 062 |
| EPM17399 | Approx. 82 km WSW from Eulo Centred at approximate Lat.28°17'S Long.144°13'E Local Government Area: Bulloo Shire Council | Area: 214 km ² Block Identification Maps: Bourke Number of Sub-blocks: 71 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 218 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 219 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 220 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y | Earth Ray Exploration Pty Ltd 128 511 062 |

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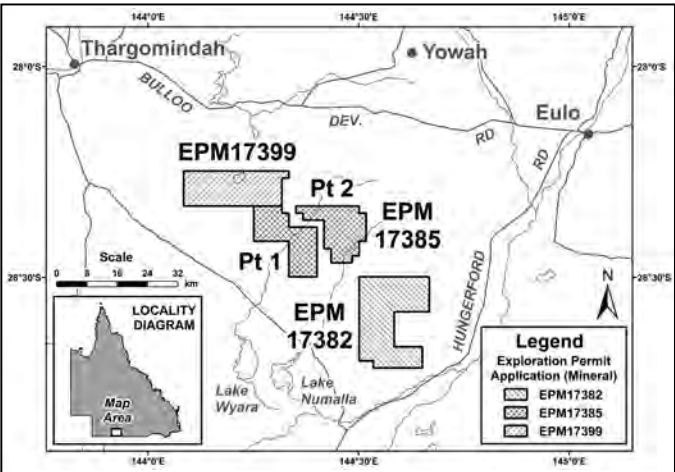
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Queensland Government

Simms
are still
kicking

League legend's
nephews line up
for grand final



THE Simms name lives on in rugby league.

Eric Simms is remembered as a great fullback for the South Sydney Rabbitohs during a golden era for Souths in the 1960s and 1970s. He was a deadly-accurate goal kicker.

In the Newcastle and Hunter Rugby League grand finals in Charlestown last Saturday, the B Grade grand final was between the Tea Gardens Hawks and Wangi Wangi at Charlestown.

Lining up for the Hawks were five nephews of Eric Simms – Joshua Simms, Tyson and Nathan Jolly and Ryan and Trent Saunders.

And as if five nephews wasn't in itself news, the nephew of Eric's sister Bev Manton, Ben Feeney, also played with the Hawks.

Eric Simms attended school in Raymond Terrace, before moving to La Perouse in Sydney where he signed for South Sydney in 1965. That year, Souths reached the grand final, with Simms playing in the centres.

Many records

Simms went on to play 206 first-grade games, scoring a total of 1843 career points. In 1969, he broke the record for the most points scored in a Sydney rugby league premiership season with 265, previously held by Dave Brown of Eastern Suburbs. He held the record until broken by Mick Cronin more than a decade later.

In the 1968 Rugby League World Cup, Simms gained the distinction of becoming the fourth Aborigine to represent Australia in rugby league. He scored 50 points in four games at the 1968 World Cup, a record which still stands today. He played in the 1970 World Cup in England two years later and scored 37 points in total.

Simms was one of the game's greatest exponents of the field goal. He holds the record for the most number of field goals in one season (1969, with 19) and most in a single match (1970, with 5). It has been suggested that his proficiencies at field goals partly led to the decision to change the value of a field goal from two to one point in 1971.

Simms left South Sydney in 1976 to join the NSW country side Crookwell, and retired from rugby league after one season.

Cape York finals this weekend

By ALF WILSON



THE final round of the Cape York rugby league competition will be at Weipa on Saturday 12 September when the semi-finals, preliminary and grand finals will be played. It will be round four of a competition featuring mostly Indigenous footballers from remote communities. The top two sides after the first three rounds – Lockhart River Scorpions and Weipa Northern Force – will meet in game one, with the winner getting the armchair ride to the grand final. Then a knockout semi-final will be held between Mapoon Magpies and Coen Colts, with the winner to meet the losing side from game one in the preliminary final.

That victor will advance to the grand final, and Weipa officials are gearing up for a huge crowd. Six teams have contested the competition and the winner will be presented with the Cape York Shield. The other teams, Napranum Brothers and Pormpuraaw Crocs, will play for the Plate.

Scorpions too hot

The third round was hosted by Weipa on August 22 and the Lockhart River Scorpions were the winners 22-20 in the final against the Weipa Force. The final was a heated match. The man behind the competition is Weipa-based QRL Development Officer David Westley, whose territory covers Cape York. “All the teams played really good footy in their new jerseys supplied by the Reef Casino Gaming Benefit Fund and all the teams looked really professional and they all seemed to like them. The theme on all the jerseys is ‘Violence No Way’,” Westley said. After the final, Jack Carter was judged best player for the Force, Joseph Kennell was the best player for Lockhart River and Alistair Bowie was presented with the award for Player of the Carnival. Other results in round three: Pormpuraaw 36 d Mapoon 22, Lockhart River 12 d Coen 8, Weipa 32 d Pormpuraaw 10, Lockhart River 22 d Napranum 16, Weipa 16 drew with Mapoon 16, and Napranum 14 d Coen 12. Lockhart River also won round two and Mapoon took out the first round.

Milan-bound Beau loves his soccer

INDIGENOUS Australian Beau Tyson is one of more than 500 homeless people from across the globe to have descended on Milan for a week-long soccer tournament that began last Sunday. The Italian city is hosting the Homeless World Cup. So enthusiastic is Tyson about soccer that one day he missed a court appearance. “I needed to play, which I know is silly, but soccer is what I live for,” the 20-year-old said after skipping the Brisbane court appearance. He lives in a boarding house in Brisbane, but for the past two years has found solace in *The Big Issue’s* Community Street Soccer Program. He said he couldn’t wait to step on to the field to represent Australia in Milan and sing the national anthem and hold the Australian and Aboriginal flags. “I want to be everyone’s best mate and get to know every player from around the world,” he said on the eve of his departure. “When I get back from Milan I also want to get more Aboriginal players involved with this program.” Tyson is mad about soccer. For at least two hours a day he kicks a ball around in a Brisbane park, working on his skills and giving him something positive to focus on. “The ball helps me zone out and switch off,” Tyson said. “I love it, I need it.”

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| EPM16947 This Application consists of four separate parts. | Part 1: Approx. 97 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.19°08’S Long.143°50’E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council | Area of Part 1: 165 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2662 u, x, y, z 2663 q, v 2734 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2735 a, f, g, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2806 b, c, d, e, k 2807 a, b, c, d, f, g, h | Newcrest Operations Limited 009 221 505 |
| | Part 2: Approx. 109 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.19°16’S Long.143°40’E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council | Area of Part 2: 133 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 41 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2804 p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2805 l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2876 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2877 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q | |
| | Part 3: Approx. 87 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.19°02’S Long.143°45’E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council | Area of Part 3: 42 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 13 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2661 n, o, p, s, t, u 2662 f, g, h, l, m, n, q | |
| | Part 4: Approx. 77 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°58’S Long.143°45’E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council | Area of Part 4: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2589 o, p, t, u 2590 q, r | |
| EPM17687 | Approx. 20 km SSE from Georgetown Centred at approximate Lat.18°27’S Long.143°36’E Local Government Area: Etheridge Shire Council | Area: 166 km ² Block Identification Maps: Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 51 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2083 d, e, j, k, p, x, y, z 2084 l, m, n, o, r, s, t, v, w, x 2155 d, e, h, j, k 2156 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2228 d, e, j, k, o, p, s, t, y | Atherton Minerals Exploration Pty Ltd 129 225 734 |

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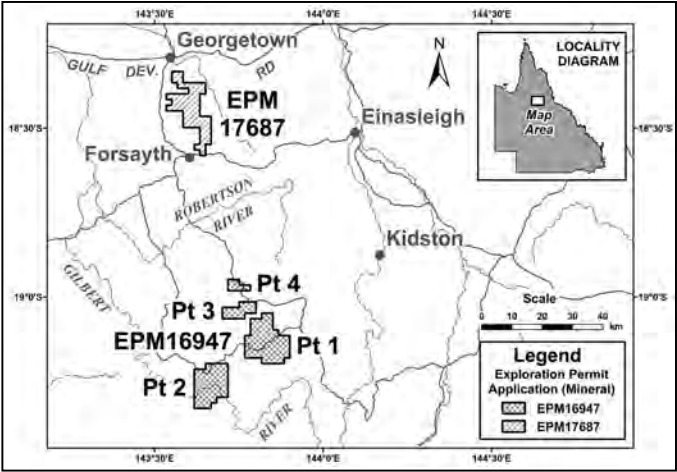
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Legend visits Darwin clinic



NORTH Melbourne Australian Football League (AFL) legend Glenn Archer was the drawcard at the Army-AFL Lifestyle Clinic at TIO Stadium, Darwin, on 11 August.

The half-day clinic focused on leadership, lifestyle and football skills.

Archer, who retired in 2007 after 311 games, is the AFL-Army Award Ambassador.

More than 50 young people from across Darwin took part and were told about courage, initiative and teamwork and how the Army and AFL shared the same values.

They were encouraged to take up healthy lifestyles and to identify what made a successful, healthy athlete.

The clinic included information sessions on lifestyle, healthy eating, physical fitness and positive choices.

Participants then ran through a light fitness session and after lunch there was a football skills session and the day finished with the group split into two teams for a mock game – Team Archer v Team Army.



North Melbourne Australian Football League (AFL) legend Glenn Archer talks football with Darwin Indigenous youth during the Australian Defence Force AFL Lifestyles Clinic organised by Defence Force Recruiting at TIO Stadium in the Northern Territory.



● ABOVE and BELOW: Glenn Archer tussles with Darwin Indigenous youth during the Australian Defence Force AFL Lifestyles Clinic at TIO Stadium, Darwin.

Pictures: Shannon Joyce Photography



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| EPM17013 | Approx. 127 km WSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°12'S Long.138°43'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council | Area: 79 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 25 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2745 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z | Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291 |
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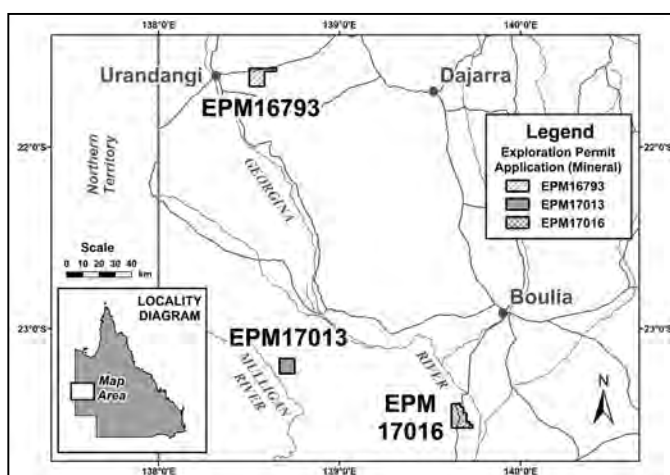
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Bound for Draft Camp



2 October.

THREE of the Northern Territory's best young players have been invited to attend the National Australia Bank (NAB) Australian Football League (AFL) Draft Camp at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra from 29 September to 2 October.

Thunder under 18 co-captain Deon Gordon, from the Kimberley Aboriginal community of Beagle Bay, along with Troy Taylor and Mitchell Taylor, have earned invitations after catching the eye of AFL recruiters at the National under-18 championships.

AFLNT talent and coaching manager Jarrod Chipperfield said Gordon had sublime foot skills and poise under pressure and his improvement in winning contested ball this year made the scouts take notice.

Mitchell Taylor was a super competitor who was just never beaten, and had cat-like recovery and a great work ethic, Chipperfield said.

He said Troy Taylor was a real eye-catcher. "Taking some fantastic contested marks, kicking some wonderful goals and provided fantastic pressure on the opposition, some scouts are calling him the new Mickey O (Michael O'Loughlin) based on some of the freakish things he did during the carnival," Chipperfield said.

Another four Territorians have earned invitations to State-based draft screening sessions in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Rugged defender/on-baller Pierce Liddle, robust midfielder and Thunder under-18 MVP Roland Ah Chee and the smooth Charlie McAdam have been rewarded for their carnival performances, while Tiwi flyer and Thunder excitement machine Bradley Palpuaminni caught the eye of recruiters during a fantastic debut season in the Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) with the Thunder.

NTIS AFL high-performance coach Brett Hand, who coached the players in the under-18 championships, said:

"This year's under-18 national campaign has once again proven to be great opportunity for talented Territory boys to showcase their skill and talent. Six of the squad have been recognised and rewarded for their efforts with invites to the Draft Camp and State screenings.

"The three lads who have been invited to the State screenings are wonderful examples of the over-age concessions that we are lucky to have.

"They had chosen to further their careers by playing football in the southern States, Roland has been playing with Norwood in the SANFL,



TROY TAYLOR



BRADLEY PALPUAMINNI

Pierce with Casey Scorpions in the VFL, and Charlie was originally playing with Corowa-Rutherglen in the Ovens and Murray League before being lured back to Darwin with the opportunity to play with the Thunder.

"Roland, our Most Valuable Player for the carnival, showed a fantastic ability to win the contested ball and his use the ball effectively was a feature.

"It has been pleasing to see the other three

players' progress to the Thunder QAFL team following the under-18 nationals.

"In previous years they would have had to head south to continue with their football. It has enabled them to stay in Darwin while helping to keep them in the forefront of the recruiters' minds following on from their excellent form at the championships."

Territory Thunder high-performance manager Murray Davis said the introduction of NT Thunder into the QAFL had been a huge success story in such a short period.

"In the case of the Deon, Troy, Mitchell



CHARLIE McADAM

and Charlie, all have progressed through the junior Thunder program and continued on to the pathway into the seniors," Davis said.

"Deon and Troy have been awarded Rising Star nominations for performances in the QAFL and Charlie and Mitchell have shown they can play at State League level."

Davis said that in the case of Bradley Palpuaminni, he was so pleased that his efforts had been recognised in the way of an invitation to State screening.

"Here's a 20-year-old who might have thought his dream of playing at the highest level had passed," he said.



PIERCE LIDDLE

"Everyone is aware of his talent and he's now been able to show that at a higher level. He's been the Thunder's best player on two occasions against the Brisbane Lions reserve grade side and in round 12 won the Rising Star award in a dominant display where he kicked four goals.

"It's a credit to the players and everyone involved to have this representation at draft camp and screening."

Gordon is a scholarship holder at the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS).



ROLAND AH CHEE

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| EPM17635 | Approx. 15 km SW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°06'S Long.139°56'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 96 f | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |
| EPM17647 | Approx. 5 km SSW from Kajabbi Centred at approximate Lat.20°04'S Long.140°01'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council | Area: 13 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 25 q, r, v, w | Lady Annie Operations Pty Ltd 076 289 097 |

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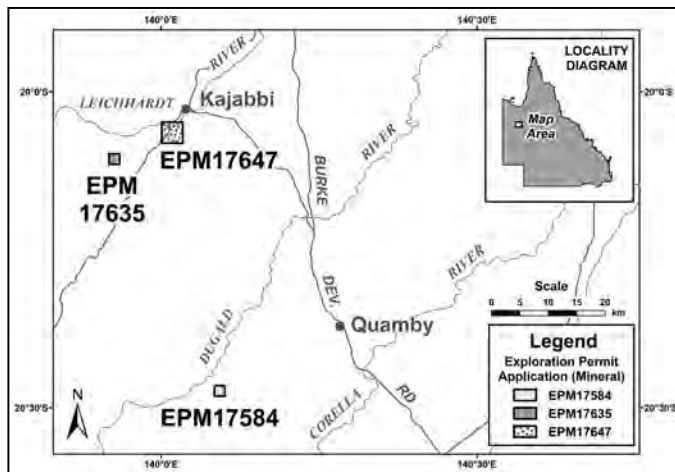
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Sweet Science celebrates birthday



Celebrating Sweet Science's third birthday are, from left, presenters Brad Cooke and Claude Williams, boxing legend Kevin Kelly, producer Patrick Skene and Kelly's trainer Dino Billinghamurst.

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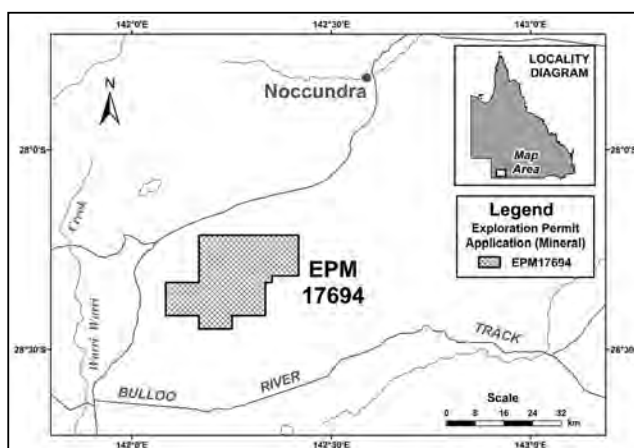
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THE *Sweet Science* national radio show celebrated its third birthday in style with a tribute to Commonwealth

middleweight boxing champion, world title contender and Aboriginal legend Kevin 'Bones' Kelly and his trainer and former light heavyweight Dino Billinghamurst.

The two-hour tribute show was the 156th episode since July 2006 and was broadcast from Koori Radio 93.7FM in Sydney and to more than 50 stations across Australia on the National Indigenous Radio Service.

The tribute ran through the careers of Kelly and Billinghamurst, with a key focus being their controversial 1999 WBA light middleweight world title fight against undefeated champion and Olympic gold medalist David 'The American Dream' Reid, in which Kelly knocked Reid down in round five and lost narrowly on points.

Kelly's trainer on the night, Dino Billinghamurst, commented: "From the time we arrived, they put a lot of hurdles in front of us, but we overcame them all and with the knockdown we thought Kevin had pulled off a huge upset.

"It was disappointing as we set-up and executed a great fight plan and Kevin performed like a champion from round one to round 12."

Kelly is philosophical about the fight.

'Great experience'

"We did everything we could, but when you leave it to the judges, you get what you deserve," he said.

"Ultimately the fans are the judges. It was a great experience to fight in a headline fight on an Atlantic City card and to be there with Dino was one of my greatest memories."

Sweet Science is broadcast on alternating weeks out of Koori Radio 93.7FM in Sydney and 3KND 1503AM Koori Radio in Melbourne. The Sydney team of Brad Cooke and Claude 'Black Diamond' Williams have sporting pedigrees, with Williams a dual sport elite athlete as a former Sydney Kings coach and NBL player and a first-grade winger for the South Sydney Rabbitohs.

Cooke is the host of NITV's *Barefoot Rugby League Show* and commentates for the Imparja Club cricket tournament in Alice Springs.

While Williams excelled at a few sports, one sport had his heart.

"Growing up, it was always boxing, fight magazines, autobiographies, fight tapes. I have always loved the sport," he said

Producer Patrick Skene is optimistic for the future of the *Sweet Science*.

Wilson named best wing attack



By PETER ARGENT



INDIGENOUS netballer Vanessa Wilson (pictured) was one of four Oakdale players named in the 2009 South Australian netball team of the year.

This followed Oakdale’s inaugural win in the South Australian State League.

After years of toil and being a quiet achiever, Wilson, 28, was selected by all of the State League coaches as the best wing attack in the competition.

“This is a significant award as it is voted on by all of the coaches in the competition and not by peers or simply the player’s coach,” her premiership coach Megan Carter said.

“After moving to the WA (wing attack) bib in 2008 on a more permanent basis, Vanessa has started to slowly build her repertoire of moves and attacking passages to the point where she ran the entire attacking line in the 2009 grand final win.

Targeted

“A testament to her season was that she had found herself the target of the ‘tag’ in several games and we had to figure out a game plan specific to these occasions.

“We at Oakdale and the entire competition salute Vanessa as the Subway Cup Wing Attack of the Year.”

Wilson was ecstatic about receiving the award.

“I didn’t even hear my name get called out and from then on I was a bit shocked, but by the end of the night and even now, it feels good to be recognised,” she said.

“It topped of a great year, not only for myself, but for the netball club to have four girls out of seven on the team of the year.

Junior rugby league carnival at Capalaba



AN Indigenous junior rugby league carnival will be held at John Frederick Park, Capalaba in Brisbane, on Sunday 13 September.

It is being organised by the Murri United Sports Club and the Capalaba District Junior Rugby League Club.

There will be under-ten, under-12 and under-14 divisions.

Highlights will include an opening ceremony, traditional Indigenous games and stalls and displays.

Murri United Sports Club is an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation based on the Brisbane Bayside region. One of its aims is to promote the development of rugby league.

Details phone (07) 3207 1093.

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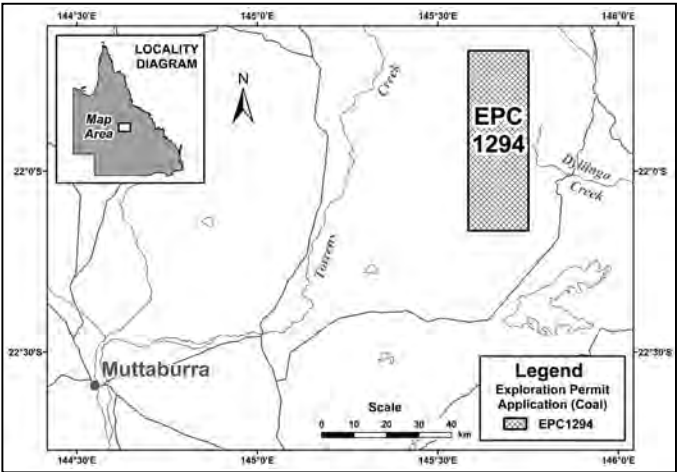
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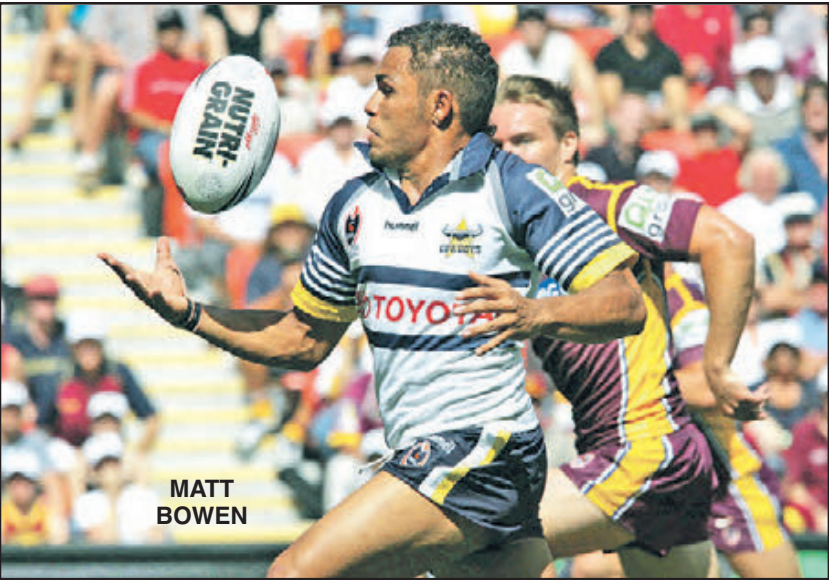
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Surger y for Bowen



MATT BOWEN



THE hunt is on for a stand-in North Queensland fullback following confirmation that Cowboys custodian Matt Bowen requires radical knee surgery – yet again.

Arthroscope results last Wednesday revealed Bowen’s right knee must undergo the same ‘ground-breaking’ operation that was successfully completed on his left knee just last year.

Bowen is expected back on the paddock within the first two months of the 2010 NRL season.

The Cowboys have wasted no time casting their net for a fill-in fullback.

Coincidentally, another player who has undergone the procedure – Bowen’s North Queensland Indigenous team-mate Ty Williams – is in the mix.

The injury cloud over Bowen has potentially provided a silver lining for Williams.

The 28-year-old is off contract at the end of the season but has stated his case for retention by ably slotting in at fullback in recent weeks in

Bowen’s injury-enforced absence.

“We will look at our possibilities, but I won’t speculate,” Cowboys boss Peter Parr said.

Whoever comes on board, they are expected to make way for a rejuvenated Bowen by May.

Parr said there was ‘no reason at all’ why Bowen couldn’t make a full recovery from his latest setback.

His left knee went under the knife after round eight last year and the livewire hit the ground running in the 2009 season opener.

“We see it as short-term pain for a long-term gain,” Parr said of Bowen’s surgery.

“While we would love to have him at the start of the year, we are excited about getting him back to his old self.

“He hasn’t played a lot of footy over the past 18 months, so he comes back fresh and fit.”

Sent to Perth

As part of the procedure, cartilage is taken from the knee, then regrown externally at facilities in Perth before being transferred in surgery booked for later this month.

“He has been through it before and he has come back very successfully from it,” Parr said.

“I remember after his first operation that he said he was pain-free from the start.

“We are looking forward to having him pain-free in his knees for the first time in a considerable while.

“We are excited about having him back brand new a couple of months into next season.”

MEANWHILE, Cowboys skipper Johnathan Thurston may not come off contract until the end of 2010, but he will begin extension talks with North Queensland in the off-season.

Parr did not believe Bowen’s lengthy stint on the sidelines would affect talks.

The Cowboys’ season ended with the clash with Sydney Roosters after they missed the finals for the second straight year.

Reports claimed last Wednesday that the Cowboys should pull their head coach Neil Henry and fitness guru Billy Johnstone from the Queensland Origin support staff after missing the NRL play-offs again despite a strong squad.

But Parr said: “We are not going to rush into a decision.

“But let me say that our form during the Origin period was particularly good – but that (topic) is for another day.” – AAP



Ty Williams is a possible replacement fullback for the North Qld Cowboys in the absence of Matt Bowen.

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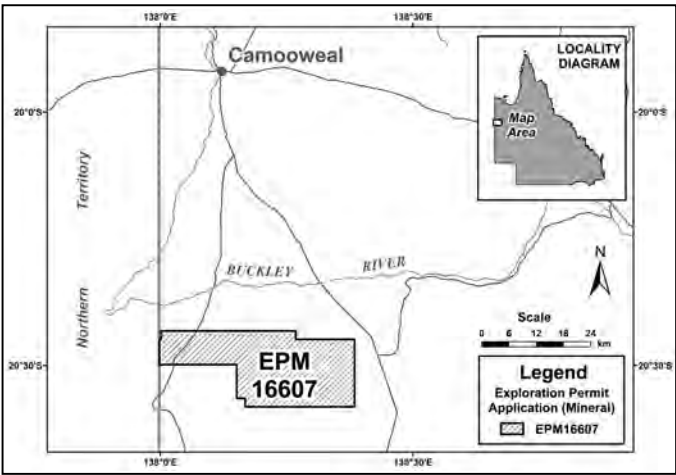
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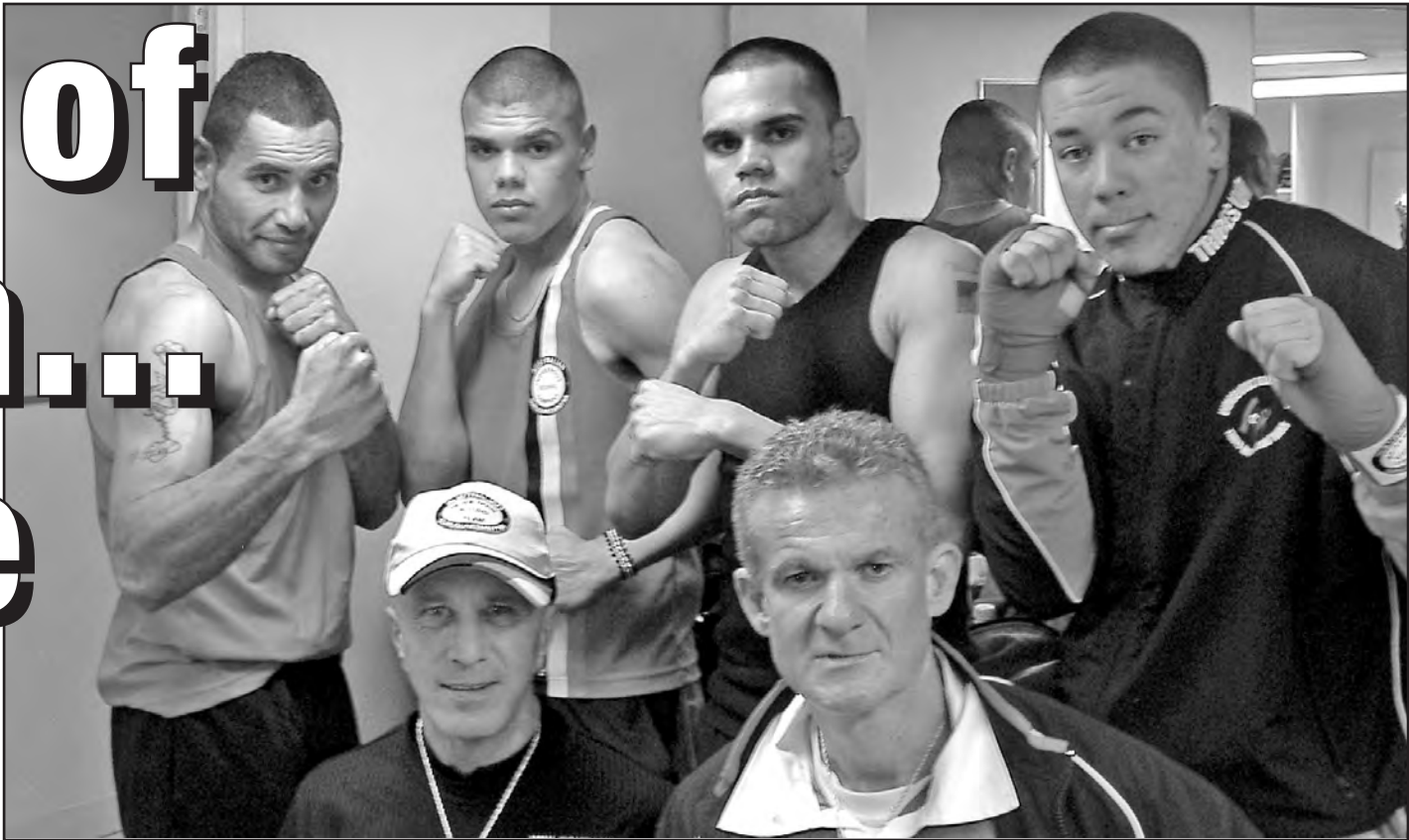
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State of Origin... in the ring



The NSW Koori boxing team, left to right, top, Jason Morris, Raymond Ingram, Paul West and Kiano Merchant; and bottom, trainers Stephen Quinn and Dane Millanta.



IT was tribe against tribe, mate against mate and warrior against warrior at the Broncos Leagues at Red Hill, Brisbane, as young Murris and Kooris boxed to become a *Gurruguneemyrina warrior at Toulong 5* – the fifth Australian Indigenous boxing titles.

It was standing room only at the annual event in which the winners in each weight class take their place in the international touring Australian Indigenous boxing team.

The action was presented by Australian Indigenous Boxing and featured five amateur bouts and didgeridoo and cultural dance.

The first fight featured promising juniors, with NSW Koori Brandon Levy weaving his way to a points victory over Queenslander Liam Pope in a crowd-pleasing contest. Both fighters displayed hand speed and footwork.

The second bout was in the 82kg division and was between NSW Koori Kiano Merchant and Queensland Murri Cassius Burns.

Merchant showed slick skills to win on points, with Burns showing resolve.

Maroon victory

In the third bout, the Murris opened their account in the 73kg division with Dwayne Goode winning on points from Jason Morris, who starred in the Night of the Black Stars fight card in Redfern in February.

The all-action fight featured numerous quality exchanges. Many in the crowd felt the fight could have gone either way.

In the semi main event, NSW's Ray Ingram won on points, but was pushed all the way by Reece Cummins in the 79kg division.

Cummins showed heart and stood toe to toe with Ingram, who showcased an array of defensive skills, coupled with relentless punching output.

In the main event, NSW's Paulie West waged war with Michael Tapau over three dynamic rounds.

In a see-sawing struggle, West won on points, but both fighters displayed skill and speed levels that earned a standing ovation.

NSW heavyweight Washington Wacando could not participate due to injuries.

VFL grand final on TV

ABC TV is to telecast the 2009 Victorian Football League (VFL) grand final live across the nation on its High Definition channel (ABC HD) on Friday 25 September from 7pm.

ABC TV will also telecast a full replay of the VFL grand final on its main channel (ABC1) for Victorian viewers from 10pm on Friday 25 September.

Highlights of the game will also screen in Victoria on ABC1 between noon and 2pm on Saturday 26 September.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

| Exploration Permit Number | Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram) | Description of Area of Application* | Current Applicant |
|---------------------------|---|--|--|
| EPM17689 | Approx. 189 km WSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°15'S Long.138°06'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council | Area: 315 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 100 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2593 y, z 2665 d, e, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2666 a, b, c, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x 2737 a, u, z 2738 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, v, w, x, y 2810 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2811 f, l, q, v 2882 b, c, d, e, j, k, p, u, z 2883 a, f, l, q, v 2955 a | Syndicated Metals Limited 115 768 986 |

* Exploration Permits are described by the name of the Block Identification Map and the number of the Blocks (the Block Numbers) the application covers. Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation creates Block Identification Maps. These maps use a linear grid to cover the whole of Queensland. The basic unit of that linear grid is a Block. Each Block is approximately 5 minutes of latitude and 5 minutes of longitude.

The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

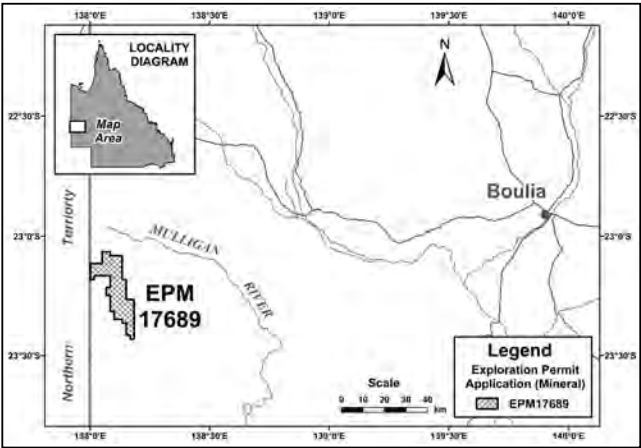
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 30 September 2009



Queensland Government

Rostrevor's big season

By PETER ARGENT



AS the Rostrevor College First XVIII footballers recently completed their most successful season since 1995, it was due in no small part to the contribution of its talented Indigenous contingent.

Key members of this group included Hezekiah Lawrence and Jerry Wilson, from Maningrida,

Dwayne Weetra, from Cairns, Port Augusta talent Jamahl McKenzie and Tennant Creek player Kieren Smith.

Other Indigenous players who played First XVIII football for Rostrevor College throughout 2009 included the Darwin pair of Duncan Seden and David Kruse, along with Timothy Mosquito, from the Warnum community in Western Australia.

The Rostrevor First XVIII achieved a ten-one win-loss record, losing early in the season

to Sacred Heart College, but then twice avenged that loss, defeating Sacred Heart in the annual inter-collegiate game on 1 August and the State Knockout grand final at Norwood Oval in an evening match 18 August.

"This group found themselves 26 points down at three-quarter time in the annual 'Intercol' match, but slammed on a six-goal-to-one final quarter to record an historic three-point victory," an elated coach Barrie Bryan said.

"It was the Roc's first victory in an 'Intercol' game since 1998 and their first in any game against Sacred Heart this decade."

The score was Rostrevor College 9.6 (60), Scared Heart 8.9 (57)

Among Rostrevor's nine goals in the thrilling 'Intercol' victory, Hezekiah Lawrence finished with two, along with being named among Rostrevor's best players, while Wilson and McKenzie also made it on to the goal-scorer's sheet.

The other Indigenous members of Rostrevor's winning 'Intercol' team were Weetra and Smith.

Kieren being named in the best players.

"Hezekiah Lawrence and Jamahl McKenzie were also members of the State championship team."

The final score in the State Knockout championship final was Rostrevor College 10.10 (70), Scared Heart 6.8 (44) in front of a healthy crowd at the Parade.

Bryan also said that now the College season had ended, a number of his players were donning jumpers with SANFL clubs at under-18 and reserves level.

Kruse, Lawrence and Wilson are at North Adelaide, while McKenzie is playing with Sturt and Smith is connected to South Adelaide.

As expected, AFL clubs have expressed interest in a number of Rostrevor players, including Hezekiah Lawrence, Kieren Smith and Jerry Wilson.

A noted Australian rules football breeding ground, perhaps the most famous Rostrevor College football export was South Melbourne's Indigenous pioneer from the 1960s, Elkin Reilly.



Government of Western Australia
Department of Regional Development and Lands

NOTICE OF INTENTION
TO TAKE INTERESTS IN LAND TO CONFER INTERESTS UNDER WRITTEN LAW
LAND ADMINISTRATION ACT 1997 (WA) SECTION 170
AND TO COMPULSORILY ACQUIRE NATIVE TITLE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS
NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

I, the Honourable Brendon John Grylls MLA, Minister for Lands HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 170 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* (LAA) that it is proposed to take those interests in the land described in the Schedule for the purposes specified. AND for and on behalf of the State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVE NOTICE in accordance with Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (as amended) (NTA), that any native title rights and interests in the land described in the Schedule are to be compulsorily acquired for the purposes specified. It is proposed to grant the estates, interests and rights specified in the Schedule in respect of the land described in the Schedule as authorised by Order(s) issued under Section 165 of the LAA.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: 1. Whole Lot 3603 on Deposited Plan 143500, being part of State Forest No. 4 Volume 3006 Folio 223 Area: 4.0469 hectares; 2. That portion of Lot 335 on Deposited Plan 64212 shown as part Lot 335 on Deposited Plan 64506, being State Forest No. 4 Volume 0000 Folio 000 Area: 161 hectares; 3. Whole Lot 22 on Deposited Plan 90219, being unallocated Crown land Volume 3007 Folio 282 Area: 6082 square metres **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Collie **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than interests of the Crown. Also excluding all rights created by the grant of existing mining tenements under the Mining Act below 30 metres. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Disposal of the land to develop a future Industrial Park. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Fee simple **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Land has been identified as suitable for industrial development. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 2 December 2009 **FILE:** 51038-2007-01RO **REF.:** 080527

PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT: RDL, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Fadersen, South West, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or by telephoning (08) 9347 5078 **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 OR Midland Square, Midland no later than 23 December 2009 **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO, THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of the land described in the Schedule, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 23 September 2009 **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Under Section 30 of the NTA, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to the notice. The 3 month period closes on 23 December 2009 Any person who is or becomes a native title party is entitled to the negotiation and procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the NTA. Enquiries regarding becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, 1 Victoria Avenue Perth or GPO Box 9973 Perth WA 6001 telephone (08) 9268 7272. Dated 6 August 2009.

SCHEDULE

LAND DESCRIPTION: Whole Lot 348 on Deposited Plan 44332, being unallocated crown land Volume 3135 Folio 206 Area: 22.0264 hectares. **PLAN/DIAGRAM:** Deposited Plan 44332. **LAND SITUATED IN:** Shire of Wyndham-East Kimberley. **NATURE OF INTERESTS TO BE TAKEN:** All registered and unregistered interests (including any native title rights and interests) in the land under the heading "Land Description" other than the interests of the Crown. **PURPOSE OF PROPOSED GRANT FOR WHICH THE LAND IS PROPOSED TO BE DESIGNATED:** Sale. **PROPOSED DISPOSITION/GRANT:** Sale. **REASON WHY THE LAND IS SUITABLE FOR, OR IS NEEDED FOR, THE PROPOSED GRANT:** Land has been identified as being suitable for horticultural purposes. **DATE FROM WHICH LAND IS LIKELY TO BE REQUIRED:** 1 August 2009. **RDL FILE:** 50760-2007-01RO **RDL REF.:** 072865

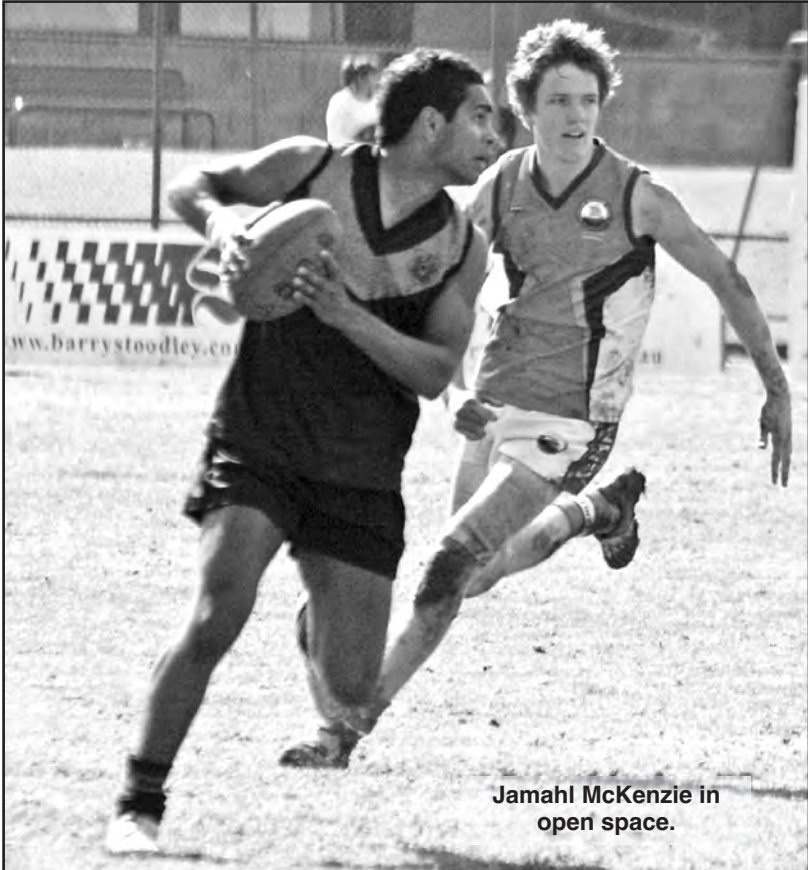
FOR ALL PARCELS OF LAND: **PLAN OF LAND TO BE TAKEN MAY BE INSPECTED AT:** Department of Regional Development and Lands, Midland Square, Midland, 6056. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Andrioff, Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland WA 6936 or by telephone (08) 9347 5180. **OBJECTIONS IN WRITING MAY BE LODGED:** Persons having or claiming any interests in any parcel of land specified above may, under Section 175 of the LAA, lodge an objection in writing to the proposed taking with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or 1 Midland Square, Midland no later than 24 December 2009. **NATIVE TITLE PARTIES:** Any registered native title claimant or registered native title body corporate may object in accordance with Section 29 of the NTA to the doing of the act, within 3 months after the notification, so far as it affects their registered native title rights and interests. The 3 month period closes on 24 December 2009 Under Section 175 of the LAA, an objection in writing is to be lodged with the Department of Regional Development and Lands, PO Box 1575, Midland 6936 or 1 Midland Square, Midland. **MINISTER'S CONSENT TO TRANSACTIONS AFFECTING AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAND:** A person may not enter into a transaction in relation to the above land without obtaining the prior consent in writing of the Minister for Lands, except as provided in Section 172(7) of the LAA. Any transaction entered into without prior consent is void in accordance with Section 172(3) of the LAA. An application for consent must be in accordance with Section 172(5) of the LAA. Under Section 173 of the LAA, a person must not cause the building or making of any improvement to the land to be commenced or continued except with the approval in writing of the Minister for Lands. **NATURE OF THE ACT:** In respect of each parcel of land described, is the compulsory acquisition of the interests in the land including any native title rights and interests to grant estates, interests, rights, powers or privileges in, over, or in relation to that land under written law for the purpose specified and ancillary and incidental purposes. **NOTIFICATION DAY:** The notification day is 23 September 2009. Dated 26 August 2009

HON BRENDON GRYLLS MLA
MINISTER FOR LANDS

Rostrevor's Kieren Smith looks for options.



Jamahl McKenzie in open space.

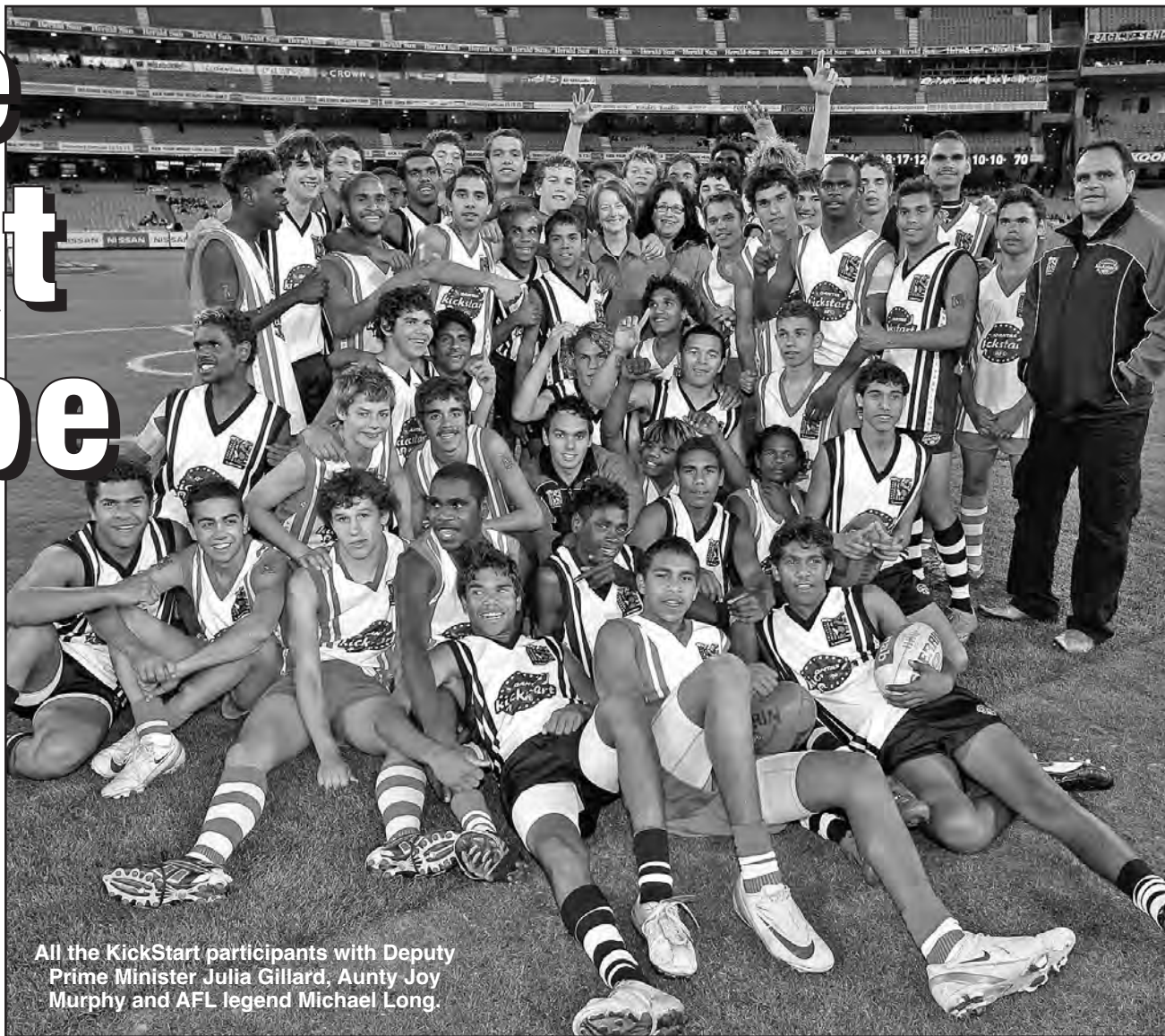


A taste of what could be ahead



FOR THE 50 Qantas AFL KickStart participants, the five-day camp in Melbourne was the experience of a lifetime, but for many it should become a stepping stone to greatness.

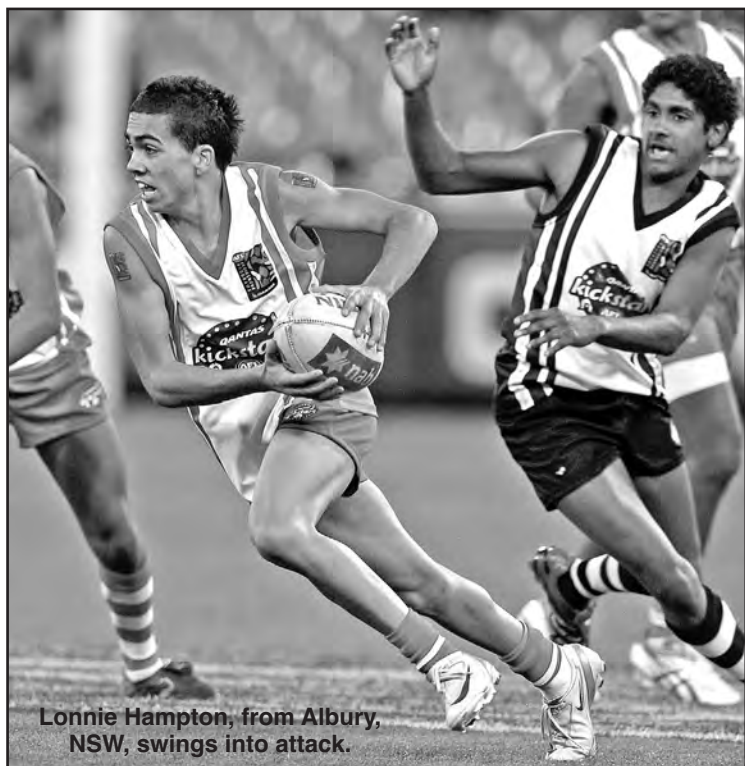
The Indigenous boys, aged 14 and 15, experienced leadership, cultural awareness and football development while meeting Cathy Freeman, Ernie Dingo and Kutcha Edwards, attending St Kilda Football Club training, visiting the National Sports Museum at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) and playing the curtain-raiser to the Richmond-Hawthorn match on 22 August.



All the KickStart participants with Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard, Aunty Joy Murphy and AFL legend Michael Long.



Isaiah Johnson, from Robinvale, Victoria, in possession.



Lonnie Hampton, from Albury, NSW, swings into attack.



Proposal To Grant Exploration Permit

SECTION 29 NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (COMMONWEALTH)

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following Exploration Permit applications applied for under the section 31 of the *Petroleum and Geothermal Energy Resources Act 1967 (WA)*.

| NUMBER | APPLICANT | AREA | LOCALITY | SHIRE |
|------------|---|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 10/08-9 EP | BURU ENERGY LIMITED AND NEW STANDARD ENERGY PTY LIMITED | 2253.1km ² | The Application comprises 28 graticular blocks, 9 of them on the 1 million map sheets SE51 (Broome) and the remaining 19 blocks on the 1 million map sheets SF51 (Oakover River) and is located in the Northern Canning Basin. The most northern corner of the application (Lat 19° 44' 54.98"S, Long 125° 10' 04.63"E) is situated approximately 180 kilometres south-west of Fitzroy Crossing and approximately 55 kilometres south-west of Cherrabun Homestead. The application occupies an area of 2253.1 km ² and falls entirely within the East Pilbara Shire. The GDA coordinates of the application are: NW corner (Lat 19° 54' 54.99"S, Long 124° 50' 04.64"E) SW corner (Lat 20° 14' 54.99"S, Long 125° 15' 04.64"E) | Shire of East Pilbara (100%) |
| 02/08-9 EP | KINGSWAY OIL LIMITED | 9965.7km ² | The application comprises 126 graticular blocks of the 1 million map sheets SF51 (Oakover River) and is located in the Canning Basin. The North-West corner of the application is situated approximately 120 kilometres south-east of Telfer Mining Centre. The South-East corner of the application is situated approximately 100 kilometres south-west of the locality Gary Junction. The application occupies an area of 9965.7 km ² and falls entirely within the East Pilbara Shire. The GDA coordinates of the application are: NW corner (Lat 22° 04' 55.04"S, Long 123° 20' 04.69"E), SE corner (Lat 22° 59' 55.04"S, Long 124° 25' 04.74"E). | Shire of East Pilbara (100%) |

Nature Of The Act: Grant of exploration permit/s, which authorises the applicant to explore for petroleum, and to carry on such operations and execute such works as are necessary for that purpose in the permit area for a term of 6 years from the date the grant becomes effective and may be renewed for a further 5 years.

Notification Day: 9th September 2009

Native Title Parties: Under Section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to any of the land and/or waters that will be affected by the act. The 3 month period closes on **9th December 2009**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquires in relation to filing an application for native title determination to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth WA 6000 or GPO Box A30 Perth WA 6837, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The exploration permit may be granted if, by the end of the period of 3 months after the notification day (i.e 9th December 2009), there is no native title party under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* in relation to the area of the exploration permit.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the application), contact the Petroleum and Environment Division, Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or free call 1800 628 767 (ask for extension 23813).

Stocktake on

WITH the Australian Football League (AFL) minor rounds completed, *The Koori Mail's* PETER ARGENT takes a look at the elite Indigenous players' performances over the 22-round 2009 campaign. There are now 82 Indigenous footballers on senior or rookie lists at all 16 AFL clubs. They add pace, excitement, and the ability to do the freakish, inspiring team-mates and spectators alike with their play.

Adelaide

Finishing the minor round in fifth position, it has been a highly successful year at West Lakes.

After what was regarded by **Andrew McLeod's** lofty standards as a slow first half of the season, the veteran back half has been superb, using his skills and creating plenty of attacks from half back in a prolonged spell of brilliance in the second half of the year.

Graham Johncock, who played his 150th game early in the year and signed a two-year deal to stay at the club to at least 2011, has been playing his usual reliable and committed game in defence.

Both are keys to Neil Craig's frugal and rebounding defence.

An area where Adelaide is still developing is their ruck division. Unfortunately, a combination of injury and poor form has **Jonathan Griffin** on the outer from a selection perspective. He played only two games during 2009 regular season and it will be interesting if the Crows look at trading the big man.

Jared Petrenko – elevated to the senior list over the off season – has played nine games in his initial winter and has shown enough to suggest he will develop into an impressive small defender in the Johncock mould.

Dale Armstrong – turning 20 in late September – has displayed strong form with North Adelaide in the SANFL.

Jarrhan Jacky played three games at the top level in 2008, but wasn't able to add to that during the current season. Due to form and injury, he finished the minor round for Woodville-West Torrens in the SANFL reserves.

Brisbane Lions

Under rookie coach and favourite son of the Lions Michael Voss, Brisbane finished a very creditable sixth in 2009.

Creative small forward **Rhan Hooper** played seven games this year and is at an interesting stage of his football progression.

With Brisbane needing a crumbing forward to compliment Jonathan Brown and Daniel Bradshaw, the opportunities are there for Hooper to grab.

Albert Proud finished the minor round with 13 matches to add to the nine in his debut season, and is expected to develop into a strong on-baller over the next decade.

Jason Roe, a consistent member of the Lions' defence in the previous two seasons, played only seven games this year, and is sitting on 49 games with the club.

After a couple of years on the Lions list where he endured various injuries and setbacks, **Sam Sheldon** made his debut in round six and has been a constant fixture in the defence, adapting to the rigours of AFL football.

Ashley McGrath, now one of the senior players in the Lions' structure, played in all 22 minor-round games and is on the road to become a 200-game AFL footballer.

Carlton

For a Blues side which will see finals participation for the first time since early in the decade, **Eddie Betts** played the first 21 games of the season, being Carlton's second most productive goal kicking forward after Brendan Fevola with 37 goals.

Andrew Walker, after plenty of early season injury, has added experience to the Blues' defence over the final weeks of the regular season.

Darwin lad **Joe Anderson** has just played three senior games this year and 12 since he started back in 2007.

In their debut seasons, pocket rocket – elevated rookie **Jeff Garlett** and first round selection last year **Chris Yarran** – have gained an initial taste of the game at the top level playing nine and six games respectively.

To put a dampener on the Blues' major round preparations, preceding the last minor round game, Eddie Betts and Jeffrey Garlett where among three players to have been suspended for one match by the club after being late to the compulsory Sunday morning recovery session following Carlton's victory over Melbourne in round 21.

Collingwood

Pushed into equal second favouritism for the premiership behind St Kilda, the Magpies were playing strong team football before a final round loss to the Bulldogs made the club's road to the season decider much tougher.

They finished in fourth position and with the double chance.

Developing defender **Shannon Cox** played 11 games in the 2009 minor round, but has failed to consolidate a regular position in the Magpies' frugal back half. His best football is in front of him.

Now one of the elite footballers wearing the black and white, '**Neon**' **Leon Davis** is the type of footballer who brings supporters through the gate. He can be as effective in the middle, where he is spending more time these days, as he can up forward.

Brad Dick, a small forward from Western Australia, has impressive the 'Carringbush' supporters and has also collected a Rising Star nomination.

Sharrod Wellingham has added another 14 games to his 12 in 2008, developing into an important swing player, being able to be used both in the middle and up forward for the Pies.

Anthony Corrie, traded from Brisbane in the off season, could manage just three games at the Magpies this year. Now 25, after a star-studied junior career his football future is at the crossroads.

Rookie **Johnny Bennell** forced his way into Collingwood's VFL senior team for eight games during 2009 and is a project player.

Essendon

With a come-from-behind victory over Hawthorn in round 22, Essendon returned to finals football in 2009, but in a spiteful affair they lost a number of players for the finals.

Patty Rider has been a revelation this year when was moved into ruck, being one of the Bombers' elite performers. He is expected to be high in the club's best-and-fairest count this year.

Adaptable **Nathan Lovett-Murray** started his season slowly, but has the ability to turn games. At 190cm and being athletic, he has proved to be versatile enough to play at either end of the ground or through the middle.

Andrew Lovell has been an integral part

of the Bombers' elevation to finals football in 2009, breaking games open with his electrifying pace and movement across the lines in a consistent year.

His 14 goals this season has been a little down on what the coaching staff were expecting from the electric **Alwyn Davey**, but the Bombers got close to a full season out of the livewire.

Courtenay Dempsey – around the club since 2006 – took huge steps in his football during 2009, playing 19 matches and being a vital part of the dashing half back line.

After 18 games in 2008, **Leroy Jetta** failed to covert that into a regular place in the Bombers' outfit in the second year of coach Matthew Knight's tenure.

An outstanding junior, it will be interesting to see what Essendon do with Jetta at trade time.

Mature-age draftee **Jarrold Atkinson** added four games late in the season to his five during his debut year of 2008, showing plenty of dash and the ability to carry the ball over the lines. Next season will be critical in his development.

Fremantle

In what has been another disappointing season for the Dockers, the one positive has been the number of rookies who received opportunities during 2009.

The outright star of the season was rookie **Stephen Hill**, who has shown poise, dash and creatively, along with 'run and carry' of



Leroy Jetta had a mixed season with the Essendon Bombers.

the football.

In his debut year, Hill played every game, starting with a goal with his first kick in AFL football and continuing to perform well through the season.

Roger Hayden is one of the reliable Indigenous defenders in the Dockers' squad, but he missed much of this season with injury. His run and rebound was missed.

Michael Johnson's ankle forced him out for the second half of the season and his loss was also sorely felt.

Des Headland participated in nine games, missing most of the first half of the year with injury. Not starting until round eight and missing a couple of more slabs of games will have the club considering his future.

Antoni Grover continued to play a consistent role in defence and is one of the most reliable and unheralded backmen in the code.

Michael Waters is one of the new breed of 11 Fremantle footballers who got their first taste of AFL football during 2009, playing

three games, although he is regarded as a project player at the club

Casey Sibosado is an athletic key forward prospect from Beagle Bay in the Kimberley, who is strong overhead and is capable of freakish goals. He spent this year developing his game in the WAFL with Claremont. After eight reserves games he debuted at senior level against Subiaco in early June. Unfortunately, injury three rounds later finished his year.

Geelong

The best team over the past three years, the Cats had a concerning form slump over the last month and a half of the 2009 minor round.

In round 17, **Travis Varcoe**, the audacious talent from Central District in South Australia and honoured with the famous number five jumper, played his 50th game for the Cats. He kicked 20 goals from his 19 senior games, but needs to take the next step and develop into an elite player.

His young brother **Adam** has spent the year in the Geelong VFL combination and is progressing nicely.

Mathew Stokes is now the elder statesman among the Aboriginal contingent at the Cats, playing 18 games during the minor round and averaging a goal and a half a game. He is another who needs to step up for Geelong to be a true contender in the finals series.

After a couple of long years' apprenticeship in the VFL competition and some bad luck with injury, **Nathan Djerrkura** made his AFL debut in the mid-season victory against Essendon. In this match he had an impressive nine tackles. He got two more opportunities in the senior team.

Ranga Ediriwickrama originally joined Geelong as a NSW scholarship holder and he now progresses to the rookie list. Unfortunately, after solid form in the VFL competition, a hamstring injury forced him to the sidelines.

Stephen Motlop was promoted to the Cats VFL side in mid-July and played five games at this level after early-season injury problems. He was third best in the round 19 game against the Werribee Tigers.

Hawthorn

Premiers last year and unable to make the final eight this season, the Hawks have quickly fallen from grace.

Injuries to key personnel, including Indigenous talents **Cyril Rioli** (early in the season) and dual leading goal-kicker **Mark Williams** have taken their toll.

Talented power forward **Lance Franklin** played his 100th game for Hawthorn in their round 19 clash in Tasmania.

Unfortunately, the AFL penchant to rid the game of any head-high contact was to Franklin's detriment after a round-21 collision with Ben Cousins.

The judiciary imposed a one-match suspension and he missed the vital and brutal clash against Essendon. Although heavily focused on by opposition defenders, Franklin still kicked 67 goals this year.

Chance Bateman was one of only two men who played every game for the Hawks this year, and continued to display his blistering pace and ball-winning ability.

The elusive and silky smooth **Cyril Rioli** further enhanced his credentials as one of the up-and-coming stars of the AFL. His precision foot passing and defensive aspects to his

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game are tremendous assets.

After some modest returns in the first half of the year, Mark Williams received a season-ending knee injury in round 13 against West Coast.

Cameron Stokes, as an elevated second-year rookie, played ten games during the 2009 season and is starting to find his feet at this level.

Rookie **Carl Petersen** played only four games for the season at VFL reserves level with the Box Hill Hawks.

Melbourne

Wooden spooners, winning just four games, the program was all about getting game time into the exciting young talents at the Demons.

Liam Jarrah – one of the stories of the season – exploded on to the scene in round 12 against Essendon, displaying all the attributes of a budding star. Included in his nine games over the second half of the season were two four-goal hauls against Port Adelaide and St Kilda. His 'highlight reel' included a number of mercurial efforts in the air and in front of goal.

Jamie Bennell – West Australian talent and State junior cricketer with the Western Warriors – played 16 matches in his debut season and is quickly developing into a versatile mid-sized player.

Early indications are Bennell may prove to become one of the more astute draft selections from last year.

Another Sandgroper, **Neville Jetta**, played 15 games as a small forward, mainly due to **Austin Wonaeamirri's** injury.

This game time put into Jetta and Bennell will help in the longer-term progression of the Demons.

After a rookie year in 2008, Austin Wonaeamirri played only a couple of pre-season games before his season was left in tatters with a knee injury.

Long-term servant and defender who started back in 1997, **Matthew Whelan** played his 150th and last game in the Melbourne colours in the season-ending match against St Kilda. A tremendous servant of the club, Whelan's diligence and professionalism will be the attributes he'll be remembered for.

North Melbourne

Sacking coach Dean Laidley half-way through the season, the Kangaroos were modest for most of the 2009 season before winning their last two fixtures against minor premiers St Kilda and the Power in Adelaide.

Former Mallee Park junior **Lindsay Thomas** participated in his 50th game for North Melbourne in the Kangaroos' round-17 contest.

He played all but three of the games in the blue and white colours this year, and had a solid season, but he needs to be more productive than his 21-goal yield.

After a strong 2008 season, **Matt 'Flash' Campbell** could make it on to the park just 12 times this year for the Kangaroos, dealing with a mixture of modest form and injury.

Daniel Wells' loss due to injury in the second half of the season certainly had an impact on the results of the Kangaroos. He played just seven games in 2009.

Cruise Garlett – an exciting junior from the west who was a part of the North Ballarat's breakthrough 2008 VFL premiership – was promoted to the senior squad in the middle of the season.

He debuted in round 12 against Adelaide

and the best of his five games was a 20-disposal and eight-tackle effort in the unexpected win over ladder leaders St Kilda late in the year.

Rookie **Warren Benjamin** played the first eight games of the North Ballarat senior team, but due to modest form was dropped to the seconds for the remainder of the year.

Port Adelaide

Called schizophrenic and being terribly inconsistent, Port Adelaide went into its round-20 clash with Carlton still a chance of finals participation, but the 54-point loss to the Blues had their season in tatters.

Team vice-captain **Shaun Burgoyne** returned in round 17 and gave his side spark around the contest ball and with his ability to win clearances.

His older brother, **Peter**, fell from grace over the second half of the season, being dropped and playing a handful of games in the SANFL for the Magpies. Now second on the Power's all-time AFL games list (he reached 240 in the round-22 match) he announced his retirement on the verge of the last round.



The 2009 season wasn't a great one for St Kilda Star Xavier Clarke. An injury forced him out for the season.

Peter Burgoyne was a member of the 2004 Port Adelaide premiership side and was recruited from Port Adelaide in the SANFL as a 1996 National Draft zone selection, making his AFL debut as a 19-year-old.

Burgoyne finished third in the Power's best-and-fairest count in 2003 and 2007, won the club's Best Finals Player in 2007, was an International Rules Series representative in 1999, and played for the 'Dream Team' against Victoria in 2008.

He was named in the Indigenous Team of the Century in 2005, and played State of Origin for South Australia in 1999.

While **Danyle Pearce** has played all matches in 2009, his form has mirrored his team, with his personal performance being a gauge of how the team went in the respective games. In wins Pearce has averaged 10 more possessions than in games the Power lost.

Nathan Krakouer – playing across half back – was one of the positive stories to come out of Port Adelaide's 2009 season. Krakouer stepped up a notch this year and was creative from defence and will continue to grow as a footballer.

The club missed the services of explosive

and creative forward **Daniel Motlop** over the second half of the year.

His cousin **Marlon Motlop** is regarded as a project player at the Alberton Oval-based club and was exposed to the top level on three occasions this year.

Port Augusta export, the lightning quick **Wade Thompson**, started the year in a blaze of glory, but could not sustain his impressive pre-season performances.

Richmond

Promising so much at the start of the season, the Tigers crumbled early in their campaign and dispensed with coach Terry Wallace mid-season.

Former North Adelaide junior **Shane Edwards** looked to get more opportunities in the second half of the season under caretaker coach Jade Rawlings.

He exhibited better football when the new coach showed some belief in him, playing during the last 11 games for the year.

Richard Tambling played 20 of the possible 22 games and is on the brink of being a 100-game AFL footballer.

While his performances were solid, the coaching staff would like to see him starting to break games open with his lightning pace and immaculate skills.

Jarred Oakley-Nicholls spent the majority of the 2009 season with the Coburg Tigers, playing only four matches at the top level. With 13 games since his debut back in 2006, he will be at the very least trade bait and may be delisted.

Rookie **Alroy Gilligan**, after a string of consistent performances at VFL reserves level with Coburg, played the final four games in the senior team.

St Kilda

Excelling in attack and defence, the Saints replaced Geelong as the competition yardstick of AFL during 2009, although they inexplicably dropped consecutive games against Essendon and the Kangaroos in rounds 20 and 21.

Much-maligned Indigenous talent **Raphael Clarke** finally reached his 50-game milestone with St Kilda in round 18.

He became an integral part of the Saints' miserly defence in the second half of the season.

Older brother **Xavier Clarke's** season went pear-shaped thanks to a season-ending knee injury after just four games with the Sandringham Dragons.

Saints rookie **Ross Tungatulum** spent the majority of the season with Sandringham Dragons reserves, but did debut at senior VFL level in early August.

Sydney

After a long run of finals football, as expected Sydney fell out of the top eight for the first time this decade.

Proving there is a changing of the guard at the Swans, Indigenous great and Salisbury North junior **Michael O'Loughlin** became the first player in the history of Sydney-South Melbourne and the 62nd player in the history of the game to reach 300 games.

Back in June and after 15 years at the Sydney Swans, Loughlin announced his retirement.

The man nicknamed 'Magic' was selected in the third round of the 1994 AFL Draft (number 40 overall) and after making his debut in round five, 1995, managed to play 12 games and earned a Rising Star nomination in his first year.

His final game was in the round-22 fixture against Brisbane, where the O'Loughlin kicked four goals in a impressive swansong and Sydney were gallant in defeat.

A week after O'Loughlin's landmark game, **Adam Goodes** played his 250th game in round 20, becoming the second-fastest person in history of the code to reach this milestone. This achievement comes just ten years and 140 days after his debut. (The fastest player to 250 games in history was Wayne Schimmelbusch in 10 years and 113 days.)

The fact that Sydney finished with just eight wins will hinder Goodes' chances of a third Brownlow Medal in 2009, despite having another stellar season.

West Coast

A late-season revival by the West Coast Eagles will give their faithful supporters some confidence.

Club stalwart and Eagles elder statesman 30-year-old **David Wirrpanda**, who started back in 1996, continued to be a consistent performer over the 18 games he played this year.

Used as a swing man, his best effort in front of goals was three against North Melbourne in round 20.

Adam Cockie's yo-yo season at the Eagles was different to say the least. Elevated to the senior list, he played four games in a row before being sent back to the rookie program. Then he was promoted for a second time and played another three games from round 14.

Cockie now will undergo post-season surgery to have a plate removed from his shoulder.

Liam Bedford had a season he'd like to forget. After two years on the Geelong rookie list, he was collected by the West Coast Eagles as a rookie for the 2009 campaign.

After playing the first eight games of the season in the Claremont senior team, Bedford was demoted to the reserves and played the last 11 at this level.

Western Bulldogs

After a brilliant win in round 22, the Western Bulldogs leap-frogged Collingwood into third spot.

Playing across half back, the 21-year-old **Jarrod Harbrow** quickly developed into a key attacking defender for Rodney Eade, while **Josh Hill** has been a regular contributor up forward.

Harbrow has been given a number of big jobs by the coaching staff and is getting better all the time.

Hill was equal third in the club's goal-kicking list, landing 32, with his best haul being a four-goal effort against Richmond in the middle of the year.

Brennan Stack debuted at the top level against Richmond in round 11 and had a four-goal haul in his second match against Fremantle in round 18.

Malcolm Lynch, from Southern Districts in the Northern Territory, via St Ignatius College, struggled this year, playing mainly in the VFL seconds competition. He played four senior VFL matches without making a huge impact and his career would now be at the crossroads.

Liam Jones – a longer-term project player in the Bulldogs' eyes – spent the year with Williamstown in the VFL reserves, only playing seven games after starting in mid-May.

Cox sidelined for up to four months



INDIGENOUS basketballer Rohanee Cox will miss next month's start of the Women's National Basketball League (WNBL) season. The Beijing Olympian and reigning Women's National Basketball League Most Valuable Player injured her left knee in the opening quarter of the Australian Opals' match with the Tall Ferns in New Zealand on 31 August

and underwent a medical scan last week at Deakin University with the test results revealing a 'bucket handle' tear of the meniscus in her left knee.

Fortunately, there was no visible damage to the anterior cruciate ligament Cox had repaired in 2004.

Cox sat courtside as the Opals thrashed the Tall Ferns in the FIBA Oceania Championship for Women last Wednesday before returning to Townsville

where she will undergo surgery and rehabilitation.

Doctors say she will be back on court in two to four months.

With the 2009/10 WNBL season tipping off on 2 October, Cox could miss the opening one-third of the 18-week regular season.

While understandably upset to be injured, the 2008 Deadly Award winner for Female Sportsperson of the Year was quietly pleased with the test

results, having feared greater damage and a longer period off the court.

In her absence, giant teenager Elizabeth Cabbage spearheaded a 50-point rout of New Zealand – 98-48 – in Porirua near Wellington on 31 August.

The world No 3 ranked Opals dominated the first leg of their Oceania Championship clash and surely guaranteed their participation in next year's World

Championships ahead of the return match in Canberra last Wednesday. They won that game 97-57.

Cabbage, who turned 18 on 18 August, piled up 22 points in just under 14 minutes in the first game, missing only three of her 12 field goal attempts during the clash.

Forward Cox, 29, was helped off by team-mates Hollie Grima and Mariana Tolo just before quarter time.

Forging careers



THREE rising Indigenous players have forced their way into the 'reformed' eight-team National Basketball League which begins in 24 September.

They are the Gold Coast Blaze's Tyson Demos, the Townsville Crocodiles' Michael Cedar and Cairns Taipans Kerry Williams.

Professional basketball in Australia is undergoing a transition after a couple of teams ran into financial difficulties last season.

While this has been unsettling, it has not affected the professional aspirations of the three Indigenous players.

Historically, Queensland rugby league has been more receptive to Indigenous players than New South Wales, and it seems that basketball is headed down the same path.

Rugby league precedent

It may be no coincidence that the three Indigenous NBL players are with Queensland clubs.

Demos, from Wollongong, just south of Sydney, is a product of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS).

He said the move to the Gold Coast had suited him and 'I pretty much call the Gold



MICHAEL CEDAR



TYSON DEMOS



KERRY WILLIAMS

Coast home after two years here'.

He was also fortunate enough to play alongside his childhood idol Shane Heal last year, in what was the Boomer legend's 15th and final year in Australia's top league.

Demos was a member of the NSW under-16, under-18 and under-20 squads for the Australasian championships. He was in the top ten in three-point shooting at the 2006 Australian Junior Championships and played a huge role in the gold medal game.

He was a member of the 2007 Australian under-19 team, the Emus.

Demos is regarded by many as an

excellent outside shooter and solid defender. It took Demos ten NBL games to score his first points.

Cedar is a Townsville product who suits up for the Townsville Heat in the QABL when not playing for the Crocs.

He was fortunate to have his younger brother Chris at the Crocs last year as a development player.

Cedar is a deadly long-range shooter who has improved his scoring average in each of his first three seasons in the NBL.

He joined the Crocs after progressing through the McDonald's Sharp Start Program.

He was a member of the School Sport

Australia team that toured New Zealand during 2004.

He is a graduate of the Town High Tropics program and a former Queensland junior representative.

Cedar averaged a career best 6.6 points in 2008 – up from 3.4 over his first two NBL years.

Cairns Taipans Kerry Williams received the biggest shock of his career recently when named in the 35-man Australian squad to play in the Oceanic Championship despite being a development player at Cairns last season.

Missed the cut

But when the squad was trimmed to 12, the speedy point guard didn't make the cut.

However, he claims this has only motivated him further.

"Now I know I'm a little bit there, I've got to push harder so I can get there fully," he said.

As a development player, Williams was with the Cairns Marlins in the QABL and averaged 15.5 points, 5.5 rebounds and 3.4 assists for them in 2008.

He made his NBL debut against the Dragons on 13 September with seven points, two assists and two rebounds in 17 minutes.



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SPORT ON TELEVISION

Submissions invited

The Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy invites comments on a discussion paper about the regulatory environment surrounding the acquisition and screening of sport on television in Australia.

Sport on Television: A review of the anti-siphoning scheme in the contemporary digital environment is intended to stimulate public debate and inform the Australian Government's future policy decisions in relation to the anti-siphoning scheme.

The scheme was introduced in 1994 with the objective of ensuring that Australians are able to enjoy events of national importance and cultural significance on free-to-air television.

The discussion paper and details on how to make submissions are available at www.dbcde.gov.au/sportontvreview or call 1800 069 450 for more information.

Submissions close 4 pm Friday 16 October 2009 (AEDST).

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Wiluna Eagles make a flying visit to Perth junior footy club



THE Wiluna Martu Eagles Junior Football Club is back home after a visit to the Dalkeith

Nedlands Junior Football Club in Perth.

Wiluna is just about smack bang in the middle of Western Australia. It is about 200km east of Meekatharra.

The Wiluna visit was made courtesy of Golden West Resources Ltd and other mining companies.

Dalkeith Nedlands president Tony Gregory said the trip was consistent with the club's ambition of developing well-rounded footballers with a much greater ambition than just winning a game.

"Our aim is to encourage our young citizens of tomorrow to contribute meaningfully to society, and the great game of Aussie rules is an ideal vehicle", he said.

"This is a great opportunity for every junior player and parent in the club to get involved and develop long-term relationships with a group of Indigenous boys from Wiluna.

The two clubs played a friendly match.

Golden West Resources Executive Chairman Mick Wilson said: "We have been associated with the Wiluna Martu Eagles team for many years and it's great to be able to help the lads come down to Perth to play the match with the Dalkeith Nedlands lads.

"The guys up there in Wiluna love their footy, and the chance to come to Perth gives them the opportunity to play footy in a different environment.

"This is a great example of two WA footy teams working together to broaden the horizons of their players, and is a great testimony to the strong community spirit behind both teams."

Mr Gregory also acknowledged the support the Wiluna police, the Shire of Wiluna, Wiluna Remote Community School and Perth law firm Lavan Legal, as well as mining companies BHP Billiton, Toro Energy, Magellan Metals, Mega Uranium, Newmont, and Apex Minerals.

The good old days

Ex-players reminisce about Mt Isa's golden era

By ALF WILSON



IT is 40 years since the former mighty Mount Isa team first won the grand final of the prestigious north Queensland Foley

Shield rugby league competition.

While there is no official reunion organised, players who took part in the part in the golden era of Mount Isa football have been meeting at various events to reminisce about the golden years.

Many of the players were Aborigines from Mount Isa and nearby Cloncurry.

The wins were: 1969, Mt Isa d Townsville 12-9; 1972, Mt Isa d Innisfail 19-16; 1977, Mt Isa d Innisfail 18-16; 1978, Mt Isa d Mackay 15-2; 1981, Mt Isa d Innisfail 13-9; 1983, Mt Isa d Townsville 22-10; 1985, Mt Isa d Burdekin 26-2; 1988, Mt Isa d Mackay 22-18.

By comparison, Mount Isa lost only three finals – in 1974 when Cairns defeated them 12-6, in 1984 when Mackay won 21-4, and in 1992 when Mackay won 31-12.

Unofficial reunion

Many players met recently at the Mount Isa rodeo and others will meet at the Daisy Cup rugby league carnival in October at the home of those triumphs – the Townsville Sports Reserve.

The Daisy Cup is named after two of the greatest Mount Isa players, brothers Vern and Frank Daisy.

The Mount Isa team enjoyed incredible support in Townsville on Foley Shield weekend when they qualified for the final and thousands would gather in the CBD to cheer them. Many in the crowd were Indigenous men, women and children.

Former player and later Mount Isa rugby league



Broncos CEO and former Mount Isa player Bruno Cullen. He was in winning Foley Shield teams in 1969 and 1972 and the losing 1974 Mt Isa team.



At a previous Daisy Cup at the Townsville Sports Reserve were former Mt Isa Foley Shield stars Frank Daisy, Rick Page and Vern Daisy.

administrator, referee and football writer Rick Page said time had gone quickly since that first win in 1969.

"I can't remember too much about the first Foley Shield except they travelled down by train to Townsville and won the shield," he said.

Cloncurry-born Page represented Mount Isa in the Foley Shield under the legendary Frank Daisy.

"Some of the best players I saw while at Mount Isa were Frank Daisy and his brother Vern, Josh Geia, Warren Wilson, Chad Duffy, Dennis Yamaguchi, Noah Savuro and Vince Hollingsworth who was explosive," Page said.

Brisbane Broncos CEO Bruno Cullen played with the Mount Isa side from 1968 to 1977 and spoke about it when in Townsville on 28 August for the Broncos' 16-10 NRL win over the North Queensland Cowboys.

"I played in the winning sides of 1969 and 1972 and when we lost in 1974. The Daisy Brothers never played in that first win 40 years ago, but I recently caught up with some players while at the Mount Isa rodeo and it was great," Cullen said.

Vern Daisy is revered as a legend in North Queensland rugby league circles and was arguably the greatest player of all the Isa Foley Shield stars. He has been named as a Queensland sporting icon for services to the sport.

Now 62, Daisy works at Camooweal as a mentor for Indigenous youth and still looks super fit, getting around in his trademark Akubra hat.

At a recent meeting at a remote roadhouse between Charters Towers and Greenvale, former footballer and now MP Shane Knuth told Vern: "You are the best role model I have ever seen for youngsters."

Burdekin link

Born on Palm Island, Daisy played in the Burdekin during the mid-1960s and made his A-grade Foley Shield debut there after coming through the grades.

The rampaging Vern Daisy played in five Foley Shield winning grand final sides from 1972 and was the first Aborigine to captain-coach a North Queensland team.

Vern Daisy went back to Palm Island in the late 1980s and made a comeback for the Barracudas in an All Blacks carnival during 1998.

While on Palm Island, Daisy was a big influence of youngsters in sport and off the field.

In his heyday, Daisy was chased by several Sydney clubs, but always remained in north Queensland.

"I had my plane tickets paid to go down and play with Balmain, but thought about it the day before I was due to leave and wanted to stay in north

Queensland. So I gave back the tickets," he said.

Former Mount Isa players now live at many places and I caught up with Warren 'Woggy' Wilson recently on Thursday Island and later at Townsville where he was working as a security officer at the annual show.

"I was also at the Mount Isa rodeo and saw hundreds of mates from Foley Shield days and I will also be at the Daisy Cup which I am looking forward to," he said.

Josh Geia is another with fond memories of playing for the 'Isa' team and is set to make a comeback at the age of 47.

Geia will line up for AJA's Boys, a team made up of Geia family members and relatives, at the Daisy carnival next month.



Former Mount Isa star Warren 'Woggy' Wilson working as a security officer at Townsville Show in July.

Last year at the same carnival, Geia played two games and was so sore that he vowed 'to retire forever'.

But that was last year Geia now wants to play with his younger team-mates.

● **FOOTNOTE:** The Foley Shield began in 1948. All finals were played in Townsville at the Sports Reserve until 1993. In 1994 and 1995 the showpiece of north Queensland Rugby League was played in Mackay. The Foley Shield competition ended in 1995 only to be re-established in 2000, albeit with only four teams. In 2004 this was reduced to three teams with the withdrawal of Mt Isa, leaving Mackay, Townsville and Cairns to fight out the title. In 2009 under a new format, six teams competed including winners Innisfail/Eacham, Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Torres/Cape and a combined Mount Isa/Mid West. Some great Indigenous players have competed over the years, including current St George NRL star Wendell Sailor, who played for Mackay, Sam Backo, Dale Shearer and many others.



Former Mount Isa star Josh Geia, right, on Palm Island jetty with mate Ben Kennedy.



The Toyota Cup Team of the Year includes four Indigenous players: Travis Waddell (front left), Malcolm Webster (front, third from left), Joel Romero (front right) and Robert Liu (middle row, middle). Waddell is with the Canberra Raiders, Webster is with the Rabbitohs, Romero is with the Penrith Panthers, and Liu is with West Tigers.

Future looks bright

RUGBY LEAGUE

By a Special Correspondent

THE depth of Indigenous talent in rugby league was underlined last week with four players named in the Toyota Cup Team of the Year – Robert Liu, Malcolm Webster, Travis Waddell and Joel Romero – being proud of their Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

When you consider the likes of Jharal Yow Yeh, Jamal Idris, Luke Kelly, Ben Barba and Albert Kelly could also have qualified by age for this team, the extent of Indigenous talent at this level is even more obvious.

Eight years ago Robert Liu would not have even dared to dream of making a team of this calibre, let alone making his NRL debut alongside Benji Marshall for the Wests Tigers.

As a youngster, Liu was more interested in hunting for turtle and fishing on Mer Island than he was in playing NRL.

The overall population on this island community is less than 500, which places

Liu's performance against the Eels at the Sydney Football Stadium in front of 30,000-plus in an entirely new light.

Yet the youngster handled this transition with ease.

Perhaps somebody forgot to tell him about the hundreds of thousands watching live on their television screens!

Liu puts his ability to handle these new experiences down to the support of his family.

"My family have always supported me and given me the confidence to succeed," Robert said after receiving the award.

"When Tim Sheens told me I would be making my debut, I was speechless.

"It was like a dream come true. In fact, it is still like a dream – I can't believe that I was running out with Benji!"

Deflected credit

Of his success in being named in the Toyota Cup Team of the Year, Liu prefers to praise his team-mates rather than talk about his individual efforts.

"It was great to be picked – it was a really good vibe," he said. "But it was more a recognition of how well our team has been going recently.

"I'm happy for all the players in the squad."

Liu's year started out with relatively simple goals compared with his achievements.

"At the start of the year, all I wanted to do was play consistent football and let my actions on the field do the talking," he said.

The youngster, who has travelled

down to the Tigers via Cairns, Kirwan High (Townsville) and Keebra Park High (Gold Coast still yearns for life back on his island home, but struggles to find the time.

"I think they're worried that I'll put on too much weight," laughed the talented halfback as he headed back to training.

One player who could do with an extra serve of turtle meat is Liu's fellow Team of the Year member Malcolm Webster, from South Sydney.

The diminutive Webster looks and plays so much like Preston Campbell that people assume the talent from Kempsey is related to the Gold Coast fullback.

"Normally, I just let people think that I am," laughed Webster.

"I think John Lang (Souths football manager who coached Preston at Penrith) said something like that and nobody corrected him."

Webster is not short on bloodlines, however, as he is related to Greg Inglis and former Roosters star Amos Roberts.

The youngster grew up playing for the Dhunghutti Broncos and the Gimbisi Warriors and, with the encouragement of his father as a junior coach, has developed his own brand of football.

"I want to play my own style," the talented utility back said.

It is a style that had him leading the Player of the Year before voting went behind closed doors.

It is a style that also has him not only near the top of the try-scorers list, but also in recording try-assists.

He reminds everybody of Preston

Campbell in attack and was an immediate success when he made his debut at the end of the SG Ball competition last year.

He did not, however, let immediate success go to his head.

"At the start of the year I just wanted to keep my spot in the Toyota Cup," he said.

"Like everybody else, my long-term aim is to play in the NRL, but first grade is still to come."

Webster recognises the challenges ahead because he has already recognised the step up in class required playing in the Toyota Cup.

"It's tougher, it's faster and the little things count more," Malcolm said.

Realigning goals

With a shoulder operation awaiting him in the off-season, Webster hopes to finish the Toyota Cup on a high this year before realigning his goals.

Keeping him grounded is his traineeship at Australia Post.

Every morning during winter he had to rise to get to work at 2.30 to start his shift.

"It's been good for me," he said. "It's taught me self-discipline and the true value of a dollar."

Next year he hopes that he will be delivering more than the post – he hopes he will be delivering on the field for the mighty Rabbitohs as they continue their resurgence in the NRL.

His future – along with the remaining 10 per cent of Indigenous players across the NRL – looks bright.

Thanks

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN

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THERE is no doubt that my final game at the Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG) for the Swannies will live long in my mind.

It was an emotional day for me, my family and my fellow retirees and fellow premiers winners in Leo Barry and Jared Crouch.

In many respects it was one of many lasts and gave us the opportunity to say our farewell to our passionate members who have supported us through our highs and lows.

This article is also an attempt to thank all my brothers and sisters in the Indigenous communities who have not only been great supporters, but have provided so much additional inspiration for me to succeed at the highest level possible.

In many respects, my last game was similar to my first in that the whole week – while being a series of 'lasts' – was full of the nervous anticipation that I also experienced when I prepared for my debut.

The week was like repeating a mantra as the countdown continued.

It went from me saying to myself that this is my last yoga session, this is my last weights session and this is my last training session.

Emotion, adrenaline

Eventually, it became this is my last match and once I ran on to the ground, it hit me in a daze of emotion and adrenaline.

But through that daze I was conscious of the Swans' faithful who had turned out in force and my desire to show them my appreciation.

They've been incredibly supportive of all of us over the years and their effort to turn up in a match that had no impact on the premiership was special.

Even though the players and supporters alike shared the

disappointment of having missed the finals, it was fitting to end my career on the same ground as it started back in 1995.

To finish off at the best ground in Australia – the best ground in the world – where the fans have been fantastic for me, was indeed special.

This special feeling ensured I experienced no regrets on the day about my decision to retire, especially considering how the club's youngsters have flourished in the second half of the season.

It's an exciting time for the club.

There are obviously a few spots up for grabs now and they can take that into next year and believe that there's a spot in the forward line and the back line all up for grabs.

Hopefully these young guys can take that on board and train well and then play well.

Having shared 14 seasons at the club with Crouch and 15 with Leo Barry probably made the emotion of the last match easier to handle.

It was as if we were the Three Amigos happily riding off into the sunset.

We have shared so much together – we shared first games, we shared big games, we've

shared family events; the boys were at my wedding and I was at theirs.

We've shared so much that it is, in a way, fitting that we're sharing retirement as well.

The only thing I missed was sharing the forward line with another departing Swan – Barry Hall.

Barry's been an inspiration in terms of the things he's been able to do on the field that I've been able to witness.

Played with 'Plugger'

I played with another great player in Tony Lockett and it was great to sit alongside those guys and watch them go about their work.

I wanted to make sure Baz was included because he's been fantastic for the footy club.

Even though he wasn't there, I'm sure he felt the same overwhelming feeling of pride that Crouchy, Leo and I shared during our last week.

For the final three, I think we've played 11 or 12 finals series, three grand finals and six or seven prelims, so it's been a really amazing decade and a half at the club and a successful era.

I feel extremely proud to have had such an involvement in a

terrific period for the footy club.

But the overall feeling I have is one of humility.

I have been humbled by the way the fans have responded by me and all the attention I have received.

Now that I have reached retirement, I am determined that I will use that profile as best I can for the future.

In speaking of the future, I am not just talking about my children Taya and James and my loving partner Emma.

I am talking about the future for us all and, in particular, all the Indigenous children of this generation.

As I said earlier, the Indigenous community has provided me with an additional level of inspiration across my career.

I am proud of my heritage and the fact that I can be an ambassador for our people and a role model for our children.

I trust that across my career I have carried these roles with dignity and humility.

I hope that all the kids I have spoken to have taken something positive away from the time we have shared.

I hope that I have communicated with you through this column and highlighted some

of the important issues confronting our people.

I hope that I have been able to share the inspiring stories of some of the other brothers who have succeeded within the AFL.

I hope that I have given you an insight into the world of an AFL player and trust I have increased your enjoyment of the game.

I hope all these things because I can never truly repay you what you have all given me in return – even without me asking for everything.

You have given me confidence, hope and strength.

Inspirational

Whenever I questioned myself, I found the answer in the eyes of the next group of kids I spoke to.

Their excitement and enthusiasm gave me renewed energy and focus.

I will spend the remaining days of my working life trying to repay a debt that can never be serviced.

Like the Swans who ran on emotion when we won the flag in 2005, it is all about respect and pride for each other.

You have given me respect and pride in myself.

I cannot thank you enough.

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!

Koori Mail columnist Michael O'Loughlin is chaired from the field by Brett Kirk and Jude Bolton after his last Australian Football League (AFL) game. O'Loughlin became the first Sydney Swan to reach the 300-game milestone. His final game was against the Brisbane Lions at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 26 August. – Picture: Newspix



Wirra ends speculation and hangs up his boots



THE Australian Football League (AFL) career of David Wirrpanda is officially over, with the

30-year-old confirming his retirement last Tuesday.

Wirrpanda, who made his debut back in 1996, has decided to hang up the boots after 14 seasons and 227 games at the elite level.

He was the third Eagle to retire this season, joining fellow premiership players Chad Fletcher and Adam Hunter.

Wirrpanda played 18 games this season, but missed out on a farewell match when he withdrew from the Eagles' round 22 win over Richmond in order to be present at the birth of his first child.

"I contemplated (retirement) half way through the year, I just

wanted to see where I was at and I had a chat to Woosha (coach John Worsfold)," Wirrpanda told a packed media conference.

"I just wanted to be realistic of where I stood within the playing squad and to be honest, at the beginning of the year I thought I was more of a chance to play on.

"But the way the boys came on towards the end of the year

really did open my eyes up to the direction the younger blokes are taking their footy.

"So I thought to myself with the young blokes like (Scott) Selwood coming through, (Tom) Swift, young (Shannon) Hurn, you've also got a lot of the other younger players cementing their position, especially in the backline, I thought the best thing for them is to get game time, it will grow their footy.

"I felt if I kept playing, it would take that option away from them.

"That's what I said to Woosha.

"I thought to myself, for this club to go further, I have to sacrifice my position in order for the younger blokes to get more experience."

Wirrpanda said he was satisfied with what he achieved after arriving at the club from Victoria as a skinny 16-year-old.

Inala regains trophy

By IMOGEN HAYES



THE mainly-Indigenous Inala West Panthers were recrowned top of their division after an epic win in the

Brisbane Southside Second Division rugby league finals against St Brendan's.

The game was played at Davies Park, Brisbane, on 22 August and saw the Panthers regain their premiership title after losing it in 2008.

Coach Chris Conlon has been through three grand finals and described the win as a triumph for the whole community.

"We didn't just win it for us, we won it for the whole of Inala," Conlon said.

And it seemed many Inala residents showed up to witness the match, with more than 1000 supporters attending.



Darren Malone was the last in to lend a hand on this tackle of a St Brendan's player.



An Inala West Panther tries to break free of a tackle.

Pictures: Annette Simpson

Conlon said the 26-12 win could be attributed to excellent defence in the first half.

Conlon dedicated the match to

recently deceased Elder Aunty Irene Egert (see page 25).

Aunty Irene was an avid rugby league supporter and her grandson

was a member of the Inala team.

Coach Chris Conlon's only future plans are to 'keep the team together as long as possible'.

Learn from your mistakes, says Sailor



WENDELL SAILOR



CHARISMATIC St George-Illawarra National Rugby League (NRL) winger Wendell Sailor believes his transformation from a

player vilified for a drug-related suspension to one nominated for a community award is an example to younger players who make mistakes.

Sailor spent two years in the sporting wilderness after he tested positive to cocaine following a Super 14 rugby union match between his NSW team and the ACT Brumbies in April 2006.

His sporting career was revived last year by the Dragons and the 35-year-old veteran has continued to light up the game with his on-field deeds and colourful off-field comments.

Another indicator of the remarkable rehabilitation his career and reputation have undergone is the news that the Dragons have nominated him as their contender for the prestigious annual Ken Stephen Medal, which rewards the NRL player making the most outstanding contribution to the community.

Sailor said he was flattered and humbled by his nomination for the medal, although he didn't expect to win.

In a season where rugby league has earned as many headlines for the poor off-field behaviour of its players as its

outstanding on-field entertainment, Sailor believes young players who get into trouble could learn from his experiences.

"When you have things written about you in those two years off, it just makes you sick in the guts because you know you are not that sort of person, but you've made mistakes," Sailor told reporters.

"I just think I showed a lot of people that you can come back from stuff like that and people that write you off.

"But more importantly, it's the kids that realise if they make mistakes, you can rectify it, with the right things in place, the right people, the right attitude."

Plenty of backing

He paid tribute to the support he had received from several people, including NRL Chief Executive Officer David Gallop and Dragons coach Wayne Bennett.

While not everyone agrees footballers should be role models, Sailor believed they do fit into that category.

"We're not just football heroes, we are ambassadors and role models," he said.

"Even this year a few players have got into trouble, and that happens, but a lot of players have done a lot of great stuff.

"As much as some players don't want to be (role models), that's the message I give a lot of young footballers aspiring to be at this level.

"You can't just have big pay cheques and the big crowds, you've got to be involved in the community and also you've got to behave pretty well."

Sailor said he wasn't 'the most perfect role model' and had experienced a lot of highs and lows in a 'colourful career'.

"But at the same time, if you work at it yourself, you can certainly come back and do the right things," he said.

"2006 for me was probably the only year that I would like to delete out of my very entertaining career."

Sailor, born 16 July 1974 in Sarina, Queensland, is a dual international, having represented his country in rugby league and rugby union. He is of Torres Strait Islander descent.

He made the transition from rugby league to rugby union in 2001 when he left the Brisbane Broncos and joined the Queensland Reds.

In 2005 he switched to the NSW Blues in rugby union's Super 12 competition.

In 2006 he was given a two-year suspension for drug use, and after serving out the time, he returned to rugby league, this time with the St George-Illawarra Dragons. - With AAP

Indigenous Rising Star nominees



THE three Indigenous Australian Football League (AFL) Rising Star nominees – Fremantle's Stephen Hill, Collingwood's Brad Dick and Demon Liam Jurrah – missed out when at the awards presentation in Melbourne on 2 September. The 2009 winner was Brisbane Lions

midfielder Daniel Rich. He polled the maximum 45 votes – 15 votes clear of Adelaide's Andy Otten – to become the first Rising Star winner since Melbourne's Jared Rivers in 2004 to achieve the highest possible total. The midfielder won his Rising Star nomination in round one. Fremantle's Stephen Hill finished fourth

with nine votes. Many close watchers of the Rising Star competition thought Hill should have finished higher – possibly in second place. Among the voters, James Hird was Hill's biggest admirer. He gave Hill three votes. Gerard Healy gave Hill two votes, while he received one vote from Adrian

Anderson, Glen Jakovich, Kevin Sheehan and Robert Walls. He failed to secure any votes from Andrew Demetriou, Kevin Bartlett and Mark Ricciuto. – *With AAP*
PICTURED: The three Indigenous Rising Star nominees at the awards presentation last week, from left, Brad Dick, Liam Jurrah and Stephen Hill.

Thunder's big year



THE season might be over for the Northern Territory Thunder in the Australian Football League Queensland (AFLQ) competition, but officials are not resting. The Thunder narrowly missed out on a place in the AFLQ finals series after having been in the mix throughout the minor premiership. The Thunder ended their 2009 inaugural season with a 58-point victory over the Aspley Hornets at Maroochy on 22 August. The Thunder maintained their lead at every break. But the win was not enough to secure a finals spot, with Mt Gravatt beating Broadbeach by 58 points and Brisbane punishing the Western Magpies by 153.

Full forward Darren Ewing kicked five goals, keeping him one goal ahead of Redland Bomber Jason Eagle for the AFLQ Ray Hughson Medal to be presented at the Grogan Medal night. Ewing also took out the Inpex Best Under 23 player award on 20 votes, with Bradley Palipuminni and Shane Thorne following closely on 19 and 18 points. This award will be presented to Ewing at the NT Thunder Best and Fairest awards night. Club officials were delighted with the Thunder's first assault on the AFLQ premiership, finishing with 11 wins, seven losses, five Rising Star nominations, and more than 1000 members. With the curtain falling on the Thunder's 2009 campaign, officials are organising pre-season

and planning for 2010. Key announcements include the naming of nine 2010 marquee players: Jarred Ilett (St Marys), James Puautjimi (St Marys), Nathan McLean (Waratahs), James Wray (Waratahs), Shane Thorne (Wanderers), Mitchell Taylor (Wanderers), Damien Roe (Nightcliff), Scott Taylor (West Alice Springs), and Charlie McAdam (Darwin Buffaloes).
Teething problems
 Club officials said a heavy travel schedule and lack of continuity for games in the Northern Territory were identified as issues early on in 2009. They said the Thunder had discussed these matters with a receptive AFLQ and as a result, there would be 12 home games in

2010 – eight in Darwin and four in Alice Springs. The club also listed some of the 2009 highlights:
 ● Eleven wins from 18 starts.
 ● Round one game attracting close to 4000 people to TIO Stadium.
 ● Kenny Morton 'The Magnificent', from Ti Tree, debuting in round three as the first central Australian player.
 ● Three players selected in Queensland under 21 squad – James Puautjimi, Bradley Palipuminni and Damien Roe.
 ● The first match in Alice Springs attracting 1500 people to Traeger Park.
 ● NT Thunder/AFLNT regional tour stopping in Katherine, Barunga, Tennant Creek, Ti Tree, Ali Curing and Aileron.

● Reaching 1000-member milestone in June.
 ● Visiting the Hermannsburg community to host a healthy lifestyle clinic.
 ● NT Thunder securing five NAB Rising Star nominations – James Puautjimi (Round 1), Deon Gordon (Round 3), Damien Roe (Round 9), Bradley Palipuminni (Round 12), Troy Taylor (Round 14).
 ● Full forward Darren 'Boof' Ewing taking out QAFL leading goal kicker award with 81 goals. Ewing also laid claim to being the Inpex Best Under 23 player.
 ● Captain Jarred Ilett was sitting second on 23 votes in the Syd Guilford QAFL league medal count after Round 14. The last four rounds are counted at Grogan Medal night.



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Trophy returns to Inala

THE trophy was out of their hands for 12 months and they didn't like that. So the Inala West Panthers set the record straight last month when they beat St Brendan's 26-12 in the grand final of the Brisbane Southside Second Division rugby league competition.

● See Page 98 for details and more pictures.

Picture:
Annette Simpson



It's on again!

IBO orders Geale v Mundine rematch



ANTHONY Mundine has promised a rematch with Daniel Geale, saying the Tasmanian

Indigenous fighter has already knocked back lucrative offers.

Mundine eked out a contentious split points win over Geale, who suffered the first loss of his professional career, in Brisbane last May.

The Geale camp fired in a protest, citing several factors including the alleged intimidation of a judge, and the International Boxing Organisation ordered another bout.

Last month, Geale doubted 'The Man's' willingness to give him a

rematch, but Mundine said on 26 August that it would definitely happen.

No date or venue was given.

"He's gonna get his whippin', that's for sure," Mundine told reporters in Sydney.

Mundine said Geale's asking price was too high. "It's money issues with him," he said.

"Because I'm the cash cow, they want to get more than what they would get to the highest bidder out there."

Mundine also didn't rule out another bout with Danny Green, who will take on Roy Jones Jr in November.

"If Greeny has still got that cruiserweight after Roy Jones, he knows where I'm at," he said.

One of the sport's legends, Sugar Ray Leonard, was also in Sydney on 11 August.

Leonard told reporters he rated Mundine alongside the greats of the 1980s like Tommy Hearn and Marvin Hagler.

"I fight those guys who I consider great and I've fought those guys, or those individuals,



who I consider great," he said.

"Except one guy here I call 'The Man'."

For his part, Geale told *The Daily Telegraph* that he feared Mundine was doing everything he could to sidestep the IBO order.

"I'm not holding my breath, no," Geale said when quizzed about the fight. "Because Anthony knows there are easier ways to make money. That he can pick other fights that won't have him working anywhere near as hard."

"The whole thing has been incredibly frustrating actually. But whether it's May, June, July, this

fight has to happen. And I'm still young. So the longer he leaves this fight the older he gets. That can only work in my favour."

Meanwhile, Australian world champion Danny Green has called on Mundine to stop fighting chumps and step up with the big boys of world boxing.

Green won the IBO cruiserweight title when he defeated Julio Cesar Dominguez in Mississippi last month and will fight American superstar Roy Jones Jr in November.

Green said it was time his arch rival stepped out of his comfort

● **LEFT: Sugar Ray Leonard (left) and Anthony Mundine play the Xbox 360 and EA Sports boxing title Fight Night 4 during the product launch in Sydney on Wednesday 26 August. Leonard ranked Mundine as one of boxing's greats.**

— AAP Image

zone. "I'm not sure what his next fight is, I dare say it would be against someone that is going to be a relatively very safe option for him," Green said.

"It's pretty much a pattern now."

Green was lured out of retirement earlier this year after he was promised a lucrative rematch with Mundine, who won the first fight between the pair in 2006.

But when it came to finalising a deal, Mundine quickly went cold on the proposal, although Green's recent success on the world stage seems to have re-sparked Mundine's interest.

Green said he had little time nowadays to even think about Mundine.

"I'm fighting one of the best fighters of all time, so Choco's definitely on the backburner as far as our fight goes," Green said.

"As far as what he achieved and what he's going to achieve and what he wants to achieve, he's just got to step up basically."

"He's got to stop fighting blokes that are a given and put himself out of his comfort zone."

"Until he does that he's not going to have the respect of the sporting community." — With AAP

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