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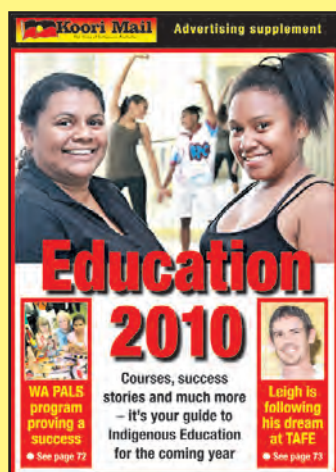
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## Loud... and very proud



THE music might have been a

bit loud, but young Latana Gibbs was more than proud to show her true colours.

Sporting her favourite t-shirt, Latana was among the large crowd that enjoyed perfect weather at this year's Red Ochre Festival in the central-western New South Wales city of Dubbo.

The annual music and culture gathering – in the heart of Wiradjuri country – boasted a line-up of top Indigenous performers.

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Photo: Wendy Merrick

# 721,000 of us by 2021



THAT'S right! New figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) forecast the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population will reach up to 721,000 by 2021, from 517,000 in 2006.

That's a massive increase of 204,000 people in just 15 years.

The news has prompted warnings that governments and other authorities around the country should be prepared for the coming Indigenous baby boom.

The ABS figures also show that

Queensland is expected to overtake NSW for the title of most Indigenous residents during the coming decade, and that the median age of Indigenous Australians in 2021 will be 24, up from 21 in 2006.

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# My FAMILY

## DOREEN CREEK – Wujal Wujal, Qld



Broncos fans through and through ... Back from left, Salome Royee, 23, Camelia Creek, 16, Vanessa Tayley, 25, Keryl Tayley, 20, and Anthea Solomon, 27; middle from left, Doreen Creek, Sarah Tayley, 25, Lena Sykes, 23, and Jessica Creek, 26; and front, from left, Zechariah Paulke, 4, and Kevin Creek jnr, 4.

LOVE nothing better than once a year travelling down from the Wujal Wujal community with my daughters and grandchildren for the annual NRL football game between the Brisbane Broncos and North Queensland Cowboys.

It took us almost eight hours in two cars from Wujal Wujal, and we picked up some of them on the way down at Mossman.

For me this is a real family bonding time and I love being with my daughters and all the grandchildren and other relatives.

We stayed at the Plaza Hotel in the Townsville Mall which is about 200m from the Holiday Inn where the Broncos players were accommodated. As loyal Broncos supporters we all went to Dairy Farmers Stadium in Townsville to see the game and our team won 16-10 on 28 August.

Another big highlight is on the morning

after the game we walked down to the Holiday Inn to wait outside for the Broncos players to come out and get onto their bus for the drive out to the Townsville airport.

This year we even went into the foyer and got our flags signed and received autographs from several Broncos players.

To me this annual journey is a real family affair which we all look forward to weeks before and talk about it for months after.

Those who went down to Townsville included Salome Royee, 23 (grand-daughter), Camelia Creek, 16 (daughter), Vanessa Tayley, 25 (daughter), Keryl Tayley, 20 (daughter), Anthea Solomon, 27 (grand-daughter), Sarah Tayley, 25 (daughter), Lena Sykes, 23 (niece), Jessica Creek, 26 (daughter), Zechariah Paulke, 4, (great-grand son) and Kevin Creek jnr, 4 (grandson).

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## OUR CHILDREN



Dubbo College (central-western NSW) students E J Fernando, Penny Dunn, Angel Towney and Daryl Kemp, who were the first public school students in Australia to attend the National Indigenous Youth Leadership annual conference, held this month in Brisbane. See page 37

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# Spotlight on girls of the Kimberley



THE 2009 heats in Western Australia's only Indigenous modelling event, Kimberley Girl, will kick off this Friday at Goolarri Media's headquarters in Broome.

The entrants, who are aged between 16 and 25, take part in professional and personal development workshops beforehand, ensuring they set the runway alight with confidence and poise.

Goolarri Media Chief Operations Officer Kira Fong said many past contestants had gone on to develop in leaps and bounds, both personally and professionally.

She said past winners including Emma Sibosado, Emma MacNeil, Emily Jones, Mystique Dia and Shulyn Hunter, had used the skills and confidence they gained from Kimberley Girl for such things as addressing youth issues by acting as motivational speakers, undertaking media

traineeships, participating in the Perth Fashion Festival, World Youth Day and NAIDOC events and gaining international exposure representing Indigenous women in Los Angeles at the G'Day USA event.

"It's about seeing these girls emerge with renewed confidence and leadership potential through the Kimberley Girl program," Ms Fong said.

"Kimberley Girl gives them the wings, and our success is in seeing just one girl fly."

Heat one is this Friday 25 September, while heat two is on Friday 2 October, with the finals on 9 October.

All events are at 7 Blackman St, Broome, from 7.30pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids, with food and drink available for purchase. Each of the heats will feature local performances, while Perth hip hop artist Bryte MC and DJ Missile will be playing at the finals.

Last year's Kimberley Girl winner, Emma Sibosado.

Photo: Nigel Gaunt

# Native title bill passed

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Court of Australia will now play a greater role in resolving native title claims under changes made last week by Federal Parliament.

The Government says the amendments to the *Native Title Act* will speed up the resolution process and help clear a backlog of about 500 claims.

Opposition parties and National Native Title Tribunal President Graeme Neate, however, have questioned that view.

The amendments give the Federal Court the power to manage the mediation of land claims by Indigenous people.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the court would now be able to more forcefully pull into line 'recalcitrant parties' by using its case management powers if a matter becomes deadlocked.

Mr McClelland said the changes would improve the efficiency and timeliness of mediation.

"The measures contained in

the Bill will improve the operation of the native title system and the outcomes that can be achieved under it," he said.

But not everybody appeared as confident.

Australian Greens senator Rachel Siewert said that although her party supported the amendments, she did not believe they went far enough.

Her biggest issue with the legislation was that it still required Indigenous groups to prove their connection with the land, instead of shifting the burden of proof to the states.

## Reservations

The Coalition supported the legislation, but Liberal senator Russell Trood also said he had some reservations about it.

"I am not particularly confident that these particular proposals ... are actually going to make a material change to the speed with which there is a resolution of these matters," he told Parliament before the vote.

Senator Trood said the draft laws marginalised the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) and may impose an additional burden on the Federal Court.

NNTT President Graeme Neate welcomed the changes, but said much of the practical impact of the amendments would depend on how the scheme was administered by individual Federal Court judges.

"The Tribunal will continue to work with the Federal Court and parties to facilitate timely and effective native title and related outcomes," he said.

"In particular, the Tribunal will provide clients with a high standard of mediation and other services, including, research, library, geospatial and administrative services, as well as the mediation and arbitration of future act applications."

Mr Neate said the amendments to the Act were essentially procedural changes.

"They will not necessarily speed up the resolution of claims by agreement, particularly if the parties to the proceedings are unwilling or unable to participate productively or in a timely manner," he said.

The *Native Title Amendment Bill 2009* passed the Upper House last Monday without amendment. — With AAP



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# Jawoyn in Nitmiluk celebration



CELEBRATIONS have been held to mark the 20th anniversary of the handing-back of Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) in the Northern Territory to its traditional owners, the Jawoyn people.

Twenty years ago this month, an agreement was reached between the Jawoyn and the Northern Territory Government to hand back Nitmiluk National Park to the traditional owners under the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act*.

At the same time, a 99-year lease was signed between the Jawoyn Land Trust and the Northern Territory Conservation Land Corporation to ensure Nitmiluk remained a national park. The Jawoyn continue to have a key role in the management of the park.

The return of Nitmiluk to the Jawoyn was a landmark event which transformed long-entrenched views of land ownership, held by many non-Aboriginal Australians.

Over the past two decades, the Jawoyn Association Aboriginal Corporation has made a significant contribution to building an independent future for local people.

Its 20 years of strong governance was recognised recently by the Registrar of the Office of Indigenous Corporations when it was named as one of the leading Aboriginal corporations in the country.

The Corporation generates more the \$1.5 million in income and holds over \$3 million in assets.

During the celebrations, eight of ten new tourist accommodation chalets built by Nitmiluk Tours at the Nitmiluk campgrounds were officially opened.



Just some of the crowd at the Doomadgee Rodeo.

## Doomadgee rides high



ABOUT 3000 people attended the recent Doomadgee rodeo (north Queensland), where the Deadly Rodeo Tour was launched. The tour will take in rodeos from the Kimberleys to Cape York and Palm Island and organisers say the top competitors from the tour will compete

in the world rodeo championships in Melbourne next May.

The Doomadgee Rodeo, held over three days, was organised by the Australian Indigenous Rodeo Corporation, headed by champion cowboy and businessman Dave McLennan, from Epsom in country Victoria.

Organisers said the Doomadgee

Rodeo drew some of Australia's best bucking stock.

Elders Aunty June and Aunty Eva Gilbert gave a welcome to country.

Doomadgee Mayor Fred O'Keefe said it was good for the community to have such an exciting event, and he couldn't wait for the next one.

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# APY, Govt sign deal

By DARREN COYNE



MORE jobs for young people and improved housing are the expected results of a deal between the South Australian

Government and the state's APY people.

Following two years of negotiations, the State Government and the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Executive Board have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Board Chairman Bernard Singer said all communities on the APY lands supported the MOU, as they hoped for improved housing and job opportunities for their young.

Mr Singer said that at present many houses had up to 27 people living in them.

"Hopefully we can start building houses pretty soon, probably later this year sometime," he said.

"We will build about 35 houses in one community, and 25 in another and we will just keep building houses until we



BERNARD SINGER

have dealt with overcrowding."

The MOU has a target of 20 per cent Anangu local employment, which will see people work in construction and refurbishment, as well as in management and administration roles.

SA Housing Minister Jennifer Rankine said the MOU was a commitment to work closely with APY to increase the standard of housing.

"Under the MOU, we will improve housing and maintenance while at the same time providing employment and training opportunities for Anangu," she said.

"Residents of new houses will also receive support to help make their tenancies a success and they will be assisted with homemaker and family support education."

Ms Rankine said a Housing SA regional manager would be based on the APY Lands who would be able to work more closely with communities.

The manager would also help during the transition period to the new housing model and support local employees.

The new Anangu Housing Model, created by the MOU, aims to reduce overcrowding and homelessness while improving property condition, commitments made in the Remote Indigenous Housing National Partnership Agreement.

The Government aims to achieve this by a new building and refurbishment program as well as by the Families and Communities Department transferring some properties to new management.

Mr Singer said that between 2009 and 2011, new houses would be built in Amata and Mimili and existing houses would be upgraded.



# \$8m kidney health boost for Kimberley



MUCH-NEEDED kidney health services in the Kimberley region of Western Australia are a major step closer.

The WA Government says it will provide \$8 million towards expansion of renal services across the region.

This comes on top of another \$8.6 million in Federal funding to

build new facilities in Derby and Kununurra.

The news is music to the ears of Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council renal services manager Maree Wearne.

"We've been working a long time to get these services in place and the announcement of this funding is great news," she told *The Koori Mail*. "There is a desperate need for kidney health services in the Kimberley.

"What's really good is the fact that about 30 local Aboriginal people now forced to live in Perth for dialysis and other treatment will now be able to return to their country."

## Dialysis

More than one-third of WA's Indigenous renal patients live in the Kimberley. About 100 Kimberley Aboriginal people are currently undergoing dialysis, and

that number is expected to jump to 140 by 2013.

WA Health Minister Kim Hames said the Kimberley had the highest incidence of end-stage kidney disease in Western Australia.

"The WA Government will provide \$7.9 million in recurrent funding over the next four years to expand capacity to meet the Kimberley's demand and reduce the need for patients to relocate

to Perth for dialysis," he said.

"This will mean the majority of patients requiring dialysis will be able to be treated in the Kimberley region closer to their families and friends, with only the most complex cases requiring high-level care needing to be transferred to Perth."

The expanded dialysis services are set to start on completion of new facilities, scheduled for April 2011.

# Our population is expected to boom

## Statistics point to massive increase

By DARREN COYNE



INDIGENOUS Australia is set for a baby boom, prompting a warning that governments should be prepared.

New figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) project the national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population will reach up to 721,000 by 2021, from 517,000 in 2006.

That's an expected increase of 204,000 people in just 15 years.

The ABS said the high growth rate was due largely to high levels of fertility in the Indigenous population and the increasing numbers of Indigenous women entering peak child-bearing ages.

If the population does reach more than 700,000 as the ABS predicts, it would finally be in line with some estimates of what the Indigenous population was at the time of white arrival in 1788. That's not a bad recovery given the Indigenous population fell to a low of 93,000 in 1900.

The ABS said the Indigenous population was projected to grow by 2.2 per cent each year compared with the rate of 1.2 per cent



We'll be seeing a lot more babies, with the Australian Bureau of Statistics expecting the Indigenous population to increase by 204,000 in the next 15 years.

to 1.7 per cent for the non-Indigenous population.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said the population projections showed the need for good planning now.

## 'Flow-on effects'

"A projected annual growth of 2.2 per cent up until 2021 signals the need for governments to prepare and plan for the expected flow-on effects of this in terms of policy development and service delivery," he said.

"Quite simply, there will be more Indigenous people and we need to move

now to make sure that the coming generations have improved opportunities for social, cultural and economic prosperity and significantly improved life outcomes."

Mr Calma also used the figures to push the importance of a representative body for Indigenous Australians.

"This expected increase also points to the need for the national representative body to be up and running as soon as possible to ensure avenues for engagement and partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are in place now to guide and inform on some of the challenges ahead."

The ABS said the Indigenous

populations of all states and territories would continue to grow, but Queensland was expected to overtake New South Wales for the title of most Indigenous residents.

The number of Indigenous children (0-14 years) is projected to increase from 194,200 in 2006 to between 242,600 and 243,400 in 2021, while the number of Indigenous people aged 25-54 years is projected to increase from 183,000 in 2006 to between 260,100 and 262,300 in 2021, the new figures show.

But it's not all about the babies and the baby boomers.

"The number of older Indigenous people (55 years and over) is projected to more than double, from 40,000 in 2006 to between 82,000 and 86,600 in 2021," the ABS said.

"The median age of the Indigenous population is expected to increase from 21 in 2006 to 24 in 2021.

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) Chief Executive Officer Dea Delaney Thiele said the increase in population required an expansion of existing services.

"The doubling of our elderly population over 55 years of age will mean more health needs," she said.

"Our Aboriginal community controlled health services need to grow just to meet the existing level of need in our community, so we will need to plan for our expanding population.

"Improved access to our services in both urban and regional areas can be built by both expanding existing services and by helping communities that want to create new health services.

"If our population is expanding at a rate that is 30 per cent higher than that of other Australians, we need the Australian Government to engage with NACCHO in planning for the future soon."

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## WA Govt accused of failing people



THE West Australian Government is failing to address the needs of the state's Indigenous people, according to the first report from the Government's Indigenous Implementation Board.

The Board was set up in January and is chaired by the former WA Governor John Sanderson.

The report said there was a lack of urgency in the response to social failure in WA, and it predicted problems like substance abuse and child neglect would get worse in the short to medium term.

Board chairman, former WA Governor Lieutenant-General John Sanderson, said that was despite the success of liquor bans and a vast amount of money being spent on Indigenous affairs.

"These things are always overwhelmed by the examples of systemic failure and social alienation of a gross magnitude," he said.

Problems such as high rates of incarceration and youth suicide would persist, he said.

"You can only expect it to get worse because a large part of the Aboriginal population is young," he told ABC radio.

The report's 13 recommendations include allocating Royalties for Regions funding to Indigenous leaders, and producing an Indigenous report card every two years.

### Criticisms

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames told Parliament the Government would address the Board's criticisms.

"They are not recent problems that the report identifies, they are problems that have developed over a considerable period of time," he said.

"We are getting on with the job of sorting them out."

But Shadow Indigenous Affairs Minister Roger Cook said the report had exposed the 'dysfunction of the Government's Indigenous Affairs policy'.

"The report from Lt-General Sanderson's Indigenous Implementation Board (IIB) said it has no relationship with key Government committees and has sought extra funding to engage with Indigenous groups," he said.

"This report boldly states that there is a breakdown in the relationship between the IIB and the Government."

"The report revealed that the board has no relationship with the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee, a committee made up of West Australian directors-general of government departments with no agreement on their process of engagement or even their mutual objectives."

The report also stressed the need for the Government to provide funding for Indigenous programs in regional areas of Western Australia.

"The Government must accept that Indigenous communities are part of the regions too," Mr Cook said.

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# Boys from Bush get on with job

By DARREN COYNE



AN Indigenous employment program, which places young people from remote communities in

Australian meatworks, has finally received backing from the Federal Government.

The Boys from the Bush team approached *The Koori Mail* last month complaining that overseas workers were gaining employment on fast-tracked visas while their project had been caught up in red tape for 16 months.

But a month down the track, the Remote Area Work Scheme has just signed a contract to place 25 Indigenous young people in an abattoir in New South Wales.

Under the new contract, 15 of the workers will come from remote

## Jobs raw deal

By DARREN COYNE



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

The Koori Mail's front-page report from 12 August.

Northern Territory communities, while the other 10 will be drawn from the Wagga Wagga community.

If successful, Boys from the Bush Project Director Milton James told *The Koori Mail* the Department of Employment, Education and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) had given an assurance that future projects would also be supported.

Mr James and his team were ecstatic.

"It's been almost a year and a half and now it's all coming together," he said on the eve of leaving for the Northern Territory to collect young workers.

"We'll be in the NT for two weeks running workshops and assessing people and then continue on to Wagga Wagga to set up the first of our houses."

"There will be young people starting work within three weeks."

"While we are in the Territory we will also be visiting with the

Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Corrections to discuss this as a diversionary program."

Mr James said two employment agencies had also indicated they were interested in supporting the scheme, which would provide another avenue besides DEEWR through which to organise future funding and job placements.

Meanwhile, he issued an appeal to any organisation, charity or individual who might help the group buy a second-hand bus.

Anyone able to help should contact Mr James on 0429 644 645 or at [mjames@boysfromthebush.org.au](mailto:mjames@boysfromthebush.org.au)

● DEEWR confirmed on Friday that an Indigenous Employment Program contract had been signed and executed on Thursday 17 September.



Women involved in the course, from left, Lynn Dickson, Janette Pritchard, Catherine Mahony, Cara Kirkwood, Paula Chatfield, Adell Hyslop, Vivianne Freeman, Jannice Luland, Tracey Keevers-Keller and Donna Creighton.

## Women leading the way



SEVEN participants have completed the inaugural Indigenous Women's Leadership Program.

Aboriginal women from across NSW taking part in the program over the past four months celebrated with a closing ceremony at Tranby Aboriginal College.

Developed by the Council of Social Service of NSW (NCOSS), in partnership with Tranby Aboriginal College, the leadership program was aimed at Aboriginal women serving on boards of management of community services as well as those in management positions.

The idea for the program came in 2007 when NCOSS developed a proposal aimed at supporting and developing the leadership

skills of Aboriginal women working in the community sector.

Program facilitator Cara Kirkwood said research over the past decade had shown that Aboriginal women took on significant responsibility for the well-being of their communities but remained chronically under-represented in formal positions of influence.

### 'Right direction'

"We want to change this and this program is a step in the right direction," she said.

A feature of the program was the inclusion of a series of guest speakers – Aboriginal women who are leaders in their fields.

Those who spoke included Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association President Dr Marlene Kong, NSW Aboriginal Land Council

Chairperson Bev Manton and Powerhouse Museum Director Dr Dawn Casey.

NCOSS and Tranby are now keen to offer more courses to women.

Successful first course participants were: Yinarr Health and Wellbeing Corporation Chairperson Paula Chatfield and Board Member Donna Creighton (both Tamworth), Barnardos Redfern Program Manager Vivianne Freeman, Nowra Local Aboriginal Land Council CEO Adell Hyslop, Out of Home Care Program Manager, Children and Family Services South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation Jannice Luland (Nowra), Narramine Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Neita Scott and Trangie Local Aboriginal Land Council Deputy Chair Diane Smith.





Kimberley Aboriginal people discussing national heritage issues during a workshop held in Broome.

# Listing move for Kimberley

By DARREN COYNE



TRADITIONAL owners in Western Australia will decide by November whether to nominate the entire Kimberley region for National Heritage listing.

Traditional Owner Advisory Group member Bibido McCarthy told *The Koori Mail* that TOs from 13 claimant groups had gathered recently to discuss the proposal.

"They discussed the important Indigenous, cultural and historic values the Kimberley has, and how important they are to the nation," Mr McCarthy said.

"We are throwing a blanket over the whole of the Kimberley.

"We are one mob. Our stories, culture and history – past, present and future – are all interconnected."

Mr McCarthy said TOs took members of the Australian Heritage

Council on a tour of the Kimberley to show them some examples of why the Kimberley is special to Aboriginal people.

"Kimberley Aboriginal people have taken the lead in talking about National Heritage Listing. Our culture, traditions and laws are being recognised as important links that connect the Kimberley together," he said.

## 'Thinking hard'

"We are thinking very hard about National Heritage Listing and what it means for our people, which is why they will make the final decision on whether to nominate the whole region."

Mr McCarthy told *The Koori Mail* that getting the Kimberley region on the heritage list would provide TOs with a real say in land and sea management.

He said when the owners were first approached by Federal Heritage Minister Peter Garrett, the only areas being considered for listing were

well-known gorges and national parks.

He said when the 13 language groups came together there was agreement the whole of the Kimberley region was unique.

Kimberley Land Council Deputy Director Nolan Hunter praised the work of Kimberley TOs in taking the lead in researching National Heritage Listing.

"This process has empowered Kimberley Aboriginal people. We have been looking at national heritage in a different way – a way that reflects our values, traditions and customs and how the Kimberley region is a symbol of our unity," he said.

Traditional owners will make a final decision in November on whether they will submit an application for National Heritage listing. If they decide to nominate the Kimberley, a submission will be sent to the Australian Heritage Council.

Minister Garrett is expected to make a final decision on National Heritage Listing in the Kimberley in July 2010.

## Former ATSIIC head forced to resign



FORMER Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIIC) chairman Geoff Clark has been forced to resign as a director of two Indigenous corporations in south-west Victoria.

Mr Clark resigned as director of the Kirrae Whurrong Aboriginal Corporation and the Maar Land Council Aboriginal Corporation after an investigation by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

The Registrar said Mr Clark had been disqualified from managing Indigenous corporations because he was an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr Clark told ABC radio that his resignation would not harm the organisations he works with, and that he would continue working with the community.

"It would be ridiculous for me not to step aside, I can't, I don't have any choice," he said.

"I have to comply with the regulation, and that is to resign as director, but my involvement with them will continue the same, and as vigorously as normal."

## Jessica Mauboy to perform at games



JESSICA Mauboy will be one of three star Australian performers to entertain at next month's World Masters Games opening ceremony in Sydney.

The Darwin-based Indigenous singer will join fellow performers Jon Stevens and David Campbell at ANZ Stadium on 11 October for the official start of a sports carnival that attracts more than 20,000 participants from around the world.

Mauboy, who made her name on the TV show *Australian Idol*, said she was thrilled to be part of the major event that features many sports in a range of age groups.

## Long Walk annual lunch in Melbourne



THE fourth annual Long Walk Women's luncheon will be held at Peninsula at Central Pier, Melbourne, on Friday 9 October.

The luncheon will feature Long Walk founder AFL champion Michael Long and actor Kylie Belling.

Led by the women who walked with Michael Long to Canberra, the Long Walk Women's luncheon recognises the role Indigenous women play in communities while raising funds for The Long Walk's leadership programs.

This year there will be entertainment from Indigenous performing artist Christine Ward and guest speakers including Leslie Turner-Long and Patricia Harrison, and an event auction featuring sporting memorabilia and products from Indigenous businesses.

Proceeds will go towards The Long Walk's Indigenous Cultural exchange – a program aimed at strengthening existing cultural exchange partnerships by developing self-esteem through cultural practice and by supporting professional and economic development.

For more information on the event or to book a table, visit [www.thelongwalk.com.au](http://www.thelongwalk.com.au) or contact Kim Kruger on (03) 9230 0362.

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## Malezer warns of ingrained racism

**H**UMAN Rights Medallist Les Malezer has used the Coroner's inquest into Mr Ward's death as an example of what he says is the deeply entrenched institutionalised racism that exists throughout Australia's bureaucracies.

Mr Malezer, a Gubbi Gubbi/Butchulla (Qld) man and Chair of the Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA), was in Perth as keynote speaker at a well-attended public forum on institutionalised racism.

The forum was held at the same time as the handing over of the petition to the WA Parliament to mark John Pat Day, the anniversary of the death of the young man in police custody at Roebourne, WA, in 1983. John Pat's death led to the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Mr Malezer said that although some states had introduced race-hate laws, there were no laws in Australia that supported people who faced racism every day.

He said the recent inquest into Mr Ward's death was an example of how embedded institutionalised racism is in Australian society.

"Even the Coroner's report didn't talk about training for people in racism," he said.

"It talked about other forms of procedural training, about how to handle prisoners, but didn't talk about what is there."

"I mean people recruited in Kalgoorlie are going to have possibly prejudicial issues against the Aboriginal people and treat the Aboriginal people as being less than human, and the Coroner hasn't even picked up on that sort of thing."

"And, unfortunately, the issue about Aboriginal rights in Australia has become a political football once again and it means that Aboriginal people are not getting a fair hearing."



**FAIRA Chair Les Malezer in Perth speaking at a public forum on systemic racism ... "People recruited in Kalgoorlie are going to have possibly prejudicial issues against the Aboriginal people."**



**Daisy Ward, watched by family and supporters, hands the 5000-signature petition to Greens MP Giz Watson at the rally in Perth.**

# Rally calls for Ward action

By **KEN BOASE**



**MEMBERS** of the Ward family from the Ngaanyatjarra lands in Western Australia have presented a 5000-signature petition to the WA Parliament demanding that the WA Government implement all the State Coroner's recommendations over their family member's death.

The WA Opposition has also introduced a private member's bill seeking to widen the powers of the Inspector of Custodial Services, a position the WA Attorney-General is apparently keen to adopt.

Ngaanyatjarra Elder Mr Ward died of heat stroke after spending more than four hours in the back of a prison van with no air-conditioning and little water in heatwave conditions during January last year.

The petition, organised by the WA Deaths in Custody Watch Committee, demands that criminal charges be laid against those responsible for Mr Ward's death and that the prisoner transfer contract with global security firm G4S, (called GSL at the time), be terminated.

The petition also calls for prisoner transport responsibility to be returned to the WA Government and for a public inquiry 'into systemic racism in



**Ngaanyatjarra community and Ward family member Daisy Ward addressing the rally.**

the WA justice system'.

Mr Ward's cousin, Daisy Ward, said the family demanded that the Government act quickly on the petition and the Coroner's findings. "To do it now, you know like to do the changes, to get rid of the GSL company and to change their rules on how to treat people like people, not like animals," she said.

Ms Ward said the community in the Ngaanyatjarra lands were still grieving over the loss of their Elder.

"Still it can't go away from us.

It's a life that they took in a careless way. He respected many people. He introduced a lot of government people to Aboriginal people and interpreted for them," she said.

WA Labor Opposition Leader Eric Ripper introduced the private member's bill into the WA Parliament on 15 September to strengthen the Office of Custodial Services to help ensure the safety of prisoners.

"Those are changes to require the Department of Corrective Services to respond

to a Show Cause notice, issued by the Inspector of Custodial Services (IOCS), and changes to ensure that a requirement for humane and dignified treatment of detainees, similar to what's in legislation to protect detainees under terrorism law, be in all of our custodial legislation," he said.

WA Attorney-General Christian Porter released a statement on 16 September agreeing that wider powers should be given to the IOCS, and that the Government would make a full response to the Coroner's findings in the next few weeks.

The State Government accepts the Coroner's legislative recommendations and will go even further by introducing legislation that will require the Inspector to audit a percentage of individual prisoners every year, as well as prison facilities," he said.

"The tragic death of Mr Ward was the result of an individual human being falling through the cracks of the custodial justice system."

"We intend taking every measure to try to stop this from happening again."

About 200 people attended the rally on the steps of Parliament House on 16 September to witness the petition being handed to Greens MP Giz Watson for tabling in Parliament.





Tasmanian Aboriginal delegates Sara Maynard and Caroline Spotswood at Hobart Airport.

# Remains back in safe hands

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
**JILLIAN MUNDY**



TASMANIAN  
Aborigines have  
this week  
welcomed the  
return of their  
ancestors'

remains from institutions on the  
other side of the world.

Delegates Sara Maynard and  
Caroline Spotswood travelled to  
Britain and Scotland to bring  
home the remains, which had  
most likely been taken from  
graves in the 1800s and ended  
up being held at the Royal  
College of Surgeons in London  
and the National Museum of  
Scotland.

Ms Maynard said an  
ancestor's jawbone coming

back from the Royal College of  
Surgeons was taken from sick  
and dying Aborigines by George  
Augustus Robinson, whom she  
described as a self-styled  
'Protector of Aborigines'.

"These bones, usually of  
close relatives, were wrapped  
with sinew and were worn as  
amulets to ward off pain and  
sickness. Five others were  
returned by the Royal College in  
2002 ... This one was only  
recently located," she said.

But Ms Maynard said there  
was little known about remains  
collected from Scotland.

"That usually means the  
remains were grave-robbled,"  
she said.

"We do know that some of  
our people were murdered just  
so the prized skulls of what

settlers hypocritically called  
savages could be donated to  
scientists.

"There was a massive trade  
in Tasmanian Aboriginal remains  
in the mid-1880s. Many of the  
dead were donated to 'old  
mother England' by settlers  
wanting to ingratiate themselves  
back home."

## Anger

While acknowledging a  
victory after over 20 years of  
effort, Ms Maynard expressed  
her anger at other British  
institutions.

"The laws in Britain now  
allow institutions to hand over  
Aboriginal dead, but they are  
not compelled to," she said.

"Many refuse to co-operate  
directly with Aborigines, hiding

behind long and complicated  
processes that delay  
repatriations and exhaust the  
limited resources of Aboriginal  
groups."

Ms Maynard said the  
Wellcome Trust in London told  
them they could not collect their  
dead because they have not  
begun the Trust's process.

And she said Oxford and  
Cambridge Universities also  
held remains, but refused to  
even discuss repatriation.

The Tasmanian Aboriginal  
Centre has been at the forefront  
of the local, national and  
international push for  
repatriation, with remains  
returned from institutions in  
Tasmania, Ireland, Scotland,  
England, Sweden and New  
Zealand.

## NT remote students are failing the basics



NINE in every ten  
remote Indigenous  
students in the  
Northern Territory are  
failing to reach basic  
reading and writing  
benchmarks by the

time they get to Year 9, according to  
new figures. Sixty-eight per cent of  
these same students are failing to  
meet the national medium standard  
for numeracy.

The data was released this  
month as part of the 2009 National  
Assessment Program Literacy and  
Numeracy (NAPLAN) report.

It assesses Years 3, 5, 7 and 9  
students in reading, writing,  
spelling, grammar, punctuation and  
numeracy.

When compared with other  
states and territories, the NT  
recorded the lowest percentage in  
every year group and every subject  
area to meet the national minimum  
standards.

NT Chief Minister Paul  
Henderson conceded this was  
largely because of the poor results  
of Indigenous students in remote  
and very remote areas.

The NT Education Department  
released a separate breakdown of  
how bilingual and non-bilingual  
students performed in Aboriginal  
communities.

## Criticism

It follows criticism of the  
Government's controversial policy  
to scrap bilingual education with the  
first four hours of every school day  
having to be taught in English.

Out of the 70 remote Indigenous  
schools in the NT, the eight  
remaining bilingual schools  
performed worse in all the  
categories.

Asked if this vindicated his  
policy, Mr Henderson replied: "Let's  
not continue to fight the battles over  
big B bilingual education."

"Let's work on improving those  
outcomes for all of our Indigenous  
students in remote and very remote  
schools... it's about getting these  
kids to the benchmark."

According to the figures, 70.6  
per cent of students in non-bilingual  
schools in remote areas in Year 3  
did not meet the national standards  
for numeracy.

More than 60 per cent failed to  
meet national reading standards  
and 73 per cent failed to meet  
writing benchmarks.

In Year 5, 88.9 per cent of  
students failed to meet basic writing  
standards, while 85.4 per cent did  
not meet reading benchmarks.

Seventy per cent did not meet  
numeracy standards.

The numbers fell again by the  
time Indigenous students reached  
Year 9, with 91.1 per cent not  
meeting basic writing standards and  
89.6 per cent failing to meet reading  
standards.

"Quite clearly, our Indigenous  
students are not doing as well as  
our non-Indigenous students," Mr  
Henderson said.

"There have been slight  
improvements this year, that's  
encouraging, but we've got a long  
way to go."

More than 60 per cent of  
Aboriginal students in the NT failed  
the reading benchmark in last  
year's national basic skills tests,  
and more than 70 per cent failed to  
meet the writing benchmark. — AAP

## Criminals 'help' Halls Creek youth



CRIMINALS have helped to  
provide a better future for youth  
in Halls Creek, Western  
Australia. The local Warlayirti  
Artists' Aboriginal Corporation is  
using almost \$440,000 collected  
under the Federal Government's

*Proceeds of Crime Act* to help youngsters in  
three remote communities.

The money will fund a corporation project  
to use photography, painting and film to help  
young people appreciate the positive  
contribution 'motika' (Indigenous slang for car)  
can make to their lives.

The funding was handed over recently by  
Federal Home Affairs Minister Brendan  
O'Connor.

"The Government is committed to ensuring  
money confiscated from criminals is targeted  
at preventing crime, and art programs, such  
as this, can be a useful crime-prevention tool,"  
he said. "This funding recognises the  
contribution work that an innovative group of  
artists is making to Indigenous arts and  
culture and, ultimately, to crime prevention. It  
is grassroots groups of this kind who make a  
positive difference to young Indigenous  
Australians."

"The use of the car in contemporary  
Indigenous culture has significant links to high  
levels of crime, accidental death and  
imprisonment, and it is innovative  
approaches, such as this program from  
Warlayirti Artists, that will help Indigenous  
young people engage with their culture to  
solve these issues."

More than \$6 million of funding under the  
*Proceeds of Crime Act* is scheduled to be  
distributed to community groups for projects  
supporting initiatives in crime prevention and  
Indigenous prisoner rehabilitation and  
support.



# Lassiman's career is taking off

By CHRISTINE HOWES



LASSIMAN BAIRD'S love of flying is something he's hoping will translate into an aviation career.

And he's now on the way after recently making his first solo flight.

The Yarrabah man, a former Royal Australian Air Force cadet, has had a passion for the skies since he was three.

His mum Mercy said her son started playing flight computer games at the age of seven.

Interviewed by *The Koori Mail* on the morning of his second solo flight, Mr Baird said he wasn't at all frightened.

"For me, it's just beautiful, just wonderful, flying," he said.

## 'It's a passion'

"It's a passion. I really love it and just try my best and do my best just to be there and keep it going."

Chief flying instructor at North Queensland Air Club Sally Scotch said Mr Baird had been doing 'really well'.

"He's a bit of a natural," she told *The Koori Mail*.

"He's been putting in the study to do his exams and he went for a solo a couple of weeks ago.

"A bit later on down the track the exams get harder, but as



Yarrabah lad Lassiman Baird gets ready for another flight.

long as you put your head down and bum up and get on with the study, it can all happen."

Mr Baird said that in the long

run he was hoping he could get into the Australian Customs Service.

"I'm just looking for a sponsor

at the moment or a scholarship or something," he said.

"Flying is a lot different from the simulator because you

can't feel, but you can look.

"When I'm actually flying, it's like a natural feeling, a whole body and mind experience."

# Intervention is defended



FEDERAL Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin has been forced to deny Labor is quietly killing off the Northern Territory intervention.

The denial followed reports that the head of the intervention, Mike Zissler, stepped down in June after only three months in the job.

The former Canberra bureaucrat had replaced Major-General Dave Chalmers, who had been the operation commander since the former Howard Government announced the measures in 2007.

When Mr Zissler's departure became public last week, along with a decision to axe his former role, Liberal MPs accused the Government of burying the intervention.

"It effectively means the intervention is over," Federal Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Tony Abbott said.

"(Labor has) been gutting, now ending, the mechanism for remedying at least some of the past injustices."

But Ms Macklin lashed out at the claims, saying the Government remained 'absolutely committed' to the measures.

She said the Intervention was moving into a stage where Aboriginal people would take more control.

## Minister says Govt is 'absolutely committed'

"Central to moving to a sustainable development phase is working with Indigenous Australians to develop and drive their own solutions," Ms Macklin said.

The Minister said \$807.4 million had been committed to strengthen the intervention, with inroads made on key planks such as compulsory welfare quarantining.

"There are now more than 15,000 people on income management, more police on the beat, active night patrols, a successful school nutrition program and greater access to healthy foods," she said.

Ms Macklin said the decision not to replace Mr Zissler was consistent with her department's moves to transition the intervention into 'a sustainable development phase'.

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JENNY MACKLIN

## TSRA, bank to help business hopefuls



TORRES Strait Islanders dreaming of running their own business now have access to funding and advice from National Australia Bank (NAB) and the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA).

The Islander Entrepreneurs Program is a new partnership between NAB and the TSRA aimed at Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal people wanting to start up or expand a small business in the Torres Strait.

The program combines expert business training and mentoring through the TSRA with a small business loan up to \$20,000 via NAB's award-winning Microenterprise Loan Scheme.

NAB Thursday Island Manager Vee Phekoo said the program would help aspiring business owners gain the credit, skills and knowledge required to run a locally owned business.

"Our aim is to provide safe and affordable business finance to clients who may face barriers in accessing credit," Mr Phekoo said. "We hope to increase the economic independence of Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal people by providing the support they need to establish or expand a profitable small business."

## Desert industries to benefit from project



DESERT industries are set to benefit from the new \$10 million Desert Knowledge Australia Outback Business Network Project.

The project aims to foster clusters that will help break down the barriers of distance faced by desert and remote businesses.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says the network will specifically target businesses which have traditionally involved Indigenous people or are in remote areas. It will help them increase revenue, reduce costs, access new markets and collaborate with other like-minded enterprises.



# 'Call to action' from Billard communique

By KEN BOASE



REPRESENTATIVES from the Billard community in the Kimberley region of Western Australia have presented the WA Government with a communiqué from its Blank

Page summit on suicide in late July.

Nyul Nyul Elder Stephen Victor Snr and community leader Mary Victor O'Reeri presented the paper to WA Deputy Premier, Health and Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames in the Aboriginal People's Room at Parliament House in Perth on 10 September.

Ms O'Reeri said the communiqué was a 'call to action' and could be a blueprint for suicide prevention in Aboriginal communities across Australia.

She said the document contained recommendations for government support, but also examined the contributing factors to suicide.

"It looks at the alcohol, it looks at pornographic sites and movies because that is a key factor to all the dysfunction within the community," Ms O'Reeri said.

"It covers what triggers the suicide, so that is to help us create a pathway, a better society."

Ms O'Reeri said a vital part of the suicide prevention process would come from Aboriginal communities like Billard where community leaders must take ownership of the problems and triggers for suicide.

She said: "What can we do as parents? How can we create a safe home for our children? How can we create the future because everything in a home and within a family needs to be safe, and we lack that?"

"We lack that as the First People, because we've become dysfunctional through all those substances, through the way we live, and this is a way of coming



WA Health and Indigenous Affairs Minister Kim Hames accepts the Billard Suicide Summit communiqué from Mary Victor O'Reeri and Stephen Victor Snr.

back and taking responsibility for our own actions."

Ms O'Reeri said government assistance was needed mainly at the 'crisis point', where a community could have several people on suicide watch.

## Healing

"The final one is to create a healing through a staged process," she said.

"If we know people out there who are vulnerable we need to identify them and get help for those people straight away."

Mr Hames said he and his colleagues were supportive of the Billard Communiqué, which contained recommendations for government and the community.

"It contains a lot of stuff about governments working together, about the way we liaise with

Indigenous communities," he said.

"Also it's about some alcohol-management issues and that's some of their first recommendations about how to better manage alcohol. Some of it's to do with land issues on the peninsular so there's a whole pile of things to do."

WA Upper House Liberal MP and Secretary to the Mental Health Ministry Helen Morton attended the Blank Page summit at Billard and said that there was now a better understanding between Aboriginal communities and government stakeholders.

Aboriginal Health Council of WA CEO Darryl Kickett said any government assistance should be delivered through local Aboriginal health agencies or incorporated bodies within Aboriginal communities that are equipped to deal with health issues.

## Youth death rate needs attention: Researcher



THE death rate of Indigenous youths is on par with the average for those living in low and middle-income countries, and almost four times higher than non-Indigenous Australians a new study has found.

Leading an international team of scientists, researchers at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute found young people from developed countries, including Australia, are up to four times more likely to die in their late teens and early 20s than in earlier childhood.

The research, published in the leading medical journal *The Lancet*, found the death rate increased rapidly from puberty, particularly in high-income countries where those in their early 20s (20-24 years) died at almost four times the rate of children aged 10-14. Those aged 15-19 years were three times more likely to die than younger children.

The study is the first to report on the rates and causes of global mortality in young people aged 10-24, with data collected from 192 countries.

It found death from injury including traffic accidents, violence and suicide accounted for two in five deaths worldwide and almost half of male deaths.

Data from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare contributed to the mortality estimates used in this study.

It showed young Australian males were twice as likely to die as females, with motor vehicle accidents (32 per cent) and suicide (20 per cent) the leading causes of death. In females, motor vehicle accidents accounted for 26 per cent of deaths followed by suicide (15 per cent).

The death rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youths was on par with the average for those living in low and middle-income countries and almost four times higher than non-Indigenous Australians.

The death rate of Indigenous males was higher than male deaths in all regions except Africa.

Murdoch Institute Director Professor Terry Dwyer said the study highlighted the need to improve the health outcomes of youths, in Australia and globally.

"The relatively high death rate among indigenous youth in Australia is striking and something that needs more attention and solutions," he said.

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# Battle for WA Redress continues

## Liberal MP to pressure Govt



Federal Liberal MP Steve Irons.

By KEN BOASE in Perth



PROTESTORS demanding that the West Australian Government reinstate the maximum \$80,000 ex gratia payment under the Redress WA scheme have found what many see as an unlikely ally in Federal Liberal MP Steve Irons.

Almost 200 people rallied outside Parliament House in Perth on 10 September to demand that the Government drop its plan to lower the maximum payment allowable to \$45,000, bringing WA in line with Queensland and Tasmania which offered similar amounts.

WA Premier Colin Barnett has refused to budge on the new threshold, saying the funding for the payments was not budgeted for by the previous Labor Government, which set up the scheme in 2007.

However, Mr Irons spoke at the rally saying the Premier was wrong and the original promise of \$80,000 should be restored.

"I'm going to have a further chat with him about this, but I think we need to look at some options and one of the options I



Some of the 200 people at the latest Perth rally. Another is planned for 8 October.

put forward was maybe parking the scheme for a couple of years if it's based on financial difficulties," Mr Irons said.

"But I think the Premier's prepared to

talk and I think hopefully with some gentle prodding and obviously with the demonstrations here he'll reconsider it."

Mr Irons said he had empathy for

people who felt insulted and let down by the Government.

"I went through institutional care. I went through the foster care system and I saw my siblings go through the same situation," he said.

"I was lucky enough to be in a positive situation, but my siblings suffered under the care system and the state ward system.

"And I think Colin Barnett has probably got this decision wrong and I'm here to support the people to ask him to readdress the Redress Scheme."

The Redress rallies are being organised by the Care Leavers Australian Network (CLAN) and there are similar protests planned each month for the rest of the year, the next being on 8 October.

Clan spokesman Vladimir Selakovic said he felt confident the Premier would reconsider restoring the original payments as promised.

"We've had sensational support for these rallies and this is only the second one so it's been great and, yes, I think the Government will change its mind," he said.

"I'm pleased that Mr Irons said what he did, but we're not going anywhere until this is fixed."

## All she wants is justice

ANYOONGAR grandmother's plea for justice is sadly typical of the life stories of many Indigenous people in Western Australia who applied for an ex gratia payment under Western Australia's Redress Scheme. Dale Yorkshire Selby-Jamieson is a 54-year-old grandmother from the Esperance region of WA with ancestral ties reaching right through the Goldfields.

Ms Jamieson said she decided to apply for Redress because she was encouraged by the amount of the maximum payment on offer and also that, at last, the Government might listen to her story and give her a sense of justice.

She was taken from her mother when just days old and placed at a mission in the Goldfields town of Norseman. She says she was sexually, physically and emotionally abused from age five to 15 and then sexually assaulted when 15 while working at a mission-appointed position in Esperance.

When she requested to be taken out of that workplace, the mission refused and it was then that she realised the



Nyoongar grandmother Dale Jamieson holds her grand-daughter Tjiwa during the Redress rally at Parliament House in Perth on 10 September.

Government had total control over her life. "The only time I saw my mother after I was taken away was once when I was seriously ill in hospital at age six, and then for two weeks when I was 13 and I was heart-broken

when I had to return to the mission," Ms Jamieson said.

"I heard later that mum used to wander away from Kalgoorlie and coming looking for us but she was never allowed to see us kids, and that pain and all the

abuse I've suffered eats at me every day, and I'm now seriously depressed.

"I applied for Redress but I don't think that what they're saying now (about lowering the maximum payment) is enough to

compensate what I've been through, not even at the original amount promised.

"And I thought the Government would listen to me but after going through all that pain of telling my story, it still didn't get my mother back, it didn't give me justice and it didn't give me satisfaction.

"I did it because I don't have a mother and a father and I wanted to be a mother for all of the kids who suffered that abuse.

"The Government needs to stick to its promise and give us the amount they promised and even in excess of that because, I mean, you could trip over a pavement in the street and be paid more in compensation than what they're offering under Redress.

"The Government owes the same debt to the kids from England who were taken away, and also other migrant kids, but we are the royalty of this land and our royalty is being eaten away by this cancer which started when the settlers came."

Almost half of the 10,000 applicants to the WA Redress Scheme were members of the Stolen Generations.

— Ken Boase



# Tourism plan backed

By ALF WILSON



PALM Island Aboriginal Shire Council Mayor Alf Lacey has supported plans by the Queensland

Government and Townsville Enterprise to turn the island into one of Australia's great adventure tourism destinations.

A tourism opportunity plan for north Queensland was launched in Townsville on 9 September by State Tourism Minister Peter Lawlor.

A \$37,000 brochure outlining 13 individual projects which identified tourism and development opportunities for the region including a proposed great adventure walk on Palm Island.

The report envisaged an adventure and camping trek on the island, which is 48 nautical miles across the sea from Townsville, within the next 10 years.

Townsville Enterprise CEO Trevor Goldstone said he would visit Palm Island to talk to the council and Mayor Lacey about such a venture.

"Palm is one of the most beautiful islands on the Queensland coast," Mr Goldstone said.

The prospects of tourism is hotly debated by many Palm Island residents, with some older people being against it.

But Mayor Lacey, speaking with *The Koori Mail*, said it would be positive for the island.



Scenic Bamboo Point, one of many attractions on Palm Island.

"It is all about jobs, jobs and more jobs for our people so they don't have to rely on welfare and can earn a fair day's salary," he said.

Mr Lacey said the construction of a walking track would create many jobs for locals on the island, which has high unemployment.

"This is about creating a future for our children in 10 years' time. Some people here get their backs up when tourism is mentioned, but ventures such as this bring a good spin off.

"That increases self-esteem for the people. We shouldn't be turning away from opportunities which will help our kids."

The proposal would involve building a walking track around the coast of the island which would take several days to walk.

It would be roughly the same length as the Thorsborne Trail on Hinchinbrook Island.

Palm Island has some of the best scenery in Australia with golden sand beaches,

views from hills, wide ocean vistas, and a variety of wildlife including an abundance of wild brumby horses.

A drive through the remote hilly sections only accessible by 4WD vehicles reveals hidden secrets such as Bamboo Point with magnificent views of trees and the sea.

Townsville Enterprise will discuss with the Palm Island Shire Council some cultural and social issues associated with such an adventure trail.

# Indigenous education teachers' top priority



AUSTRALIAN teachers have ranked Indigenous education as their top priority for professional skills development.

Monash University's National Mapping of Teacher Professional Learning Project asked more than 4500 teachers about the extent of their professional development.

The project's final report, released last Thursday, found that 25.5 per cent of respondents identified Indigenous student education as the area in which they most wanted more professional development.

However, the percentage of teachers participating in Indigenous education training was limited.

Of schools where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children made up more than 10 per cent of enrollments, more than half of teachers surveyed said they had no professional development in schooling them during the past three years.

Only 23.9 per cent had more than one day of training in Indigenous education.

Australian Education Union President Angelo Gavrielatos said the report highlighted the urgent need for additional investment in professional development for teachers working with Indigenous students.

"One of the keys to improving the education of Indigenous students is ensuring that our teachers have the benefit of up-to-date and relevant professional development to deliver the best teaching and learning strategies," he said.

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A young student hard at work.

# SIHIP scheme under attack

By DARREN COYNE



THE \$672 million scheme to build houses in remote Northern Territory Indigenous communities has again come under attack despite three more remote communities signing up to 40-year leases.

The Federal and NT governments announced recently that 105 houses would be built at Wadeye, 109 houses in Maningrida and 62 in Gunbalanya.

They will be built under the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP).

Work on the new houses would begin in next year's dry season, while work on refurbishments would start by the end of this year.

Both governments say they remain committed to building all 750 new houses promised 18 months ago despite a report last month which found the SIHIP scheme was behind schedule and over budget.

On 15 September the Federal Opposition again accused the governments of undermining the intervention into remote



**'It's appalling. It's two years and we still haven't got a house built.'**

— NT Opposition Housing spokesman Adam Giles

Indigenous communities by failing to deliver the much-needed housing sooner.

Opposition housing spokesman Scott Morrison has told Parliament that SIHIP was a national disgrace and Labor had let down Aboriginal Australia.

Not one house has been built since the 2007 election despite \$45 million being spent already.

"This program has been an absolute disgrace, an absolute tragedy," Mr Morrison said. "They (Labor) have absolutely trashed the intervention by their failure and incompetence to deliver this program."

Mr Morrison said \$572 million of Federal

funds were at risk in the program, which is jointly run by the NT Government.

The Commonwealth had to take responsibility for letting down Indigenous Australians, he said.

"Promises matter little to the Australian people if they are not translated to promises delivered on the ground," the MP said.

"It is most unwise to raise expectations amongst Indigenous people in this country." But Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin defended the program and said it was running only three months behind schedule.

"We are, with the Northern Territory Government, determined to deliver on the commitment that we have made," she said.

Ms Macklin said work had started on the Tiwi Islands, Groote Eylandt, Bickerton Island and in Tennant Creek town camps.

"There have been footings poured in some communities, slabs laid in others, sites prepared in some locations," she said.

But the Territory Opposition's spokesman on housing, Adam Giles, said only a few slabs had been laid.

"It's appalling. It's two years and we still haven't got a house built." — with AAP

## Culture Warriors on show in Washington

FEDERAL Arts Minister Peter Garrett has launched the Australian Indigenous Art Triennial: Culture Warriors exhibition at the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center in Washington DC as part of the Australia Presents program of events.

The program will showcase some of Australia's finest visual and performing arts from September to December in the US capital.

Culture Warriors, from the National Gallery of Australia, displays the work of 30 Indigenous artists and demonstrates the range of contemporary Indigenous art practice in Australia today, from traditional bark painting and sculpture to video and photographic installations.



## Funding for Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month 2010 now open

Community groups are invited to apply for grants to support Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month activities in May 2010.

The grants are available for events or projects that promote domestic and family violence prevention in Queensland during the month.

For an information pack, call (07) 3224 4477 or visit [www.communities.qld.gov.au/departments/funding](http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/departments/funding).

Applications must be lodged by 4 pm on Monday 2 November 2009.



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**Applications close at 5.00pm on Friday, 25 September 2009.**

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or Email: [NRMCouncil.NRMBoardAdmin@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:NRMCouncil.NRMBoardAdmin@saugov.sa.gov.au)

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# Govt powerless to force Opal supply

By DARREN COYNE



THE Federal Government is considering legislation to force business owners to stock Opal fuel in an

effort to stamp out petrol sniffing in Aboriginal communities.

The Government has admitted that at the moment there is no mechanism for the Australian Government to compel fuel retailers to sell Opal fuel.

The admission follows reports that the incidence of petrol sniffing in the community of Balgo Hills in Western Australia has increased recently.

The increase is being blamed on Indigenous young people getting unleaded fuel from the Rabbit Flat Roadhouse, just off the Tanami Highway.

*The Koori Mail* reported in its last edition that the owner of the roadhouse is 'philosophically opposed' to supplying Opal fuel, and believes the Aboriginal community should deal with its own problems instead of waiting for white people to come up with solutions.

Federal Minister for Indigenous Health Warren Snowdon is responsible for



Some communities, like Papunya in the NT, (pictured above), only have Opal petrol. The Balgo Hills community has faced a recent increase in the incidence of petrol sniffing, which is being linked to the fact that a nearby roadhouse sells unleaded petrol, rather than Opal fuel.

the Opal fuel scheme.

A spokesman for Mr Snowdon said the community of Balgo Hills has been supplied with Opal fuel since May 2005, but regular unleaded petrol is entering the community from the Rabbit Flat Roadhouse.

### Disappointing

"Rabbit Flat Roadhouse has been approached by the Australian Government to supply Opal fuel on numerous occasions and the proprietor has refused, which is extremely

disappointing given its effectiveness in reducing petrol sniffing problems in communities," the spokesman said.

"At the moment there is no mechanism for the Australian Government to compel fuel retailers to sell Opal fuel.

"The Department of Health and Ageing is investigating whether legislating to compel the supply of Opal fuel is practicable.

"Indigenous communities, fuel retailers and other stakeholders have been consulted in this process."

# Land rights law gets overhauled



THE NSW Parliament has passed amendments to the State's land rights legislation.

State Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch said the amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 provided clearer and more certain processes for Aboriginal land councils to use when they deal with, dispose of or develop land.

"The legislation passed is a passport to social and economic development, allowing Aboriginal people to make their own decisions about their land and their future," he said.

The Minister said the

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

The amendments will align all dealings with land – other than acquisition – with community and business plans.

### Levy

As well, they will require local Aboriginal land councils to pay a community development levy on certain land dealings.

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

The NSW Aboriginal Land

Council (NSWALC), as the peak body for land councils, will pay matching amounts to the Community Development Fund.

Mr Lynch said the proposed amendments would also regulate processes, providing certainty for third parties to enter into consultancy or partnership agreements with land councils.

He said the Act attempted to overcome the historical fact of dispossession.

"This legislation reflects the coming together of both the rights agenda and the economic development agenda," he said.

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



# Croker Island reunion in November



A REUNION of Croker Island First Generation members of the Stolen Generations is being organised for November in Darwin.

But to take part, RSVPs need to be in by 1 October.

The reunion is being organised by the Northern Territory Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation and South Australia's Link Up group and Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation (Perth Link-Up).

The gathering will be held from 2-6 November at the Free Spirit Resort, Berrimah.

Organisers said activities would include a welcome lunch at the resort, photo and slide shows (participants encouraged to bring their own), and opportunities to have stories documented on DVD.

There will be a family dinner/dance on the last night. All accommodation will

be provided in twin-share cabins.

Anyone wanting to take part should contact a Link-Up service in their State or Territory.

For further information, contact Kay Goodman-Dodd from SA Link-Up on (08) 8223 5217 or Rosie Baird at NT SGAC – Darwin on (08) 8981 7900.



These historic black-and-white photographs of life on Croker Island, from the Johncock collection, were taken during the early to mid-1950s. *Printed with permission*

## ACT Elected Body queries executives



THE ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body has conducted an 'estimates-style' hearing with senior executive officers from

ACT Government departments and agencies.

Body Chair Terry Williams said the hearing was the first of its kind for any Indigenous representative body.

"We had the opportunity to ask questions directly to the heads of ACT Government departments and agencies about services, programs and policies that affect Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT," he said.



**TERRY WILLIAMS**

The Elected Body will use the information gathered during the hearings to develop its strategic plan. The plan will present policy options to the Government and

present the Body's perspective on issues affecting Indigenous people in the Territory, including the performance of individual government departments and agencies."

Mr Williams congratulated ACT Chief Minister Jon Stanhope for making the officers available. He said the hearing was very positive and productive.

"This will be an annual event and Government departments and agencies know we will looking closely at their performance in regards to the service they provide to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the ACT," he said.

# Cross-border fears raised

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



PROPOSED Federal laws sealing a tri-state scheme to bridge gaps in jurisdiction caused by borders in the NPY lands have been introduced to Parliament

without adequate consultation with Indigenous legal groups, according to the Greens.

Designed to ease difficulties delivering law and justice services across the South Australian, Western Australian and Northern Territory jurisdictional boundaries, the *Law and Justice (Cross Border and Other Amendments) Bill 2009* aims at amending the Cross Border Justice Scheme to aid police and magistrates to deal with offenders in the largely unpoliced 476,000 square kilometres of land.

The Federal Attorney-General's Department said the NPY Women's Council in Alice Springs backed the changes because its members were worried violent offenders could escape the law by simply crossing the NT border.

Attorney-General Robert McClelland said the changes would help police and the courts improve public safety by 'more effectively addressing the high levels of family violence, substance and sexual abuse that exist in some communities in this remote region'.

He said it would also simplify cross-border litigation by confirming evidence to be given by audio or audiovisual link in interstate proceedings.



**ROBERT MCCLELLAND**

But Greens Senator Scott Ludlam said the Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement, which raised concerns about how the scheme would work and its impact on Indigenous people, was just one group not given enough consideration before the final report of the Senate Committee.

"As the Bill will establish cross-border jurisdictional laws principally over Aboriginal land and people, predominantly the Ngaanyatjarra, Pitjantjatjara and Yunkunytjatjara people, the concerns of the ALRM are worthy of a proper response," he said.

The Senator said women in the NPY lands had not solely complained about violence and abuse, but also of significantly

reduced access to legal representation.

"Women in the NPY lands are not able to access the services offered by the Aboriginal legal service because it is very often providing legal representation to the perpetrator," Senator Ludlam said.

The ALRM said the cross-border area is proposed to cover the APY Lands, the WA Central Reserves and NT Aboriginal Land south of, but not including, Alice Springs.

ALRM voiced concerns about the potential for the reversal of the burden of proof onto the defendant; for laws to be retrospective; and the inability for the law to recognise cultural differences about 'residence'.

Its submission also pointed out problems between the state jurisdiction of not only the courts and legal frameworks, but also mental health and guardianship boards, and said common laws would need to be developed.

The scheme may also undermine those Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody recommendations in place, potentially holding Aboriginal people far from country, and raising questions over which legal service should be called after an Aboriginal person is arrested.

Uniting Care Wesley Adelaide provides support for Aboriginal people on the APY lands, and advocate Jonathan Nicholls said the region had serious drug-trafficking problems and, to a lesser degree, sly-grogging. He said the arrest of violent or sex offenders fleeing interstate had been a key issue since the intervention.









# use condoms and enjoy your freedom

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## People's Choice to Queensland artist



QUEENSLAND artist Samantha Hobson has won the People's Choice section at this year's Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Award.

More than 25,000 people have visited the awards exhibition since it opened last month at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Another 3000 have viewed works on the gallery website – [www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsia](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsia)

Ms Hobson's winning entry was a synthetic polymer paint on canvas called 'Wave Bust ... Windy Night'. Her work received 118 of the 893 votes cast on site at MAGNT.

## Yuendumu women back in control



THE members of the Yuendumu Women's Centre Aboriginal Corporation have regained control of their corporation after special administration ended on 17 September.

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations said members and directors had improved skills for looking after their corporation, which was in a stronger position after just four months under special administration.

The registrar appointed a special administrator in May after the directors wrote to ask for help to improve corporate governance standards.

The corporation was established in 1990 and provides a range of services for women living in and around Yuendumu, about 300km north-west of Alice Springs.

## Commission names advisory committee



THE Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC) has established an Indigenous Advisory Committee aimed at assisting in building stronger relationships with Indigenous people and ensuring the

concerns and perspectives of Indigenous communities are more effectively integrated into the Federal law reform process.

The Foundation Members of the commission's Indigenous Advisory Committee are: Professor Larissa Behrendt, Neva Collings, Lincoln Crowley, Megan Davis, Darryl French, Terri Janke, Warren Mundine, Steven Ross and Maurice Shipp.

The ALRC is an independent, Federal statutory body charged with promoting informed government decision-making about the development, reform and harmonisation of Australian laws and related processes, through its research, analysis, reports and community consultation and education.

## Bundamba to host employment expo



A MAJOR Indigenous employment expo is planned next month for Ipswich, in south-east Queensland.

All community members are invited to attend the event, which will include employment and information stalls, entertainment and food.

It will be held from 10am-2pm at the Bundamba Secondary College Hall, Naomi Street, Bundamba. For more details, call (07) 3810 6655.

## Yass corporation is caring for country



THE Buranya Aboriginal Corporation at Yass in southern NSW has won the Indigenous Award at this year's NSW Landcare Awards.

The corporation has been working with groups to improve the health of the Yass River.

Second place went to the Ngemba Billabong Restoration and Landcare Group at Brewarrina, western NSW, while Deniliquin's Yarkuwa Indigenous Knowledge Aboriginal Corporation was third.

# Push for Ti Tree power



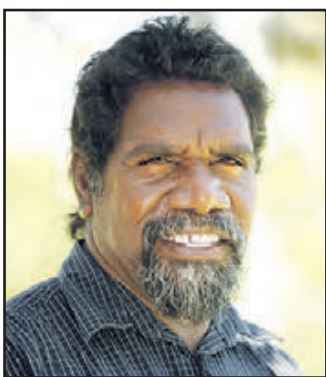
THE Northern Territory Government has been urged to build a gas-fired power station and other

infrastructure in the Central Australian township of Ti Tree.

The call came from members of the Central Desert Shire Council Economic Development Advisory Board.

Members called on the NT Government to invest in power and water infrastructure enabling a first-stage land release in the town that would also support the mining and horticulture industry to build a regional economy.

Ti Tree already has a school, health clinic, police



NORBERT PATRICK

station, new shop, council office and growth potential, being located on the Stuart Highway, they said.

"All the facilities and all the passing traffic a town needs to thrive – except for land and

power to build badly needed private houses," the board said.

"If the Government can't grow existing towns to support residents and industries, what hope is there for turning remote Aboriginal communities into 'growth towns'?"

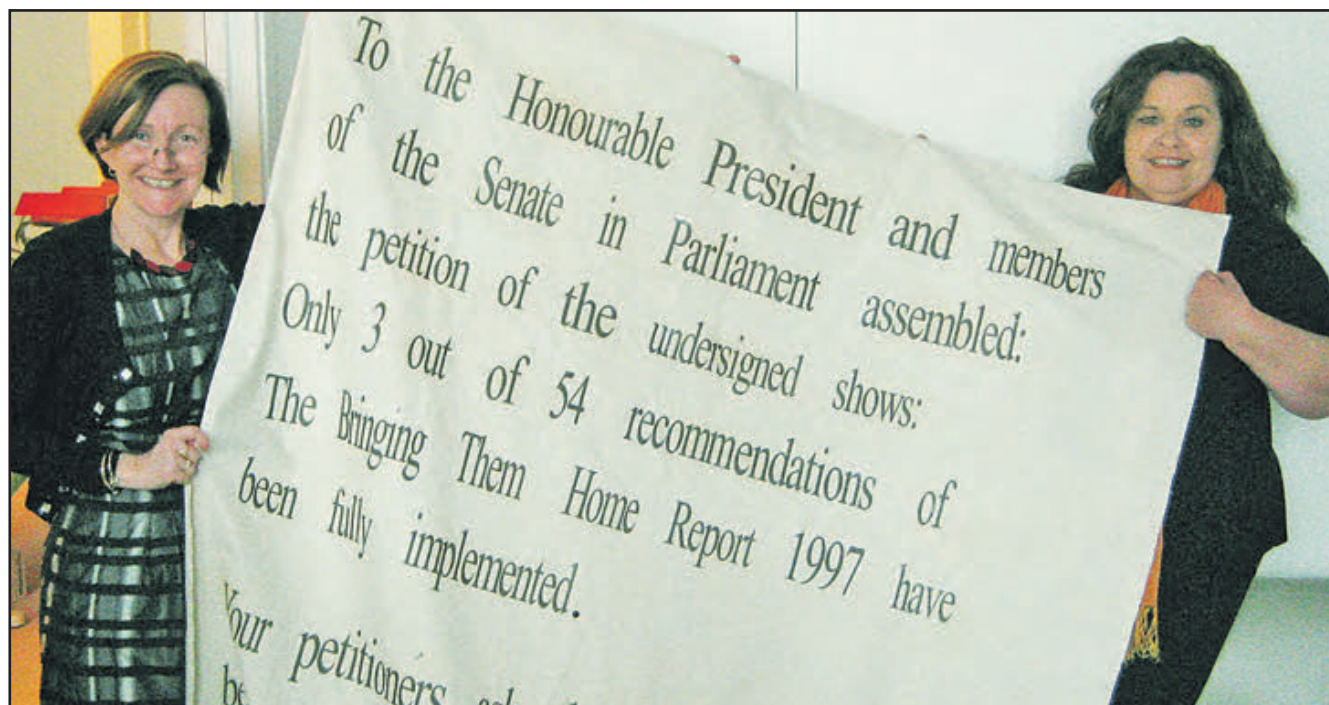
Advisory committee chair, Central Desert Shire Council President Norbert Patrick, said the development of Ti Tree was a chance for the NT Government to build confidence in its ability to foster 'growth towns' across the Territory. He said many of the 20 future growth towns were far more remote than Ti Tree.

"The Government wants to turn my home community of

Lajamanu, 10 hours north of Alice Springs in the Tanami Desert, into a growth town, but seems incapable of developing Ti Tree, just a couple of hours up the highway," Cr Patrick said.

Shire CEO Rowan Foley said: "It's time for the NT Government to get serious about regional development and facilitate land release in Ti Tree so people can buy land, build a house and break the welfare cycle."

Central Desert Shire Council's Economic Development Advisory Board was formed earlier this year. It comprises representatives from the mining, tourism, pastoral, arts industries and general business community.



Greens Senator Rachel Siewert and National Sorry Day Committee Chair Helen Moran with the calico petition.

# Petition seeks report action

By DARREN COYNE



A PETITION calling on the Federal Government to implement the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report was last week

tabled in the Senate.

The calico petition, which was organised by the Bringing Them Home committee in Western Australia at this year's Sorry Day event, demands that all recommendations be implemented, including reparations.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert tabled the petition to mark the first anniversary of her introducing the Stolen Generations Reparation Tribunal Bill, which is yet to be enacted.

National Sorry Day Committee Chair Helen Moran told *The Koori Mail* she was proud to be the 220th person to sign the petition.

"The mob in Western Australia have been working on it and have pulled it together beautifully," she said.

Ms Moran said that of the 54 recommendations in the report, she had been able to identify just eight which had been implemented or partially implemented – three of those since the petition was created.

She said even the apology delivered by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd failed to fulfill the recommendation called for in the report.

She described the Government's Closing the Gap mantra as rhetoric, saying the Government was obliged to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous people, as it was with all citizens.

Senator Siewert tabled the enormous calico petition last Thursday.

"In February 2008, the Stolen Generations were given a formal national apology on behalf of the Australian people by the (then) new Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd," Senator Siewert said. "A national apology was one of the key recommendations from the Bringing Them Home Report, and the first step in redressing the historic

injustice of the Stolen Generations. The Greens' Stolen Generations Reparation Bill is the next step.

"The report clearly stated that compensation was required, including financial reparation. Unfortunately the Government is not willing to commit to financial compensation – which continues to be a major slight to the Stolen Generations.

"Just reparations are essential to repair the enduring social, economic and cultural harm experienced by the Stolen Generations. In the same way the national apology was long overdue, so is a reparation scheme.

"The Greens' Bill to deliver reparations to the Stolen Generations remains available to be acted upon by any Government with the political will to right the wrongs of the past and move forward."

Only recently the Federal Government said it would not comply with a United Nations recommendation that it compensate victims of the Stolen Generations.



# TAC demands return of ancestor busts



USING images of dead Aboriginal people is like using images of a poison gas canister in an exhibition about 20th Century Europe, according to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre's Nala Mansell-McKenna.

"To some the canister may not be offensive, but to a Holocaust survivor it may bring back shocking memories," Ms Mansell-McKenna said.

"It would be offensive and insensitive to display such an image and it might also be a jail-able offence in Germany."

The Tasmanian Aboriginal leader's strong comparison is included in letters to various institutions around Australia, which display busts or images of dead Tasmanian Aborigines.

The centre has asked that the institutions remove the busts and images from display and return them to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Last month legal field officer Sara Maynard and Ms Mansell-McKenna travelled to Melbourne to protest against Sotheby's auctioning the busts of two deceased Tasmanian Aborigines, Truganini and Woureddy.

Just hours before the busts were due to be auctioned the delegates received notification that the busts had



NALA MANSELL-MCKENNA

been withdrawn from the auction.

Ms Mansell-McKenna said that out of the 30 copies made of the busts, eight were on display in museums and universities around Australia.

The centre has sent letters to the National Gallery of Australia, Art Gallery of Western Australia, South Australian Museum, Australian Museum, Queen



Photo of Truganini used with permission.

Victoria Museum and Art Gallery, Melbourne Museum and the University of Melbourne.

"It has been brought to our attention that your institution is in possession of busts of our deceased ancestors, without the permission of our community," the letter said.

"We now write seeking agreement on

what items can, or should not, be displayed. If you do hold busts or similar images of our dead, we call on you to remove them from public display pending talks with us."

Ms Mansell-McKenna said the image of Truganini in particular had been used widely to perpetuate the myth that she and her husband Woureddy were the last Tasmanian Aborigines.

"It is no fault of hers that many have sought to use the face of this wonderful woman as the means to deny the continuity of her race," she said.

"Upon her death Truganini's body was exhumed and cut up for scientific purposes. Her skeleton was then hung up in the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery for the amusement of the whites.

"Tasmanian Aborigines find it offensive that images of our dead are still being used without our permission."

In the letter, Ms Mansell-McKenna asked that the institution director takes into consideration that images mean different things to different people, and used the poison gas canisters as an example.

Letters are also being sent to the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery as well Museums in Edinburgh, Britain and Chicago, which are all in possession of the busts.



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## A Yarn With...



### JANICE HARRIS

Chairperson, Institute for  
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Alice Springs, NT

**Favourite bush tucker?**  
I use a variety of bush tucker  
herbs in my cooking.

**Favourite other food?**  
Home cooking.

**Favourite drink?**  
Water.

**Favourite music?**  
Anything to keep me young.

**Favourite sport?**  
AFL – I'm an Adelaide Crows fan.

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
I've got two – Kings Canyon and  
Uluru.

**What is the greatest highlight  
in your life?**  
Being elected Chair of the IAD.

**What do you like in life?**  
Empowerment of our people.

**What do you dislike?**  
White supremacy.

**Who would you most like  
to meet?**  
Former South African President  
Nelson Mandela.

**Who would you invite for a  
night around the campfire?**  
Nana Topsy and Nana Maude.

**What would you do to better  
the lot of Indigenous people?**  
What I'm doing now through the  
IAD – promoting Aboriginal  
talents, qualities and skills  
through linking vocational  
education and training with  
Aboriginal language and culture.

## Quote



**'Our people have  
been without  
such a voice for  
five years and  
we've suffered  
as a result'**

– Dr Jackie Huggins, on why  
the proposed national  
Indigenous representative  
body model will work

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## Unquote

## Why we all must deliver

**C**elebrating the arrival of a new baby is always an exciting and special time – preparing for the arrival of more than 200,000 babies, however, could be a little more daunting. That's why governments need to take serious note of the latest estimates from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, which suggest the Indigenous population of Australia is well and truly on the rise.

With an expected increase of 2.2 per cent each year until 2021, the population of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders is expected to go from 517,000 in 2006 to more than 720,000 by 2021. That's a whopping increase, and almost double the growth rate of the non-Indigenous population of Australia.

It's important, therefore, that those 200,000 expected new arrivals are delivered safely into an environment where they have every opportunity to succeed. Sadly, this is not the case for many of our children born today.

Even as you read this, there are Indigenous children being born into tough circumstances. Many Indigenous communities, especially in remote and regional areas, face a constant struggle to survive, plagued with third world living conditions, a lack of employment opportunities, and entrenched social disadvantage.

But it's not all bad news. There's also plenty of talented and dedicated people and services working hard to improve the situation. And with the right planning and co-operation with governments now,



### OUR SAY

there's absolutely no reason why the future generations should be doing it tough. Co-operation is the key. Nothing can be achieved without strong partnerships, and a realisation that the future can, and should, be bright for everyone.

### Knock 'em out fellas

The NRL scouts will be out in force at Armidale early next month when the annual NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout takes place.

They will no doubt be hoping to spot and sign the next rugby league sensation – a Johnathan Thurston or Preston Campbell. And why not! The statistics show that Indigenous people punch well above their weight when it comes to making it into the big leagues of Australia's major football codes. So for all those pulling on the boots hoping to impress the NRL scouts ... knock 'em out, fellas.

And for all those just happy to play some good footy, help out with the teams or simply be there for the action ... have a great Knockout and stay safe.

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Participants at the Blank Page Summit on Suicide, held in the WA community of Billard.

# 22 months on...

**T**WENTY-TWO months into the first term of the Rudd Government, we have embarked on an ambitious reform agenda – to bring real and lasting improvements for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Within months of coming to office, we moved to re-frame public debate and fundamentally re-engineer Indigenous policy.

We acknowledged and apologised for the injustices of the past.

We set specific and measurable targets in housing, health, education and employment and allocated unprecedented funding.

And, very importantly, we took the first, significant steps towards re-setting our relationship with Indigenous Australians to clear the way for new partnerships founded on mutual trust and respect.

We also set about increasing the funding available to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians. This represents the largest ever injection of funding into Indigenous Australia. We are doing this because decade upon decade of failed government policy has left a legacy of intergenerational poverty.

To support the drive for change, we are working across all levels of government in partnership with Indigenous people. In the past 18 months progress has been made and there is much cause for optimism.

At Billard, in remote Western Australia, I met Mary Victor O'Reeri who lost two brothers to suicide and confronted the tragedy by organising a national suicide summit at her remote outstation.

As Mary said, it would have been very easy for her to succumb to anger and heartbreak. But she didn't.

Her family is full of strong, smart and loving people. They set about finding solutions, bringing 147 people – among them judges and government ministers – to Billard for the Blank Page Summit on suicide.

For Mary, it wasn't about waiting for someone else to come up with the answers. Because as Mary says, "We are the people we are waiting for."

As a government, we are the people who must be there with support.

In remote Australia, we are overhauling the way we deliver services and infrastructure. As part of this concentrated and accelerated approach, priority communities will be the first to receive the



**JENNY MACKLIN**

facilities and services you would expect in any Australian town of the same size. Police on the beat, a community hall to meet in, a sportsground, a health clinic, a school with decent facilities.

To overcome years of neglect, we are making the largest ever investment in remote Indigenous housing.

Getting housing right is critical to restoring positive social norms. No family can function normally in an overcrowded,

areas will benefit from the increase in the supply of social housing. In the Northern Territory, for example, we are constructing 44 units in a seniors' village in Palmerston where Indigenous people make up around 37 per cent of all public housing applicants.

With the state and territory governments we are investing \$1.6 billion to start to meet our targets in health to close the life-expectancy gap within a generation and to halve the gap in mortality rates for Indigenous children under five within a decade. We are funding 133,000 additional health and expanding eye, ear and dental health services, concentrating on Indigenous children across urban, regional and remote communities.

We are making sure every four-year-old child has a quality, affordable early childhood education. We are investing \$1.5 billion in schools in disadvantaged schools where Indigenous students are disproportionately concentrated – for the best teachers, intensive tuition and classroom support.

To tackle the intergenerational cycle of welfare dependency, we have substantially restructured employment and training programs to give people the skills they need to get and keep a job. We're investing \$764 million to respond to the specific needs of Indigenous job-seekers, Indigenous businesses and employers.

These are essential, practical reforms, but the Government also understands the great responsibility we have to make the reforms which are vital to heal, unite and restore human dignity and cultural pride.

representative bodies – understanding that native title will always be a real and powerful acknowledgement of Indigenous culture and the ongoing connection to land. Native title also has enormous potential to deliver practical, structural change to give generations of Indigenous Australians a better future.

To help heal the enduring wounds of history, we are overhauling the process of the repatriation of Indigenous remains from international institutions to make them more inclusive of Indigenous aspirations.

To address trauma and healing, we are setting up an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Healing Foundation with a strong focus on the unique needs of the Stolen Generations. And to give Indigenous Australians a new voice, we are establishing a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative body.

We have pledged our support for the aspirational framework set out in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – affirming the human rights of all Indigenous peoples.

We are firmly committed to removing the *Racial Discrimination Act* exemptions from the Northern Territory Emergency Response legislation. We are revising the NTER measures to ensure that they are indeed consistent with the *Racial Discrimination Act*. Over the past three months, we have held more than 500 different meetings across the Northern Territory to gather people's views on measures including income management, alcohol restrictions, five-year leases and community stores licensing.

There's no denying the complex and difficult challenges that lie ahead. Or the time it will take and the strength and determination we will need to meet them.

I am committed to doing two things. First, continuing and

strengthening our efforts to work with Indigenous people, in partnership, respectfully, to find solutions to the many problems they face, because the future is a shared responsibility.

Second, ensuring that the most vulnerable people in the Australian community, particularly our next generation of children, are a central focus of government policy.

This sometimes requires hard choices. It often involves robust policy measures. It may not be popular or unanimously acclaimed. But it is the right thing to do.

*Jenny Macklin is the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister*

**'There's no denying the complex and difficult challenges that lie ahead. Or the time it will take and the strength and determination we will need to meet them.'**

dilapidated house; children can't learn at school if they don't get a decent night's sleep.

We are making the largest ever investment in Indigenous housing – \$5.5 billion over ten years. And to make sure that when we build these houses, they are maintained and repaired and the rent is paid, we're insisting on the same lease agreements required by other public housing providers.

We're also insisting that local people are provided with training and job opportunities as part of the new contracts. Under our unprecedented social housing investment, Indigenous people in urban and regional

These are the quieter, but still significant, steps forward that sometimes slip beneath the radar. Reforms which recognise the vital role of pride in culture in shaping people's aspirations and choices.

The healing power of the apology gave us a once-in-a-lifetime chance to change old attitudes. By recognising the wrongs and injustices of the past.

To sustain cultural pride and identity, we are co-ordinating the efforts of government, cultural institutions, educators and researchers to preserve Indigenous languages as an integral part of our national identity.

We are increasing support for native title



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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.

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**Time:** 10am till 12.30pm

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**RSVP:** John Lennis on 02 4587 0059 or  
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## Have you got a criminal injury compensation claim to make?

The Queensland Government criminal injury compensation scheme for victims of crime is changing at the end of this year.

From 1 December 2009, Victim Assist Queensland will give victims of crime faster and easier access to financial assistance for goods and services to assist a victim in recovery. The new scheme will also provide easy access to a large number of support services such as counselling and support to victims in court.

The rights of victims of crime to claim under the current *Criminal Offence Victims Act 1995* and *Criminal Code Act 1899* end on 30 November 2009.

For more information visit the Department of Justice and Attorney-General website at [www.justice.qld.gov.au](http://www.justice.qld.gov.au)



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## Expression of Interest for the Advisory Committee of the Batemans Marine Park

The Advisory Committee of the Batemans Marine Park (BMPAC) provides advice to the Marine Parks Authority and Ministers about key issues for stakeholders and park users.

Expressions of interest are invited for persons who can represent the areas of marine science, commercial and recreational fishing, marine conservation, Aboriginal people, tourism and scuba divers on the BMPAC. Applicants should have knowledge of the Batemans Marine Park, conservation of marine biological diversity within marine parks, ecologically sustainable use of marine parks, and public use and enjoyment of marine parks.

Appointment to the BMPAC will be offered to persons willing to consult on the above issues and who can demonstrate that they best represent the interests of relevant stakeholder groups. Appointments are unpaid with reimbursement for travel available.

Persons who wish to apply for the BMPAC should submit an Expression of Interest addressing the above issues to the Manager, Batemans Marine Park, C/- GPO Box 341, Narooma NSW 2546 or via email to [batemans@mpa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:batemans@mpa.nsw.gov.au). These should be received by 5pm on **Friday, 9 October 2009**. For further information call 4476 0802.

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# Ghosts of ex-boyfriends

IT'S been a funny couple of days. Ghosts of two boyfriends past have popped up in my life. In recent days I've heard a yarn about one ex and I've found another when trawling through Facebook.

The ghost of my first boyfriend came to me when I was yarning to a friend. In the middle of our yarn they reckon 'Oh, you heard that so and so was back in jail, hey?'

I still have a really tender spot for this fulla. You see, he was the first love of my life. The first one to break my heart. The one that gave me the lamest break-up line in the history of the world: You are too good for me. What a stupid reason to break up.

It feels like we have unfinished business. I wonder if he feels the same. I still think about him and wonder if I should rekindle this lost love? Maybe he doesn't even



## Ms KOORI LOVE

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remember me. Gosh, love can make you think crazy!

But love lost has been a blessing in disguise in regards to one ex I found on Facebook.

I love Facebook! You can sniff through people's pictures, check out what they been

doing since high school and see if they finally finished that uni degree.

But the best thing to use it for is hunting down your exes and checking to see if they married up or are still single.

For the not-so-brave it's hard to discover your ex has moved on and now has a picture-perfect life. But for me last Saturday night, I discovered I dodged a bullet by being dumped by this particular ex.

His profile said he was married up (non-Aboriginal and fatter than me). When I looked at his photos, oh my goodness! He so ugly now! He let himself go! I thought that was supposed to happen after the wedding, not before. He looks like he went a few rounds with The Man, then got hit by a bus, then went over to Advanced Hair and got a \$2 hair-replacement package,

then stopped off at the wardrobe department of *That 70s Show* then posted pics of the result on Facebook. Poor brother!

Love lost can be painful or a blessing. Having my first love dump me because I was 'too good for him' still hurts me, but on the other hand I'm blessed that my Facebook ex dumped me. I don't know how I would have coped with a man who was dipped in a bowl of ugly then crumbed in flakes of letting-himself-go.

Joking aside, there is still love and care there. I wish all my exes good luck and good life, bless em. Hook up with me on Facebook, hey?

Breaking up with someone can be a sweet dream or a beautiful nightmare. Are you glad or sad you and your ex broke up? Tell Ms Koori Love all about it at [www.mkskoorilove.com.au](http://www.mkskoorilove.com.au)

# Members have important role



## NATIVE TITLE AND YOU

with National Native Title Tribunal President GRAEME NEATE

PEOPLE involved in native title processes might be aware that the National Native Title Tribunal has a team of 'members' who are appointed to facilitate timely and effective outcomes for native title and future act applications. The roles and powers of members are set out in the *Native Title Act 1993*. They are different from those of the Registrar and staff of the Tribunal.

Members are appointed by the Governor-General for terms of up to five years. They can be reappointed for another term or terms.

The Act lists the qualifications or knowledge a person needs before they can become a member of the Tribunal.

There are currently nine Tribunal members, with at least one member in each mainland state. They have a range of backgrounds, qualifications and experiences.

Member Bob Faulkner, who



National Native Title Tribunal member Bob Faulkner, left, was reappointed by the Governor-General on 30 July 2009 and sworn in by Justice Jeffery Spender in Brisbane on 27 August.

has been with the Tribunal since August 2004, was recently reappointed for six months.

Mr Faulkner is an Anaiwan man from northern NSW. He had a long career in the Australian Public Service providing advice about Indigenous affairs to governments. In 2003 he was awarded a Public Service Medal for outstanding public service in the delivery of improved services to Indigenous communities.

His experience includes involvement in community organisations that focus on Indigenous affairs. These include establishing the first reconciliation group in Tamworth and his roles as a former member of the NSW Reconciliation Committee, a

agree, arbitrating applications for a determination of whether a future act can be undertaken and, if so, whether any conditions will apply

- Helping people negotiate Indigenous land use agreements (ILUAs) and helping to resolve any objections to area and alternative procedure ILUAs

- Reconsidering decisions of the Registrar (or Registrar's delegate) not to accept a claimant application for registration

- Conducting reviews on whether there are native title rights and interests

- Conducting native title application inquiries.

The bulk of most members' work is in the mediation of native title claims, but some members also mediate future act matters, and conduct hearings and make determinations in relation to some future acts.

Recent decisions include the determination by Deputy President Chris Sumner that the grant of a mining lease for a potash mine at Lake Disappointment in Western Australia must not be done. The company took the matter to the Attorney-General, but he did not overrule the decision.

The work of Tribunal members is varied, interesting and challenging. It can have a significant impact on the lives and businesses of a very broad range of stakeholders, from Indigenous communities to pastoralists, mining companies, fisheries, and governments.

We take the work seriously, and strive to carry out our functions in a fair, just, economical, informal and prompt way.





## Our future in our hands

ON behalf of my Elders and leaders, I urge all Indigenous leaders across Australia, men and women, to consider the following.

We are at the crossroads of change. Do we unite, do we reconnect to our past, present and future, our traditions, customs, languages, land and our young people?

Our next generation of leaders, young men and women, are caught up in the cycle of destruction through alcohol, drugs, and abuse; locked in jails, away from their homelands, their families, spiritual journeys, and their roles and responsibilities.

These are our lost generation, caught in a time warp – no way forward, no way back.

I urge that we, as leaders, show true leadership in Aboriginal ways to bring our people together as one, or are we too far assimilated that we cannot put aside our differences and can no longer think in the traditional way?

Do we now have fear and uncertainty of each other?

Do we continue to stay silent, and watch the continued destruction of our people, our

culture, and our land taken away?

Do we watch our people forced from homelands into hub centres to create ghettos, where there will be abuse, drugs, fights, jealousies, murders?

Have we forgotten we are the caretakers of our lands, animal species, trees, waters, mountains, and of our people?

Do we shut our minds and thoughts in the hope that all our troubles may go away?

Do we look at our people, our young, and pretend everything is fine?

Do we bring our white brothers and sisters together with us, to share our journey of unity, a common aim towards bridging the gap, and with humanity, to stand as equals and show respect towards each other?

Now is a turning point for all Aboriginal people. Do we sit back, to leave a history for our next generations of doing nothing? Do we leave them with shame and embarrassment of a history where we, as leaders, were too divided with self-interest, and we stood back with fear and uncertainty of the unknown?

Do we stand strong and reconnect the link

in the chain again with our brothers and sisters who long ago walked off Wave Hill, who showed leadership, determination and a path of unity and recognition, and reconnection with land and people as one.

Our future is in our hands. We are the ones to bring change.

Our younger generation, our people and our white brothers and sisters are watching and waiting for us – for our direction and action.

Do we have the ability to come together, to unite and show them the light and direction? Are we going to show that leadership?

Let us stand united against the Federal Government's Northern Territory Emergency Response legislation and other racist policies, and the NT Government's homeland policies by sending statements to government and media, walking off communities, signing on to support groups, attend a gathering.

Don't let the flame die down

**RICHARD DOWNS**  
Alyawarr Spokesperson  
Northern Territory

# Grassroots is the answer

AFTER reading the story on Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma's planned new Indigenous representative body (TKM, 9 September), I am appalled to think this group is asking for that amount of money (more than \$50 million) to set up their own black bureaucracy for what – to advise the government, setting up their own powerbase, money going on jobs for the boys and girls and so on.

Come on! The Aboriginal grassroots communities have the answers to the problems facing

## 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 representative body.



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

and vetted by an ethics board.

The report says that, in order to give the rep body a chance of 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 talking.

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

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 process.

the homeless, women and men coming out of jail and so on.

In our community in the inner city of Sydney we have achievable goals and projects that would work. Only lack of funding stops us from putting these programs into action.

Get real, Tom Calma and crew. You are also taking away our right to self-determination.

We know what we need. We are at the coalface.

**B McDONNELL**  
Sydney, NSW

them and if government divided and gave that money to community programs then we

would all be better off.

Maybe share this with the Stolen Generations, houses for

## 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

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

And we're happy to consider photos alongside letters – as long as they're of a high enough resolution and standard, and as long as copyright requirements are met. We accept no responsibility for returning original photos, so please send copies instead.

– EDITOR

## Poetry

### The Stolen Generation

We are the stolen children  
From the land of broken dreams  
Broken hearts for promises  
White skin that only gleams.

Now here and there a whisper  
In the depths of those below  
The high voice of opinion  
Swinging to and fro.

To the left and to the right  
And the optimistic finger  
Has therefore pointed on the map  
The land that we should linger.

On the fringes of the town  
Far out on the plain  
But the wheel has broken on the road  
And left us in the rain.

In the heat of the rising dust  
That even to the flowers  
Shall weep for they have left us short  
Of the land that is not ours.

That long ago we met you here  
Or you met us the story  
Is one that maybe they forgot  
In place of other glory.

Yes we the stolen children are  
Some faint voice in a dream  
That echoed once and won't return  
In the bosom of that stream.

But where the thunder rolled away  
Shall come back even stronger  
In time to come and time won't wait  
Another moment longer.

**GEORGE HALL**  
Mildura, VIC

### Farewell Facebook

There's something so strange  
and sadly deranged  
about the unreal nature  
of this fleeting exchange

The transfer of gigabytes  
can't replace shared emotion  
just like a chlorine pool  
can't substitute the ocean

I'll stick to Hotmail  
and sunsets by the sea  
so in traditional Dhurga  
language  
I say walawaani.

**JONATHAN HILL**  
Old Erowal Bay, NSW



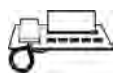
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# Black Card is a great idea

I THINK the Black Card idea (TKM, 12 August) is a great idea.

It's high time that non-Indigenous people are taught and trained to become aware and knowledgeable of the necessities to work and serve in Indigenous Australian communities, centres and services, instead of non-Indigenous Australian forcing 'their' ways on to Indigenous Australia.

The Black Card spells RESPECT for the Indigenous culture.

If the whole of non-Indigenous Australia can be taught the ways and beliefs that we need to know, as decided by Indigenous Australia, then that's even better.

After all, we need to be fully aware, and only Indigenous Australians can teach other Australians so that it's done right!

A 'true Australia' acknowledges the original owners and traditional custodians of the land.

What I would like to see is no divide, no racism, no discrimination, no abuse, no assault against the vulnerable – globally.

I want to see a new world where greed is absent, where air is pure to breathe and where the earth, soil and ecosystem have our top respect and care.

Our Earth is under overwhelming stress thanks to the stupidity of humans.

Indigenous Australians, it appears to me, are the ones who can and should lead the way towards a better future for all of us.

By the way, any chance the films from the 2009 Message Sticks Indigenous Film Festival National Tour will be shown on ABC-TV?

I hope so!

A M BLANCHE  
Marsden, QLD

## Amazed over grog, smokes

I AM continually amazed and very disappointed at the Federal Government's alleged intention to increase the price of cigarettes and low-priced alcohol in an effort to improve people's health.

There are many people who smoke and drink alcohol moderately. Are they to be punished because someone else has a problem with those drugs? Why not provide more services to assist those who are addicted?

Addiction is an illness – not just a bad habit.

I drank alcohol for 27 years and it was destroying my life and the lives of those around me. I was treated, not punished, for my illness and that was 41 years ago.

During that period I smoked very heavily for 20 years and was treated in the same way. I've worked professionally in that field for 30-plus years, but no members of the Government want to talk with people who have such experience – and there are many of us around.

Increasing the price of those drugs will not reduce the amount being bought, it will simply reduce the amount of food going into those households.

Here's another bright idea! A report in the *Wilcannia News* dated 1 September stated that a trial was being conducted in the town in an attempt to address domestic violence.

The plan is that no full-strength beer and four-litre cask wine or spirits be sold for takeaway before 2pm. Mid-strength beer can be purchased before that time.

Whoever came up with that crazy idea, I wonder what the hell they might be drinking.

HAROLD J HUNT  
St Mary's, NSW

## Uni under fire for shorter semesters

I AM a student at Southern Cross University in Lismore, northern NSW, studying the Bachelor of Indigenous Studies (Trauma and Healing) course.

My beef is about the new implementation of the SCU structures that shorten the semesters, or the learning period for students.

In this degree, one of the most important components is experiential learning. The university doesn't seem to take this seriously enough by shortening the learning period, or the semesters, to cater for experiential learning.

How can this university produce adequate healers without this practical knowledge being taken into account?

The students and staff are burnt-out just trying to handle the academic load, or all the theory, with no consideration on how their students are going to be able to put theory into practice.

It is known that the health industry is not producing qualified healers from its institutions and is doing the community more harm than good.

Knowledge is obtained not just from books but also from a working factor within life experiences.

If the students at Southern Cross University can't properly heal themselves, then how can they support the healing of others.

CAROLYN LOZAN  
Goonellabah, NSW

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# FOOD FOR LIFE

**W**e all know about the health problems in our community – obesity, diabetes, heart and kidney disease, cancer – but there's nothing you can do about it, right? **Wrong!**

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**T**here is plenty you can do – and it all starts with you leading a healthier lifestyle.

**How can my lifestyle make a difference?**

While we can't always stop ourselves from getting sick, if you eat healthy food, drink plenty of water and are physically active, you'll be more likely to live a long and healthy life.

A healthy lifestyle can help protect you from sicknesses like obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart and kidney disease, some cancers and other health problems.

So if you start leading a healthier lifestyle, and encourage your friends and family to do the same, you're helping to build a healthier community – today, tomorrow and into the future.

Celebrity chef Mark Olive works with food for a living, so he knows that healthy eating is the key to a healthy life.

"Eating a healthy, balanced diet can make all the difference," he says. "But you don't need to be a chef like me to eat right. Healthy food is easy to prepare and it also tastes great!"

**What is healthy eating?**

Healthy eating means eating a whole variety of different foods. You need:

- Plenty of fruits** – oranges, apples, bananas, pineapple, mandarins, pawpaw, melons, berries – you pick your favourites!
- Plenty of vegetables and legumes** – carrots, zucchini, beetroot, broccoli, peas, beans, lentils and local bush tucker like bush tomatoes, yams, warrigal greens – the list goes on!
- Cereals** – foods like breads, rice, pasta and noodles – preferably wholegrain.
- Some meat and eggs** – lean meat, fish, poultry such as chicken (take the skin off!), eggs and nuts.
- Some dairy foods** – milk, yoghurt and cheese (choose low-fat varieties).
- Lots of fresh water** – try to drink water instead of sugary fruit juices or soft drinks.

"It's not always easy to get hold of fresh fruit and vegies," Mark says. "But healthy fruit and vegetables can be fresh, canned or frozen."

Healthy eating means cutting down on bad things too. You should **cut down on fat, salt, sugar and alcohol.**

"These small changes can make a real difference," Mark says. "By making the commitment to eat healthier food, we're helping to build a healthier tomorrow – for ourselves, for our kids and for our community."

**For more information on how you can start building a healthier tomorrow, go to [www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople](http://www.australia.gov.au/tomorrowpeople)**

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Lake Tyers NAIDOC awards winners and runners-up.

## They had a ball at Lake Tyers

I JUST have to write to *The Koori Mail* and tell everyone about the great NAIDOC Ball we had here at Lake Tyers in the Victorian Gippsland region.

The Lake Tyers Aboriginal Trust organising committee spent many weeks planning what turned out to be a great event.

It was the first NAIDOC Ball we had held here in many years – some of those present remembered the last event 38 years ago.

We were lucky enough to have Andy Alberts and friends supply the music throughout the night. There were door prizes, and awards for Mr and Mrs NAIDOC aged 16-25, aged 25 and over and an Elders category – Belle of the Ball and Stag of the Ball. There were also runners-up awards in each of the categories.

Sixty people turned out in a hall decorated in many colours, with balloons, round tables, newly installed lino floor and a stage which was completed in time for the dance, thanks to funding from the Attorney-General.

The evening was jointly-funded by the Trust, Sport and Recreation Victoria, the Aborigines Advancement League, Department of Justice and Lake Tyers residents who paid \$25 for tickets to attend the ball.

The committee all agreed it would be great to be able to host a similar event at least every two years.

With the hand-back to Lake Tyers marking its 40-year anniversary in 2011, we could see another fantastic evening like this one again!

**NICOLE HOOD**  
Lake Tyers, Vic



Mr and Miss NAIDOC 16-25 Nikita Bryant and Shane Hood.



Belle and Stag of the Ball Auntie Elvie and Uncle Murray.

# Dugong hogwash

RECENT reports of Yarrabah (north Qld) people over-hunting dugong and selling them on the black market for \$50 a kg is nothing but pure speculation by certain people in the community.

There is surely no black-market trade of turtle or dugong – it's total hogwash!

The recent lies and speculation about a non-existent trade happening in Yarrabah have further dampened the image and reputation of our home, Yarrabah.

There is no need for this unwanted national attention just because someone saw a dead dugong or turtle somewhere.

There is no evidence to back-up the claims.

Sensitive issues such as this should be dealt with within the community, not made public on a national level to shame countrymen.

Only a few people have over-killed or may have sold a turtle in the past.

It does not count for present times and the rest of the population in Yarrabah.

If they are so serious about protecting turtles and dugongs, why don't they go stress their anger to the prawn trawler operators.

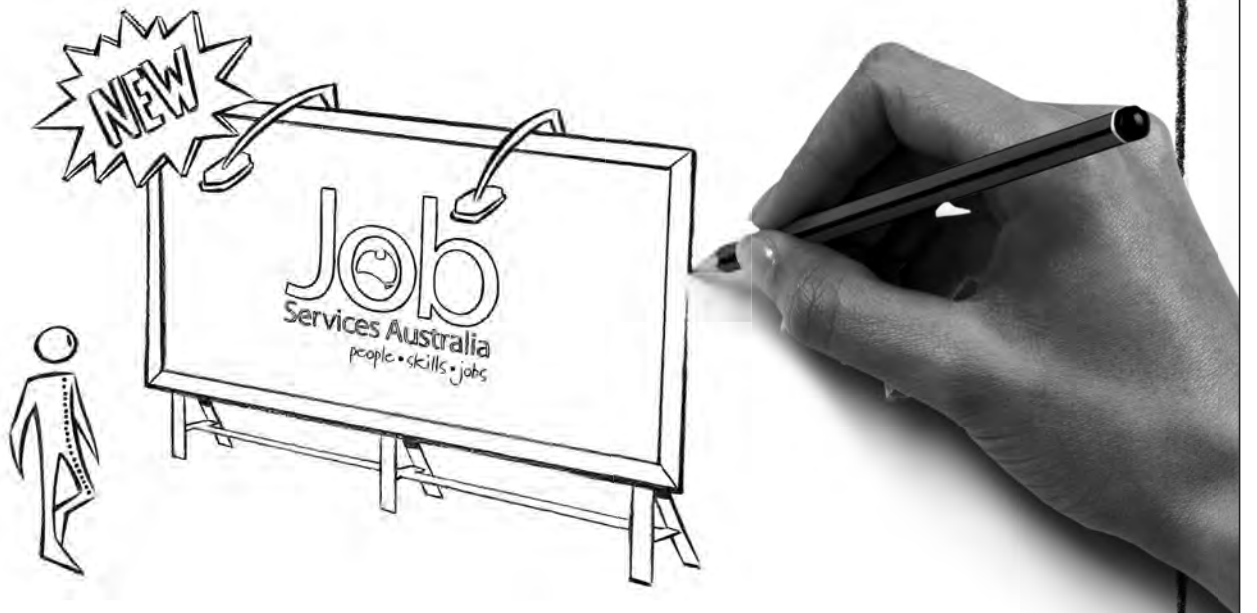
One person's action does not count for a whole community's.

**BRAD HIGGINS**  
Yarrabah, Qld

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# She valued education



Olive Lorraine Jackson (Aunty Ollie)  
12 September 1930 – 4 September 2009

Our Mother was born to James (Yorkie) Smith and Muriel Charles on 12 September 1930 at Griffith, New South Wales. She was sister to Blanche (dec), Artie (dec), Mary (dec), Violet (dec), Billy (dec) and Kitty.

She was very fortunate to have two very loving husbands, our father Eric Harrison and later Lenny Jackson, who too became a loving member of our family and grandfather to many of our grandchildren.

Our mother had 11 children – Mavis, Douglas (dec), Phyllis, Muriel, Eric, Walter, Kevin, James (dec), Joyce, Larry and Violet – and 25 grandchildren.

Mum's early years were hard.

Her mother Muriel died in childbirth in March 1931 and she went to live with our great grandmother Katie Lyons, whom she loved.

Mum lived with our grandmother up to the age of 14 when Poppy Yorkie married Alice Murray who took on the raising of our mother on Cummeragunja mission.

Mum experienced the Cummera Walk Off, went to school until Year 3 and had many happy memories of her life on the mission.

Mum met our father Eric Harrison when living on the Mooroopna flats and they married in 1948.

Times were rough back in then, jobs were scarce and whole families were forced to live in the harshest of conditions.

In 1951 our father set off looking for work and 12 months later sent for our mother as he had secured a job at a sawmill that came with a very roughly-made mill house. With two children, Mavis and Phyllis, our mother headed to Healesville to settle down with her husband and here, on average, they welcomed a child almost every year, with Violet being the last of our mother's children born to her at the age of 32.

While times were hard, we remember

many good days with family and friends.

Our mother and father had gained a lot of respect in Healesville – although we were known as battlers, we kids never went without, and both our parents pushed us to get an education.

Our mother spoke often about the turning point for her. It was in hearing Elder Aunty Eleanor Harding in the 1960s speak of the importance of children having an education.

Mum was so proud of our achievements.

She was proud of her children all her life and it is our belief that the outcomes we as a family have achieved were driven by our father and mother's ambition to ensure that their children did well educationally.

## Christianity

The Salvation Army and Christianity played a major role in Mum's life.

In 1973 we lost our father when he was struck by a car while crossing the road in Collingwood. Our mother was a widow at 43.

Mum rekindled her teenage relationship with Lenny Jackson.

They were to live in Shepparton, moved to Queensland and finally settled in Blackburn before Lenny succumbed to cancer. Our mother enjoyed a good relationship with Lenny's family and always spoke kindly of them.

In her later years Mum lived at ACES where she loved the residents and staff, the ACES Choir and where she made many good friends.

She also loved and respected many of the Elders.

In September last year Mum was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Family were there with her throughout her ordeal.

She was loved and will be missed by us all.

– This tribute has been submitted by the late Aunty Ollie's children

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# Proposed rep body will work

**T**HE proposed national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people will work.

Since the proposed model for a new national representative body was publicly handed over to Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin late last month, many opinions have been expressed, all of which are, of course, welcome and necessary in a healthy democracy.

However, some inaccurate assumptions about what the body will do and how it will do it, have gained ground. It's time to lay out the facts and put some of these unwarranted concerns to bed in the process.

It is not surprising that what we have proposed has raised the hackles of some, because it is a radical new approach.

It is a new way of thinking, a new way of making decisions and a new way of defining our position on issues and solutions related to us as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

A new national representative body is critical to providing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a national voice and an interface between Australia's first people and the wider community. Our people have been without such a voice for five years and we've suffered as a result.

The new body proposes a way to reset the relationship between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This model has been designed after widespread consultation from the grassroots up, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in remote, regional and urban areas – with people of all ages.

Overall, the consultations revealed strong support for equal gender representation. People also told us they wanted high ethical standards and an election model which would ensure that the best candidate for the job would be selected.

Previous ATSIC reviews recommended measures to address the under-representation of women in governance and leadership. Review after review found that equal gender representation from the outset is not only about being proactive but, more importantly, about fair representation and equal opportunity.

We need only to look at some key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak bodies and organisations, and institutions more broadly, to see the obvious under-representation of women in governance and leadership roles.

Similarly the ethics council is a proactive measure. More importantly, though, it is about good governance.



**JACKIE HUGGINS**

An ethics council is not based on a belief that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people need an ethics council more than any other group of people – ethical breaches and behavioural misconduct occur across all organisations and across all sectors. One only has to look at the collapse of the HIH Group!

We believe that, ideally, all representative institutions should always be looking to address and improve mechanisms to monitor ethical standards and behaviour.

There is no denying that this new proposed model for a national representative body has taken the experience from the past and built on it. It would have been remiss of us not to take advantage of what we now know.

It must be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who drive the solutions – anything short of this renders us passengers in our own development.

We've seen through other organisations that there are limitations in being a statutory authority, an inability to adapt quickly being just one of them.

That's why we are proposing that a national representative body be established as a private company limited by guarantee.

There is also abundant evidence of the significant and long-term impacts of other companies limited by guarantee. Just look at the Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association and Reconciliation Australia as examples. A company limited by guarantee can not only effectively represent people, but it can also advocate

for social and policy change and continue to grow and improve.

If the new national representative body is truly representative of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through its congress, and gains credibility through its ability to operate competently – as I have every confidence it will – this is where its power will lie.

If the body is based on shared values with its members, which is what we've proposed, its power to influence government policy and negotiate with government could be unprecedented.

We want to work with government and other agencies to overcome the poverty, inequality and injustice faced by our communities.

There is a pressing need right now for the Closing the Gap agenda to become a shared agenda between governments and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The new national representative body will provide informed policy advice from individuals, organisations representing sectoral interests, national and state bodies and field experts, through a national congress model.

Being a company limited by guarantee, the new national representative body will start small, and focus on getting its corporate governance in place and in developing transparent decision-making processes. It will then progressively expand.

It is critical that we first focus on bedding down development and recurrent funding models.

We can look at the investment issues down the track.

*Dr Jackie Huggins AM is a member of the Steering Committee that developed the proposed model for a new national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. She is of the Bidjara (Central Queensland) and Birri-Gubba Juru (North Queensland) peoples. Dr Huggins is a Director of the Telstra Foundation; Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work and Applied Human Sciences, University of Queensland; Member of the Indigenous Advisory Board of the Queensland Centre for Domestic and Family Violence Research, Central Queensland University; former Co-Chair of Reconciliation Australia; former Chair of the Queensland Domestic Violence Council (2001); former Commissioner for Queensland for the National Inquiry into the Separation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children from their Families (1997); and former member of the ATSIC Review Panel (2003). In 2001 she became a Member of the Order of Australia for services to the Indigenous community.*

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### THE 2009 JOHN NEWFONG MEDIA PRIZE

**The Centre for Aboriginal Independence and Enterprise (CAIE) is proud to announce that the second Annual John Newfong media prize is now open for applications.**

This Media Prize commemorates the life and career of the late Indigenous media icon John Newfong, who championed Indigenous issues and pioneered a proud Indigenous presence in the Commercial Media Industry in the 1960s and 70s.

The 2009 John Newfong Media Prize of \$5000 will be awarded to a deserving recipient of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander heritage who best demonstrates a passionate commitment to, and a clear aptitude for working in the media industry.

In addressing the selection criteria, the winner's nomination will substantiate how they can contribute to the greater understanding of Indigenous people, and their issues, through their work in the Media Industry.

**Nominations open Monday 7th September 2009 and close Friday 16th October 2009. Winner announced on the night of 30th October 2009 in Brisbane.**

All information pertaining to the award, including the selection criteria, can be accessed by visiting the John Newfong Media Prize website at: <http://www.johnnewfongmediaprize.com/> or by contacting CAIE Chairman Mr. Wayne Coolwell at [wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au](mailto:wayne.coolwell@caie.com.au)



### Land and Property Management Authority

#### APPLICATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUST BOARD MEMBERS TO THE BIDJIGAL (D1010489) RESERVE TRUST

Bidjigal reserve located at West Pennant Hills, North Rocks, Baulkham Hills and Castle Hill, was dedicated for the purposes of the Preservation of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage, the Preservation of Flora and Fauna and Public Recreation on 22 October 2004. The reserve is managed by the Bidjigal (D101489) Reserve Trust under the provisions of the Crown Lands Act, 1989.

Members of the trust boards are responsible for the care, control and management of the reserve.

The term of office for the current members will expire on 6 January 2010 and applications are now invited from persons interested in being considered for appointment as a board member for a period of five years. At least two of the appointments will be Darug descendants and at least two must be local residents.

Duties are performed as a voluntary service for which no payment is received by the members.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have experience, skills or qualifications in one or more of the following:-

- Asset management
- Business and/or Financial management
- Management experience and/or related Professional training
- Member of special interest group relevant to the management of this reserve
- Ability to perform voluntary work out of business hours.

Applications should be lodged with the Program Manager, Land Administration, Land and Property Management Authority, P O Box 3935, Parramatta 2124, no later than 28 days from the date of this notification.

Information about the operations of a Reserve Trust and applications form is available from the Authority's website [www.lpma.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lpma.nsw.gov.au) or contact Ms E. Lobo, Telephone (02) 8836 5330. File References: 09/10382.

**John Filocamo**  
Program Manager,  
Land Administration  
Sydney Region



# Plenty of smiles at this



Levenia Howey and Una Lake were there.



Janine and Bryce Waites.



Bailey Cubby, Jerome Williams and Jyles Cubby in Dubbo.



'Riverbank Fred' was there.



The Gumbaynggirr Choir on stage at the Red Ochre Festival in Dubbo.



Back, from left, Kerstin Styche, Buddy Marshall, Ray Peckham and Russell Walker and, front, Judy Darcy-Stubbs.



Members of the Toomey and Carr families.



Artist Stephen Moore – 'Yibiramanha' – with some of his work.



Back, Lorraine and Harold Williams with Rodney Ah-See and, front, Luke Ah-See.



# year's Red Ochre Festival



The Bre Sisters on stage in Dubbo.

## Dubbo turns on the music

Photos by WENDY MERRICK



A LARGE crowd enjoyed perfect weather for this year's Red Ochre Festival in Dubbo.

Victoria Park in the central-western NSW city was packed on 13 September for the celebration of Indigenous culture in the heart of Wiradjuri country.

The event brought together Indigenous artists from a wide area. All were given the chance to perform in a professional setting before a large crowd.

Organiser Steve Hodder was more than pleased with this year's celebration.

"We had a good crowd enjoying a range of artists on a perfect day. What more could you want," he said.

A feature was the launch of the DVD documentary *Singing the Spirit Home*, by

the Bre Sisters of Brewarrina.

The Sisters – Dianne Hardy, Mary Waites and Eva Boney – are committed Christians who perform at Aboriginal funerals and other events in north-western NSW.

All proceeds from the sale of their CD or anything they do goes directly to the Brewarrina Christian Fellowship Church.

Planning is already under way for next year's festival, which will be the eighth.



Brothers in arms ... Phillip and Lindsay Murphy.



Chelsea Wood came with plenty of balloons.



Mary Waites, one of the Bre Sisters, with Gumbaynggirr Elders Choir member Rosina Boston.



One of the many performers on the day.



Jaydah-Maree Dunn joined in.



Maryanne and Jacob Dinoke were among the many people at this year's Red Ochre.



# \$32m to help youth



THE Federal Government has allocated \$32 million to improve access to education and training for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in remote or rural regions.

Acting Education Minister Mark Arbib said the funding would be made available through the Indigenous Youth Mobility Program (IYMP), where participants aged 16 to 24

relocate to take advantage of post-secondary education and training opportunities including apprenticeships, TAFE or university courses particularly those leading to qualifications in nursing, teaching, business administration and accounting.

The IYMP has previously operated from 10 locations – Cairns, Townsville, Toowoomba, Newcastle, Dubbo, Canberra, Shepparton, Adelaide, Perth and Darwin.

There are now an additional

seven locations – Rockhampton, Coffs Harbour, Port Hedland, Broome, Hobart, Port Augusta/Whyalla and Alice Springs.

The number of places available has also grown from 200 to more than 320.

## Potential

Senator Arbib said the program would receive \$32 million over the next three years and offered participants accommodation and other

support, including career planning, mentoring, monitoring and encouragement to fulfill their potential.

“The IYMP has been improved through an increased focus on participants striving to complete their qualifications and a stronger focus on community engagement,” he said.

Six organisations will deliver the IYMP:

● Career Employment Australia in Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton and Toowoomba;

● TAFE NSW in Newcastle; ● Auswide Projects in Canberra; ● Goulburn Ovens TAFE in Shepparton; ● Nyaarla Projects in Perth, Port Hedland and Broome; and ● Aboriginal Hostels in Darwin, Alice Springs, Port Augusta, Adelaide, Hobart, Dubbo and Coffs Harbour.

More information about the IYMP and providers is available at the website [www.deewr.gov.au/iymp](http://www.deewr.gov.au/iymp)

## Want to help your local community!

The Health Promotion Service for Older People is looking for volunteers from any languages to give talks about health issues to older people.

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## Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given of an Annual General Meeting of the Karuah LALC

30th of September, 2009, at 11am

Karuah Aboriginal Community Hall  
Mustons Road and Ridgeway Close, Karuah NSW

### Agenda

- MEETING OPENED Chairperson
- One Minute Silence
- APOLOGIES
- PREVIOUS MINUTES
- BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING
- Audit Financial/Reports
- Annual Report
- Election of Board of Directors
- Other Business
- Next Community members meeting 26 October 2009
- Election of Board Members;

- a. A person is entitled to vote in the election for Board member if the person is a voting member of the Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Council AND the person has attended at least 2 KLALC meetings in the previous 12 MONTHS.
- b. A person must attend the meeting at which the meeting is conducted in order to vote, also members that there is NO PROXY or POSTAL votes allowed at this election.
- c. You may seek information about membership of the Karuah LALC from the CEO.

All inquiries about this meeting should be directed to the CEO Dave Feeney of the Karuah LALC during business hours.

**AUTHORISED BY: Dave Feeney - CEO - Karuah LALC**

# Batchelor holds Alice graduation



MORE than 150 students were honoured at this month's Batchelor Institute of Indigenous

Tertiary Education graduation ceremony in Alice Springs.

It was a good-news day for the institute, which had been facing an uncertain future in recent months.

The graduands received their statements of attainment, VET certificates and higher education qualifications at the institute's Central Australian campus on 3 September.

A feature of the graduation was a live broadcast by senior students from Batchelor's Indigenous Media Unit.

Batchelor Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Greg Shaw said graduation was one of the most important events on the academic calendar for Batchelor Institute students and staff.

“Our students have to overcome many hurdles and challenges to successfully complete their studies to gain these important nationally recognised qualifications,” he said.

The institute holds two graduation ceremonies each year, one in the Top End in June at the main campus in Batchelor, and one in Central Australia in September.

● See more on Batchelor Institute in our education feature starting on page 39



● ABOVE: Art and Craft VET students, from left, Lavinia Richards and Sharon Lowah, from Alice Springs, and Marjorie Menmuir, from Tennant Creek, proudly display their qualifications. With them are Batchelor Institute art lecturers Jennifer Taylor, left, and Brigida Stewart.

● LEFT: Part of the colourful graduation procession.

# Help for people with mental illness



INDIGENOUS people with a mental illness in remote centres are set to have access to more support through an extension of the Personal Helpers and

Mentors (PHaMS) program.

The Australian Government says it is providing \$10.9 million over three years

for seven new remote PHaMS sites – Tennant Creek and Elliott, Northern Territory; Papunya – West Alice Springs region, Northern Territory; Aurukun, Doomadgee and Yarrabah, in Queensland, and Narrogin and Warburton in Western Australia.

Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin says the program will target those

most in need – people who cannot manage daily activities or live independently because they have a severe mental illness.

“Personal helpers and mentors work one-on-one with participants helping them achieve their goals. For example, how to manage everyday tasks such as housekeeping,” she said.



# Warraber goes greener



A PILOT project launched this month on Warraber Island is set to reduce general waste on the Torres Strait community by up to 70 per cent.

The waste-management project encourages locals to separate organic and recyclable materials from waste in the home and implements a strategy which disposes of the materials in an environmentally sustainable way such as through recycling or composting.

Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC) Mayor Fred Gela says it's no secret waste management in the Torres Strait has been challenging due to the remote location of communities and their island environment.

"Our land and sea environment are part of our heritage, our culture and our kastom. This is why it is so important that sustainable practices are implemented right now," he said.

"Through community recycling and composting, the



Queensland Member of Parliament for Cook Jason O'Brien, Torres Strait Island Regional Council Mayor Fred Gela and Cr Willie Lui add compost to the Warraber community's new BioBin.

waste-management project will decrease general waste by up to 70 per cent. This will dramatically

reduce the need to find more land for rubbish tips and will help to protect our pristine natural

environment for generations to come."

The project, implemented by

the council and funded by the Torres Strait Regional Authority and Queensland Government's Major Infrastructure Program (MIP) and the Department of Environment and Resource Management, is the first of its kind in the region.

"If this project continues to be successful, it will be used as a model that can be executed in other suitable communities and could form an important part of our overarching regional waste management strategy," Mr Gela said.

Councillor for Warraber Willie Lui says his community has already embraced the concept.

"The project has now been running for a number of weeks and community members are already separating their recyclable and organic materials for collection on Mondays and Thursdays," he said.

"The community is excited about being involved in the protection of our island environment through this project and we are anticipating that the rubbish tip will only grow a small amount this year."



## We want your traditional knowledge to design rest area information boards

The RTA is developing information boards for the Nungarry and Wirriwin rest areas on the North Kiama Bypass.

These boards will provide travellers with an awareness of the Aboriginal traditional owners of the land.

Do you have any stories or knowledge to share for these boards?

Come along from 10am to midday on Thursday 15 October 2009 at the Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation, 22 Kenny Street Wollongong.

For more information please phone Greg Evans on 0428 116 352.

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## Expression of Interest

### NSW Housing Appeals Committee Part-time Members (Aboriginal)



The NSW Housing Appeals Committee (HAC) deals with appeals by applicants and tenants of Housing NSW and mainstream community housing providers. We are seeking additional members with one position specifically for a person of Aboriginal background. Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the *Anti Discrimination Act 1997*.

Potential members should have a sound knowledge of Aboriginal housing and social issues in NSW. Applicants should:

- > have good knowledge and experience in housing, community services, health, law, psychology or social welfare
- > have good written and verbal communication skills, including experience in resolving disputes, interviewing and negotiation
- > be available to sit on full-day appeal hearings up to twice per month.

Applicants should demonstrate they are accepted within the Aboriginal community and have recognised skills and credibility.

Appointment is for a two-year term with a remuneration of \$320 per hearing day. Members are nominated by the Minister for Housing and appointed by Cabinet.

Position information and the application form is on the HAC website [www.hac.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hac.nsw.gov.au)

**Enquiries:** Yasmina Kovacevic on 87412555 or email on [hac@housing.nsw.gov.au](mailto:hac@housing.nsw.gov.au)

**Closing date: 9.00 am on Monday 12 October 2009.**

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## More foster carers the goal of website



A NEW website designed to recruit more foster carers has been launched by the NSW Government in partnership with the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies (ACWA). The partnership means people can find out about becoming foster carers for either the



LINDA BURNEY

Government or non-government organisations. NSW Community Services Minister Linda Burney and ACWA Chief Executive Andrew McCallum launched the website – [www.fosteringnsw.com.au](http://www.fosteringnsw.com.au) – at the annual Foster Care Week carnival held at Olympic Park, Homebush.

"The website, which was developed in consultation

with non-government organisations, has independent advice on fostering with government and non-government out-of-home care sectors," Ms Burney said.

## Training centre for Yugambah Museum



AN exhibition and training centre is to be built next to the Yugambah Museum at Beenleigh, in south-east Queensland.

The building project, funded through the Commonwealth Government, is expected to create 19 jobs, plus a traineeship and 12 work-experience placements.

Yugambah Museum President Russell Black said the new centre would give a much-needed public space for exhibitions and group visits.

"At last we will be accessible to locals, schools and tourists as well. This is of enormous social benefit to the communities of Logan, Gold Coast and the Scenic Rim," he said.

## Charity work move to help pay off fines



HOMELESS and disadvantaged people will be able to pay off fines by doing charity work or treatment programs under a new NSW Government scheme.

NSW Attorney-General John Hatzistergos said that for people who were homeless, mentally ill or chronically poor, the accumulation of debt through unpaid fines could be a real impediment to getting their lives back together.

"This program offers people experiencing hardship the chance to pay off debt and avoid being drawn into the criminal justice system," the Minister said.

Mr Hatzistergos said the NSW Government had started a two-year trial to allow disadvantaged people such as the homeless, mentally ill and those experiencing acute financial hardship to apply for a Work and Development Order from the State Debt Recovery Office.

He said many organisations had applied to take part, including large charity groups, youth services, drug and alcohol services, neighbourhood centres and mental health service providers from across the state.

## NLC praises miner over jobs program



THE Northern Land Council has congratulated mining company Energy Resources Australia on its Indigenous employment program.

Under the program, more than 100 Indigenous people have ongoing jobs at ERA's Northern Territory operations in Darwin and at Ranger Uranium Mine. The NLC said Indigenous people now made up 20 per cent of the mining company's workforce 'providing a solid foundation for Indigenous people to increase their skills and qualifications, and their employability'.

# Red Cross opens Kimberley office



ABORIGINAL people across the Kimberley region of north Western Australia are set to benefit from the opening of a new Red Cross office in Broome.

The Red Cross says the new office highlights the organisation's

commitment to the Kimberley community and heralds a significant growth in program delivery in the region, particularly for Aboriginal people.

Held at the Goolarri Media Conference Centre in Broome, the official launch was attended by about 200 local residents.

Yawuru Elder Doris Edgar welcomed Red Cross to the Kimberley and Yawuru woman Vicki McKenna gave the keynote address.

Stephen 'Baamba' Albert, who stars in the feature film *Bran Nue Dae*, was the master of ceremonies, and entertainment included the Indigenous hip hop project and the MilliYa Rumurra band.

Red Cross CEO Robert Tickner pledged Red Cross' commitment to the Kimberley community.

"Red Cross aims to work in

partnership with local communities, particularly Aboriginal communities, to improve their life choices and opportunities," the former Labor Aboriginal Affairs Minister said.

"Five of the seven staff at the new office are local Aboriginal people, which will help ensure the services we offer

Kevin 'Malu' Dann, a Nyul Nyul man and traditional owner from Beagle Bay (Ngarlen), works as a community development officer with Red Cross.

"With the principles of Red Cross, in particular being independent, neutral and impartial and simultaneously free from political and religious constraints, it seems we have been accepted by the majority of people as a breath of fresh air," he said.

"We want to get down to some serious business in achieving positive changes for Aboriginal people in the Kimberley region."

Red Cross says it also aims to strengthen partnerships with other local service providers and further develop existing initiatives throughout Kimberley communities.

Red Cross programs already operating in the region are the breakfast club, where volunteers provide a healthy breakfast

to school kids, emergency services, the community visitors scheme, where people living in aged-care homes receive regular visits from volunteers, and two Red Cross shops – in Broome and Kununurra.



Red Cross CEO Robert Tickner and community development officer Malu Dann officially open the new office.

reflect the needs and wishes of the local communities."

Part of Red Cross' Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander strategy is to recruit and train local staff and volunteers to build local capacity to deliver programs.

# TAFE student of the year aims to make a difference



Indigenous Student of the Year Dasha Newington, left, with NSW OTEN teacher Robyn Ridgeway at the awards ceremony.



DASHA NEWINGTON has just taken a big step towards her long-term goal of a career in medicine. The Western Sydney Institute of TAFE student was last week named TAFE NSW Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander of the Year.

Ms Newington completed the Diploma of Aboriginal Studies by distance education through the Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) at Strathfield, in Sydney's west.

Her work commitments and study for her Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery entrance exam meant that she needed the flexible study structure OTEN could provide.

Ms Newington, who praised OTEN, was accepted this year into the University of Sydney Medical School. She wants to be involved in expanding Australia's Indigenous medical workforce and plans to encourage other Indigenous people to consider a career in health.

"Indigenous people deserve the chance to achieve their educational and life goals, and to fulfill their potential individually, and as communities," she said.

"I hope I will be making medical care friendlier for Indigenous Australians and providing them with positive, collaborative experiences seeing a doctor."



# KARI set to celebrate



SOUTH-western Sydney's KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

From small beginnings in an office at Moorebank in 1999, KARI has grown into an organisation that offers foster care and enrichment programs focusing on education, business development, culture, community unity, vacation care and self-determination for Indigenous people.

KARI says its commitment to the local Indigenous community has seen it grow to the point where it is now recognised as being the largest Indigenous children's service in NSW.

It has also seen the establishment of the award-winning part-time assessment centre known as the KARI Clinic. Delivered in partnership with DoCS NSW and South West Sydney Area Health, the clinic caters provides health checks for children and young people entering the KARI Out of Home Care Program.

KARI CEO Paul Ralph said: "It has been a great journey so far but there is much much more to come. "KARI is always looking to develop local partnerships in an effort to deliver more effective quality programs to the community. Sponsors are welcome to assist us in our efforts."

Now located in George Street

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The dinner dance theme is 'Celebrating Aboriginal Pride and Culture' and will include performances by didgeridoo player Adrian Ross, the Descendance ATSI Dance Theatre, NSW Indigenous Artist of the Year Blake Ralph and local talent Sarah Bertram.

Further information and celebration bookings are available from the website [www.kari.com.au](http://www.kari.com.au) or by calling (02) 9922 4922.



Actors Leon Burchill and Luke Carroll in a scene from *Stone Bros*.

# MA rating is blow to film

By DARREN COYNE



ABORIGINAL director Richard Frankland's plan to take his new film *Stone Bros* to remote Aboriginal communities is in disarray because of the classification it has been given.

Stone Bros tells the story of two young Aboriginal men who take a road trip from Perth to Kalgoorlie in search of a lost sacred stone, smoking 187 marijuana joints along the way.

Mr Frankland told *The Koori Mail* that the MA 15+ rating it has received would make it illegal for him to show the film to younger people, despite them being a target audience.

"My motivation in making this film is to get it into Aboriginal communities because we see enough tragedy and are often portrayed as victims," he said.

"Well here's a film with two heroes, and our young people need to see their own people who can go against the odds and win."

Mr Frankland said that although there was drug use

in the film, the 'reality is that the boys give it up and choose their culture, family and home over the top of the drugs'.

"Yet if anyone aged under 15 sees it I'm breaking the law. But if the communities ask for it then it has to go there. I'm not going to police it," he said.

The movie, which is being released tomorrow (24 September), initially received an MA15+ rating from the Film Classification Board for 'Strong Drug Use'.

## Appeal

Mr Frankland and the film's producers appealed to Federal Home Affairs Minister Brendan O'Connor, who ordered an immediate rating review.

After a three-hour review that included letters of support from a child psychiatrist and the NSW Reconciliation Council, they upheld the MA15+ rating, but changed the accompanying consumer advice to 'Drug Use with Strong Impact'.

Mr Frankland said the change was ridiculous and showed that the Classification Board was obviously not aware of Indigenous issues.

"We made the film with an M rating in mind, so this rating

makes it difficult to achieve what we have set out to do, which is give the Indigenous community a film that it relevant," he said.

"It seems to me that the guidelines being used are not culturally appropriate."

Managing director of movie distribution company Australian Film Syndicate Allanah Zitserman said the change of wording would make no difference to audiences, but would mean an expensive change to all the marketing material just 10 days out from the release date.

"The feeling I have is that while the rest of the nation has matured and moved forward following (Prime Minister) Kevin Rudd's historic sorry speech, it's sad we still have government departments such as this one still ensconced in archaic attitudes," she said.

The film-makers were hoping to have the film downgraded to an M rating, which allows for drug use shown within context.

Mr Frankland told *The Koori Mail* last week he and the producers were considering their options, including a possible legal challenge to the classification.



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# NT Labor admits to \$500,000 in payouts



LABOR has admitted it paid \$500,000 to two powerful Indigenous organisations to smooth the roll-out of controversial policies.

But Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson has denied it was 'hush money' or an attempt to buy community support.

"We needed another vehicle to bring people together to support consultation on the implementation of the policies," he said in Darwin. "That is what the funding was approved for."

Former Indigenous Affairs Minister Alison Anderson secured the taxpayer funds in June, with the ABC reporting that half of it was given to a corporation run by Arnhem Land's Yunupingu family.

Mr Henderson said it was for consultations to be undertaken on the Working Futures policy, which had been approved by Labor some months earlier.

It was taken out of the Treasurer's Discretionary Fund because 'there is no specific budget allocation in and around Indigenous policy issues'.

"The application and the submission was

made by Alison," Mr Henderson said of his former colleague, who quit the Government over its handling of a remote Indigenous housing scheme.

"Why Alison didn't announce that particular grant at that time is a question for Alison..."

"Her advice to me at the time was that (the policy) was widely supported in most parts of the Northern Territory (but) there was specific concerns in north-east Arnhem Land that needed to be addressed."

Another organisation at Wadeye also received \$250,000, but Mr Henderson said

the grant was 'more about the roll-out of local government'.

He said he could 'certainly understand' why some communities were now asking about the criteria used to select the organisations, and why they got such hefty payments for consultation processes.

Under the Working Futures policy, Labor hopes to turn 20 towns into regional hubs while funding will be frozen to more than 500 outstations, or homelands, forcing residents into larger towns for vital social services. The policy has been criticised by many Indigenous people. — AAP

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# Rangers in weed fight



ABORIGINAL rangers and traditional owners in the Northern Territory's Top End are playing a vital role in a strategy

to tackle the weed mimosa pigra. They joined pastoralists, environmentalists and government officials for a field day on Elizabeth Downs Station in the Northern Territory to eradicate the weed — one of the biggest threats to NT cattle production.

The result of the meeting on the banks of the historic Mission Hole in Douglas-daly will be a joint pitch to the Federal Government to fund a plan to take a whole-of-catchment approach to fighting the pest.

Co-ordinated by the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association, it will focus on management in headwaters rather than tackling floodplain areas in isolation, an approach that in the past has done little to stop seasonal reinfestation.

Part of the think tank, Elizabeth Downs manager Doug Chesson agreed a co-ordinated approach was needed.

"You look at all this country around here — we're pretty much surrounded by a seed bank," he said, referring to the land that surrounds the station and stretches all the way to the West Australian border.

"Every high tide, every wet season, there's going to be a reinfestation of some degree.

"If they're not going to do anything upstream, you can work until you're blue in the face trying to control this stuff yet every wet season you're going to be back to where you started from.

"The Aboriginal communities are faced with the same problem as pastoralists, that's why they're represented here today.

"A lot of their waterholes are choked out with mimosa."

Margie Daiyi knows just how tough this particular enemy is.

A traditional owner and executive on the Northern Land Council, she has battled mimosa on Twin Hill Station for the past 14 years, spending 10 of those on the ground control team manning a spray unit herself.

"Twin Hill was classed as a basket case in 1996," she said.



Twin Hill Station's Margie Daiyi.



Malak Malak traditional owners Rita Purack and Francis Miljat at the Mission Hole meeting.

"We had nothing — we started off with an old bull catcher with no roof, working eight-nine hours a day.

"We began at Buffalo Hole, which was a single catchment. We hit it with everything we possibly could — sprayed it, got bulldozers in, chained it, hit it with napalm.

"The following wet season the grass grew and we've been maintaining control ever since.

"From there we started working through all the top catchments, then sprayed big areas out on the flood plains. We had government bulldozers chaining and burnt when we could, where we could.

"I'm very proud of what we have achieved.

"You look out there now and you'd think there was never mimosa there, but you're never going to get rid of it completely —

everyone knows that — so we're still doing ground control.

"I'm here as a traditional owner. In the past we've pushed for Northern Land Council to make people aware of the dangers of losing their country to mimosa.

"We nearly lost ours (at Twin Hill) — but we worked hard to get where we are today."

Ms Daiyi also backed the idea of a co-ordinated pitch to government to fund a whole-of-catchment strategy to fight mimosa.

"I think this is a good idea," she said.

"And it's good to see everyone represented here — the Pepe crew, the Wadeye/Thamarrurr mob, the Malak Malak mob — it's showing that they're interested in what's happening. I hope it's the answer."

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# Gambling research prompts warning



Gambling researcher Ashley Gordon.



**ABORIGINAL** communities and families are being destroyed by gambling, new research shows.

And a leading researcher says gambling is a far greater problem in the Indigenous community than mainstream Australia.

The research comes from studies by Southern Cross University and the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council of NSW (AHMRC).

Aboriginal man Ashley Gordon, a former gambling counsellor turned gambling researcher and consultant who has been closely involved in the studies, is deeply concerned by the findings.

"What worries me most is that our people are suffering across this country but we are not effectively addressing the issue," he said.

"In most communities gambling is still not recognised as a problem and is therefore not discussed or addressed.

"Many Aboriginal people find it difficult to identify or admit they have a gambling problem."

Mr Gordon said the failure to identify the seriousness of gambling in these communities was alarming.

## Worrying

"Considering that gambling in Aboriginal communities can often be linked to poor mental health, domestic violence, crime, alcohol abuse, drug usage, suicide, child neglect, unemployment and financial hardship, it is particularly worrying," he said.

After reviewing the results of the research, Mr Gordon said The Productivity Commission Report (1999) stated that close to 2 per cent

of people in Australia were problem gamblers.

"I would estimate that in the Aboriginal population it is 10 times higher," he said.

Mr Gordon said state governments needed to start listening to these concerns and act accordingly. Gambling has a significant effect on Aboriginal communities, given higher rates of unemployment and lower levels of income.

"The level of gambling by adults in many Aboriginal communities is also contributing to the increasing numbers of children gambling," Mr Gordon said.

"This is a damaging societal trend that requires change before the gambling problem escalates to the level of damage felt by Aboriginal communities as a result of alcohol and substance abuse."

# KLC joins island hunt for new species



**TRADITIONAL** owners are helping to discover new species in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

They are working through the Kimberley Land Council with scientists from the WA Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) as part of the Kimberley islands biological survey.

With field work almost complete, the survey has confirmed that the Kimberley is one of Australia's diversity hotspots for ancient camaenid land snails.

DEC research scientist Dr Frank Köhler said that even though they were small and might seem insignificant, the snails were an important indicator of the general condition of the islands and the threats faced by other animals.



Traditional owners have joined state government scientists in a biological survey of the Kimberley islands. So far, 45 previously unrecorded species of snails have been found.



scientists are predicting more discoveries.

"Just like kangaroos, these land snails are among the survivors of the major changes in climate that have taken place over the last few million years," Dr Köhler said.

The survey of 22 of the largest islands in the Kimberley, designed to sample groups of mammals, reptiles, land snails, birds and plants at most risk of threats such as fire, weeds, human activity and cane toads, started in late 2006 and is due for completion next year.

The project is a collaboration between DEC, the Western Australian Museum, the Australian Museum and the Kimberley Land Council.

DEC is in the process of preparing a science and conservation strategy for the Kimberley as part of a \$9 million State Government commitment.

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# NT pubs, clubs set to go smoke-free



THE Northern Territory is hoping to kick a bad habit when it becomes the last place in Australia to introduce smoking bans in pubs and clubs.

The NT has the dubious honour of receiving eight Dirty Ashtray awards, handed out by the Australian Medical Association (AMA) to the state or territory

which has done the least to prevent public health risks from smoking.

But the indoor areas of the Territory's pubs and clubs will now be made smoke-free from 2 January next year.

Fifty per cent of these venues' outdoor areas, such as beer gardens, will become smoke-free by 2011, Health Minister Kon Vatskalis says.

"(This will) allow enough time

for pubs and clubs to make any necessary modifications to comply with the new legislation," he said.

The new tobacco laws are aimed at protecting staff and patrons from cigarette smoke.

"Surveys consistently show that whilst the majority of Territorians do not smoke, there are still high rates of smoking in both the Aboriginal and the non-Aboriginal populations," Mr Vatskalis said.

The news comes as a national health conference on chronic disease in Darwin heard that smoking was the single biggest factor responsible for the gap between the health of Aborigines and other people.

Keynote speaker David Thomas, from the Menzies School of Health Research, said one in five Aboriginal deaths in Australia was linked to smoking.

"Smoking is the biggest single

risk factor for Indigenous disease, for Indigenous deaths and for the gap between Indigenous and other Australians," he told the gathering.

The Rudd Government has pledged to close the 17-year gap in life expectancy before the year 2030.

Dr Thomas said that in addition to smoke-free pubs and clubs, the NT Government should also consider smoke-free cars. — AAP

## Foundation attacks new uranium laws



NEW uranium mining laws passed this month by Federal Parliament put the interests of uranium mining companies ahead of the environment, Indigenous landowners and Australian taxpayers, the Australian Conservation Foundation says. ACF nuclear campaigner Dave Sweeney says the *Uranium Royalty (Northern Territory) Act* is biased towards facilitating new uranium mines and fails to address the 'problems of this controversial and contaminating sector'.

ACF says the legislation, 'among other faults, ignores the reality that decades of mining industry promises have not addressed systemic Aboriginal disadvantage or delivered lasting benefits to Aboriginal communities'.

## Bundaberg jobless getting skills help



TEN Indigenous job-seekers in the Bundaberg region of south-east Queensland are being helped to gain the experience and skills they need to find work. They are benefitting from a \$130,200 grant made through the Qld Government's Skilling

Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Five are part of the the Gidarjil Development Corporation Indigenous Job Training project working in administration or horticulture with Bundaberg Regional Council.

The others will complete construction work at Thornhill Station, Granite Creek.

## Workplace bullying is rife, survey finds



BULLYING is still rife in Australian workplaces, a recent Drake International survey of more than 800 Australia-wide employees has revealed. More than half of survey respondents had witnessed bullying behaviour and more than 25 per cent had been a target of bullying themselves.

Poor management of the issue by organisations was also revealed, as only 30 per cent of bullying targets and fewer than 50 per cent of witnesses were satisfied with their organisation's handling of the situation.

## Land council praise for Telstra's awards

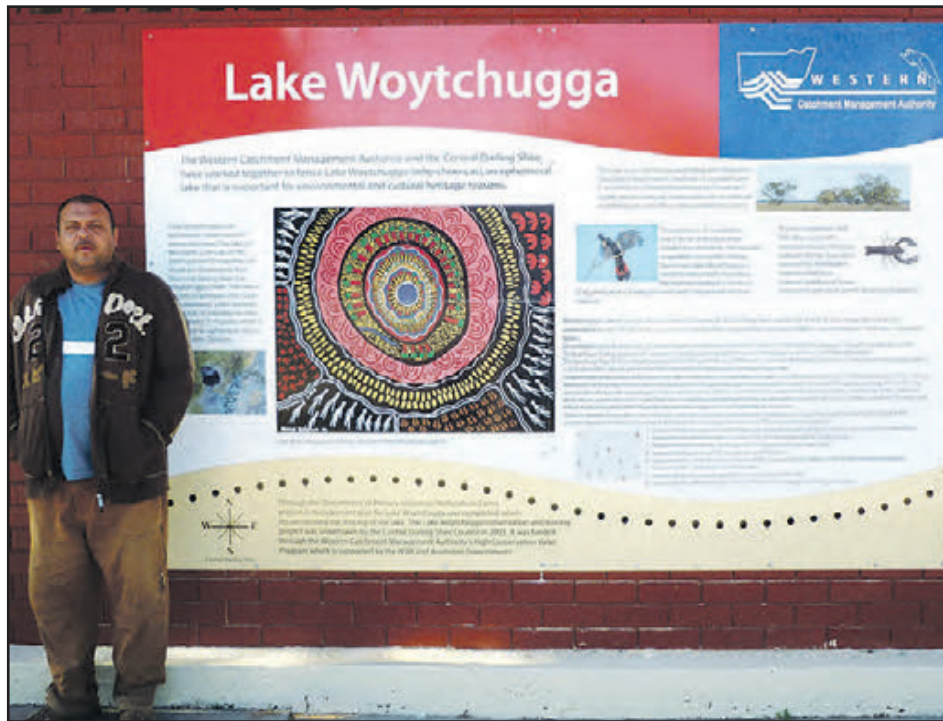


THE Northern Land Council has congratulated Telstra on winning two major awards for its Arnhem Land fibre optic cable project which has increased and improved communications networks to Aboriginal people in remote communities in the Top End.

Telstra worked closely with the NLC and traditional owners across Arnhem Land to bring the project to fruition. The working relationship also included the Northern Territory Government and Rio Tinto Alcan.

Benefits include high-speed broadband access which is essential for remote Aboriginal enterprises such as tourism, land management and arts practise; video conferencing facilities and e-learning.

## Sign gives lake information



Artist Murray Butcher with the sign at Baker Park in Wilcannia.



EDUCATIONAL signs that provide information about Lake Woytchugga's

importance and efforts being made to protect it have been erected in the Wilcannia area of western NSW.

The Western Catchment Management Authority (CMA) and the Central Darling Shire have worked together to fence Lake Woytchugga, an ephemeral lake that is important for environmental and cultural heritage reasons.

The lake is on the north-west side of the Darling River near Wilcannia. It is very important to the Paakantji people, and the educational signage features a large, colourful artwork by local Paakantji artist Murray Butcher.

Mr Butcher says the painting depicts the natural process of the filling and drying of the lake and about the special connection that local Aboriginal people have to the lake.

# Juveniles' jail concern raised

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



STAFF at one juvenile detention centre in NSW have reportedly been distributing bottled water to counter no toilets, showers or running water in cells, with the state Government caught out by rocketing juvenile inmate numbers.

Brett Collins, of Sydney prison rights group Justice Action, said an inspection of Emu Plains Juvenile Detention Centre facilities revealed treatment of young detainees — more than half of them Indigenous — was falling far short of Australia's obligations under the United Nations' standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners.

"The conditions are really appalling," Mr Collins said. "The ventilation was appalling."

He said there was no running water, no toilets and extremely limited or no education and rehabilitation programs offered to detainees.

In 2007-2008, there was about double the number of sex attacks and other assaults and self-harm involving detained juveniles than in the previous year.

"When young people have limited chances for exercise and other

distractions they end up being destructive and self-destructive. We spoke to the CEO of Juvenile Justice and he confirmed that conditions 'had improved a bit', and some detainees were on 18-hour and 16-hour lockdowns," Mr Collins said, instead of the 20-hour lockdowns that were revealed in Parliament this year by Sydney MP Sylvia Hale.

"The amount of time the youth are locked down varies now, according to how many staff are available, and what they say is that 'these young people are quite contented to sit inside these cells and watch television'."

"I don't think it's a very good preparation for future life."

### 'Degraded'

"They are the worst possible conditions you could encounter for young people and can only be conducive to people who have no expectations for the future and just effectively being dulled and degraded by the whole experience."

ALS Nowra principal solicitor Gary Pudney, who is a member of the Juvenile Justice Committee of the Law Society of NSW, said there was a number of issues the legal group had been trying to deal with over the past few months, such as the lack of water in the cells.

He said the length of the lockdown and lack of educational facilities were a problem, although there had been an undertaking by centre staff to supply bottles of water to detainees 'because it was going to be too expensive for the Department to provide rainwater and toilet facilities'.

Mr Pudney said the impact of the conditions was compounded for Indigenous youth.

"They should be bringing the facilities at Emu Plains up to the level required to provide rehabilitation and education facilities for the juveniles that are in custody and that comes down to spending money and to improve Emu Plains that would involve a large amount of money," he said.

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, speaking at the Indigenous Young People, Crime and Justice Conference in Sydney, said the 27 per cent rise in Indigenous juvenile detentions nationally between 2001 to 2007 'should sound alarm bells'.

"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 told conference delegates.



# Our future leaders unite at Gathering



Two lads from Minyerri in the Northern Territory check out the city as they cruise down the Brisbane River. They are Douglas Wunta and Samuel Swanson, 13.



● ABOVE: Angel Towney, 17 from Dubbo.

● BELOW: Marcus Pedro had students listening intently to his story of having been bullied, to forging ahead with a successful career. His life story, *Three Warriors Within* by Nell Arnold has been recently published.

By MAHALA STROHFELDT

If you caught a glimpse of the future of Indigenous Australia at last week's gathering of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth, you'd have been impressed.

The Gathering – A Celebration of the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) brought together young people from across the country with the aim of fostering a sense of community and enhancing leadership skills. During the four-day annual event in Brisbane, many spoke of the unique challenges facing young Indigenous people today, and the hopes they had for the future.

Many of the teens *The Koori Mail* spoke to said they had never had the opportunity to meet so many other young people from around the country, and the experience had changed their own perceptions of their culture.

For 17-year-old Dubbo senior student Angel Towney, her new-found friendships with a group of young Indigenous people from a remote community had been a real eye opener.

"I never expected other young Kooris to even know language, so just hearing them speak in their dialects has been an awesome experience," she said.

Angel said she was driven to experience everything the world had to offer, while also remaining true to her culture. She had just returned from the Karate World Championships in America where she placed runner-up in black belt. She admits that while the training was physically draining and consumed most of her spare time, the discipline karate demands had shaped her life in much bigger ways. And when she returns to the championships next year, it will be to take out first place and nothing less.

"I don't let a day go by when I'm not working towards my goals, I just can't sit around and do nothing," she said. "When I went to America to compete, I did it for my culture and not just for myself."

She is planning on taking a gap year to travel abroad before returning to university.

"I just want to tell people not to give up, because eventually you'll achieve it, and most importantly, never forget who you are and where you come from. And don't ever let anyone bring you down."

Angel joined 200 other secondary and tertiary students to engage with a range of Indigenous leaders, musicians and youth workers on the issues facing Indigenous youth today.

The IYLP is a Federal Government initiative that provides access to high performing secondary schools and universities for Indigenous students from across the country. One of the aims of the scholarship was to provide greater access and support for the students, particularly those from rural and remote communities.

The program is being delivered through the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), of which 28-year-old Adam Smith is one of the country's youngest Chief Executive Officers.

## New path

He said the next generation of Indigenous leaders were forging a new path for themselves and their communities and The Gathering had provided a safe space in which to talk about the real issues that affected them, while working on some practical skills to develop their leadership.

"There's an energetic and positive feeling here," he said. "What we are doing is trying to break down the barriers and expose these young people to other great leaders."

Mr Smith said the foundation was working on the premise that young Indigenous Australians were a group whose needs could not all be met in the same way, and therefore posed a unique challenge. To date, 72 secondary students have graduated Year 12 as part of the IYLP, and another 289 secondary and 49 tertiary students were currently receiving scholarships, boasting a 90 per cent retention rate.

Other highlights of the program included sessions with Torres Strait Island leader Marcus Pedro and hip-hop workshops with The Last Kinection.



These two cousins from the Northern Territory community of Myatt are boarding at St Patrick's College in Victoria. They are Dwayne Hector, 18 and Kurt Hector, 16.



● ABOVE: Regina Larry, 17 from Townsville with a group of students in the afternoon dance workshops.

● BELOW: Enjoying the day, from left, Kay Nallajar and Tynelle Castors, 14 from Palm Island and Renelle Shipton, 14 from the Cape York community of Wujal Wujal.





## NSW Govt launches housing campaign



THE NSW Government has launched a campaign to get more Indigenous people into social housing construction jobs.

Housing Minister David Borger said the scheme would aim to more than double Aboriginal employment on all Housing NSW construction by June next year.

"For the Government's Aboriginal housing program the policy sets a 20 per cent target for the employment of Aboriginal people during construction," he said.

Mainstream Housing NSW projects will also have Aboriginal employment targets in line with the size of each development.

"Under the scheme, contractors will be required to develop plans which show how they will employ Aboriginal people on projects," Mr Borger said.

"In particular we're aiming to boost jobs for young Aboriginal people. This will make Housing NSW the leading agency for Aboriginal participation in the State's construction industry."

## NLC opens another West Arnhem office



THE Northern Land Council has officially opened its second West Arnhem regional office, at Maningrida on the north coast of Arnhem Land.

NLC Chief Executive Kim Hill said the Maningrida office would have one staff member and support the local community and its outstations on a range of issues. The office is in the Maningrida Progress Association complex.

## Snelling named to chair Artbank board



CAIRNS Indigenous Art Fair director Michael Snelling has been named the new Chair of the Artbank Advisory Board. Artbank was established in 1980 to promote quality Australian contemporary art

through its art rental scheme and to support Australian artists by acquiring their work for the Artbank collection.

Federal Arts Minister Peter Garrett said Mr Snelling had wide experience in the arts.

"I am confident he will bring his invaluable expertise and passion to the position and that as the Chair he will build on the achievements of his predecessors," Mr Garrett said.

## Stolen Gens Council gets phone service



THE newly incorporated Stolen Generations Council of NSW and ACT has established a telephone assistance and referral service for members of the Stolen

Generations. The service, auspiced by The Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat (AbSec) with Federal Government funding, will offer information and advice to members of the Stolen Generations in NSW or the ACT.

It will also offer advice and support to other Aboriginal people (and their families) who have lived in foster or other care situations.

Members of the Stolen Generations seeking advice/referral or who want to become members of the Stolen Generations Council should telephone on Freecall 1800 263 881.

## Qld Advisory Board member in Canada



QUEENSLAND Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Council member Norm Clarke has been in Canada to give the keynote address at a conference on fire safety this weekend. The Brisbane-based Elder and Qld Fire Service

Station Officer was a special guest at the First Nations' Public Safety Conference in Vancouver.

Qld Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Desley Boyle praised Mr Clarke for his service.

# Wind proves problem for giant underpants

By ALF WILSON



WIND played havoc when the world's biggest underpants, measuring 15m x 7.5m, were rolled out on Thursday Island during International Prostate Cancer

Awareness Month.

On September 5, a group of TI men and women showed off the huge undies on green grass outside the Grand Hotel with the sea and Prince of Wales Island in the background.

The undies were used to raise awareness about prostate cancer, continence health, and the importance of men's health in the Torres Strait.

The Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) was invited to TI to train two local ambassadors, John Whop and Charles Passi.

The men will educate the community about prostate and continence health as part of the PCFA National Men's Health Ambassador Speaker Program.

### Help

PCFA national community manager Jo Fairbairn was at the roll-out and needed help from Mr Whop, Mr Passi and locals Gerardene Dorante and Noel Bon to get the task done.

"We had great difficulty at first because of the wind," Mr Bon said.

Prostate cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia

(excluding non-melanoma skin cancer).

In 2010, almost 20,000 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer. Many of them will be Indigenous.

Annually, more than 3300 Australian men die as a direct cause of prostate cancer.

The average Australian male has a one in five chance of developing prostate cancer by age 85. Men in rural and regional Australia have a 21 per cent higher prostate cancer death rate than men in capital cities.

This information was provided by the Bureau of Statistics, Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2008) the health and welfare of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



Prostate Cancer Foundation staff and helpers roll out the big undies on Thursday Island and, inset, a smiling foundation ambassador, John Whop.

# Telstra checks phone claims



ABORIGINES from a remote Aboriginal community in the Northern Territory say they were sold Telstra phone plans they didn't understand and had no hope of paying.

The telecommunications giant has launched an investigation into the claims and, on the back of concerns it could be more widespread across the NT, says it will waive the bills for cases brought to its attention.

"We are concerned where any of our customers are unhappy with the plan they are on and if that plan is not meeting their

requirements," Telstra corporate affairs manager Jane de Gault said.

But she said Telstra was aware of only two cases in the Arnhem Land community on Goulburn Island, about 300km north-east of Darwin.

Johnny Namayiwa, an island resident, went public with claims that several people had been phoned by Telstra and sold plans which they believed would cost them \$49 a month. Instead, they are now facing bills in excess of \$1000.

"They told them that it is going to be cheaper but it's not," he told ABC radio.

"They didn't understand when they switch the home phone to them. They

didn't understand the cost is too much, the bill is too much for them."

The allegations raise questions about the methods used by Telstra to sell new plans to people in remote communities, many of whom speak English as a second or third language.

Ms De Gault said much of the cost of the capped \$49 mobile plans related to internet use through mobile phones.

She also said Telstra would send letters to the chief executives of Aboriginal communities across the Territory, asking them to come forward with any cases of possible inappropriate sales. — AAP





# Education 2010



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program  
proving a  
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**Courses, success  
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for the coming year**



**Leigh is  
following  
his dream  
at TAFE**

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# New Hall of Famers

**T**HE Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education inducted two new members into the Indigenous Education Hall of Fame at a special ceremony in Alice Springs on 2 September as part of the Institute's annual Awards Night. The two new inductees are Co-Principal and Senior Cultural Advisor at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Thamarrurr Catholic School at Wadeye Tobias Ngardinithi Nganbe, and Adjunct Associate Professor and Post Doctoral Fellow Pat Dudgeon, from the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia.

Batchelor Institute Chancellor Professor Yvonne Cadet-James said the Hall of Fame was established to recognise those individuals who had made, and continue to make, significant contributions to improving the education of Indigenous Australians.

"The latest inductees to the Indigenous Education Hall of Fame come from vastly different backgrounds and both have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the cause of improving

education outcomes for Indigenous people in their home communities and across Australia," she said.

Tobias Ngardinithi Nganbe is a Murrinhpatha man and his country is Werntek Nganiyi, near the NT township of Wadeye. Werntek Nganiyi is the site of the first white settlement in the region, but it was because of the establishment of the mission on Werntek Nganiyi country that Tobias's father undertook to be a leader of his people and prepare a pathway for the future.

Tobias has followed in his father's footsteps as a great leader who is prepared to do the hard negotiations, challenge the external establishment and seek a true and equitable both-ways education for the people of Wadeye and the region.

Tobias is a graduate of Batchelor Institute and has taken a leadership role not only in his community but the whole region, continually pushing to improve educational outcomes and providing a model for action to other disadvantaged Indigenous communities.

Importantly, in early 2007



**Tobias Ngardinithi Nganbe receives his Award from Batchelor Institute Chancellor Prof Yvonne Cadet-James.**

Tobias instructed that a complaint be lodged with the Australian Human Rights Commission in his name. His complaint alleged breaches of human rights with respect to the education of a nominated class of persons within the Thamarrurr Region. While the complaint remains ongoing, this courageous action has contributed strongly to positive results in the Thamarrurr Region, not least of which was a change in status of the school from 'Mission' to 'Catholic

systemic' leading to a dramatic increase in funding, resources and infrastructure.

Associate Professor Pat Dudgeon is a Bardi woman from the Kimberley region and currently holds the position of Adjunct Associate Professor and Post Doctoral Fellow at the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of WA.

She went to Perth to study and has a Bachelor of Applied Science in Psychology and a Graduate Diploma in Psychology specialising

in Counselling and is a registered psychologist.

In June 2008 she was conferred with a Doctorate of Philosophy from Murdoch University. Her thesis is titled 'Mothers of Sin: Indigenous Women's Perceptions of Identity and Sexuality'.

Over the past 20 years, Pat has also been personally active in the Indigenous community, serving on a wide variety of committees and boards in a voluntary and professional capacity.

One of her most notable published works is the unique and significant publication *Working with Indigenous People: A handbook for Psychologists*, which is widely acknowledged as a seminal work in the area of Indigenous mental health and is widely used and quoted by professionals in the field and in the training of mental health workers.

Pat has undertaken teaching at the under-graduate level and she was instrumental in gaining funds to develop and deliver a mental health counselling course at associate diploma level for Indigenous students at Curtin University.

She has mentored many Indigenous students in psychology courses and has been an important mentor for Indigenous psychologists, as is evident from her publications where she either publishes with colleagues or ensures that they are given personal opportunities to publish.

Pat Dudgeon is admired for her strength of character, high principles, sound ethical practices and courage in facing difficult issues that arise in Australian Indigenous matters and in society generally.

Pat was not able to make the ceremony and Rosalie Kunoth-Monks, a previous inductee into the Hall of Fame, accepted the award on her behalf.

## On our cover



Go to page 63 to find out what these women featured on our cover are up to.

## Special Advertising Feature

## Get skilled for a better life

**N**OW is the time to start planning for your future and to enquire about the many great study opportunities available at Batchelor Institute in 2010.

Northern Territory based Batchelor Institute is Australia's only dedicated Indigenous tertiary education provider and offers a supportive study environment where Indigenous cultures are respected and valued.

There are a wide variety of Higher Education study programs to choose from including a number of new options such as a Bachelor of Business degree, a Diploma in Community Nutrition and Diploma of Arts in Australian Languages.

Other options include degree courses in Primary and Early Childhood Education, Language and Linguistics, Social Sciences, Natural and Cultural Resource Management, Primary Health Care, Nursing, Environmental Health, Community Nutrition and Creative Writing.

Not sure what study involves or if you have the right skills?

Batchelor Institute also offers introductory courses that will help students to develop their skills so they can successfully complete the course work.

These include the Preparation for Tertiary Studies (PTS) course which gives students a 'taste' of what university is all about and helps students to decide which course of study is best for them. Most importantly PTS helps build confidence in tackling academic writing and course work and there are no HECS fees.



**ABOVE: Students studying Nursing and Primary Health Care degrees get hands on experience at the Practice Clinic on the main Batchelor campus**

Student Jacqueline Phillips from Goulburn Island agrees. 'At night the campfire at Batchelor really draws you in and you find yourself sharing stories with other students. Mostly we compare our cultures and our ways. We share the things we are learning too. I have tried putting some of this into practice when I get home and it works out well.

'My work is in community management, and my goal is to become CEO in my community, so I am taking courses that will get me there. I used to think "Oh I don't know if I can do essays" and things like that. Now after my last PTS workshop I feel much more confident - now I know I can get a degree!'

For Wavely Morta of Cairns, it

was about making a difference. 'Preparation for Tertiary (PTS) studies has been a great re-introduction and confidence building journey back into a culturally appropriate learning environment.

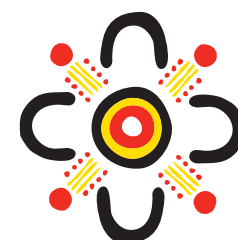
Coming from a labouring background the thought of higher learning seemed very daunting to me. The units within PTS supported me with the essential knowledge and skills and it also gave me time to really make up my mind on the best course for me.'

'I'd like to encourage all future Indigenous students considering tertiary studies to do PTS as a stepping stone towards higher learning and their own personal development. Through a bit of hard work you, your family and your community will benefit greatly through the life-skills and experience learnt.

By the time I finished PTS I was totally ready to get started at uni. Now I'm doing a degree in social sciences. I'm real happy!'

Senior Lecturer Michaela Wilkes agrees. 'PTS prepares you to step into that other culture - the academic culture of university. The course gives you entry into Batchelor Institute degrees courses and helps you apply for 'special entry' into other higher education courses. No HECS fees are charged for PTS.'

For more information on the PTS course and other study options talk to an Academic Advisor on Freecall 1800 677 095 or email enquiries@batchelor.edu.au



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# Koori Centre

## Applications now open for study in 2010

The University of Sydney encourages and supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to successfully enter and complete tertiary study through the provision of a wide range of services, including an established financial support pathway.

Prospective students may choose from a variety of courses in almost every area of academic pursuit which lead to promising career opportunities.

The Koori Centre is the core of Indigenous Australian Education at The University of Sydney and is renowned for their expertise in Teaching and Learning, Scholarly and Creative Research, Community Outreach and Student Support. Facilities include expansive computer lab, fully equipped common room, extensive resource library, and much, much more.

### Cadigal Special Entry Program

The Cadigal Program is a special admission and support program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to study for their first degree at The University of Sydney. We are accepting applications now from school leavers and mature age applicants (over 21 years) who want to study for their first degree at The University of Sydney. Applicants must also submit a Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) application showing their preferred course/s at University. We strongly advise school leavers to apply through the Cadigal Program now for study in 2010!

### Away-From-Base Programs (Block Mode)

Courses delivered in block-mode:

Diploma in Education (Aboriginal)

Bachelor of Education (Secondary: Aboriginal Studies)

Graduated Certificate/Graduate Diploma (Indigenous Languages)

Masters of Education (Indigenous Languages)

### ITAS Tutoring

Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme for Indigenous Australian students once they are enrolled at The University. Tutoring is provided at no cost to the student and can be arranged by contacting the ITAS Coordinator at the Koori Centre.

### Scholarships, Bursaries

The university offers a variety of scholarships and bursaries specifically for Indigenous Australian students including:

#### ATAR (UAI)

University of Sydney Indigenous Entry Scholarship valued at \$5000 for school leavers who achieve an ATAR (UAI) of 85 and above in the Higher School Certificate.

#### Progress and Support Scholarships

Progress Scholarship valued at \$2000 for continuing students who meet the scholarship criteria. Support Scholarship valued at \$2000 for students with demonstrated financial need.

### Chancellors Committee Indigenous Australian Bursaries

These scholarships are available to Indigenous Australian students who are undertaking undergraduate study from all faculties across the University of Sydney.

### Commonwealth Scholarships

Commonwealth Indigenous Access Scholarship, Student Start-Up Scholarship and Relocation Scholarship. Apply through [www.uac.edu.au/equity](http://www.uac.edu.au/equity) before the 14th of October 2009.

### University Of Sydney Indigenous PHD Scholarships

A full-time scholarship is awarded for up to three years for research doctorate studies subject to satisfactory progress with a possible maximum extension of up to six months for research related reasons. Each full-time scholarship consists of a tax-exempt stipend at the same rate as a University of Sydney Postgraduate Award (\$22,500 p.a. in 2010). A supplementary award, to be determined on a needs basis (e.g. need to relocate, number of dependants, need to match current salary), may also be offered. The value of the supplementary award may be up to \$17,500 p.a. and may be for the tenure of a full-time scholarship.

### Residential

Residential colleges and some faculties of The University offer a number of part or full scholarships to Indigenous Australian Students to cover accommodation and meals on the Camperdown Campus.

For more information on courses at The University of Sydney please contact the Koori Centre on: Toll Free **1800 622 742** or **(02) 9351 2046** or visit our websites at:

[www.koori.usyd.edu.au](http://www.koori.usyd.edu.au) or [www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/indigenous/](http://www.usyd.edu.au/fstudent/indigenous/)



**The University of Sydney**







# The University of New South Wales



## UNSW is now accepting 2010 study applications

### NURA GILI INDIGENOUS PROGRAMS - UNSW

**N**URA GILI Indigenous Programs at The University of New South Wales offers several pathways for entry into UNSW for Indigenous Australians.

See our website <http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/programs.htm> for further information and to download application forms. You can also call our Student Services Unit on (02) 9385 1559 to speak with Nura Gili staff about your options for university studies.

Nura Gili at UNSW offers unique residential admission programs that run for four weeks in November and December for students wishing to gain entry to UNSW in the areas of Law, Social Work, Medicine and Business. Applications for these programs close 2 October 2009. Interested people should contact Nura Gili for further information.

### Diploma programs successful at UNSW – Pathways to higher education

Not ready to study a university degree? Build your academic skills through enabling programs. UNSW and Nura Gili have created pathways to assist Indigenous people develop academic skills necessary to successfully complete tertiary



University of NSW staff and students on the Walama Muru Program in Wellington and Nanima, New South Wales.

studies. These programs are designed for Indigenous people who have the potential, but are not yet adequately prepared for first year undergraduate study.

Enabling Programs generally run for one year and are offered at the UNSW Kensington campus in Sydney.

At the end of the program, students who have demonstrated an ability to perform at a tertiary level will be able to

transfer into a degree program at UNSW.

Enabling Programs are currently available in the following areas; Engineering, Science, Technology, Law and Arts and Social Sciences.

For further information on Enabling Programs at UNSW, please call our Student Services unit on (02) 9385 1559 to speak with Nura Gili staff about your options for university studies.

### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies at UNSW

Nura Gili, through the Academic Unit and the Resource Centre, offer UNSW students the opportunity to undertake dynamic, challenging and contemporary courses within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies.

Our teaching philosophy is underpinned with Indigenous ways of knowing, being and doing, recognising that there is not just one truth, but many.

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# The University of New South Wales



Students graduating from the 2009 UNSW Indigenous Winter School.

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relationships to land, the diversity of Indigenous peoples, and contemporary issues within the country.

We offer many courses through a range of disciplines which take on an integrative, cross-disciplinary approach to the understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander lives, cultures and histories. Courses cover areas such as anthropology, Aboriginal language and literature, race relations, politics, religion, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and approaches to knowledge.

Specialist courses in Social Work or Cultural Heritage Management are also available.

The Masters of Indigenous Studies is a new program that offers students an opportunity to explore further issues in depth with a focus on social justice. Significantly reduced fees are available as part of the Commonwealth Supported Places Program, which is available to all students taking this program.

### Studying with Nura Gili will allow you to...

- Develop skills in research, analysis and writing.
- Get to know a range of perspectives on issues facing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Learn about Indigenous peoples around the world and how they have approached the issues raised by colonisation.
- Direct your own future learning needs and career options in areas related to Indigenous policy, welfare, academia, advocacy, history and social sciences.

Please visit the Nura Gili website for further information on ATSI studies and for more detailed descriptions on the courses Nura Gili provides – <http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au/courseinfo.htm>

### The Nura Gili Resource Centre

Are you looking for a space dedicated to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies?

Nura Gili Resource Centre houses a specialist Indigenous collection comprised of more than 20,000 items including books, posters, journals, and audio-visual material.

Many subject areas are covered such as Indigenous history, culture, art, native title, health, social work and education.



Melissa Thorne in the Nura Gili Resource Centre.

### Research is made easy at Nura Gili Resource Centre.

With specialist knowledge of resources and information on Indigenous content, library staff members provide a relevant and timely reference service to students, academic staff, researchers and members of the public.

Owing to the specialised nature of the collection, borrowing is not permitted, but study spaces and the use of audio-visual facilities are available.

### Learn about Indigenous cultures worldwide at the Nura Gili Centre.

Nura Gili Resource Centre houses a collection of core literature on race, ethnicity and Indigenous Cultures to support comparative studies.

**Opening hours of Nura Gili Resource Centre:** Monday-Thursday from 9am-5pm, Friday from 9am-1pm. Closed weekends and public holidays.

### Contact details

Contact Nura Gili at UNSW:

- **Main Number:** (02) 9385 3805
- **Fax:** (02) 9385 3534 / (02) 9385 1062
- **Email:** [nuragili@unsw.edu.au](mailto:nuragili@unsw.edu.au)
- **Web:** [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au)

● **Locations:** Nura Gili is split over three locations all on or in close proximity to each other at the UNSW Kensington Campus.

● **Nura Gili Student Centre:** 47 Botany Street, Randwick, NSW 2031, (corner of Botany and High Streets).

● **Nura Gili Resource Centre:** UNSW Library Basement, entry via Commerce Courtyard (opposite Central Lecture Block), Kensington Campus.

● **Nura Gili Programs Centre:** 26 Botany Street, Randwick, NSW 2031.



At the University of NSW Winter School were Professor Pat Dodson with Thane Browne, Josh Maguire and Zana Sampton. Photo: Marie Keating



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**Tiffany  
Taylor-Champion**

My name is Tiffany Taylor-Champion. I'm 18 years old and from Ceduna, far west coast of South Australia. I am currently a first year student

at the Centre for Aboriginal Studies in Music (CASM). I came to CASM to learn how to read and write music and become more confident with myself as a singer.

Through studying at CASM I have met many people and had the opportunity to perform with fellow students at events around Adelaide. I have enjoyed this year and at the end of my studies I am hoping to have a degree in music. I would recommend any Aboriginal men and women with interests in music to come and study at CASM, because you gain knowledge that is useful for you as an artist and you become a more confident musician.



**Rekeesha Fry**

Hi, my name is Rekeesha Fry. I'm twenty years old and I came from Darwin to the University of Adelaide to do a double degree in International Studies and a BA in Politics. I'm now in my third year.

Sometimes it's hard living away from home, but Wilto Yerlo is a good place for students to meet and support each other, day in, and day out.

I am aware that Indigenous people all over the world have issues similar to us. In the future, I hope to work for the United Nations in the areas of human rights and diplomatic politics. In doing this, I'd like to support aid organisations and also challenge slave labour.

I believe that education brings opportunities and I hope that in gaining my degree, I'm challenging stereotypes and being a role model for my family and others. When I finish my study I know that I'll be opening doors that can lead to endless opportunities and possibilities.



**Glenn Skuthorpe**

My name is Glenn Skuthorpe and I am in my third year of study towards an Associate Diploma in Music at CASM. I come from the

tiny town of Goodooga, New South Wales and lived for many years in Sydney. I have produced three albums and am currently working on my fourth. As well as being nominated for the Deadly's, I have appeared at many well known music and arts festivals around Australia.

CASM has presented me with opportunities to take my musical career in new directions. Through studying at Wilto Yerlo, I have furthered my musical knowledge and education and by undertaking formal studies in music, I hope to teach guitar, mandolin and song writing in the future.

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# Indigenous scholarships are available

**S**URVIVING as a student at university is hard. Surviving as an Indigenous student can often be much harder.

Whilst there are a lot of Indigenous students adapting and excelling in the tertiary setting, many struggle – not just with the studies, but coping with everyday life and the challenges it presents.

Most commonly, it simply comes down to their financial capacity to support themselves through university without it affecting their families and home life.

While scholarships have been around for a long time, they were perceived to be out of reach for a lot of people. The perception stems from the idea that scholarships were for the gifted or for those from a different cultural background.

However, in changing that perception, Edith Cowan University (ECU) recognises that tertiary education should be accessible to all and not out of reach due to financial constraints.

The ECU Indigenous Scholarship is

designed to assist Indigenous Australians with the costs associated with university study and aims to increase higher education participation by Indigenous students from low socio-economic backgrounds

Further information on the ECU Indigenous Scholarship can be obtained by contacting [scholarships@ecu.edu.au](mailto:scholarships@ecu.edu.au) or by phone on (08) 6304 3636.

Applications for next year open on 15 February 2010.

● **PICTURED RIGHT: ECU Arts student Kate West ...** “I have gained a better understanding of contemporary culture and the impact a globalised world has on all of us. Consequently I am more aware of how to create art that is effective in communicating. My experience at ECU was really positive. I found my lecturers to be accessible and supportive. They guided me when I needed them and gave me freedom to express myself.”



“THERE COULD BE AN  
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**WAITING  
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ECU scholarships mean that more people get a fair go at university. The funds are designed to help students pay for the cost of uni life and ECU offer a number of scholarships specifically for Indigenous students. Some are awarded on the basis of financial hardship, community involvement or academic merit. So if you have potential, we might just have the funding to help you reach it.

“My scholarship helped me focus on uni.”

“Being a full-time student means less time for paid work. Obtaining an ECU scholarship has allowed me to spend more time focusing on getting assignments done, researching and preparing for professional practice and less time working to support myself.”

– ECU Indigenous Scholarship recipient, Bianca Corpus

Find out how you can apply for an ECU scholarship. Call 134 ECU (134 328), or visit [www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.ecu.edu.au/scholarships)

ECU students speak for themselves



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# Study in Scotland to help native title

By **DARREN COYNE**

**A** GOOD lawyer should be able to look across the negotiating table and understand the point of view of their opposition, according to native title expert Rhonda Jacobson.

And with the help of a scholarship, the North Queensland Land Council lawyer was able to gain that point of view by completing a Master of Laws in Mineral Law and Policy at the University of Dundee, Scotland.

Now Ms Jacobson is encouraging others to take a shot at the scholarship, which is offered by Rio Tinto and the Federal

Government, and is now worth \$70,000 a year. The scholarship is awarded to two postgraduate students each year, and has been available since 2005, when Ms Jacobson was one of the first to undertake it.

Applications for the next round will open in March 2010.

And to ensure the Australian native title sector benefits from the program, successful candidates must commit to work within a Native Title Representative Body or Native Title Service Provider for a minimum period of two years on their return to Australia.

Ms Jacobson, who was already working as a solicitor in native title, said her time in Scotland was

beneficial on a professional as well as a personal level.

"The Scottish program is the leading mining program in the world. There was nothing of its kind in Australia at the time," she said. "By completing the Masters I was able to come back and focus my professional services to clients, while on a personal level I had the experience of living overseas for 18 months and meeting like-minded students from other countries."

Two Australians, Jonathan Kneebone from the Northern Land Council, and Rob Howstom, from the Kimberley Land Council, are currently studying in Scotland under the scholarship program.



At the University of Ballarat open day were, from left, Shirley Morgan, Katrina Beer and Ben Atkinson.

## Aboriginal Centre busy at Ballarat

**T**HE Aboriginal Education Centre proved one of the most popular places during the University of Ballarat's recent open day.

Good crowds braved cold weather to see what the Victorian university had to offer.

The Aboriginal centre hosted many activities. Among the most popular were demonstrations of traditional basket weaving by

Bronwyn Razem, and a canvas where people could put their handprints.

Centre staff handed out information to potential students, who were encouraged to explore different disciplines.

Organisers said the aim was to provoke thought and create discussion about challenges for those who hope to attend the university next year.




### Scholarships for Aboriginal students

**The RTA is offering scholarships for Aboriginal students studying year 11 or 12 at high school or TAFE in 2010.**

If you're interested in a job in civil engineering or a related field, like surveying or environmental science, why not apply for an RTA scholarship worth up to \$5000?

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**Applications close 2 October 2009.**

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# Reach your potential with GUMURRII

**The GUMURRII Student Support Unit at Griffith University is helping Indigenous students from across the country to achieve their dreams.**

Located on each of the five Griffith campuses, GUMURRII is a dedicated student support unit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Support unit staff can assist students throughout their studies in a broad range of areas including cultural, social, and sporting events, as well as fostering academic success.

GUMURRII head Maureen Ah Sam said students from throughout Australia were enrolling at Griffith University to access the support unit.

"We now have more than 450 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students studying across Griffith's five campuses in a broad range of disciplines," Ms Ah Sam said.

"This unit has the mandate from the community to get our young people through university and start closing the gaps in Indigenous education and health."

If you are interested in enrolling in an undergraduate degree at Griffith University you can apply for entry via the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) or by contacting the university directly.

The GUMURRII Student Support Unit also conducts an Alternate Entry Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people seeking admission to Griffith University.

This Alternative Entry Program is designed for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have not obtained or completed university level courses or TAFE bridging programs.

This program enables GUMURRII to interview Indigenous people seeking admission to assess their formal qualifications, life skills, transferable skills and experience, which have provided them with the adequate skills and experience necessary to undertake tertiary studies.

**For more information, please contact GUMURRII Student Support Unit on (07) 3735 7676 or visit [griffith.edu.au/gumurrii](http://griffith.edu.au/gumurrii)**

## Your future is in your hands.

There's never been a better time to go to university and there's never been better support with Griffith University's GUMURRII Student Support Unit.

### GUMURRII support services include:

- Alternate Entry Program – for school leavers and mature aged people who have not completed university entry level courses or TAFE bridging programs
- Assistance with scholarship application
- Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ITAS).

**To find out about your study options, call (07) 3735 7676 or visit [griffith.edu.au/gumurrii](http://griffith.edu.au/gumurrii)**

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# NITV guide for schools

**N**ITV, in conjunction with The Curriculum Corporation, is distributing a discussion guide for senior English students featuring *Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical – Closing The Gap* to every secondary high school in Australia.

The guide has a copy of the *Hypothetical* program on DVD and a guideline booklet for teachers to guide students to role play their own hypothetical. The purpose of the discussion guideline is to help students develop and demonstrate their understanding of a range of complex issues faced by Indigenous people.

The guide aims to allow students to become aware of the new generation of Indigenous people and hear them speaking about what it means to be an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. It also aims to arm students with the ability to be able to analyse, interpret and critique the program.

"NITV is proud to have partnered with the Curriculum Corporation on this important educational tool for all Australian school students. I hope it will give them a greater understanding of why we as a nation need to close the gap," NITV CEO Patricia Turner said. "This kit will address important

questions and problems for our people. Hopefully it will take us all one step closer to closing the gap through the eyes of Australia's youth – our future leaders."

*Geoffrey Robertson's Hypothetical – Closing The Gap* was commissioned by NITV, and premiered exclusively on the channel on the first anniversary of the Prime Minister's apology to the Stolen Generations – Friday 13 February 2009.

In the program, Geoffrey Robertson QC leads a distinguished panel of decision makers and stakeholders through hypothetical scenarios and interactions.

## Enriching the University experience for Indigenous students

Situated on Wurundjeri land, The Centre for Indigenous Education has played a major role in the success of Indigenous students over many years. The University of Melbourne has a rich history of Indigenous graduates in disciplines including Law, Medicine, Education, History, Criminology, Indigenous Studies, Science, Engineering, Commerce and many more.

These students have gone on to work in places like Oxford University, The Family Court, State and Federal Government, National Australia Bank, Rio Tinto and at the University of Melbourne itself.

Helping drive our students to achieve their very best are the various support services delivered by many of the Indigenous staff and support units across the University.

The Centre for Indigenous Education aims to enrich Indigenous students' learning experience whilst at university through a range of social and academic activities. These include programs designed to help high school students aspire to studying at university level, helping current students link in with local community organisations and providing all the necessary support mechanisms to help them achieve in life after university.

We assist students with:

- Applying to the University
- Structuring their course selection
- One-on-one tutoring via the ITAS program
- Facilitating finding adequate housing within either the residential colleges or the rental market
- Utilising study skills programs throughout the University
- Linking with community organisations
- Applying for cadetships with various organisations

Whether you are in high school, studying a current degree, in the workforce or would like a change to something new, the Centre for Indigenous Education can help you gain a place within your chosen field of study at the University of Melbourne. For further information about the University, what courses are available, how to apply and what financial support is available, please contact the Centre for Indigenous Education and speak to one of our staff.

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Lyndon Ormond-Parker, PhD candidate in the School of Culture and Communications and School of Population Health at the University of Melbourne.



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## Nominations now open for union award

**N**OMINATIONS are now open for the Australian Education Union's annual Arthur Hamilton Award.

The award honours an outstanding contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education for AEU members.

Nominations for the \$1000 award, the winner of which will be announced at next year's AEU annual conference in Melbourne, close on 27 November.

AEU Federal Aboriginal education officer Wayne Costelloe says there are more than 1000 Indigenous AEU members across Australia.

Indigenous members include teachers and principals, administrators and allied educational staff.

Mr Costelloe says the union actively seeks the input of Indigenous members in the development of policy, campaigns and other relevant issues.

The union represents its members industrially and professionally, and lobbies governments on a range of relevant issues.

AEU leaders are also campaigning for the introduction of mandatory Indigenous studies as a minimum requirement for teacher employment throughout Australia.

For more information on the Arthur Hamilton Award and the AEU generally, call (03) 9693 1800 or email [aeu@aeufederal.org.au](mailto:aeu@aeufederal.org.au)



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The Arthur Hamilton Award for Outstanding Contribution to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education is named in honour of Arthur Hamilton, a proud Palawa man, educator and union activist. Arthur passed away in 2004 leaving behind a legacy of a strong consciousness for equity and social justice, cross-cultural awareness, recognition of Indigenous peoples and the elimination of racism within the Australian Education Union and in schools.

The award is in recognition of AEU members who are committed to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students have the right to high quality education throughout their lives. The AEU is dedicated to ensuring that all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have local access to a free, publicly funded education system, which affirms cultural identity, and enables Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to contribute to, and participate in, their own, and broader society.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the AEU by phoning (03) 9693 1800, faxing (03) 9693 1805, or emailing [samg@aeufederal.org.au](mailto:samg@aeufederal.org.au) or can be downloaded from [www.aeufederal.org.au/Atsi/2009AHnomform.pdf](http://www.aeufederal.org.au/Atsi/2009AHnomform.pdf)

**The closing date for nominations is Friday, 27 November 2009.**

The winner will receive a \$1000 prize and all nominees will receive a certificate from the AEU.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sam Graziano, Administrative Officer, or Wayne Costelloe, Federal Aboriginal Education Officer, or visit [www.aeufederal.org.au](http://www.aeufederal.org.au)



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# On the right course

**T**HIRTEEN Indigenous students from around Australia are now undertaking the new Bachelor of Arts (Extended) program at the University of Melbourne.

The BA (Extended) is a new course for Indigenous students whose secondary school results do not allow direct entry to the University of Melbourne's Bachelor of Arts degree. It was launched by the Provost, Professor Peter McPhee, earlier this year.

The BA (Extended) runs over four years as opposed to the regular three-year program. Students benefit from a supported transition to university through the provision of an extra year of study which helps them develop the academic skills needed for success at University.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will have access to specialised academic support through bridging subjects in key areas such as academic literacy, communication and performance, literature, philosophy and environmental studies. These subjects will be taught through the Trinity College Foundation Studies program in co-operation with staff from the university's Faculty of Arts, the Centre for Indigenous



Students undertaking the new Bachelor of Arts (Extended) program at the University of Melbourne with Project Officer Michelle Earthy, front second from left, and, at right, University of Melbourne academics Professor Marcia Langton and Professor Ian Anderson.

Education and the Academic Skills Unit. Students will be supported through the Centre for Indigenous Education, and will reside at one of

the colleges affiliated with the University of Melbourne. Funding is provided through the residential cost option initiative of Abstudy,

or through College scholarships.

Students who are admitted to the BA (Extended) and successfully complete the first two

bridging years will progress into the regular Bachelor of Arts course in their third year.

Building on the solid foundation of a Bachelor of Arts degree, students can go on to begin a career and enter the workforce, undertake an honours program or embark on a professional graduate program.

Associate Professor Marion Campbell, Director of Academic Programs in the Faculty, says the program is an exciting initiative that combines the academic excellence of Melbourne Arts with the Trinity College Foundation Studies expertise in preparing diverse cohorts of students for university entry.

She says the Centre for Indigenous Education is excellently positioned to provide specialised student support for this new cohort of Indigenous students.

"The course is a unique experience and provides a great opportunity for students to immerse themselves in University life," she says.

● Michelle Earthy is currently seeking candidates for the Bachelor of Arts Extended for 2010. For more information call her on (03) 8344 5330 or email: [mearth@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:mearth@unimelb.edu.au)

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Australian Catholic University offers flexible undergraduate study programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The programs are community-based and involve attendance at residential blocks supplemented by study at home to enable you to work in your local community while you study.

COURSE	COURSE DESCRIPTION	DURATION	CAMPUS
<b>EDUCATION</b>			
Associate Degree in Indigenous Education	Qualify with skills in teaching and a pathway into the Bachelor of Education. You will be eligible to work as an Aboriginal Education Assistant (AEA), in community liaison and as a community education counsellor.	2.5 years full-time mixed mode	Brisbane Strathfield
Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education	Qualify with skills in teaching children in a prior to school setting and a pathway into the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood).	2.5 years full-time mixed mode	Brisbane Strathfield
Bachelor of Education (Primary) Indigenous Studies	Qualify as a generalist primary teacher with a particular focus on Indigenous education. You will be eligible to teach primary students in Catholic, independent and state schools.	2.5 years full-time mixed mode plus Associate Degree (or equivalent)	Brisbane Strathfield
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)	Qualify to teach children from prior to school settings such as long day care and pre-school and the early years of school to the end of primary school. You will be eligible to teach primary students in Catholic, independent and state schools.	2.5 years full-time mixed mode plus Associate Degree (or equivalent)	Brisbane Strathfield
Bachelor of Teaching (Early Childhood)	Qualify to teach in prior to school setting in NSW and ACT, including kindergartens, pre-schools and childcare centres.	1.5 years full-time mixed mode plus Associate Degree (or equivalent)	Brisbane Strathfield
Bachelor of Teaching/ Bachelor of Arts (Indigenous Studies)	Qualify to teach two of the following secondary school subjects literature, history, Indigenous studies, society and culture or religious education. You will be eligible to teach secondary students in Catholic, independent and state schools.	5 years full-time	Strathfield
<b>BUSINESS</b>			
Associate Degree in Business Administration (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies)	Qualify with skills in business communications (including computer skills), organisational and workplace studies and effective management practices. Career opportunities include business administration (both public and private) and community service areas.	2 years full-time, mixed mode	Brisbane

## Indigenous Support

The University has four on-campus Indigenous Support Units working across six campuses that provide social, cultural, personal and academic support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. The Units also liaise with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and are committed to providing an Indigenous perspective at Australian Catholic University through advocacy, research and consultancy.

For more information contact your local Indigenous Support Unit:

Weemala (Brisbane) 07 3623 7195  
Yalbalinga (Sydney) 02 9701 4258  
Dhara Daramoolan (Canberra) 02 6209 1222  
Jimbaayer (Melbourne) 03 9953 3004  
Email: [futurestudents@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudents@acu.edu.au)



# Designs on the future



Gilimbaa founder David Williams, a former student at QUT.

A UNIQUE service is getting the use of Aboriginal art right for clients who want to communicate well with an Indigenous Australian audience.

David Williams, who graduated from QUT in 2005 with a Bachelor of Music, is the creative director of Indigenous design agency Gilimbaa, which specialises in individualised and culturally appropriate communication design.

Mr Williams, who is an accomplished didgeridoo player and visual artist, began the agency early in 2008 after the West Australian Government discovered him through an art sales website he ran during his university degree and commissioned him to create a logo and artwork for an Indigenous service.

## Born

Mr Williams took on a general manager to help him undertake the project, and Gilimbaa was born.

He said that Gilimbaa provided a full design service, producing culturally appropriate communication material for clients, which ranged from government and community organisations to corporate bodies working to deliver their reconciliation action plans.

"We saw a need to provide highly effective, culturally

appropriate design, especially for government," Mr Williams said.

"People throw something that looks Indigenous on their promotional material, but not knowing their target, may use imagery that has no ties to the language group they are trying to communicate with.

"They may misunderstand Indigenous culture and how to represent it, which can cause offence."

Mr Williams said it was very important to understand cultural protocol.

"For example, if you are trying to relate to a group of people in a particular area, it would be culturally insensitive to use design and motifs from different places in Australia," he said.

Mr Williams, who is the Gilimbaa creative director and a visual artist, said that as a descendant of the Wakka Wakka people of south-east Queensland, he would always liaise with Elders and local artists when undertaking design projects for other locations, to ensure he got the message right.

"Gilimbaa is a Wakka Wakka word that means 'today'," he said.

"We are telling the traditions and stories of yesterday with the technology of today for the people of tomorrow." – by Rachael Wilson

## Centre for Indigenous Education and Research

Australian Catholic University (ACU National) is a leader in Indigenous education, with a demonstrated commitment to Indigenous Australians through the provision of suitable programs and culturally appropriate, safe and respectful practices and services.

The University's Centre for Indigenous Education and Research (CIER) aims to build upon this commitment by becoming a centre of excellence in Indigenous education, policy development and practice, research and scholarship and community engagement.

The University has Indigenous Higher Education Units across all campuses that administer CIER activities:

- Yalbalinga (Place of Learning) North Sydney Campus and Strathfield Campus, New South Wales
- Weemala (Distant View) Brisbane Campus, Queensland
- Jim-baa-yer (To Learn) Melbourne Campus and Ballarat Campus, Victoria
- Dhara Daramoolan (Earth, Spirit) Canberra Campus, Australian Capital Territory

Each Indigenous Higher Education Unit provides education programs and appropriate cultural, personal and academic support in an environment which promotes positive Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

The University is seeking qualified, passionate individuals who would like to be part of CIER's growing team of academic, research and support staff.

### Administration Assistant: Dhara Daramoolan

This role provides administrative support to the unit. As a key member of Dhara Daramoolan you will perform a range of duties which will support the day to day operations of the unit.

### Student Support Officer: Weemala

This role provides academic, cultural and personal support and advice to prospective and enrolled Indigenous students. You will work with other specialist areas of the University to enhance the student experience and achieve the desired student outcomes.

### Administrative Officer: Weemala

This role provides coordination and administrative support to the away from base projects offered at the Brisbane Campus. As a key member of the Weemala unit you will also perform a range of administrative functions to support day to day operations.

### How to Apply:

Obtain an information package and selection criteria from the ACU National careers website: [www.acu.edu.au/careers](http://www.acu.edu.au/careers)

Applicants should apply online.

Australian Catholic University is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Future Opportunities

CIER will be expanding its activities in education and research in the future. If you are interested in seeking employment in an academic, researcher, professional or administrative role you are encouraged to lodge an expression of interest for future consideration.

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Social Work degree holder Karina Hall (right), with fellow UQ Indigenous students John Tapp (Arts/Laws), Rhiann Sue See (Psychological Science), Mareshah Bowie (Laws) and Matthew Anderson (Arts/Psychological Science).

# Firm believer in the value of a social work degree

**K**ARINA Hall believes that a social work degree can open many doors. Having graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor of Social Work from The University of Queensland, Karina was successful in obtaining a position in the Whole of Government Graduate Policy Officer Program.

"The graduate policy program was a fantastic experience," she said. "It involved working across three different government departments over a

12-month period. The program enabled me to gain valuable skills in creating and changing policy.

"Out of 700 applicants, I was the only social worker!"

Social work is an exciting and rewarding career for those interested in working with people, and in addressing social and community issues and problems.

Social workers play a key role in developing a society based on social justice, in alleviating disadvantage, and

stimulating action to change the social circumstances of individuals and groups who are socially excluded.

Through the program, Karina also had the opportunity to work in community recovery, helping storm victims in Brisbane.

## Part-time volunteer

Karina is a part-time volunteer at Lifeline. She believes the most important thing when writing policy is to still be in touch with the front line.

"In my view, having a Social Work degree has opened so many doors," she said. "The degree is so diverse that it allows you to move around within the human service area and you can never be bored or stuck in one mundane job. So I pat myself on the back constantly for choosing to be a social worker... I love it!"

For more details, contact UQ's School of Social Work and Human Services, email [swahs@social.uq.edu.au](mailto:swahs@social.uq.edu.au), call (07) 3365 2068 or visit [www.uq.edu.au/swahs](http://www.uq.edu.au/swahs)

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- **Alternative Entry** – assists applicants who want to pursue tertiary education
- **Student Support** – assists students with personal and academic advice, counselling and referrals, computer access and student facilities
- **Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme** – available to students seeking extra instruction and particularly valuable for new students making their transition to tertiary study
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Bachelor of Arts (Aboriginal Studies), Bachelor of Social Science (Human Services)

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- TRACKS students can apply for UNE scholarships
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- Advice on scholarships and cadetships
- Access to study facilities

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**Want more information?**

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# Danica loves hairdressing

**F**OR as long as she can remember, 18-year-old Danica Kerrison has dreamed of becoming a hairdresser.

Now she has come a long way towards realising her ambition, graduating last year with a Certificate II in Hairdressing through the Riverina Institute's Wagga Wagga campus.

"Ever since I was little I practiced on Barbie dolls. I love all of it, it's just great," she said. "I always knew this is what I wanted to do."

The Deniliquin (southern NSW) woman is now completing her Certificate III while getting hands-on work experience at a local salon, but she said it had been a financial struggle.

That's why her recent success as the recipient of the TAFE NSW Youth Encouragement Award came at just the right time.

"The award has not only given me a boost but contributed towards the cost of my toolkit which was \$800," Danica said.

"Because of my living situation, I'm not entitled to any student payments and so it's been really hard."

**Skills**

The student, who will travel to Wagga Wagga for her final block of practical training, said she was looking forward to putting her skills to use in a salon.

"I enjoy the hands-on work experience at the practical sessions in Wagga," she said.

"I've really enjoyed all elements, like doing sets and the colouring. I love to be learning new things."

In addition to the practical training, Danica said the experience she was getting at Vogue Hair Design in Deniliquin had been invaluable.

"I love working there, it's a busy and interesting environment and I'm learning a lot," she said.

Danica's goal now is to secure an apprenticeship with a local hairdressing salon.

"I would really like the opportunity to work for a local business and show them what talent I have," she said.

Riverina Institute Aboriginal Programs



**Danica Kerrison is pursuing her dreams of becoming a hairdresser and was recently awarded the NSW TAFE Youth Encouragement Award.**

Co-ordinator Karen Wilson said Danica was a worthy recipient of the 2009 Youth Encouragement Award.

"Danica is a local Aboriginal girl who has a great work ethic and determination

to succeed," Ms Wilson said.

"She is proactive and goal-orientated and I know she will be successful. She would be a great asset to any local business willing to support her."

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For information on Ngarara Willim Centre, please visit [rmit.edu.au/ngarara](http://rmit.edu.au/ngarara) or call 1800 054 885 to speak to a friendly staff member.





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# Jarro proud to serve on QUT Council

**N**EWLY-appointed QUT Council member Nathan Jarro feels as though he has never left QUT.

After graduating in law and business from QUT in 1999 Mr Jarro, a Brisbane-based barrister, has maintained a continuous association by tutoring law students through the Oodgeroo Unit and lecturing on occasion.

With a practice in civil law, Mr Jarro advocates mainly in commercial and administrative cases as well as family law and child protection cases.

His role as tutor of some of QUT's 30 Indigenous law students and, lately, mentor to those whom he has tutored and have since graduated gives him

immense satisfaction in helping young Indigenous people to succeed.

"I like the teaching side, particularly when I'm helping Aboriginal students to gain a degree," Mr Jarro said.

"Some of the students have a desire to work for the Aboriginal or Islander cause and some want to work in government or in the private sphere as ordinary people doing ordinary things."

Mr Jarro said they all wanted to increase Indigenous people's participation in mainstream society and to improve the ratio of Indigenous people with a tertiary education.

When lecturing in the subject Indigenous Legal Issues, Mr Jarro says he always aims to

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"I want them to become more aware after lectures, to have something to think about that helps bring about a change in their thinking and approach," he said. "I teach how to communicate with Indigenous witnesses and clients. There are students who when they go out to practise might come across an Indigenous witness or client, but there are many who won't."

"I have a soft spot for QUT and in particular the Oodgeroo Unit and the law faculty.

"It may sound corny, but I am deeply honoured to serve on the Council. It gives me the opportunity to actively participate in QUT's future direction."

**QUT Council member Nathan Jarro ... "I like the teaching side, particularly when I'm helping Aboriginal students to gain a degree."**



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# Turning sentiment into substance

**T**HERE has been a lot of talk recently about 'Closing the Gap'. It often seems to be a term that is bandied around without consideration of what it actually means in real terms.

Booroongen Djugun College, based at Kempsey in northern NSW, believes it has been actively minimising the gap for Aboriginal Australians for the past 15 years.

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When Booroongen Djugun College makes a commitment it delivers,

Ms Yarnold says.

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The latest public recognition took place this month, with the college winning 'Outstanding Aboriginal Achievement' in the Macleay Argus Business Awards. The criterion for this award included that the nominee must be recognised for outstanding community achievement; that involvement with local initiatives will have benefited the wider community and achieved positive outcomes; that the work will have bridged the gap between the Aboriginal and wider community by committing to practical solutions; and that the nominee is seen as a role model in the region.

Criteria such as these are demonstrated daily at Booroongen Djugun College, while it continues to close the gap, by turning sentiment into substance. — submitted by Booroongen Djugun College.



Booroongen Djugun Board member Phillip Ballangarry accepts the AES Outstanding Aboriginal Achievement Award from Kempsey AES Manager Tintinara Duroux.

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Speakers at this year's National Indigenous Education Conference, in Tasmania, include, from left, Tom Calma, Colleen Hayward and Tiga Bayles.

# Focus on closing gap

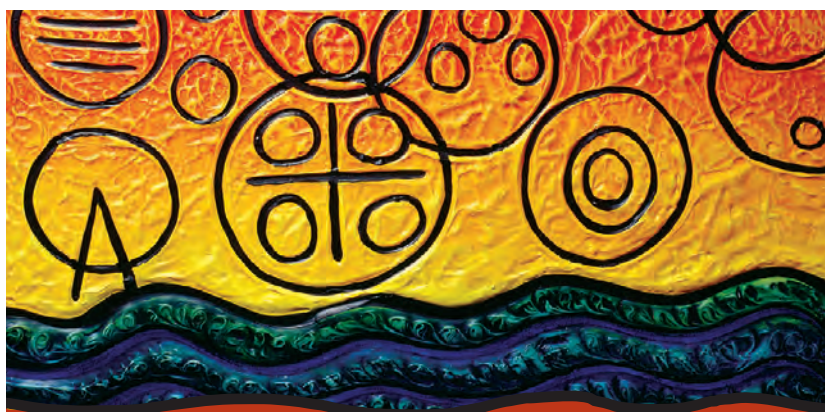
**U**P TO 450 delegates from around Australia are expected to attend the 5th National Indigenous Education Conference, being held this year in Hobart, Tasmania. Closing the education gap is a major focus for the conference, which has attracted a range of high-profile keynote speakers covering broad areas of education.

Social Justice Commissioner Tom

Calma, Murri School founder and Indigenous broadcasting leader Tiga Bayles, and top Canadian educator Dr Lorna Williams are the keynote speakers. Other leaders in their fields will speak in Schooling, Training and Higher Education streams at the conference. Convenor Greg Lehman says there is a strong national focus on Indigenous education.

"The 2009 National Indigenous Education Conference aims to build on the success of the previous conference held in Newcastle (NSW) in 2006, as well as last year's World Indigenous People's Conference on Education," he said. "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." More than 100 presentations are already on the program. **● The conference is from 22-25 November at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart. Full details are printed on this page.**



## 5th National Indigenous Education Conference

*Strength in Community: Closing the Gap*

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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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### Who should attend

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

### Daily themes

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

### Daily sub-themes

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

### Keynote Speakers

- Tom Calma
- Dr Lorna Williams
- Tiga Bayles

### Schooling Stream

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

### Training Stream

- Margaret Brown
- Linden Coombes
- Danny Lester

### Higher Education Stream

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

### Important dates

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



# Out to make a difference

**P**ASSIONATE about nurturing young Indigenous talent and already working part-time at Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, April Long is determined to make a difference.

University, let alone a law degree, was never on the cards for April.

Year 10 was a 'difficult time' for the Gumbangii student from Narara Darkinjung land on the Central Coast of NSW, and her first application to Nura Gili Winter School at the University of NSW was unsuccessful.

But rather than let this get her down, April became determined to carve out her path to university.

"Not being accepted actually made me more determined to go to university, to apply myself to my studies," she said.

"Thanks to the support of my school and community, I reapplied to Nura Gili for their pre-law program with a

stronger application and positive attitude and got in."

Now, in her third year of a Bachelor of Laws/Arts degree at UNSW, April is one of a minority of Indigenous students studying law at a university level.

On top of her studies in law, sociology and Indigenous studies, April is working one day a week as a paralegal at Gilbin + Tobin Lawyers.

## Program

This paid work experience is part of the National Indigenous Cadetship Program, an initiative aimed at improving the employment prospects of Indigenous students through organised work placements, mentoring and financial assistance.

"I am learning a lot and developing some very positive and useful networks, but I'm also endeavouring to bring an Indigenous perspective to corporate law practice," she said.

For April, it is critical for more Indigenous students to study and work in the field of law.

"As Indigenous students working in law, we are actively challenging the stereotypes that colonisation has created, stereotypes that are very much alive today," she says.

Outside the classroom, April is involved in many activities to 'nurture some of the amazing talent that us young Indigenous Australians possess'.

In her spare time she assists with the supervision of students at Nura Gili Winter School. She is also involved with a community outreach program that brings together Indigenous and other youth.

Walama Muru, a joint initiative between Nura Gili and the UNSW student union ARC, organises student volunteers to visit Indigenous communities, share in the local culture and assist in community development projects.



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Kalgoorlie Goldfields Visitor Centre Aboriginal tourism trainee Jamie-Lee Luckett with her award.



# Praise aplenty for top trainee

**K**ALGOORLIE Goldfields Visitor Centre Aboriginal tourism trainee Jamie-Lee Luckett has taken out the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Chamber of Commerce and Industry 2009 Trainee of the Year Award.

A delighted Mrs Luckett said she was happy to be nominated by her employer and extremely proud to have her achievements recognised by the business community.

Mrs Luckett is one of the 13 Aboriginal trainees studying the

Certificate III in Tourism.

"My whole experience as a trainee has been wonderful and opened a whole range of different opportunities for me," she said.

Mrs Luckett recently completed her external studies through Central TAFE in Perth and was hailed by her lecturer, Linda Kommer, as 'a wonderful trainee who has always submitted her work ahead of the required deadlines and consistently to a high standard'.

Since winning the award, Mrs Luckett has received many letters of congratulations and encouragement from business owners throughout the Goldfields region of Western Australia.

Kalgoorlie Goldfields Visitor Centre Manager Danielle Robertson said: "Jamie Lee is a wonderful asset to the centre and a testament to the success of the Indigenous traineeship initiatives being developed and supported by Tourism WA."

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Institute Director Jo Pyne said the program, which started this year, was a welcome addition to TAFE's range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs.

"A program such as this provides great opportunities for Indigenous people," she said.

"There is really great talent in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities and this program is designed to nurture students and transform their raw talent into professional performing arts careers."

The Certificate III level program serves as a pathway course, with graduates eligible to pursue further study in acting or dancing, or step straight into entry-level employment.

"We know the next Leah Purcell or Aaron Pederson could come from our region and it's important we provide mechanisms for encouraging and supporting Indigenous students to step up to professional performance careers," Ms Pyne said.

"This new program replaces the Indigenous dance course and offers a much wider scope of opportunity for participants."



Preparing for the program are TAFE Indigenous performing arts teacher Monica Stevens, left, and Shalicia Mallie, while Amelia Sam, left, and Maria Sagigi practice dance moves in the background.

The performing arts program is offered in two formats – one for high school students and another for full-time students.

Expressions of interest are now open for the 2010 program, to be held at the Cairns TAFE campus.

For more information on the Certificate III in Performing Arts, contact TAFE on 1300 656 959 or visit [www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au](http://www.tnqit.tafe.qld.gov.au)

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# Zonta funds bursary



Katherine Williams is a previous recipient of the Zonta and UQ Bursary for Australian Indigenous Women. Photo: Stewart Gould

**T**HERE are only a few days left for University of Queensland students to apply for the Zonta Bursary for Australian Indigenous Women.

Members of the Zonta Breakfast Club of Brisbane Inc and the Zonta Club of Brisbane Inc, with the assistance of UQ's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit, will again unite through the project.

Zonta is a global organisation with a mission to advance the status of women through service and advocacy.

Previous award recipient Katherine Williams, who is currently in her first year of a Masters of Clinical Psychology degree, credits the award with expanding her support network.

Ms Williams moved to Brisbane about five years ago to pursue university studies.

Not only did the award offer much-needed financial assistance during Ms Williams' Honours year, but it also allowed her to meet other individuals who became her confidantes and ongoing pillars of support.

Ms Williams said she hoped to use the skills gained within her course to assist with targeting

substance abuse in Indigenous communities.

"Indigenous students, and in particular Indigenous women, are largely under-represented at university and Zonta bursaries help address this," she said.

"I firmly believe the attraction and retention of Indigenous students is key to making a difference and 'closing the gap' and Zonta helps make this possible.

"My grandmother never had access to the opportunities I have.

**'I firmly believe the attraction and retention of Indigenous students is key to making a difference and 'closing the gap' and Zonta helps make this possible'**

I am grateful I have those opportunities."

Zonta Breakfast Club of Queensland Inc President Judi Hutchison said the bursary provided an opportunity for students to be mentored and opened pathways to education, training and employment to assist in the development of their career.

"From Zonta's perspective it gives us a better understanding of

the cultural issues facing Indigenous students and contributes to society by closing the obvious gap with the disproportionate number of Indigenous professionals," she said.

"It is the ripple effect which hopefully can produce a societal change.

"With the combined efforts of both the Brisbane Club Inc and Brisbane Breakfast Clubs, the bursary's future can be continued through support, fundraising and guidance of members."

The bursary is open to UQ Indigenous women students, in any course, who have completed 16 units of study towards their degree at the university by the start of the award.

Two students will be offered the bursary of \$1000 a semester for two semesters of the 2010 academic year (\$2000 a student in total).

Students can obtain an application for the bursary from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies Unit office in August 2009. Applications close 25 September.

For more information on Zonta visit [www.zonta.org](http://www.zonta.org)

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# Imagining a different future for Indigenous Australia

**T**HE bicentenary of Charles Darwin's birth, 2009, could also mark the end of social Darwinism in Australia.

But, according to a leading sociologist, an alternative story of country and race requires a new mindset in which the evolutionary gaze was reversed from the Indigenous to the non-Indigenous.

Senior Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Tasmania Dr Maggie Walter said she believed that such a shift would require a re-imagining of non-Indigenous self-concept and belongingness.

Dr Walter, a Trawlwoolway woman from Tasmania, said her presentation at the upcoming Charles Darwin Symposium would develop this idea by contrasting certain eras of Darwinian influence: the 1830s and 1840s, and the 1990s and 2000s with a different vision for 2010 onwards.

"In February 1836, when Darwin visited what was known to the Europeans as Van

Diemen's Land, he had no or little contact with Aboriginal people," Dr Walter said.

"By then the last traditional people were imprisoned and dying at Wybalenna on Flinders Island in the Bass Strait.

"If we fast forward to 2009 and imagine Darwin revisiting, again his Aboriginal

people remained locked in what she referred to as the domain of Aboriginality.

"Darwin's work rationalised the Tasmanian destruction post-event via the concepts of evolutionary inevitabilities and Social Darwinism and Darwin himself contributed by requesting Tasmanian

with the pivotal re-imagining of the account of non-Indigenous involvement of interaction and relating to country, perceptions of Australia's identity and conceptions of fit within the land and its heritage," Dr Walter said.

"Indigenous understandings and peoples are inevitably central to these imaginings."

Dr Walter will present her paper, 'The then and now of Social Darwinism for Indigenous Australia: Imagining a different future', as a part of the Charles Darwin Symposium, Charles Darwin: Shaping our Science, Society and Future.

The Symposium is a joint activity of Charles Darwin University and the Northern Territory Government.

The three-day symposium will run from 22-24 September

at the Darwin Convention Centre. The symposium is free, but prior online registration is required for catering. To register and for more information visit [www.cdu.edu.au/cdss2009/](http://www.cdu.edu.au/cdss2009/)



**'The shift in thinking I propose reverses the discourses of evolutionary inevitabilities with the pivotal re-imagining of the account of non-Indigenous involvement of interaction and relating to country, perceptions of Australia's identity and conceptions of fit within the land and its heritage' – Dr Maggie Walter**

contact would likely be sparse."

Dr Walter said that with the exception of dot paintings and anthropological curiosity, 'the Indigenous' was absent from the nation's view of itself and Indigenous

skulls," she said.

But the question still remains of how could the post-2010 era be different?

"The shift in thinking I propose reverses the discourses of evolutionary inevitabilities

## Study opportunities at Charles Darwin University



**DANIEL TEDCASTLE:** "By completing the IAEF I now have the opportunity to turn my love of sport into a career by studying a Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science."

**I**NDIGENOUS students will have more opportunity to study for a degree at Charles Darwin University via the university's Indigenous Alternative Entry Program (IAEP).

The program recognises candidates on their individual merits and takes into account applicants' existing skills, work experience and capacity for tertiary study in order to make a recommendation for the best study pathway to help them achieve their educational goals.

The program, which will run over two days, is an initiative of CDU's Indigenous Academic Support Unit (IASU).

### Succeed

Co-ordinator for the IASU Roz Anderson said the process was designed to assess an applicant's capacity to undertake study at first-year degree level as well as identify any particular educational strengths and weaknesses that needed to be addressed for them to succeed in their studies.

"During the program, students are provided with lots of useful information about the university in

terms of preparing themselves for study; what support is available to them; and what scholarships they can apply for," Ms Anderson said.

The next IAEF will take place at CDU's Casuarina campus (Gurubey) on 10-11 November 2009. A second IAEF will be conducted at Alice Springs campus (Akaltie) on 25-26 November, 2009.

Applying for the IAEF is an easy process and prospective students should contact the IASU for an application form.

Application forms must be completed and returned as soon as possible to the program co-ordinator.

Eligible students may be able to access financial assistance to travel to Darwin or Alice Springs to participate in the IAEF. Applications must be received at least six weeks beforehand to allow for travel arrangements to be made.

For more information about the IAEF, contact Betty Ah Kit on 08 8946 6640 at Gurubey or Lorraine St Clair on 08 8959 5411 at Akaltie, Indigenous Academic Support.



**SAMANTHA FRY:** "Successfully completing the IAEF allowed me to start a three-year degree in Environmental Science which I am really enjoying."

**For more information visit [www.cdu.edu.au/iasu](http://www.cdu.edu.au/iasu)**



# Top courses on offer

**G**NIBI College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University offers courses from diploma level through to Masters and PhD level, with specialist study areas including trauma and healing, community recovery and working with Indigenous communities.

It offers a range of flexible study options, with many courses able to be studied via distance education or combined with short duration on-campus blocks of study.

If you want to study a course which fosters your abilities and competence in the process of working with groups and communities in distress, then the new Diploma in Community Recovery is the course for you. It will be offered for the first time during the summer teaching session starting on 2 November 2009 and also in 2010.

The diploma has been developed as a specific response to issues of community distress – from high human conflict to environmental disaster – and is designed to assist in community reconstruction and recovery. While open to general enrolments, the diploma has been specifically crafted for Indigenous people who may not have considered university education, but are seeking skills for community service delivery. It has been designed to be delivered 'on the ground' and is strongly focused on exploring the processes of effective community engagement.

Already 10 members of the Boggabilla, NSW, Aboriginal community have enrolled in the diploma and it is anticipated Aboriginal people from other communities will also enrol.



**Director of the Gnibi College of Indigenous Australian Peoples at Southern Cross University Professor Judy Atkinson, at left, leads a healing circle workshop with members of the Kalumburu community in Western Australia.**

This is a university entry-level course which can articulate into the Bachelor of Indigenous Studies (Trauma and Healing) and the Master of Indigenous Studies (Wellbeing) and post-graduate research.

The Master of Indigenous Studies degree is designed to generate a greater

understanding of Indigenous world views and an awareness of working with individuals around trauma.

Candidates develop an appreciation of contemporary social and cultural issues in the context of Indigenous peoples' histories, values and ways of living.

Graduates will have developed the skill and knowledge required to work across a wide range of sectors including health services, education and training, paralegal and social work, environmental management, humanities and the arts.

Another new course offering from Gnibi College is the Graduate Certificate in Working with Indigenous Communities. The first intake for this course is in November 2009 and it will also be offered in 2010.

"This course has been developed to provide people working with or within Indigenous communities an opportunity to focus on and improve their individual and organisational capacity, to help improve the socio-economic outcomes for those communities," said Gnibi Head of School Glenn Woods.

"The course is built around best practice processes from both a critical theory and practical theory perspective and follows extensive consultation I have had with workers at several Indigenous communities to find out exactly what their professional needs are, and what they believe to be essential in a 'best practice' course.

"In developing the course we have been careful not to duplicate what is offered by other tertiary institutions but to provide a course which can be tailor-made to suit individual requirements through the selection of units covering aspects as diverse as law, education, health, trauma and healing, and community recovery."

To find a course to suit you, or for more information about all courses, visit [www.scu.edu.au/Gnibi](http://www.scu.edu.au/Gnibi)

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# Engineering anyone?

**W**HAT better way to discover engineering as a university course and career than experiencing it first hand?

The University of New South Wales (UNSW) will host the 13th Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School (IAESS) in January next year, and will give Indigenous students about to enter Year 11 and Year 12 the chance to do just that.

Established by not-for-profit group Engineering Aid Australia, the IAESS is a unique opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to discover the benefits of the engineering profession, to meet engineering role models, and to gain insights into the excitement and opportunities engineering offers and the benefits it provides to our communities.

The five-day live-in summer school is packed with engineering activities and site visits. For Leon Oriti, who attended IAESS in 2007, the summer school was 'a highly informative and enjoyable eye-opening experience'.

Leon was flown from his home town of Perth to Sydney for a week, all expenses paid, to get a taste of life as a university student, and discover where an engineering degree could take him.

It was a week that changed his life: Leon went on to enroll in an Electrical Engineering degree at UNSW. Of the 20 students who attended the 2007 Summer School with Leon, nine

students (including two women) have enrolled at university courses across Australia.

Currently in his second year, Leon looks forward to mentoring the next Summer School.

The IAESS sponsors include engineering companies, government departments and private donors. All see the immense benefit in introducing young Indigenous people to engineering.

## Thankful

Parsons Brinckerhoff Managing Director Dr Jim Mantle is thankful to Engineering Aid Australia for their efforts to encourage Indigenous Australians to consider engineering as a career.

"When the Summer School started in 1998 there were only a handful of Indigenous engineers – the aim was to address this under-representation," he said.

By 2007, 23 of the Summer School's students had graduated as qualified engineers looking forward to an exciting, fulfilling career.

● **The 13th Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School is hosted by UNSW. It will take place from Sunday 17 January to Sunday 24 January in Sydney. For more information and to download a brochure, visit [www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess](http://www.eng.unsw.edu.au/iaess). Applications close on Monday 9 November.**



Engineering student Leon Oriti with Indigenous Australian Engineering Summer School Patron former Prime Minister Bob Hawke.



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# Scholarship helps Kurtis

**T**HE Indigenous Postgraduate Supplementary Scholarships offered by The University of Western Australia (UWA) have made postgraduate research possible for a growing number of Indigenous students.

Twenty-eight students are currently enrolled in postgraduate degrees at UWA, including 12 PhD enrolments and 12 coursework or research Masters degree enrolments.

Kurtis Leslie is enrolled in a Master of Education and employed as a lecturer at UWA's School of Indigenous Studies. He completed his undergraduate degree in Science (Exercise and Health Science) at UWA, followed by a Graduate Diploma in Education before teaching at Eastern Goldfields College in Kalgoorlie for two years.

Returning to Perth, he started employment as a lecturer in the Aboriginal Orientation Course at the School of Indigenous Studies

in 2006. In the past four years, Kurtis has taught Human Biology in the Orientation Course as well as lectured and tutored in the Aboriginal Education unit in the Graduate Diploma of Education for the last three years.

Kurtis has also been actively involved in the recruitment of new Indigenous students, running activities at university for high school students and assisting with Year 8 Discovery Days.

## Achievements

He co-ordinated the Year 9 Science camp in 2009 and has co-ordinated and lectured in the Aboriginal Pre-Medicine/Pre-Dentistry course for the past three years.

His academic achievements, teaching and lecturing experience, and involvement with new Indigenous students have all contributed to his commitment to research into Indigenous education.

A semester of exchange at the University of Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 2008 provided Kurtis with the opportunity to study 'culturally responsive curriculum' in education units such as Issues in Native American Education and Teaching the Native American Child.

The exchange experience provided comparative background for Kurtis' research investigating curriculum development and improving outcomes for Indigenous students in Australia. This includes looking at ways of improving the quality of experience and preparing Indigenous students for the university culture.

Other Indigenous Studies staff at UWA who are enrolled in postgraduate studies include Jeromy Harvey (MBA) and Blaze Kwaymullina (PhD). Amber Kwaymullina, a lecturer in the UWA Law School, is also enrolled in a PhD.



**Kurtis Leslie ... enrolled in a Master of Education course and employed as a lecturer at UWA's School of Indigenous Studies.**

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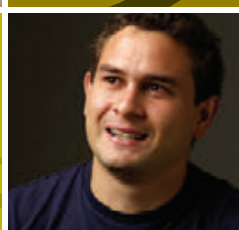
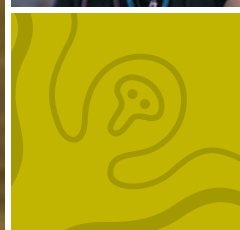
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# A new future is born

**A** LIFE-CHANGING experience led Melanie Briggs to studying the Bachelor of Midwifery at UTS.

"My best friend gave birth to my godson and I was at the birth. It was the most amazing experience that I have ever been involved in and that's why I decided to become a midwife. It changed my life completely," she says.

"I knew I didn't want to work in admin for the rest of my life, but I guess it just takes that one thing to change something. It is a good change."

Ms Briggs is pleased she made the switch from her administration job despite the challenges involved.

"Not having a nursing background made the first year difficult with medical terminology, but you get used to it after a year or so," she said.

As an Indigenous student, Ms Briggs is stunned by the death rate of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in childbirth.

"We have the highest death rate in regards to childbirth," she said. "The need to prevent disease and increase (awareness around) health issues in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities should be a priority for everyone to ensure our culture will exist in 100 years."

The UTS Faculty of Nursing, Midwifery and Health admits five Indigenous students to the course annually, out of the total intake of 50-60 students.

"I feel very privileged and very proud that I've made it through. I think it's a great honour and I hope I can inspire other young Aboriginal girls."

Ms Briggs enjoys learning about the body in relation to childbirth and the practical experience of the degree.

In third year, students spend one week at university and the remaining weeks of the month working in the hospital three days a week.

"I love hands-on. I prefer practical over theory ... hands-on



**UTS midwifery student Melanie Briggs ... "My best friend gave birth to my godson and I was at the birth. It was the most amazing experience that I have ever been involved in and that's why I decided to become a midwife. It changed my life completely."**

helps things stick in my head," Ms Briggs said.

She is also undertaking a cadetship during her semester

holidays. "I work 12 weeks of the year full-time. It is great experience. I'm lucky because I am pretty far ahead in just about

every aspect of the clinical side," Ms Briggs said.

"I am pretty confident because I've got more clinical practice."

"I think it is a lot better in the third year because you get more clinical time and everything that you've learnt over the last two years at uni all comes together in the last year."

"You don't think that it will, but it does."

Ms Briggs has found the services at UTS very supportive, especially Jumbunna, The Indigenous House of Learning at UTS.

"Jumbunna is really excellent in supporting students. If we didn't have that we wouldn't be able to get our assignments in because they've got computers up there as well. It's a really good service," she said.

Ms Briggs has learnt a lot from the academic staff at UTS.

"The lecturers at the university do a lot of research and I think it's really great to see that maternity is changing and evolving each year," she said.

"The lecturers are also very supportive of your views and ideas within maternity and make it easy for you to enjoy your learning experiences."

Now in her third and final year of the degree, Ms Briggs is hoping to gain a graduate position in the Malabar Midwifery Program at the Royal Hospital for Women. The program was created to target Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families.

Ms Briggs' advice for potential university students? "You need support, at home, at uni, everywhere. You just need it. If you don't have it then it's easy to drop out and give up."

"There should be support programs in place for Indigenous students like Jumbunna to assist with accommodation and the financial stuff."

"University is challenging, but studying something that you love and being able to plan for your future helps get you through the hard and difficult times at uni."

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— By Tess Bennett

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# Education, research thriving in the West

**I**NTEREST and enrolments in education and research focusing on Australia's Indigenous peoples is thriving in the West. Western Australia's newest university – The University of Notre Dame – is creating waves with its new Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies, which is located in Broome but operates across three campuses – Broome, Fremantle and Sydney.

Recently celebrating the Centre's first anniversary, Deputy Vice Chancellor of the Broome Campus Professor Lyn Henderson-Yates said many years of planning had gone into making it a reality.

"The Nulungu Centre aims to empower and make a difference in the lives of Indigenous Australian people and contribute to the national and international bank of Indigenous knowledge," she said.

The Nulungu Centre is one of the few academic centres embedded in a regional community with such a robust Indigenous and multicultural flavour.

Broome's diverse influences shape the centre's three core research areas of Education, Health and Country (land and sea, salt water, fresh water and desert people).

Among many other initiatives at Notre Dame is the new Bachelor of Arts in Aboriginal Studies, allowing students to select from a number of Aboriginal Studies units that examine the history of Indigenous peoples and their place in modern Australia.

A much older, but no less vibrant centre of educational excellence is the School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia in Perth. The school continues to set the pace with

history and connection to Country. There has been a strong community involvement in these publications.

Community members are also used in Indigenous studies taught by UWA staff at high school, tertiary institutions and community organisations.

Blaze Kwaymullina is co-ordinator of the university's Aboriginal History course, which has been offered for over 10 years and is now recognised as a national model of best practice.

of the Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge Conference (ISIK) in November 2009.

The ISIK Conference this year is being hosted jointly by the 'old' University of Western Australia's School of Indigenous Studies, and the new kid on the block – The University of Notre Dame's Nulungu Centre. It will be the fourth in an annual series for scholars and researchers to meet, to discuss and to share ideas and research results in the fields of

Indigenous Studies/Knowledge.

The theme of this year's conference is Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge: Dialogue or Conflict in the Academy?

With a major line-up of local, national and international speakers, the ISIK conference will be held in historic Fremantle, on 30 November and 1 December 2009.

All Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars with a passion for Indigenous Knowledge are welcome to attend. Details are available on the website – [www.isik.org.au](http://www.isik.org.au)

● **The Koori Mail is Indigenous media partner for this year's ISIK conference.**



**'(University of Notre Dame's) Nulungu Centre aims to empower and make a difference in the lives of Indigenous Australian people and contribute to the national and international bank of Indigenous knowledge'**

**– Veteran Indigenous educator Prof Lyn Henderson-Yates**

a number of important projects that showcase the lives, experiences and culture of Aboriginal peoples and create a space for Aboriginal people to tell their stories.

This includes recent anthologies *Speaking from the Heart* (2007) and *Heartsick for Country* (2008) – both published by Fremantle Press – in which Aboriginal people speak about their family

He is proud of the course which, he explains, 'fuses academic and creative assignments and challenges students to embrace a different way of thinking about the past'.

Currently, the Indigenous academic team at UWA's Centre for Indigenous History and the Arts (CIHA) is editing the first Indigenous edition of the journal *Westerly*, which will be launched as part

**See the website [www.isik.org.au](http://www.isik.org.au) for more information on this year's Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge Conference**

## INDIGENOUS STUDIES, INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE (ISIK) CONFERENCE 2009

**Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge: Dialogue or Conflict in the Academy?**

### Date

30 November – 1 December 2009

### Venue

The University of Notre Dame, Fremantle Campus, Western Australia

### Conference Themes

- Indigenous Knowledge and Western Science: Knowledge in Conflict?
- Indigenous Studies: Implementation in the Academy
- Stories and Storytelling: Indigenous Knowledge in the Academy
- Healing People and Healing Country

### Key Presenters

- Dr Nancy C. Maryboy, Indigenous Education Institute, New Mexico
- Dr David Begay, Navajo Cultural Consultant of Higher Education Programs, Arizona
- Professor Martin Nakata, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology, Sydney.
- Professor Sally Morgan, School of Indigenous Studies, The University of Western Australia
- Dr Pat Dudgeon, School of Indigenous Studies, The University of Western Australia
- Professor Lyn Henderson-Yates, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Broome Campus)
- Steve Kinnane, Nulungu Centre for Indigenous Studies, The University of Notre Dame Australia (Broome Campus)

### Call for Papers and Registrations

The Indigenous Studies, Indigenous Knowledge (ISIK) conference is seeking expressions of interest from Indigenous scholars to present on any of the conference themes. Non-Indigenous people are invited to co-present with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Deadline for submission of Abstracts is 31 August 2009.

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## EDUCATION 2010 FEATURE



Riverlands School Principal Liz Marcus with students Stella Hamling, left, and Jessie Ward with work the students did last year as part of their PALS project with students from The Moorditj Noongar Community College and Casa Mia Montessori School.

# PALS proves big success

**W**ESTERN Australia's PALS (Partnership, Acceptance, Learning, Sharing) program is proving more than popular.

The program – a partnership between Department of Indigenous Affairs (DIA) and BHP Billiton – is focused on reconciliation and allows schools to devise their own projects to create bridges of learning and acceptance within their communities.

DIA Director General Patrick Walker said there were more schools actively working to advance reconciliation this year, with a 1518 per cent increase in the number involved since its inception.

Mr Walker welcomed PALS.

"PALS is about schools, local communities, mums, dads, kids and teachers thinking about what makes an accepting and diverse school and putting it in action to make reconciliation a reality. And DIA's support can make it happen," he said.

### 220 projects

In its first year (2004), just 11 schools submitted a project each. This year, the PALS Awards judges will assess 220 projects submitted by 178 schools.

BHP Billiton Iron Ore Vice President Sustainability Carl Binning said PALS had exceeded all expectations.

"For a company that takes its

responsibilities to Aboriginal people very seriously, this program mirrors our own commitment to reconciliation and the benefits it brings to all concerned," he said.

"We are very proud of the role we play in the PALS Awards each year – it is a great joy and a very difficult task to sort through each project, narrowing the lists down until the winners are decided."

The PALS awards categories are: Community Development, Education, Environment, Arts and Culture, Sustainable Partnerships and Health.

This year's award winners will be announced at the Wardarnji Festival in Fremantle on 14 November.



# Student is following his dream

**L**EIGH Rorison is following his dream of becoming an electrician despite having left school 10 years ago.

At the 2009 TAFE NSW Gili Awards, Leigh received an Encouragement Award.

He achieved academic excellence in the first year of his apprenticeship in 2008 and received the TAFE NSW – Sydney Institute, Petersham College Indigenous Student of the Year award in May 2009.

Leigh is doing his apprenticeship with EnergyAustralia and impresses his employers with his ability and willingness to work in a team and support his peers.

"Leigh's success is due to his hard work, perseverance and a determination to achieving his goal of becoming an apprentice electrician for EnergyAustralia,"

Sydney Institute's Manager Aboriginal Education and Training, Michael Parkins, said.

"It was evident to his teachers that Leigh's major motivation to reach high academic standards was driven by his love for his family, a determination to gain the highest respect from his six-year-old son and provide him with a home and long-term financial security.

## 'Impressed'

"Leigh impressed TAFE NSW and EnergyAustralia trainers with his ability and willingness to work in a team and support his peers.

"Sydney Institute's Aboriginal Education Training Unit – now known as Yulang – is proud to have played a part in Leigh's success.

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Award-winner Leigh Rorison, right, with Gandangara Aboriginal Lands Council Chief Executive Officer Mark (Jack) Johnson.

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# Athletes put to test



Action at this month's National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games hosted by the University of Canberra.

**Y**OUNG Indigenous athletes were put through their paces at the University of Canberra this month as part of a major student sports competition.

Athletes from across the country travelled to the university to compete in the 14th National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games (NITESG), testing their skills in many different sporting fields.

The games saw students from 14 Australian universities compete in sports including basketball, volleyball, touch football and an Indigenous game.

The students also had the opportunity to take part in the National Talent Identification and Development Program, which is designed to recruit new star athletes by setting up profile databases through assessments such as the vertical leap test, 40-metre sprints and the beep test.

Staff from the University of Canberra sports studies program and the Australian Sports Commission assessed students on their technique, strength and endurance fitness in comparison to the general population.

The games were held in Canberra from 7-11 September in association with the university's Ngunnawal Indigenous Higher Education Centre.

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# Students close to finishing inaugural UNSW diploma program

**A** GROUP of young Indigenous students is only a few weeks away from completing the inaugural Diploma in Humanities program at the University of New South Wales.

The diploma is an enabling program that aims to strengthen academic literacy and communication skills, develop critical thinking and help students adjust to university life.

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Those who complete the diploma and demonstrate an ability to perform at a tertiary level can apply to transfer into a degree program at UNSW.

All students studying the diploma are supported by faculties and units at UNSW including the Learning Centre and Nura Gili Indigenous Programs.

Jordi Fusi and Nyoka Friel attended the UNSW Indigenous Winter School as high school students and the Pre-Law Program after finishing Year 12 before accepting an offer to study the Diploma in Humanities.

"Coming straight out of high school, I think the diploma really



**Diploma in Humanities students at the University of New South Wales, from left, Jordi Fusi, James Bibby, Alycia Nicholas and Nyoka Friel. Nyoka said: "Coming straight out of high school, I think the diploma really helped me make the shift to university studies – if I went straight into a law degree I would have probably dropped out, I probably wouldn't have coped."**

helped me make the shift to university studies – if I went straight into a law degree I would have probably dropped out, I probably wouldn't have coped," Nyoka said.

Jordi added that the diploma was a good way to experience university and to 'try before you buy'.

Alycia Nicholas, who also attended the Pre-Law Program,

sees merit in the diploma program in preparing students for the rigours of tertiary studies.

"We have an advantage. We gain extra skills and it's easier to ask teachers questions. There's definitely more room for discussion in class; in larger classes you can't really get your point across," she said.

James Bibby, studying in the arts and social sciences stream,

has gained confidence throughout the year.

"Since I've been here, anything is possible," he said.

Nura Gili is now accepting applications for 2010 entry into the Diploma in Humanities.

For more information contact Nura Gili Indigenous Programs on (02) 9385 3805, email: [nuragili@unsw.edu.au](mailto:nuragili@unsw.edu.au), or visit [www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au](http://www.nuragili.unsw.edu.au)



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# Experts trade views



EXPERTS in Indigenous early childhood education met recently in Melbourne for the

Dare to Lead National Early Childhood Conference 'What A Difference A Good Start Makes'.

Participants heard from a range of speakers on topics covering a range of issues.

Associate Professor in Early Childhood from Southern Cross University and 2008 NAIDOC Scholar of the Year Dr Karen Martin said that some forms of school testing were based on there being one right answer.

"That is not part of the Aboriginal world view or underpinning philosophy. Our worlds are anchored to our ancestors. The essence is the word 'relatedness'; relatedness works both for you and from you," she told delegates.

"Our young learners tend to be schooled out of this world view. They start with that big picture but then have it narrowed.

"We need to be able to see the forest and the trees at the same time.

"That is hard work. In teaching we break it down into segments,



Dr Karen Martin of Southern Cross University and Natalie Burns of Macquarie University.

but that lack of a wider view can confuse our children."

Pamela Simon and Joselyn Anderson, from Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, spoke about the impact of culturally sensitive parent-child education in the 0-5 years age group.

And Victorian-based Dare to Lead educators Stephanie

Armstrong and Kellie MacIntosh looked at the 'big move' into compulsory schooling and detailed factors that create successful transitions.

Further thoughts on community engagement came from Fiona Kelly, assistant Principal of Alma Public School/Bugdlie Pre-school in Broken Hill. She gave six



Kelli MacIntosh (Dare to Lead), Fiona Kelly and Barbara Clark (Alma-Bugdlie Pre-school) and Stephanie Armstrong (Dare to Lead).

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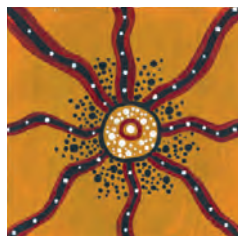
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# Next generations are showing the way, says Lynch



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch with Allan Fitzgibbon from St Therese Primary School, Sadlier.



NSW Aboriginal Affairs Minister Paul Lynch has praised the efforts of school children in promoting reconciliation.

Speaking at the Our Place in Reconciliation program for primary school students at NSW Parliament this month, Mr Lynch said the Year 5 and 6 students were setting a great example for others.

"These young Australians are in a good position to be our next leaders in righting the wrongs of the past," he said.

"We must listen to young people's ideas about reconciliation and work together with Aboriginal people to strengthen communities and close the gap in health and social outcomes."

The students were from the following schools:

Sanctuary Point Public; St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College, Mt Druitt; St Therese Primary, Sadlier; Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo; Rainbow Street Public School, Randwick; Willmot Public School; St James Primary School, Forest Lodge; Bonnyrigg Public and Holy Innocents' Primary School, Croydon.





## Ebony on course for her own restaurant



ALL Kalgoorlie woman Ebony Hills, pictured, wants to do is own and operate her own restaurant.

Now the 21-year-old is moving closer to fulfilling her dream after being selected as a chef for a major mining operation in the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

The Wongatha woman's new role, with French catering company Sodexo, came as a result of her outstanding work through the Curtin VTEC course in Kalgoorlie.

VTEC hospitality lecturer Darren Smith said Ms Hills had displayed remarkable 'cheffing' abilities while working in one of Kalgoorlie's most popular restaurants.

"I had the pleasure of teaching Ebony. She displayed diligence, tenacity and an extremely strong work ethic," he said.

Speaking with *The Koori Mail*, Ms Hills said she learnt a great deal on the VTEC course.

"And I am also learning a lot in my new job, where we feed up to 350 people 16 different dishes every day," she said.

"Down the track I do want to come back home and set up my own restaurant, maybe with a bush tucker theme to it.

"Meantime, I'm happy to put my head down and soak up all the knowledge I can."

# Group well informed



A NEW course recently held in Melbourne has attracted Aboriginal students from across Australia.

The Analyse and Present Research Information course is designed for students to enhance their knowledge and better use and analyse information in many forms within their workplace and communities.

The pilot is the first of its kind in Australia and has been funded by Aboriginal Affairs Victoria (AAV) and developed with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in conjunction with Swinburne University (TAFE). The two-day course introduces students to the results accountability framework as a tool to assist in understanding workplace information and how to best use it in strategic planning in their community organisations.

The course is to be reviewed and facilitators are hopeful it will soon be a unit of competency in the Certificate IV in Business Governance course at Swinburne TAFE.

"This is an exciting new development aiming to provide a range of Indigenous organisations and people with the skills to better understand information in governing and managing community organisations,"



Students and participants in the Analyse and Present Research Information course held in Victoria.

AAV Executive Director Ian Hamm said.

Students also took the opportunity to learn tools and techniques to assist them in achieving better outcomes in service delivery

in their community-controlled organisations.

Mr Hamm said the course work aimed to build capacity and enhance leadership in the Victorian Aboriginal community.

"The students also explored the various range of sources of information available from within and outside the organisation in their community," he said.



# Participants sought for kidney research



AUSTRALIA'S first Indigenous nephrologist (kidney specialist) Dr Jaqui Hughes, of Menzies School

of Health Research, is seeking Indigenous participants of all health conditions to be involved in her ground-breaking research into developing more accurate kidney function tests.

There has been a rapid increase in kidney disease among Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia over the last 20 years, most of which has been caused by diabetes.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people require a greater amount of in-hospital care than other Australians for kidney dialysis (14 times) and the rates of death are eight to 10 times that of other Australians from diabetes", said Dr Hughes, who is

a Torres Strait Islander. She said another 'shocking statistic' was the fact that there was ten times the rate of diabetes in some remote Indigenous communities in the 20-50 age group, 'which is significantly higher than the rest of Australia'.

"The results of this free study will not only have local relevance, but will have global importance, especially to community members whose body composition differs to that of a caucasian European model," said Dr Hughes, whose preliminary results caused excitement at an international conference in Milan earlier this year.

"The kidney has many functions, but it is essential to removing bodily waste," she said. "If the kidney is badly damaged, then the waste can



DR JAQUI HUGHES

build up, causing other health concerns such as premature death, increased risk of heart disease, diabetes and obesity – all of which are currently over-represented in Indigenous Australians."

The current GFR (glomerular filtration rate) test, which was originally modelled in the US, relies heavily on a person's body build and does not take into consideration the differences in body compositions between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

"Many people don't realise that body shape and muscle in the body are important factors in how we interpret the kidney blood test", Dr Hughes said.

In Indigenous communities great differences exist in body shape and muscle mass between men and women, young and old people, and those who are healthy or with illness (for example people with type 2 diabetes).

"We need to assess people who are healthy, those at risk for kidney disease, and those with kidney disease," said Dr Hughes, who is appealing to people of all

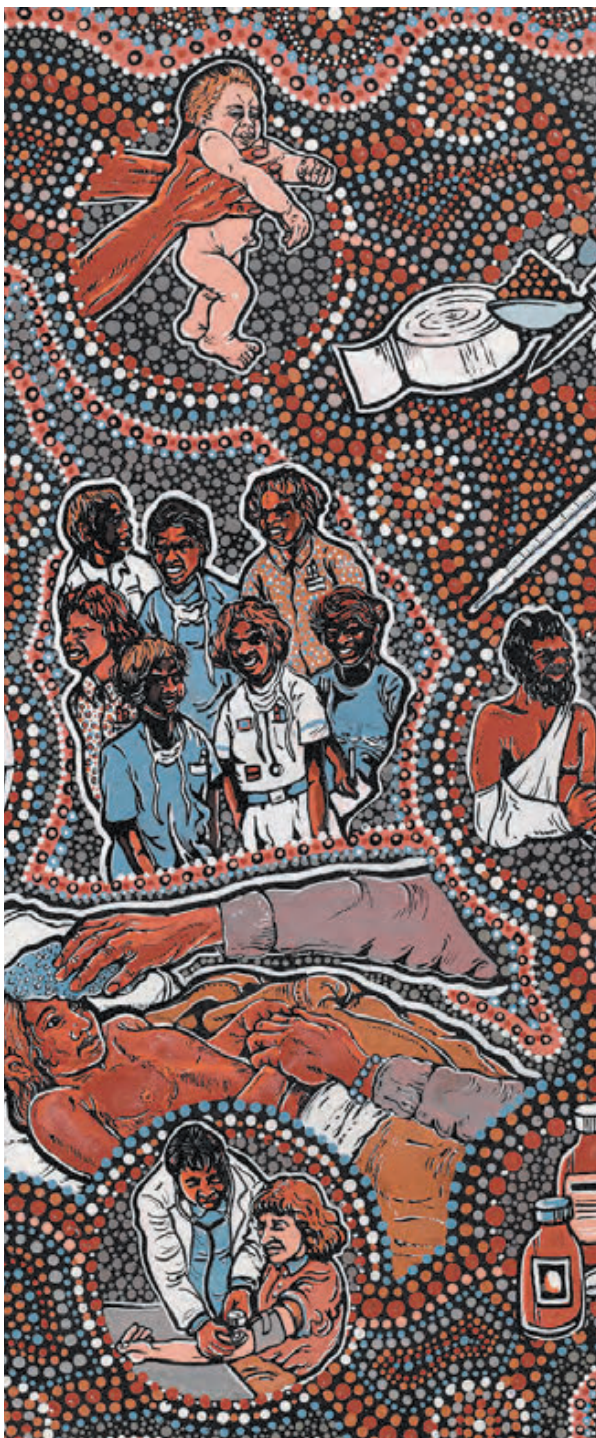
health conditions to participate in this study.

"By measuring kidney function properly in healthy people, we can be sure we are able to identify when a patient shows signs of early kidney damage."

Dr Hughes said she believed that 'The Accurate Assessment of Renal Function and Progression of Chronic Kidney Disease in Indigenous Australians Study' (eGFR Study) will allow for more confident treatment plans for those with kidney disease, and those at risk of kidney disease.

"We can bring the study to the people, but it's the involvement of the participants that will allow us to reach the goal of saving lives of people at risk of kidney disease."

For further information about the project, contact Mary Ward on 0488 590 332.



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### 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](mailto:aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)

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Joseph Cox, Roslyn Frith and Jack Little in Katherine.

## Healthy change in Katherine



THE Katherine West Health Board in the Northern Territory has a new Chairperson, Gurindji woman Roslyn Frith.

Ms Frith has had the confidence of her community since she was young. At age 19 she was elected to the Daguragu Community Government Council, remaining a councillor for the best part of 20 years, many of them as President.

She was an ATSIC regional councillor and a council representative on the Local

Government Association of the NT.

Members of the Katherine West Health Board said they believed Ms Frith would bring good experience to her new role.

Ms Frith thanked the board members for their faith in her and said she looked forward to the challenges ahead.

"Working together as one, supporting each other... we will fight health issues and... make it a success," she said.

Ms Frith referred to the Katherine West motto of Jirntangku Miyrtta 'one shield for all' as still being as important today as it was in the past.

Outgoing chairperson and newly appointed honorary board member Joseph Cox said it was important that Katherine West remained a strong health board and 'kept providing a quality health service to our mob in the bush'.

"Roslyn Frith will be a strong leader and I'm going to be there to support KWHB and her," he said.

Honorary board member Jack Little said he believed Ms Frith would 'keep Katherine West out front, standing up for Aboriginal people and making sure they get a fair go'.

## Alliance set to tackle HIV levels



OLYMPIC gold medallist Cathy Freeman says a new national body will play a vital role in driving down rates of HIV in Australia's Indigenous communities.

Ms Freeman was speaking this month before launching the Anwernekenhe National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS Alliance.

The body brings together groups and individuals working in HIV prevention and support in Indigenous communities.

Ms Freeman said she welcomed the body's establishment and she was a strong supporter of its ongoing work.

"Organisations like the Anwernekenhe National Alliance (ANA) are vital for dealing with HIV/AIDS within Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities," she said.

"I happily support the ANA's vision of working together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, health services, non-government agencies and government to ensure HIV/AIDS is addressed right across the country."

Latest figures put the rate of new diagnoses of HIV in the Indigenous community last year at a stable 3.7 per 100,000 in the population.

The rate has not changed since 2005, but it has declined from a peak of 6.5 in 2002 after rising from just 2.2 in 1999.

In comparison, new HIV diagnoses in Australia's non-Indigenous population increased steadily from 3.6 per 100,000 in 1999 to 5.0 in 2007, but has since eased to 4.8.

As in the non-Indigenous community, homosexual men make up the majority of those with HIV in the Indigenous community. However, Indigenous people with HIV are more likely to be women, or to have contracted the virus through injecting drug use, compared with others.

# WA targets suicide rate



LOWERING the suicide rate in Aboriginal communities will be a key priority for a new \$13 million strategy for Western Australia.

The Western Australian Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009-2013 was launched this month on World Suicide Prevention Day.

WA Mental Health Minister Graham Jacobs said the strategy would support individuals, communities and agencies to reduce suicide and set the framework for the development and delivery of WA suicide prevention initiatives.

"More Australians suicide each year than are killed on our roads," Dr Jacobs said.

The Minister said the strategy placed an emphasis on young people – and in particular young men – and people living in rural and regional parts of WA.

And he said lowering suicide rates in Aboriginal communities would also be a main priority.

### Alarming

"Suicide rates are often higher in rural and remote areas, and the recent alarming increase in WA Aboriginal suicides demands that more work be done to stem the loss of life," Dr Jacobs said.

Under the strategy, the Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention will have new responsibilities to oversee suicide prevention initiatives and to identify

communities requiring more support.

The Minister said a non-government organisation would be appointed to implement the strategy to increase public awareness and to oversee research, evaluation, education and training in suicide prevention.

This organisation would also lead the response if suicide clusters emerged and work with locally-employed community coordinators to develop action plans. Dr Jacobs said these would identify at-risk groups and outline additional support needed.

To view the strategy, follow the link from the WA Mental Health homepage: <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/mentalhealth/home>



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# Dewayne is support act for his idol

By Tasmanian Correspondent  
JILLIAN MUNDY



THIS Friday Tasmanian Aboriginal singer-songwriter Dewayne Everettsmith will be the support act for his idol, Australian singer John Farnham, in Hobart.

"I used to study his vocals, he's the guy, he has a phenomenal vocal range," an excited Everettsmith told *The Koori Mail*.

"He's one of my idols."

The talented, quietly-spoken 22-year-old hopes he will have the chance to meet Farnham on the night.

"If not I'm going to have to barge in there," he said.

This is just one of the big things on the cards for Everettsmith, a former *Australian Idol* contestant who has been performing his style of 'acoustic pop soul' far and wide in recent years.

He started performing at Aboriginal community events as a teenager and has since performed at festivals around Australia and most recently in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City as part of the G'Day USA 2009 festival.

Next month, Everettsmith will be also joining some of the cream of the nation's Aboriginal musicians in The Black Arm Band for 'dirtsong', at the Melbourne

International Arts Festival.

'Dirtsong' is a music performance from Aboriginal Australia mixing traditional and contemporary songs, existing repertoire with newly commissioned music and sung in many Australian languages.

A musical collaboration highlighting two Aboriginal languages, performed by Everettsmith and Maningrida man Djolpa McKenzie in their respective languages has been chosen to promote the shows.

"It sounds awesome," Everettsmith said.

## First album

He is also looking forward to recording his first album. Negotiations are being finalised, and if all goes to plan it will be released in February.

Everettsmith said the album would feature covers and originals.

"When it comes out, I hope that they'll be saying, that's that guy who supported John Farnham," he said.

"I've got to push myself and make an impact on Friday."

When asked whether the Farnham support act or joining The Black Arm Band rated higher for him, Everettsmith was undecided.

"How can you choose – they're both great," he questioned.

"My dream has always been to win a Deadly Award – that's my next goal."



Dewayne Everettsmith on stage. Photo: Wendi Roberts

# Desert art mobbed



ABORIGINAL art costing \$250,000 was bought in just four hours as part of this year's Desert Mob art exhibition and associated events in Alice Springs.

The sales, at the Desert Mob MarketPlace held in conjunction with the exhibition, were part of a record \$345,000 in purchases during the three-day event at the Araluen Art Centre.

More than 800 people from across Australia turned out for the exhibition opening on 6 September.

Delighted Araluen Cultural Precinct Director Tim Rollason said the record sales were up ten per cent on last year's exhibition.

"This is a fantastic result for Aboriginal artists in Central Australia. The Desert Mob exhibition is testament to the ingenuity, creativity and cultural resilience of the artists this exhibition represents," he said.

"The Araluen Art Centre has acquired four works from the exhibition – from Ninuku Arts, Tangentyere Artists, Warlayirti



Locals and visitors at the Desert Mob art sales in Alice Springs.

Artists and the Yarrenyty-Arltere art centres – which will be housed permanently in Alice Springs as part of the Araluen Collection.

"Following the exhibition was the launch of Keringke Artist Kathleen Wallace's new book *Listen Deeply, Let these Stories In*

which was launched by Margo Neale, principal Indigenous advisor to the Director and Senior Curator of the National Museum of Australia.

"Wrapping up the Desert Mob 2009 weekend was the screening of Warwick Thornton's award-winning film *Samson & Delilah*, which received loud applause from the audience."

Mr Rollason said Desert Mob was emerging as Australia's premier event featuring Aboriginal art, music, dance and culture in Central Australia, with the coming together of the annual Desert Mob exhibition and its satellite events Desert Mob DanceSite, Desert Mob MarketPlace and Desert Mob Symposium.

"The Desert Mob MarketPlace, held at the Araluen Art Centre on 5 September, attracted more than 1000 visitors to view and purchase artworks directly from the art centres," he said.

The Desert Mob exhibition is on display at the Araluen Arts Centre until Sunday 18 October and works are still available for sale.



# Pukumani poles are a feature



Artist Pedro Wonaeamirri and Art Gallery of NSW Indigenous curator Jonathon Jones talk with children at the pukumani poles display.

By MARGARET SMITH



FIFTY years after they were purchased, the Art Gallery of NSW's pukumani poles

have a stunning renovated setting.

The poles, from the Tiwi Islands north of Darwin, are displayed in the gallery's revamped Grand Courts Gallery, which was their original installation site.

They were the focus of a gallery opening ceremony which featured renowned Tiwi artist Pedro Wonaeamirri as well as Margaret Tuckson, the woman who, with her husband Tony, bought the poles from Tiwi Elders half a century ago.

Pukumani poles are large carved and decorated tree trunks

used for Tiwi burial ceremonies.

Artist Pedro Wonaeamirri, who continues to design and make the poles, said he had been overcome with emotion when he first saw them in Sydney.

"I felt very sad that they are away from my home. But I also feel happy because when I've gone away, my son and close relatives can come to Sydney and have a look," the Milikapiti-based artist said.

"When I was a boy every afternoon I went to the old people's camp. I used to watch the old people carving.

"One afternoon when I was sitting there, my grandfather said to me, one day you'll be an artist."

Mr Wonaeamirri said he would return home and urge the local school to bring students to Sydney to see the poles.

## Exhibition spotlight on rights



AN exhibition that looks at the history

and struggle for Indigenous rights in Australia has opened in Canberra.

The National Museum of Australia exhibition – 'From Little Things Big Things Grow: Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920-1970' – features pictures, footage, protest material and stories from some of the key moments of Aboriginal activism.

"It celebrates those people, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who took part in this struggle," curator Jay Arthur said.

Highlights of the exhibition include the 1938 Day of Mourning and protest, the 1965 Freedom Ride, the Gurindji Walk-off, and the landmark 1967 referendum.

The exhibition continues until March, before it travels interstate. Admission is free.

# Vernon the focus for winning documentary



Indigenous artist Vernon Ah Kee, the focus of the award-winning documentary.



AN Indigenous production has taken out the Best Tertiary Documentary award at a Queensland film festival.

*Vernon*, about

Indigenous painter

Vernon Ah Kee, took the honour at The Queensland New Film Makers Awards, which has been merged into the Brisbane International Film Festival. The film focuses on the works of Ah Kee and records his visit to the Venice Biennale in Italy.

*Vernon* director Alex Barnes said he was taken by the power of Ah Kee's art, which featured as part of the *Once Removed* show, featuring four Australian artists, at the Venice Biennale.

"The ABC and NITV have shown some interest in the documentary," Barnes said.

He said Indigenous film was capturing more attention since the recent hit movie *Samson & Delilah*.

"There is that genuine film-making truth behind Indigenous stories which engages the audience," he said.

"Everyone who has an untold story and wants to make a film about it should go ahead, and it won't take long for the Indigenous film industry to find its footing in Australia."



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**Until 25 September:** Seniors Week 2010 – seeking nominations. Acknowledge the contribution an Aboriginal person or organisation has made to your community by nominating them for a 2010 NSW Seniors Week Achievement Award. Nominations close 5pm. Details: 13 12 44 or [www.nswseniorsweek.com.au](http://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](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://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](mailto:scholarship@aimnsw.com.au) or visit [www.aimnsw.com.au/scholarships](http://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](mailto:scholarships@iba.gov.au) or visit [www.iba.gov.au](http://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](mailto:tandanya@tandanya.com.au) or visit [www.tandanya.com.au](http://www.tandanya.com.au)

**Until 11 October:** Lane Cove Cameraygal Festival 'One Village, Many Cultures'. This is an urban grassroots festival, combining 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 [council@lanecove.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@lanecove.nsw.gov.au)

or visit [www.lanecove.nsw.gov.au](http://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](mailto:galler@qag.qld.gov.au) or visit [www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions](http://www.qag.qld.gov.au/exhibitions)

**Until 18 October:** Desert Mob 2009. This year Desert Mob includes 40 community-based Aboriginal art centres from regions, including the Northern Territory, South Australia 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](mailto:araluen@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.araluenartcentre.nt.gov.au](http://www.araluenartcentre.nt.gov.au)

**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, Alice Springs; 11 September, Darwin; 20 October, Perth; 21 October, Broome. Details: John Saulo on (02) 8204 3876 or email [johns@coxinallridgeway.com.au](mailto:johns@coxinallridgeway.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](mailto:natsiaa@nt.gov.au) or visit [www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa](http://www.magnt.nt.gov.au/natsiaa)

**Until 30 October:** Faces and Places Exhibition. Works by new and establishing artists. All welcome. Held at Marree Arabunna Centre, Marree, SA. Details: Lyn on (08) 8675 8351 or (08) 8675 8222 or visit [www.marree.com.au](http://www.marree.com.au)

**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](mailto:object@object.com.au) or visit [www.object.com.au](http://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](mailto:admin@artgallery.wa.gov.au) or visit [www.artgallery.wa.gov.au](http://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](mailto:object@object.com.au) or visit [www.object.com.au](http://www.object.com.au)

**23 September:** Audition alert – Black sheep wanted. Ilbjerri 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 Ilbjerri Theatre Company, Arts House, Meat Market, 5 Blackwood St, North Melbourne. Details: (03) 9329 9097 or email [info@ilbjerri.org.au](mailto:info@ilbjerri.org.au) or visit [www.ilbjerri.org.au](http://www.ilbjerri.org.au)

**24 September:** 'My Dream, My Art' Exhibition. An awesome installation by our first artist in residence Vicki West plus an exhibition by the buddies and mentors of Meenah Mienne. Held at Meenah Mienne, 11 Tamar St, Launceston, Tas, from 4-6pm. Details: (03) 6334 3460 or email [maryann@meenagmienne.org.au](mailto:maryann@meenagmienne.org.au)

**24-25 September:** Fourth National Indigenous Legal Conference at Bonython Hall, University of Adelaide.

**25-27 September:** Eighth Wallaby Creek Festival. This is a celebration of music and arts in the rainforest. Performances by Black Image, Oka, Gudju Gudju, Kamerunga Band, Flaming Canetoads and more. Tickets cost \$65 or \$75 at the gate for three days camping. Day passes available. Held at Home Rule Rainforest Lodge, 3km from Rossville, north of Cairns, Qld. Details: (07) 4069 5871 or (07) 4060 3112 or visit [www.wallabycreekfestival.org.au](http://www.wallabycreekfestival.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 allowed. Cost \$35 general admission, \$25 concession or \$95 family. Held at Macquarie Street, Sydney, from noon to 6pm. Details: (02) 8239 2211 or visit [www.hht.net.au](http://www.hht.net.au) or [www.myspace.com/gardenmusicsydney](http://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 Chris 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](mailto:StrongerSmarterSummit@qut.edu.au) or visit [www.strongersmater.qut.edu.au](http://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](mailto:conference2009@aiatsis.gov.au) or visit [www.aiatsis.gov.au](http://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



## Chris Sarra a guest speaker

**Dr Chris Sarra will be speaking at the Stronger, Smarter Summit at the Sofitel Hotel, Brisbane, on 28-29 September. Other speakers will include Mick Dodson, Tom Calma and Catherine O'Sullivan. Details: (07) 3138 9357 or email [StrongerSmarterSummit@qut.edu.au](mailto:StrongerSmarterSummit@qut.edu.au) or visit [www.strongersmarter.qut.edu.au](http://www.strongersmarter.qut.edu.au)**

finalist art works will be selected. Held at the Parliament House, Sydney, NSW. Details: (02) 4645 4000 or (02) 4645 4100 or email [artcentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](mailto:artcentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au](http://www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au)

**1-25 October:** Art and About 2009. This stunning outdoor exhibition along the Central Walkway of Hyde Park North of 22 large-scale images features the work of established photographers alongside work from some of our most exciting new artists. All welcome. Held in Sydney. Details: (02) 9265 9333 or email [council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au) or visit [www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.cityofsydney.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](mailto:object@object.com.au) or visit [www.object.com.au](http://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](mailto: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 please RSVP for catering purposes. Camping and sleeping facilities provided. Drug and alcohol-free event. All welcome. Held at Muru Mittigar, 1951 Castlereagh Rd, Cranebrook, NSW. Details: Sandra Lee on (02) 9622 4081 or (0415) 439 325 or email [darug\\_tribal@live.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:object@object.com.au) or visit [www.object.com.au](http://www.object.com.au)

**6-7 October:** Fourth Indigenous Economic Development Forum. The forum provides information and networks for people who are interested in starting their own business. Find out about territory policies, programs, services and more. Keynote speakers. Followed by a forum dinner. Cost involved. Held in Alice Springs, NT. Details: (08) 8981 2010 or email [iedforum@agentur.com.au](mailto:iedforum@agentur.com.au) or visit [www.nt.gov.au/iedforum](http://www.nt.gov.au/iedforum)

**7 October:** Forum: Ampilatwatja walk-off – NT Intervention in Crisis. The forum is part of a national speaking tour – raising support for the Ampilatwatja walk-off against the NT Intervention. Speakers include Richard Downs, Harry Nelson, Larissa Behrendt, Chris Graham and more. All welcome. Held at the University of Technology, 745 Harris St, Ultimo, Sydney. Details: Mon Wiseman on (0415) 410 558 or Jean Parker on (0449) 646 593 or email [stoptheintervention@gmail.com](mailto:stoptheintervention@gmail.com) or visit [www.stoptheintervention.org](http://www.stoptheintervention.org)

**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](mailto:Lillian.Eastwood@newcastle.edu.au) or visit [www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/institute/wollotuka)

**10 October:** *Second to None*, aAn Aboriginal maritime documentary film. This documentary film brings together the people, creativity and passion of *Second to None*. Featuring interviews with the creators and excerpts from the performance, this film demonstrates the power of art to tell the history of a community and look to its future. Following a panel discussion. All welcome. Held at the Waterside Workers Hall, 11 Nile St, Port Adelaide, from 3pm onwards. Details: Kurruru on (08) 8341 1150.

**10-11 October:** Brisbane Indigenous Rugby League Carnival 2009. Two days of fun, footy, food and entertainment. Queensland Indigenous teams compete for prizemoney 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](mailto:bilaari.m@hotmail.com) or visit [www.championsound.com.au](http://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, Dion Mundine and more. Free and all welcome. Held in Melbourne. Registrations close 18 September. Details: Anna Liebrezeit on (03) 9417 1549 or [annalieberzeit@ccp.org.au](mailto:annalieberzeit@ccp.org.au) or visit [www.ccp.org.au](http://www.ccp.org.au)



# Students get it!



Nine Newcastle students are a step closer to finding meaningful employment thanks to their participation in the free I GET IT computer course earlier this month, which is supported by Yarnteen College, in Newcastle West, WorkVentures and Microsoft Australia's 'Unlimited Potential' program.

For many Aboriginal people who struggle to use a computer, this lack of computer literacy can be a barrier, not only to staying connected, but also in finding meaningful employment.

The two-week I GET IT course teaches Indigenous Australians about using and maintaining a personal computer and aims to build confidence and motivation, which are then applied in everyday situations to gain employment or to enroll in further training.

## Experience

I GET IT is the first in a series of courses to roll out throughout 2009 and 2010, incorporating hands-on practical experience while undertaking a fun personal project, with the added bonus of taking home a computer to keep at the end of the course.

One of the participants, Greg Oldham said he had never previously operated a computer.

"I never thought I would be able to understand the basics of a computer, and after this course, I am confident enough to pull apart a whole computer, reassemble it, and install programs to make it operational", he said. "All of this in only two weeks. I believe if I can do it, anyone can do it!"

Yarnteen College is looking to run I GET IT in conjunction with Work Ventures and Microsoft in 2010, and also offers accredited Business Services training, and Microsoft Accredited IT training.

For more information, or to get involved, contact the college on 02 4940 8422 or [training@yarnteen.com.au](mailto:training@yarnteen.com.au)



WorkVentures IT trainer Joash Minniecon with course participants Lorraine Oldham (front) and Trey Oldham during the I GET IT course which ran in early September.

## It's your guide to employment

Welcome to the Koori Mail's Indigenous Job Opportunities section. Each edition we publish hundreds of employment advertisements from around the nation. To be part of this section, simply give our advertising staff a call on (02) 66 222 666, email [advertising@koorimail.com](mailto:advertising@koorimail.com) or see our website – [www.koorimail.com](http://www.koorimail.com)

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## Community Support Worker

1 FTE  
3 year contract  
Reference Number: FRY 221

This is an identified indigenous position. An exemption has been granted by VCAT under Section 83 of the Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (A211/2009) Only Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to apply.

**Are you passionate about improving services for Aboriginal people in the health and community sector in Albury Wodonga?**

Gateway Community Health is seeking a vibrant community development worker to work in partnership with mainstream and Aboriginal-specific health and community organisations across the Albury Wodonga area. The successful applicant will be responsible for improving access & referral pathways to Aboriginal specific and mainstream services.

### Key Selection Criteria

- A qualification relevant to any of the following; community development, health promotion, public health, Aboriginal health and/or equivalent experience.
- A demonstrated understanding of equity principles and their application in practice.
- Demonstrated understanding of working with Aboriginal people and families.
- Understanding of or experience in building and maintaining partnerships with a broad range of individuals and organisations.
- A high degree of self motivation and ability to problem solve
- Proven ability to work both independently and as a supportive and constructive team member in a diverse, multi-disciplinary team;
- Understanding of the principles underpinning community development, strength based practice and family focussed service
- Ability to communicate clearly, both written and verbal
- Well developed administrative skills and computer literacy
- Ability and willingness to travel for work purposes

Remuneration packages are based on the Social & Community Services Award according to qualifications/experience and are enhanced by excellent levels of Salary Sacrifice.

**Enquiries:** Margaret Hunter, Manager Families Relationships and Youth or Ilena Young Ph: 02 6022 8888.

**How to apply:** A position description and application package can be obtained from [www.gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au](http://www.gatewaycommunityhealth.org.au) or by phoning 02 6022 8888.

**Applications to:** CEO, Gateway Community Health, 155 High Street Wodonga 3690

**Closing date:** 5pm, Tuesday October 6th 2009

Image courtesy of the Making Two Worlds Work Project developed by: Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation and Women's Health Goulburn North East.



## CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMMES UNIT (CAAAPU)

## CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAM UNIT TREATMENT MANAGER

**The CAAAPU Treatment Manager is responsible for the delivery of quality residential rehabilitation, treatment services and educational programs to the highest standard, for CAAAPU clients with Alcohol and other drug related illnesses.**

The Treatment Manager will play a key role in researching, planning, co-ordinating and managing the delivery of treatment programs; will direct and lead a team of health professionals and counsellors, and will strive to build a safe and effective healing place that equips Aboriginal peoples with the tools to lead healthy, sober and productive lifestyles. The Treatment Manager will work closely with the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Executive Officer.

Sober habits and satisfactory Police checks are among the conditions of employment for all successful applicants.

To be considered for interview, applicants must address all the selection criteria for this position. Copies of the Selection Criteria can be obtained by telephoning the CAAAPU Office (08) 8955 5336 or by email request to: [krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au](mailto:krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au)

**Applications Close on Friday 7th August 2009** and must be made in writing to the Manager, Office Administration, CAAAPU PO Box 8695, Alice Springs NT 0871 or by email to [krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au](mailto:krystal.perkins@caaapu.org.au)

**CAAAPU is an equal opportunity employer.**

**Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply for this position.**



## Want to make a difference to children in care?

The Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian needs Community Visitors for the Far Northern Zone within Cape York Peninsula, Torres Strait Islands and surrounding areas.

The Commission protects the rights, interests and wellbeing of those members of the community under 18 years old. Community Visitors (CVs) help by monitoring the care provided to children and young people in the child protection system.

Community Visitors regularly visit those in foster care, residential facilities, disability respite centres, mental health facilities, youth detention centres and youth shelters.

To be a CV, you must be an excellent problem solver with an understanding knowledge of, and commitment to, child protection issues. You need strong communication skills and the ability to self manage and work in a team.

The role requires out-of-hours work, access to a personal computer at home and your own vehicle. Benefits include an excellent hourly rate and flexible working hours.

**The Commission has identified it is a genuine occupational requirement that this identified position be filled by a female Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person as permitted by and arguable under Sections 25, 104 and 105 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (1991). Applicants will be expected to provide a reference from an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander person concerning their ability to satisfy the Key Result Areas as the position will have a high level of direct contact and high level interaction with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people and their communities.**

Please note: criminal history checks will be carried out on all successful applicants, as Community Visitors are required to hold a blue card.

For more information, visit [www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au](http://www.smartjobs.qld.gov.au) go to 'Organisation' and look for 'Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian reference number **QLD/CCYP7066/09** or contact Simon Morawiec, Zonal Administration, Community Visitor Program on 1800 008 175.

**Applications close Wednesday 14 October 2009**  
**Applications will remain current for 12 months**

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## Careers in Health

### Nursing

#### Clinical Nurse (Inpatient/Generalist)

– Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Doomadgee Hospital, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$83 791 p.a., comprising salary between \$68 555 - \$73 439 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) eligible staff entitled to full RANIP package including professional development leave, and airfares, staff can negotiate staff accommodation when available or rental assistance of \$82.50 per week for up to 17 months. (Nurse Grade 6) (Temporary position up to 30 June 2012, subject to funding. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI09152. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide clinical expertise, support and education to ensure the provision of best practice and quality patient care in relation to detoxification. This role is an advanced practitioner, in the discipline of alcohol detoxification and is recognised as a resource person for detoxification. Provide generalist nursing support within the various hospital departments, outside the detoxification portfolio.

#### Clinical Nurse (Inpatient/Generalist) –

Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Services, Normanton Hospital, Mount Isa Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$83 791 p.a., comprising salary between \$68 555 - \$73 439 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) Eligible staff entitled to full RANIP package including professional development leave, and airfares, staff can negotiate staff accommodation when available or rental assistance of \$82.50 per week for up to 17 months. (Nurse Grade 6) (Temporary position up to 30 June 2012, subject to funding. Applications will remain current for 12 months.) JAR: H09MI09157. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide clinical expertise, support and education to ensure the provision of best practice and quality patient care in relation to detoxification. This role is an advanced practitioner, in the discipline of alcohol detoxification and is recognised as a resource person for detoxification. Provide generalist nursing support within the various hospital departments, outside the detoxification portfolio.

**To apply for the positions grouped above:**

**Enquiries:** Sandra Kennedy (07) 4749 3821.

**Application Kit:** (07) 4750 6773 or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Monday, 5 October 2009.

### Allied Health/Clinical Support

#### Senior Health Worker (Team Leader) –

Mental Health Program, Community Health Service, Cherbourg, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$73 986 p.a., comprising salary between \$61 498 - \$64 845 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (006) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SB0956. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide and manage the primary service to Indigenous clients with immediate mental and/or cultural health needs. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

#### Advanced Health Worker (Men's Business) –

Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Service Program, Community Health Service, Cherbourg, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$67 127 p.a., comprising salary between \$53 358 - \$58 834 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (005) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SB0947. **Duties/Abilities:** Assist with the development, delivery, implementation and evaluation of strategies and programs within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population of the Cherbourg Community. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

**To apply for the positions grouped above:**

**Enquiries:** Lorian Hayes (07) 4169 8900.

**Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or

[www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

**Closing Date:** Friday, 9 October 2009.

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#### Advanced Health Worker (Men's Business) –

Sexual Health Program, Community Health Service, Cherbourg, Darling Downs – West Moreton Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$59 263 p.a., comprising salary between \$47 219 - \$51 941 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (004) (Applications will remain current for 12 months) JAR: H09SB0963. **Duties/Abilities:** Encourage men to adopt self help responsibilities toward their health, adopt safe sex practices and to facilitate Indigenous men's access to mainstream services to further the prevention and early treatment of Sexually Transmissible Infections and other sexual health conditions. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. **Enquiries:** Lorian Hayes (07) 4169 8900. **Application Kit:** (07) 3136 5616 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Friday, 9 October 2009.

### Corporate Support Services

#### Graduate Human Resources Officers –

Human Resources Graduate Program, Human Resources Branch, Various locations within Brisbane area, Corporate Services Division. Remuneration value up to \$63 240 p.a., comprising salary between \$49 549 - \$55 427 p.a., employer contribution to superannuation (up to 12.75%) and annual leave loading (17.5%) (AO3) (Five positions. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants strongly encouraged to apply. Applications will remain current for 12 months), JAR: H09HL08653. **Duties/Abilities:** Contribute to and gain a broader appreciation of the Human Resources profession through participation in the 12 month Queensland Health Human Resources (HR) Graduate Program. **Enquiries:** Anna Zilli (07) 3234 1754. **Application Kit:** (07) 3170 4545 or [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus) **Closing Date:** Monday, 5 October 2009.

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### You can apply online at [www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus)

*A criminal history check may be conducted on the recommended person for the job. A non-smoking policy applies to Queensland Government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.*

[www.dhs.vic.gov.au](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au)



## Youth Justice Worker Malmsbury and Parkville Youth Justice Precinct

Parkville Youth Justice Precinct (Casual positions available)  
Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct (casual and fulltime positions available)  
**\$39,000- \$50,083 pa or pro rata**

Are you?

- Seeking a rewarding career opportunity?
- Pursuing a career change?
- Able to offer life experience?
- Committed to working with young people in custody?

Malmsbury Youth Justice precinct is located approximately 100 kilometres north of Melbourne and accommodates young men aged 18-21 years sentenced to a Senior Youth Training Centre Order by the Adult Courts in Victoria with up to 90 clients in a mixture of low and high security residential units.

The Parkville Youth Justice Precinct, comprising of two custodial centres, is located in the inner Northern Melbourne suburb of Parkville, approximately 5 kilometres from the central business district. Parkville Youth Justice Precinct accommodates:

10-14 year old males - remanded and sentenced from the Children's Court

10-17 year old females - remanded and sentenced from the Children's Court and;

18-21 year old women sentenced to a senior Youth Training Centre Order.

We are looking for people who are committed to engaging young people in positive change, thrive on team work, enjoy new challenges and value a diverse work environment. This role presents an exciting and rewarding opportunity to provide care, supervision and support to young people in a custodial environment, and help maintain the safety and security of the centre.

A three week comprehensive mandatory Induction Program, including training in conflict management, security, first aid and Occupational Health and Safety will be provided. Expected Induction date early November. Previous applicants welcome to apply.

**To apply online and view the job description, visit [www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers](http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers) and click on Vacancies. Alternatively, contact Anna on 9096 7166 for a copy of the Job Description.**

Please quote reference no DHS/YJCS/456 for Parkville and DHS/YJCS/789 for Malmsbury  
2 October 2009

*Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.*



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**Government of South Australia**  
Department for Environment  
and Heritage

# Ranger, Mamungari Conservation Park

## WEST REGION – CEDUNA

**Full Time, 1-5 Year Contract**

**Vacancy No: T6387/2009**

**\$54,974 - \$57,514 per annum (OPS4)**

This exciting new position is located at Ceduna in the Far West of South Australia, and has been created to further develop the partnership between the Mamungari Conservation Park Board and the Department for Environment & Heritage in co-management of the Park with the traditional owners.

The high level objectives to be met in the role are to manage the Mamungari Conservation Park in a co-management framework and provide an effective executive support service.

**Enquiries to:** Amber Clarke via email: [amber.clarke@sa.gov.au](mailto:amber.clarke@sa.gov.au) or phone: (08) 8688 3131 or mobile: 0428 102 207.

**Application Information:** Available at <http://www.environment.sa.gov.au/deh/vacancies/>

Either email your application to [dehjobs@sa.gov.au](mailto:dehjobs@sa.gov.au) or send to Recruitment and Selection, HR Services, Dept for Environment and Heritage, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide SA 5001.

**Applications Close: 5.00pm, Friday 9 October 2009**

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## Career Opportunities & Work/Life Balance

*We offer a strong commitment to training, an Education Assistance Policy that provides financial and practical support and flexible working arrangements, including flex days/RDOs and paid maternity leave. Council's offices are conveniently located close to the rail network.*

### Field Operator Program

**12-month career opportunities in Civil Construction and Horticulture for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders**

**Previous experience not essential**

**Vacancy No. C200-1001**

**Commencing Salary: \$33,800 pa**

**Closing Date: 7 October 2009**

*Are you looking to get a head start in an outdoor career?*

*Do you have your School Certificate?*

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We have developed a unique Field Operator Training Program combining on the job experience and accredited training. During your employment, you will be required to work towards a Certificate in Civil Construction or Horticulture. It is essential that you have a good level of fitness and enjoy work of a physical nature, are well presented, can work well in a team, deal with the public well and have your School Certificate. A current Driver's Licence will be well regarded.

We are looking to employ people for a period of 12 months. Permanent employment may be offered at the end of the 12 months subject to successful completion of the training course, good performance and the availability of permanent positions.

We will be offering two (2) positions to people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background – Exemption granted under section 126 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

#### How to Apply:

*You will first need to book into an Aptitude Test by phoning Lyndall Ryman on 4732 7559 between 9.00am and 3.00pm. Intending applicants must also address the essential and desirable criteria outlined within the job information pack which can be obtained from our website or by phoning the relevant contact. Council practices EEO & OHS principles.*



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## Cultural Liaison Officer (Identified)

**Brisbane Correctional Centre**

(Identified – Applicants must identify as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent)

**Community Safety**

**Salary:** \$46 120 – \$51 432 p.a.

**Location:** Brisbane

**REF:** QLD/CS258/09

**Enquiries:** Gail Kingsford (07) 3274 9761

**Closing Date:** Monday, 5 October 2009

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## 2010 Summer Clerkship

- opportunities for law students from an Indigenous background

### What we offer

Each year Victoria Legal Aid offers four six-week summer clerkship positions to law students with an Indigenous background. The 2010 Summer Clerkship Program will commence in mid January and conclude late February.

### Opportunities for Indigenous law students

The Summer Clerkship Program is aimed giving you the opportunity to gain work experience in the legal system and assist you in:

- developing your practical legal skills;
- identifying areas of law in which you have a particular interest in; and
- developing your relationships with legal practitioners who can act as mentors.

Placements are available in one of our three service areas: Criminal Law; Civil Law; and Family, Youth and Children's Law. There is also the opportunity to complete your placement in one of our regional offices.

We aim to accommodate your needs, regarding location and area of interest.

You are welcome to commence a summer clerkship at any stage of your law degree and you are invited to return in successive years until you have completed your studies.

### Selection criteria

As part of your application you will need to address the following selection criteria:

- confirmation of enrolment in a law degree;
- good analytical skills, combined with an understanding of legal principles and the ability to apply them to specific facts;
- well-developed interpersonal and communication skills, with a demonstrated ability to work effectively in a team environment; and
- an interest in developing a career in the legal aid or community sector.

### How to apply

Applications for the Indigenous Summer Clerkship Program will open on 25 September 2009 and close on 16 October 2009.

You are invited to submit your application by email. Your application should include the following:

- statement addressing the selection criteria;
- resume including details of three referees; and
- copy of your academic transcript.

Applications should be sent to [jobs@vla.vic.gov.au](mailto:jobs@vla.vic.gov.au) and addressed to Leah Borsboom, Senior HR Consultant. For further information please phone (03) 9269 0537.

This program is covered by an exemption granted by VCAT under section 83 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995* (application number A275/2008) in respect of sections 13, 14, 100 and 195 of the *Equal Opportunity Act 1995*.

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the children's hospital at Westmead

**NSW HEALTH**

## Aboriginal Child & Adolescent Mental Health & Wellbeing Manager

**Position No. 680173/0498/08**

**MH Kids. Full-time.**

MH-Kids is the child and adolescent mental health services (CAMHS) policy, service development and service planning unit of the Mental Health and Drug & Alcohol Office (MHDAO), NSW Health, and has a statewide brief. MH-Kids is based at Gladesville and hosted on a remote basis by The Children's Hospital at Westmead (CHW) and MH-Kids staff members are employees of CHW. MH-Kids aims to improve the mental health of NSW children, adolescents and those who care for them by working collaboratively with policy makers and service providers to support the best use of available evidence, the dissemination of relevant information and the development of meaningful partnerships for service planning and development, workforce development and clinical service innovation.

**Criteria:** People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent as per Part 9(a), Section 122k of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. Appropriate tertiary qualification in health and/or relevant experience in a health related field. Demonstrated understanding and working knowledge of Indigenous mental health issues. Demonstrated understanding of mental health service delivery, particularly for children and their families in NSW. Demonstrated experience in leading complex and comprehensive initiatives. Understanding of policy and planning. Demonstrated understanding of other Human Service Departments and their involvement in mental health particularly for indigenous populations and children and their families. Demonstrated high-level negotiation and communication skills (written and verbal). Demonstrated ability to manage specific projects including the ability to prioritise a range of competing responsibilities and tasks within specific timeframes. Track record in establishing partnership arrangements across agencies/services.

**Details:** Position description is available online.

Please note that this position is based at Gladesville Hospital.

**Enquiries:** Sandra Heriot on (02) 9816 0438 or email [shero@doh.health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shero@doh.health.nsw.gov.au)

**Applications close 4th October 2009.**

**Send applications to:**  
**Staff Services Department,**  
**Locked Bag 4001,**  
**Westmead NSW 2145**

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## Indigenous Development Officer

**(Ref SCS108)**

This is an exciting opportunity for an energetic person to contribute to the ongoing development of Wagga's Indigenous community and its relationship with Council.

In this role you will be responsible for assisting Council in the development and implementation of community strategies, plans and events that relate to the needs and aspirations of our Indigenous population.

A demonstrated knowledge of the issues/needs relating to the local Indigenous community and other stakeholders is required, and you must have the ability to work with Indigenous communities.

To be successful in this role you must possess highly developed communication and interpersonal skills along with well developed time management and organisational skills. Computer skills are essential and it is highly desirable that applicants have tertiary qualifications in Social Sciences or related field or discipline, or equivalent industry experience.

An understanding of strategic and operational planning processes and procedures is desirable.

Persons of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

This position is subject to NSW Child Protection Legislation. Applicants must complete a Prohibited Employment Declaration form as part of the application process. These forms are available on our website.

**Remuneration: Minimum \$977.04 gross per week + super**

**Enquiries: Kellie-Ann Murray - 02 6921 2429 or**

**Sue Wilson - 02 6926 9320**

**Closing Date: Friday, 9 October 2009.**

Applicants must address the selection criteria for this position contained in the position description available on our website or by contacting Council's Customer Service Centre on 1300 292 442.

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**Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply. Indigenous applicants can contact Associate Professor Carolyn Evans on [c.evans@unimelb.edu](mailto:c.evans@unimelb.edu) or +61 3 8344 1102 for advice and information on making an application.**

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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.

### MEDICAL OFFICER LEVEL 4 Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health MO 4 \$128,156 - \$141,063 CANBERRA – Ref No: 09-0613

Applications are sought from highly motivated medical practitioners interested in joining a dedicated Public Health Advisory Unit within OATSIH. The position will provide high level professional, medical and public health advice to all branches within OATSIH on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues and work closely with the Senior Medical Adviser. The position will also participate in policy development and implementation, liaise with internal and external stakeholders and take responsibility for special projects as required. Applicants will require an understanding of the major health issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and an understanding of the policy, program and public health approaches being taken to address these issues. An ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people is also required.

Contact officer: Dr Geetha Isaac-Toua on (02) 6289 7668 or 0421 588 389 or [geetha.isaac-toua@health.gov.au](mailto:geetha.isaac-toua@health.gov.au)

### DIRECTOR Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health EL 2 \$99,190 - \$117,436 CANBERRA – Ref No: 09-0615

The successful applicants are required to demonstrate ability to work well in a team environment with strong leadership, organisational and written skills and work well under pressure. Demonstrated experience in program management and/or implementation is required.

Applicants will require an understanding of issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in contemporary Australian society and a commitment to improving the responsiveness of the health system to the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Contact officer: Joan Corbett on (02) 6289 5284 or [joan.corbett@health.gov.au](mailto:joan.corbett@health.gov.au)

### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health EL 1 \$83,137 - \$94,819 CANBERRA – Ref No: 09-0612

The successful applicant will be required to work individually and as a member of a team to undertake a range of duties, to provide support to the Medical Advisers and Director within the Public Health Advisory Unit (PHAU) in the Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health. This will include providing high level administrative support to the Senior Medical Adviser and Director of the unit; coordination and provision of high level input to a range of parliamentary and departmental briefings, technical reports and correspondence; coordination and provision of high level input into a range of complex policy and program issues within the PHAU; program administration, including budget planning and management, contract management and secretariat support.

Contact officer: Louise O'Neill on (02) 6289 7346 or [louise.o'neill@health.gov.au](mailto:louise.o'neill@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 8 October 2009, 7pm EDT.

Diversity is important to us. We encourage applications from mature age workers, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people with disability and people from diverse cultural backgrounds. A reasonable adjustment policy is one element of the department's Disability Action Plan.

The department uses the National Relay Service (NRS). Hearing and speech impaired applicants can obtain further information by contacting the NRS and asking to be connected to (02) 6289 8888.

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### Aboriginal Child, Family & Community Care State Secretariat NSW - (AbSec)

AbSec is primarily funded by Community Services (NSW) and is recognised as the peak Aboriginal organisation providing child protection and out-of-home-care (OOHC) policy advice to the government and non-government sector in NSW.

An organisational review and expansion of AbSec services requires the creation of the following new positions.

#### Operations Manager

This is a senior management position within the organisation. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate exceptional advocacy, policy development and project/staff management skills. The position encompasses the overall supervision of the AbSec office and staff and high level management of AbSec projects. A thorough knowledge of the OOHC and child protection sector is required to obtain best practice outcomes for Aboriginal children, young people, carers, agencies and communities. The successful applicant would be required to undertake some travel and have the ability to act in the position of CEO.

#### Senior Project Manager

This newly created position will work with Community Services (NSW) to develop a new and innovative collaborative model of Aboriginal child protection in NSW. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate extensive experience in developing and implementing Aboriginal specific community projects through engagement with Aboriginal communities and a broad range of stakeholders. The ability to undertake extensive travel is a prerequisite of this position and a current NSW driver's licence is required. It is expected that further positions of a similar scope will become available at AbSec in the near future so an eligibility list may be created.

Over award and competitive salary packages (including salary sacrificing) are available for these positions and are commensurate with the experience required to undertake these roles. Before applying for this position, applicants will need to request an information package containing the selection criteria and other relevant information from [reception@absec.org.au](mailto:reception@absec.org.au) or by phoning (02) 9264 0088 and speaking to Judith.

If any further information is required about the scope of the positions please phone the CEO of AbSec on (02) 9264 0088 or 0408 888 698.

**Applications Close:** 9 October 2009.

*Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification of these positions and is authorised under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*



### CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL ALCOHOL PROGRAMMES UNIT (CAAAPU)

## DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**CAAAPU is a community focused organisation currently expanding to grow its Alcohol and Other Drug programs. An exciting opportunity is now available. CAAAPU is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career, undertaking a new and challenging role of Deputy Chief Executive Officer.**

Based in Alice Springs, the Deputy Chief Executive Officer will provide high level managerial assistance to the Chief Executive Officer and will be responsible for directing the day-to-day administration and operations of the CAAAPU organisation. The Deputy CEO, will play a key role in supporting the Strategic direction of CAAAPU; ensuring CAAAPU adheres to its corporate governance and reporting obligations; building a successful day-to-day working environment; and maintaining productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders.

#### The Successful applicant will:

- Demonstrate high level management, operational and administration skills.
- Have sound knowledge of the problems relating to substance abuse, and the Indigenous perspective of Alcohol and substance abuse.
- Have significant experience working with a diverse range of stakeholders in a complex and challenging environment.
- Maintain sober habits and abstain from other substance abuse.
- The Deputy CEO is an identified position.

If this opportunity appeals to you, contact CAAAPU for further information and copies of the Position Description and Selection Criteria. All applicants must specifically address the Selection Criteria for their application to be considered.

**Applications Close on 16 October 2009**

#### For Further Information Contact:

The Chief Executive Officer, Abdul Khan by email:  
[Abdul.Khan@caaapu.org.au](mailto:Abdul.Khan@caaapu.org.au) or  
Telephone: 08 8955 5336 or visit the CAAAPU website at [www.caaapu.org.au](http://www.caaapu.org.au)

#### Applications can be forwarded to:

The Chief Executive Officer  
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit  
PO BOX 8695 Alice Springs, NT 0871.

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders are strongly encouraged to Apply.**

NSW DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING



## HOUSING NSW PROJECT OFFICER, BUSINESS SUPPORT

Clerk Grade 5/6  
Southern & Western NSW Housing Services  
Riverina-Murray Area, Wagga Wagga  
Permanent Full-Time  
Position No: 09-HNSW-20554

**Total remuneration package valued up to \$80,503 per annum (Salary: \$66,116 pa - \$72,952 pa) includes employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading.**

**Job Description:** Assist the Business Support Manager in the improvement of client service delivery and housing assistance service strategies. The monitoring and analysis of Team performance will be critical in assisting Teams to meet their business targets.

#### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Excellent verbal and written communication and interpersonal skills.
- Demonstrated high-level administrative and organisational ability.
- Strong commitment to work as part of a team.
- Experience in budget monitoring and sound analytical and decision-making skills.
- Demonstrated understanding and knowledge of computer applications.
- Knowledge of social justice, human service, asset management and housing assistance delivery issues.
- Experience in preparing and coordinating ministerial briefs.
- Current Driver's Licence.

**Job Notes:** Further information about this position is available on-line and you must address the full selection criteria.

**Inquiries:** Geoff Murray (02) 6921 0088

#### Information Package:

[www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers](http://www.housing.nsw.gov.au/About+Us/Careers) or NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd (02) 6392 8250

**Apply on-line:** As per link in the Information Package or post to: NSW Businesslink Pty Ltd, Western Regional Service Centre, PO Box 2552, ORANGE NSW 2800.

**Closing date:** Friday 2 October 2009.

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## NSW HEALTH HUNTER NEW ENGLAND

Applications can be lodged on line at  
[www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment](http://www.hnehealth.nsw.gov.au/recruitment)  
Application Information Packages are available at this web address or by contacting the application kit line on (02) 4926 7626.

#### Administration Officer – Ward Clerk

Administration, Belmont Hospital

Perm Full/Part Time with creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual vacancies  
Position No: 64497

This position has been advertised externally for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people only to apply. In the event that there are no Aboriginal applicants, then the mainstream internal applications from this advertisement will be utilised. Mainstream internal applicants include: permanent employees and temporary employees who have been employed for more than 12 months and who have been employed as part of a merit selection process. Please note that this process is a Government approved strategy and falls under the Affirmative Action Plan for Employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Enquiries: Leanne Cooper, (02) 4923 2154.

#### Service Manager

Mental Health Services, Mehi/McIntyre Clusters, Moree

Perm Full Time with creation of an eligibility list for future Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual vacancies  
Position No: 64547

Enquiries: Judy Stephens, (02) 6767 8615.

#### Aboriginal Coordinator

Mental Health, Tamworth/Armidale

Perm Full Time  
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: Judy Stephens, (02) 6767 8615.  
Closing Date: 2 October 2009.

#### Assistant in Nursing

Merriwa

Perm Part Time, 8 hpw  
Position No: 64570

#### Enrolled or Endorsed Enrolled Nurse

Merriwa

Perm Part Time, 8 hpw  
Position No: 64571

#### FOR ABOVE TWO POSITIONS:

Enquiries: Cheryl Mead, (02) 6532 5000.

**Closing Date for all positions  
(unless specified): 9 October 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 Heritage Planning Officer, Northern

Environment Officer Class 9

Vacancy Ref: DECC09-191

Total remuneration package to \$101,105 p.a. including salary \$82,247 p.a. to \$91,623 p.a. Salary package includes base salary, annual leave loading and employer contributions to superannuation scheme. Contributes to managing Aboriginal heritage through consultation and negotiation with Aboriginal communities, developers, councils and other stakeholders. A key responsibility includes processing applications for permits under the NPW Act.

### Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality.
- Demonstrated skills and experience in consultation and engagement with Aboriginal communities, including an understanding of Aboriginal culture and community structures.
- Demonstrated understanding and experience in the protection and management of Aboriginal heritage, including Aboriginal objects.
- Demonstrated project management and financial management experience.
- Sound knowledge of NSW and Commonwealth legislation dealing with Aboriginal heritage protection and environmental impact assessment.
- Demonstrated effective written and verbal communication skills, and strong interpersonal skills, flexibility and an ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- Demonstrated liaison, consultation, facilitation, negotiation and conflict management skills and experience in the management of complex cross-cultural issues
- Current Drivers Licence and preparedness to travel and stay overnight at locations away from the Branch office.

**Job Notes:** This is a temporary position for the period to 30 June 2010. This is an identified position under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible.

**Inquiries:** Brett Nudd phone (02) 6659 8220 or brett.nudd@environment.nsw.gov.au

**Information Packages:** (02) 6659 8295

**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:** 9 October 2009.

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## Aboriginal Arts Development Officer

Position No. CS345

Blacktown City Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill its Aboriginal Arts Development Officer position.

The position holder will be required to implement a comprehensive Aboriginal arts development strategy for Council, including economic and professional development opportunities for Aboriginal artists, and to ensure that opportunities are made available for the development and recognition of arts development in Blacktown's Aboriginal communities.

### Qualifications and Experience

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for this position in accordance with Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

The successful applicant will have relevant tertiary qualifications or equivalent relevant work experience, in addition to significant experience in cultural planning, policy development and project management. Extensive experience working with artists and in arts organisations, detailed knowledge of the issues affecting Aboriginal artists, and extensive experience working with Aboriginal communities are essential requirements for the position.

### Employment Conditions

Salary and conditions are in accordance with Blacktown City Council's Enterprise Agreement and a salary will be negotiated within the range \$981.00 to \$1,098.70 (Grade 11) per week. A motor vehicle allowance will be made available to the successful applicant. Also, flexible working arrangements can be discussed with the successful applicant.

Applications including full details of qualifications and experience, addressing the selection criteria, and including the names of two referees should be forwarded to: The General Manager, Blacktown City Council PO Box 63, Blacktown 2148

**Enquiries:** Jenny Bisset (02) 9839 6081.

**Closing Date:** Applications must be received by 4.00 pm on Friday, 9 October 2009.

**For this position:** Application forms and descriptions are available on our website. Applications MUST quote relevant position number. Salary and conditions of employment are in accordance with the Blacktown City Council Enterprise Agreement.

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## Legal Cadetships (Aboriginal Identified)

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Two (2) Temporary Full-Time Positions.  
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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www.dhs.vic.gov.au



## Psychologist - Clinical Supervision and Support

\$89,668 - \$119,995 plus superannuation  
Full Time, Fixed Term until 30 June 2010

This position requires demonstrated experience in providing clinical supervision to staff groups and psychological support to individuals, using evidence based clinical frameworks. Working in partnership with stakeholders the position will:

- Assist staff to identify strategies for managing difficult workplace issues.
- Provide strategies for self-care, support staff resilience and develop peer support.
- Advise and coach management on proactive strategies to promote psychological wellbeing in the workplace.

If this opportunity appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Geoff Reany on (03) 9096 7575.

Please quote reference no DHS/OPS/43726

Closing date for applications is Sunday 27 September 2009.

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.



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### Legal Officer

- One year's experience in native title practice
- Two years' post admission experience

### Our Organisation

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- A team of nine lawyers
- See our website for detailed organisational information

### Remuneration

An attractive remuneration and conditions package is available to the right person.

### Interested?

Contact the Human Resource Officer for selection documents.

### Closing Date

7 October 2009

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If so, vacancies exist within TAFE NSW Hunter Institute in Aboriginal Art and Aboriginal Cultural Awareness.

For more information and a full list of vacancies please visit [www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au) or phone (02) 4923 7370.

**NB:** The Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 makes it an offence for a prohibited person (a person convicted of a serious sex offence, the murder of a child or a child-related personal violence offence, as well as a Registrable person under the Child Protection [Offenders Registration] Act 2000) to apply for or otherwise attempt to obtain, undertake or remain in, child-related employment.

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**Applications close at 5pm 2 October 2009.** Late applications will not be accepted.

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**Australian Government**  
**Attorney-General's Department**



## Join our team – it's in the engine room of government

The Attorney-General's Department has a challenging and exciting policy and program agenda. The principal objective of the Department is to support the Australian Government in achieving a just and secure society. The Department provides expert advice to Government on a wide range of legal and policy issues, including national and protective security, counter terrorism and critical infrastructure protection, classification policy, emergency management, native title, criminal justice and crime prevention, international law, family law, legal assistance, administrative law, human rights, copyright and information law, Indigenous law and justice, personal property securities law and the Australian background checking service. It is also responsible for the administration of a number of important programs in these areas. The Department is the key policy and coordinating body for the Attorney-General's portfolio and works in close cooperation with a wide range of judicial, legal and public sector bodies.

## Legal Officers – Various Opportunities and Levels

Salary range \$49,360 - \$117,175 (plus superannuation)

Reference Number: 2689/AGD

The Department is currently recruiting Principal Legal Officers (Executive Level 2 equivalent), Senior Legal Officers (Executive Level 1 equivalent) and Legal Officers (APS Levels 3 – 6 equivalent) across a broad range of areas.

### Access to Justice Division

Access to Justice Division is responsible for policy, legislation, advice and programs on administrative law, alternative dispute resolution, federal courts and tribunals, domestic and international family law, marriage law, intercountry adoption, evidence law, and private international law. For further information about this Division, please contact Matt Minogue on (02) 6141 4180 or email [matt.minogue@ag.gov.au](mailto:matt.minogue@ag.gov.au)

### Social Inclusion Division

Social Inclusion Division is responsible for policy, legislation, advice and programs related to human rights, Indigenous law and justice, legal assistance and native title. For further information about this Division, please contact Kathleen Falko on (02) 6141 4733 or email [kathleen.falko@ag.gov.au](mailto:kathleen.falko@ag.gov.au)

### Civil Law Division

Civil Law Division is responsible for policy, legislation and advice related to personal property securities, bankruptcy, Commonwealth legal services, support for the Attorney-General as First Law Officer and advancing Australian legal services and legal cooperation internationally. For further information about this Division, please contact Tracey Grobbelaar on (02) 6141 3617 or email [tracey.grobbelaar@ag.gov.au](mailto:tracey.grobbelaar@ag.gov.au)

### Territories and Information Law Division

Territories and Information Law Division is responsible for administration and oversight of Australian territories, and policy, legislation, advice and programs related to copyright, electronic commerce and classification. For further information about this Division, please contact Sam Ahlin on (02) 6141 3479 or email [sam.ahlin@ag.gov.au](mailto:sam.ahlin@ag.gov.au)

### National Security Law and Policy Division

National Security Law and Policy Division is responsible for legislation and advice on national security, counterterrorism, surveillance devices, and telecommunications interception and for delivery of vetting and background checking services which incorporates AusCheck and the Australian Security Vetting Service. For further information about this Division, please contact Susan Mihalic on (02) 6141 2909 or email [susan.mihalic@ag.gov.au](mailto:susan.mihalic@ag.gov.au)

### Criminal Justice Division

Criminal Justice Division is responsible for policy, legislation, advice and programs related to criminal law, criminal justice processes, operational law enforcement, border management and crime prevention, including liaison with AFP, Customs and ACC. For further information about this Division, please contact Autumn Field on (02) 6141 2855 or email [autumn.field@ag.gov.au](mailto:autumn.field@ag.gov.au)

### International Crime Cooperation Division

International Crime Cooperation Division is responsible for policy, legislation, case work and advice on international criminal cooperation matters, as well as providing technical legal assistance and capacity building to other countries. For further information about this Division, please contact Amy Symons on (02) 6141 3279 or email [amy.symons@ag.gov.au](mailto:amy.symons@ag.gov.au)

For full details of these vacancies including detailed job descriptions and duty statements please refer to the candidate information kit which you can find on our website at [www.ag.gov.au/employment](http://www.ag.gov.au/employment)

If, after reading the candidate information kit, you have any questions regarding how to apply for these vacancies, you should email [Recruitment@ag.gov.au](mailto:Recruitment@ag.gov.au) or call (02) 6141 3591

**Closing Date:** 11:30pm, Thursday 1 October 2009

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**The Fred Hollows Foundation**

## Deputy Manager – Indigenous Program

The Fred Hollows Foundation is an agent for development; we focus on blindness prevention and Australian Indigenous health.

The Deputy Manager – Indigenous Program is a full time position based in the Darwin office. This role is responsible for supporting the management of The Foundation's inter-related development initiatives in rural and remote Aboriginal communities and will entail duties such as:

- High level project management across all program areas
- Support of the program's monitoring and evaluation framework including staff support and management of external evaluations
- Internal review and evaluation of programs as required
- Staff support and management across all program offices
- Needs analysis and project design for new projects
- Involvement in strategic program development

### We are seeking an individual with:

- Extensive program management experience in Indigenous community development
- Strong strategic and cognitive abilities evidenced by a track record in effective capacity building and development of new projects
- Linkages with or knowledge of relevant networks, as well as strong relationship building ability
- Superior written and verbal communication skills including substantial experience in proposal development, evaluation and advocacy
- Be able to travel regularly interstate and to remote areas as required

*Indigenous people are encouraged to apply for this position.*

**Application process:** For further details go to [www.hollows.org.au/employment](http://www.hollows.org.au/employment) or call Joy McLaughlin on (08) 8941 5145. Submit your resume, cover letter and details of current work referees to [fhf@hollows.org](mailto:fhf@hollows.org) or fax to (08) 8941 5815.



**Australian Government**

**Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations**

## Policy Officers

**Executive Level 1 | \$81,918–\$90,600 | Ref no: 09/0049 (identified)**

**APS 6 | \$64,742–\$73,100 | Ref no: 09/0046 (identified)**

Several positions are available in the newly formed Equity, Performance and Indigenous Branch, Higher Education Group. The Branch plays a key role in developing and implementing the Australian Government's recent higher education reforms, with a particular focus on improving outcomes for Indigenous students, students from low socio-economic backgrounds and other equity groups.

We seek pro-active individuals who thrive in a team environment. We seek people who analyse issues from a range of perspectives, communicate clearly and will take responsibility for managing work projects to achieve results.

The Branch would welcome applications from people with relevant experience in the higher education sector and in the public policy sector.

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

**Contact Officer:** Nerida Rixon (02) 6240 7803

**Applications close:** 1st October 2009

### How to Apply

Position descriptions and applicant kits including eligibility information, are available on our website at [www.deewr.gov.au/jobs](http://www.deewr.gov.au/jobs)

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Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water

## Aboriginal Traineeship Program

(Parks and Wildlife Group)

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## Have you a passion for caring and promoting Country?

Are you interested in:

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- motivating and supporting people to be environmentally responsible?
- protecting the environment?
- undertaking a Conservation and Land Management Certificate II?
- assisting with nature and cultural activities?



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**Our one-year Aboriginal Traineeship Program offers you these opportunities.**

Full details including selection criteria are in the recruitment package. To obtain further information and the recruitment package please contact Maroulla Papaeletheriou by email on [maroulla.papaeletheriou@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:maroulla.papaeletheriou@environment.nsw.gov.au), or by phone on (02) 9585 6780. Applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package to apply.

**Closing date: Thursday, 22nd October 2009**



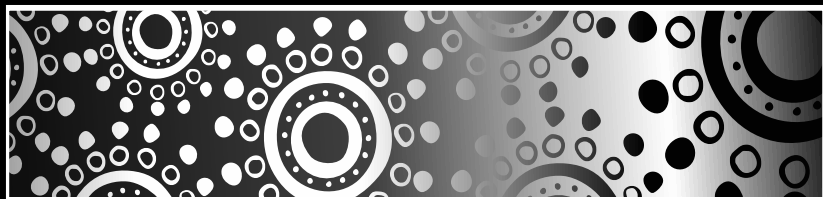
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**Aboriginal Hostels Limited**



## Assistant Houseparent

### Cairns

Joe McGinness Hostel  
APS Level 2  
\$34,500 - \$41,181 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Responsible for the 24-hour operation of the hostel whilst on duty
- Ensure that appropriate recreational, educational and other support facilities are available to the students

### Want to know more?

Contact Robert Ware on 07 4051 2141.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Sandra Callope on 07 4051 4588.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1143, CAIRNS QLD 4870 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au).

### Closing date

By 5pm 9 October 2009.

**This is a Secondary Education hostel.**

## Assistant Hostel Manager

### Alice Springs

Topsy Smith Hostel  
APS Level 3  
\$38,089 - \$45,469 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Operation of the hostel
- Provide a quality service to our residents
- Supervise staff
- Manage a budget
- Provide reports to Regional Manager

### Want to know more?

Contact Natasha Appo on 08 8952 7815.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Amanda Appo on 08 8952 6544.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 1945, ALICE SPRINGS NT 0871 or email to [recruitment@ahl.gov.au](mailto:recruitment@ahl.gov.au).

### Closing date

By 5pm 16 October 2009.

**This is a Renal Dialysis hostel.**

### Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

### Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.

A probationary period applies.

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### Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Foster or Kinship Carers FOR FULL TIME, PART TIME AND RESPITE CARE

We welcome your interest in looking after our children whilst they are under the "Care and Protection System" of the Dept of Child Safety.

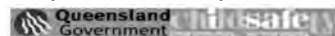
*We support you in meeting the Placement and Alternative Care Support needs for our children.*

- We engage one on one with carers to meet pre-service training modules.
- We maintain networks for Individual Foster and or Kinship Carer support and advocacy with the Dept of Child Safety.
- We schedule monthly Home Visits.
- We Network with both Government & Non Government Organisations to provide support for children in out-of-home care and their Carers.

**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

Email: [fcrcruit@childsafty.qld.gov.au](mailto:fcrcruit@childsafty.qld.gov.au)

**Community  
Legal Centres  
NSW**

**Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP)  
Community Legal Centres NSW Inc**

### ALAP Community Development Worker

**Part-time (21 hours per week)**

Community Legal Centres NSW Inc. (CLCNSW) seeks an experienced and enthusiastic person to undertake community development work in the NSW community legal centre sector to increase access to justice for Aboriginal people. The position is based in Ultimo, Sydney. The position requires experience in project management, advocacy, working with organisations to strengthen their capacity to meet the needs of Aboriginal workers and clients, strong organisational skills, and high-level communication skills.

The position is for 21 hours per week with an above-SACS Award salary commencing at \$57,258 p.a. pro rata plus superannuation. Salary packaging is available and the CLCNSW Enterprise Agreement offers generous conditions.

The position is fixed term until 30 June 2010, with a possibility of ongoing employment dependent on funding.

*CLCNSW considers that being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW).*

**For an information package or enquiries, please contact:** CLCNSW reception on (02) 9212 7333 or email Alastair McEwin, Director, on [Alastair\\_McEwin@clc.net.au](mailto:Alastair_McEwin@clc.net.au)

**Applications close:** 10.00am, Friday 25 September 2009.



**HomeGround  
Services**

### Housing Outreach Worker

HomeGround is an independent, not-for-profit and secular organisation, working in the areas of homelessness, housing, community development and social change.

HomeGround has a vacancy for an individual with outreach and crisis intervention experience to join our Housing Outreach Team as a Housing Outreach Worker. The Housing Outreach Worker (HOW) works with people who are homeless, highly vulnerable, temporarily placed in rooming houses and/or who experience difficulties in accessing office based services. The job is housing-focused and seeks to improve the client's housing situation by:

- securing more stable and safer housing
- facilitating a successful application for social housing
- securing the necessary resources and support to maintain housing

This role requires someone with initiative, a creative approach to problem solving and excellent interpersonal skills. The successful applicant will enjoy a competitive salary with salary packaging options available, a supportive team environment, bonus days off over the Christmas period and a culture of ongoing training and development.

For more information about this role and to apply please see the position description on our website at [www.homeground.org.au](http://www.homeground.org.au) or call Karen on 03 9419 8855.

**Applications close:** Tuesday 29th of September 2009 at 4pm.



### Regional Development Manager Tiwi Islands

**The AFL is Australia's premier sporting organisation supporting a constantly evolving National competition which has experienced rapid growth over the past 10 years. AFLNT are seeking an enthusiastic hard working and motivated individual to fill and exciting position based on the Tiwi Islands.**

This full time position is for an immediate start and for a period of 6 months, with the possibility of the role becoming permanent after this period.

This position is responsible for the development and implementation of local football programs on the Tiwi Islands including Nguiu, Palumpa and Milikapti.

The applicant must have an understanding of Aboriginal culture and life in a remote community, be able to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people and must be willing to undertake work related travel into remote areas, usually by light aircraft.

Accommodation and a vehicle is attached to a generous salary.

For further information about the position contact Kevin Bruce on 8980 4809 or email [Kevin.Bruce@afnt.com.au](mailto:Kevin.Bruce@afnt.com.au)

**Applications close Friday 9 October 2009.**

For further details of the position, or to submit an application please visit [www.afl.com.au/careers](http://www.afl.com.au/careers)

**Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply**



## New England Division of General Practice

### Aboriginal Health Programs

The New England Division of General Practice is a not-for-profit organisation based in Armidale, northern NSW. The Divisions role is to represent and support the General Practitioners of the New England Tablelands and assist them in addressing the health needs of the local community more effectively.

The Division invites applications for the following position:

**Clinical Team Leader - \$55,328 - \$61,256 pro rata**  
**Part-time 30 hours per week**  
Armidale Based

**Aboriginal Health Worker Team Leader - \$55,328 - \$61,256**  
**Full Time 38 hours per week**  
Location negotiable (within the Divisional area)

The New England Division of General Practice has been funded by OATSIH to provide health care services and population health programs to the Aboriginal community in Armidale and surrounding areas in addition to providing the 'Healthy for Life' (chronic disease and child & maternal health) program currently run throughout the Divisional area. We are seeking two enthusiastic and organised people to manage these two teams.

For a full position description and selection criteria please view the Divisions website [www.nedgp.org.au](http://www.nedgp.org.au). Alternatively contact Sally Reed by phone: (02) 6771 1146 or email: [sreed@nedgp.org.au](mailto:sreed@nedgp.org.au). Remuneration packages will be negotiated based on qualifications, skills and experience.

*Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.*

**Applications close 5pm Wednesday 14th October 2009**

(Late applications and those which do not address the selection criteria will not be accepted)





## ABORIGINAL FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION & LEGAL SERVICE

### PROJECT OFFICER

Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service Victoria is seeking a FT Project Officer to manage a project aimed at improving the police response to incidents of family violence in Aboriginal communities.

**This project has been extended to 30 June 2010.**

**Location:** Collingwood.

**Email:** employment@fvpls.org for a job description or phone: 03 9244 3333 www.fvpls.org

**Closing date:** COB 2 October 2009.

## 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](mailto:chris@coffsharbourlalc.com.au)

**Applications close: 4pm Friday 2 October 2009**

## Case Workers Indigenous Support, Youth & Family

- \* Identified Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander roles!
- \* Attractive remuneration on offer!
- \* Rewarding positions in Lismore and Kempsey!

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. Top be considered it is a genuine requirement to be of **Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent**. You will enjoy a **generous remuneration package**, further training, fantastic working conditions and immense job satisfaction.



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## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE

### ABORIGINAL SPECIALIST WORKER

Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre, which auspices the North West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, (NWSWDVCAS) is seeking a female Aboriginal Specialist Worker whose duties include:

- Attending court on AVO list days to provide information, referrals, assistance and court advocacy for NWSWDVCAS clients in particular Aboriginal women
- Developing working relationships and referral networks with local services that respond to the particular needs of Aboriginal women and children
- Developing links with local Aboriginal communities to promote the services of and encouraging women to use the NWSWDVCAS

**The position is for 21 hrs per week based at Blacktown**

**For an application package** please email [hncic\\_admin@clc.net.au](mailto:hncic_admin@clc.net.au).  
For more information please contact Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre on 4587 8877.

**Applications close on Friday 9 October 2009**

HNCLC considers that being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



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### Academic and Global Relations Division Centre for Teaching and Learning

#### SENIOR LECTURER, INDIGENOUS CURRICULUM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

Vacancy No. 1270

An Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is required to assume a leadership role for the design and development of the Indigenisation of curriculum and associated educational resources in the higher education context.

You will also be responsible for the development of a Cultural Competency framework for the University in consultation with The Wollotuka Institute.

The position is available on a full-time, fixed-term basis for 12 months.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Academic Level C \$87,994 to \$101,465 per annum

Applications close: Sunday 18 October 2009

### Faculty Of Health

#### School of Medicine and Public Health

#### Many Rivers Diabetes Prevention Program (MRDPP)

### PROJECT OFFICER (INDIGENOUS)

Vacancy No. 1240

The MRDPP is implementing and evaluating a community and school-based intervention to reduce the risk of Type 2 diabetes and other chronic diseases among Aboriginal children in rural NSW.

This is a great opportunity for an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to make a valuable contribution to the Project through the General Practitioners Initiative which includes providing cultural support and training to GPs and ensuring cultural safety for Aboriginal Patients.

The successful applicant will be based in Newcastle however outstanding applicants from Taree or Kempsey may be considered.

This position is available on a full-time, fixed-term basis until 31 December 2010.

Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14 (d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

HEW Level 6 \$57,923 to \$63,913 per annum

Applications close: Sunday 11 October 2009

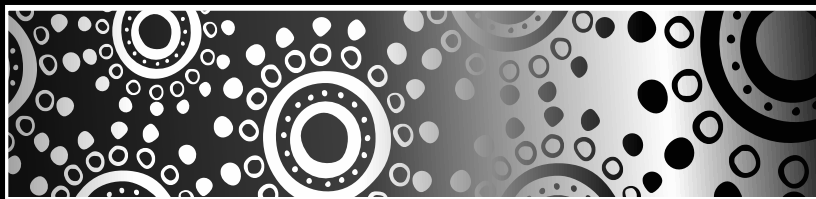
Necessary additional information about the position including selection criteria and application procedure may be obtained by calling **02 4921 5266** or from [www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/service/employment).  
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## Australian Government Aboriginal Hostels Limited



## Weekend Cook/Domestic

### Sydney

Chicka Dixon Hostel

APS Level 1

\$151.51 - \$184.47 per week, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Part time 10 hours per week
- Prepare and cook meals for the residents of the hostel
- Ensure that a high level of cleanliness is maintained throughout all areas of the hostel, which includes preparation of all rooms, stock control of all linen including the changing and washing

### Want to know more?

Contact Millie Dower on 02 9747 4198.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Marlee Booth on 02 9310 2777.

### How to Apply

Send your written application addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, GPO Box 783, STRAWBERRY HILLS NSW 2012.

### Closing date

By 5pm 9 October 2009.

**This is a Transient hostel.**

## Liaison Officer

### Melbourne

William T Onus Hostel

APS Level 3

\$38,089 - \$46,018 pa, plus superannuation

### Duties

- Liaise with the community, relevant agencies and other stakeholders
- Provide support to residents and individuals seeking outreach services
- Report on relevant activities

### Want to know more?

Contact Rita Stewart on 03 9642 2775.

### Application Documents

From our website or telephone Leeann Latu on 03 9642 2775.

### How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Regional Manager, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Box 486G, MELBOURNE VIC 3001.

### Closing date

By 5pm 9 October 2009.

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All applicants must obtain a copy of the recruitment package containing the position description and selection criteria. To be considered, please ensure the selection criteria is addressed in the application. For a recruitment package contact Douglas Ewen on 02-60257075, by email: lalcalbury@bigpond.com

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to:

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PO Box 22, LAVINGTON NSW 2641

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Closing date: Thursday 22 October 2009



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NOTICE TO GRANT MINING LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following mining lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978* (WA):

LEASE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
24/684	Peterborough Nominees Pty Ltd	240ha	40km NW'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°27' Long 121°13'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/466	Rubicon Resources Ltd	335.76ha	44km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°35' Long 121°53'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
37/1290	Jabiru Metals Ltd	1750.39ha	48km N'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°28' Long 121°10'	Leonora
38/1178-9	Eleckra Mines Ltd	1858.48ha	73km E'ly of Cosmo Newberry Mission	Lat 28°06' Long 123°37'	Laverton
45/1189	Polaris Metals NL	1027.6ha	26km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°27' Long 118°47'	Port Hedland Town
74/203	QNI Western Australia Pty Ltd	25.51ha	23km E'ly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°34' Long 120°17'	Ravensthorpe
	Billiton Nickel (Ravensthorpe) Pty Ltd				

**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: 23 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 **23 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. 23 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
52/1322	Echo Resources Ltd	327880	36.19ha	71km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°51' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
		327886	45.23ha	72km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
		327887	41.59ha	72km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°52' Long 120°53'	Wiluna
53/1082	Aragon Resources Limited	326872	161.93ha	71km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°51' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
		326876	39.6ha	72km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°51' Long 120°52'	Wiluna
53/1223	Maximus Resources Ltd	327973	55.3ha	58km SE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 26°48' Long 120°45'	Wiluna
	Nemex Pty Ltd					

**Nature of the act:** Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

**Notification day: 23 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 **23 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. 23 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
15/5433	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	196.21ha	27km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
15/5434	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	32.88ha	26km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°42' Long 121°42'	Coolgardie
15/5437	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	43.23ha	33km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°44' Long 121°46'	Coolgardie
15/5438-9	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	215.98ha	34km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°44' Long 121°47'	Coolgardie
15/5440	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	91.86ha	37km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°44' Long 121°50'	Coolgardie
15/5441-3	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	581.51ha	42km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°48' Long 121°49'	Coolgardie
15/5444	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	70.27ha	40km SE'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°49' Long 121°44'	Coolgardie
15/5445-6	Avoca Mining Pty Ltd	366.05ha	38km N'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°51' Long 121°45'	Coolgardie
20/2108	Adrian Doropoulos	119.98ha	8km N'ly of Cue	Lat 27°21' Long 117°51'	Cue
20/2109-12	Adrian Doropoulos	455.21ha	6km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°22' Long 117°50'	Cue
20/2113-6	Adrian Doropoulos	484.40ha	5km W'ly of Cue	Lat 27°24' Long 117°50'	Cue
20/2123	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	162.87ha	54km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°27'	Cue
20/2124	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	4.75ha	55km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°26'	Cue
20/2125	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	118.02ha	54km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°26'	Cue
20/2126	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	159.06ha	52km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°07' Long 117°28'	Cue
20/2127	Telferscot Nominees Pty Ltd	3.69ha	52km NW'ly of Cue	Lat 27°08' Long 117°27'	Cue
25/2077-81	Amex Resources Ltd	827.95ha	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°43' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2082-8	Amex Resources Ltd	900.22ha	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°45' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
25/2098	Trevor Edward O'Dea	103.91ha	26km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°42' Long 121°44'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
	Patrick William O'Donnell				
29/1811-2	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	240.64ha	6km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°39' Long 120°58'	Menzies
29/1813-5	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	432.59ha	7km NW'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°59'	Menzies
45/2721	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	101.92 km²	60km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°30' Long 119°17'	East Pilbara
51/2617	Raymond John Hammond	54.36ha	6km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°38' Long 118°30'	Meekatharra
51/2619	Dourado Resources Ltd	154.78ha	15km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°27' Long 118°27'	Meekatharra
51/2623	Alchemy Resources (Murchison) Pty Ltd	5.94ha	10km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°40' Long 118°28'	Meekatharra
51/5622	Zelta Holdings Pty Ltd	153.25ha	13km N'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°28' Long 118°27'	Meekatharra
57/1249	John Paul Bennett	9.72ha	4km W'ly of Sandstone	Lat 27°59' Long 119°15'	Sandstone
59/1917	Adam Frank Hill	19.4ha 59km	SW'ly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°42' Long 116°14'	Yalgoo
80/1666	Sharon Heng	20.08ha	23km S'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°25' Long 127°37'	Halls Creek

**Nature of the act:** Grant of prospecting licences which authorises the applicant to prospect for minerals for a term of 4 years from date of grant.

**Notification day: 23 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 23 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.

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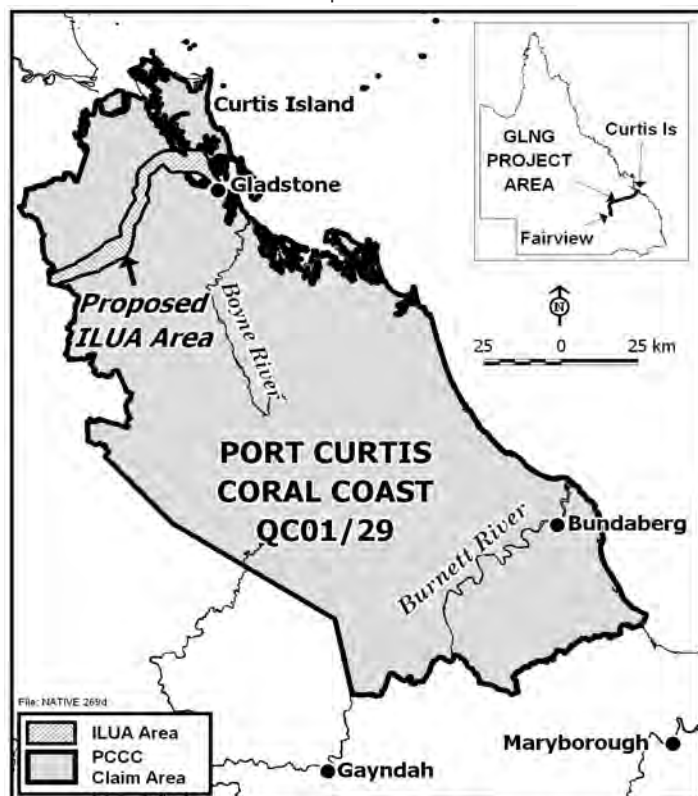


## PUBLIC NOTICE - PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST CLAIM GROUP'S AUTHORISATION MEETING

### AUTHORISATION MEETING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PORT CURTIS CORAL COAST CLAIM GROUP AND SANTOS FOR PART OF THE SANTOS/PETRONAS GLADSTONE LNG PROJECT

Santos GLNG Pty Ltd and Petronas Australia Pty Ltd (**Santos**) propose to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) with the Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim Group. The purpose of the agreement is to authorise the construction and operation of a gas transmission pipeline, a natural gas liquefaction and export facility on Curtis Island, and all other necessary infrastructure associated with the pipeline and the facility for part of the Santos/Petronas Gladstone LNG Project (the **Proposed ILUA**).

The ILUA Area is shown on the map below.



The Port Curtis Coral Coast native title claim (QUD6026/01; QC01/29) covers the majority of the ILUA Area. The claim group is described in the Port Curtis Coral Coast Claim as the biological descendants of: Dina; Jessie; Johnson Matemate and George Swain; Sandy and Fanny; Dulhu/Doolan; Buller Tolsen (Norman Buller); Alice Murray; Jane; Betsy; Rosie; Elsie Myers; Maggie Little; Rosie Blackman; Emma Jones; and Mary Anne (**PCCC Claim Group**).

A small part of the ILUA Area located between the Queensland mainland and Curtis Island, is not currently covered by a native title claim. The PCCC Claim Group assert native title rights and interests in relation to this area.

The proposed authorisation meeting of 22 August 2009 was cancelled.

An authorisation meeting will be held in Bundaberg as follows:

**Date and Time:** Saturday, 26 September 2009 with registrations to commence at 8.30am.

**Place:** Arts Precinct, Shalom College, 9 Fitzgerald Street, Bundaberg.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** to authorise the Proposed ILUA between Santos and the PCCC Claim Group.

You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you consider that you fall within the description of the PCCC Claim Group.

If you consider that you hold or may hold native title in relation to the ILUA Area but do not consider that you fall within the description of the PCCC Claim Group then please contact Kylie Boyd, Indigenous Affairs Unit, Santos on 1800 726 867 or 1300 726 867.

If you intend to come to the authorisation meeting or have any questions in relation to it, please contact Kylie Boyd, Indigenous Affairs Unit, Santos on 1800 726 867 or 1300 726 867 by Monday, 21 September 2009 if possible, so that arrangements can be made for catering, travel, accommodation etc.

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You will be able to conduct fieldwork to achieve specified results within given timeframes. You will have the capacity to become familiar with the use of statistical information relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

This is an identified position, the filling of this employment opportunity is intended to constitute a special measure under section 8(1) of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975*.

If this opportunity appeals to you then find out more by first obtaining an applicant information kit at [www.abs.gov.au/careers](http://www.abs.gov.au/careers) or contact Vicki Wilkins on (07) 3222 6232.

Please apply for the vacancy you are interested in, reference no. **09/1004 (NSW)** or **09/1019 (QLD)**. If you wish to be considered for both vacancies, you will be able to indicate this on your application form.

Applications must be received by 6pm Thursday, 8 October 2009.

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## NOTICE INITIATING NEGOTIATIONS WITH NATIVE TITLE PARTIES - SECTION 63M

**MENNINNIE METALS PTY LTD** (ACN 113 342 180) of Level 22, Westpac House, 91 King William Street, Adelaide South Australia 5000 (and its successors or assigns), as registered holder and mining operator of Exploration Licence 3535 (including any extensions, renewals, transfers, assignments or other dealings with such Exploration Licence and any other exploration authority or interest in any exploration authority from time to time held in respect of the whole or any part of the area of any such Exploration Licence), proposes to carry out mining operations on the following land:

### Exploration Licence 3535

The land is located in the State of South Australia, approximately 70 km north of Kimba, bounded as follows:

Commencing at a point being the intersection of latitude 32°27'S and longitude 136°18'E, thence east to longitude 136°30'E, south to latitude 32°36'S, west to longitude 136°18'E and north to the point of commencement, all the within latitudes and longitudes being geodetic and expressed in terms of the Australian Geodetic Datum as defined on p 4984 of Commonwealth Gazette number 84 dated October 6, 1966 (AGD66).

**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 (without limiting that general description) may include the following: geological mapping and gridding; airborne and ground radiometric, magnetic, gravity and electrical surveying; 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.

The proposed operations are or will be authorised by the following exploration authorities and/or production tenements under the Mining Act 1971:

**Exploration Licence 3535** of which MENNINNIE METALS PTY LTD is the registered holder and mining operator.

I, MENNINNIE METALS PTY LTD (and its successors or assigns) 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.

**Note:** If, two 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 the Commonwealth as the holders of, or claimants to, native title in the land, I may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising entry to the land for the purpose of carrying out mining operations on the land, and the conduct of mining operations on the land.

**I do not** propose to rely on section 63O of the *Mining Act 1971* (**Expedited procedure where impact of operations is minimal**) on the grounds that the mining operations -

- will not directly interfere with the community life of the holders of native title in the land on which the operations are to be carried out; and
- will not interfere with areas or sites of particular significance, in accordance with their traditions, to the holders of native title in the land on which the operations are to be carried out; and
- will not involve major disturbance to the land on which the operations are to be carried out.

**Note:** I may apply *ex parte* to the Environment, Resources and Development Court for a summary determination authorising mining operations in accordance with the proposals made in this notice. If, within two months after this notice is given, a written objection to my reliance on section 63O is given by the Minister, or a person who holds, or claims to hold, native title in the land, the Court must not make the determination unless satisfied, after giving the objectors an opportunity to be heard, that the operations are in fact operations to which section 63O applies.

Any person who holds or may hold native title in the land who requires further information regarding this notice is invited to contact the proponent MENNINNIE METALS PTY LTD as follows:

**MENNINNIE METALS PTY LTD (ACN 113 342 180)**

**c/- KELLY & CO. LAWYERS**

Level 21, Westpac House, 91 King William Street, Adelaide SA 5000

Telephone: (08) 8205 0800

Facsimile: (08) 8205 0805

Contact: Mr Andrew Corletto

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Ref No: 09/2103

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This full-time continuing position is an identified position for an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as pursuant to section 42 (d) of the ACT Discrimination Act 1991.

The successful applicant will have proven experience in communicating and working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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Youth & Family Worker



**Search title:** Youth & Family Worker

**Search summary:** Experienced Youth & Family Worker required to work within a remote Indigenous Community based in The Kimberley's, Western Australia.

**Bullet Points:**

- Based in Balgo, Tjurabalan Region - Western Australia
- Work on either a contract or permanent basis
- Competitive salary package + remote allowance + isolation allowance + meal allowance + salary packaging option available.

**Description:** BoysTown is a dynamic and innovative national organisation, providing a diverse range of programs to disadvantaged children, young people and their families.

Based in the Tjurabalan Region in The Kimberley's, we are seeking to bring on board a committed Youth & Family Worker to work within a remote Indigenous community, in an outreach manner with young people and their families.

This is an exciting role that will provide the successful applicant with both a challenge and variety as they develop and implement programs for families and young people.

We are looking for someone with experience in the provision of case work services for disadvantaged Indigenous Communities and/or work with remote communities as well as a sensitivity to cultural beliefs and practices. A sound knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures and societies from a historical perspective and the issues which impact upon them within contemporary society. You will also have an understanding of relevant legislation and a proven capacity to achieve effective outcomes for disadvantaged and at risk young people and families. A drivers licence is also essential for this role.

Ideally, you will have previous experience living and working for extended periods in remote Indigenous communities.

In return we offer full support in your role, the opportunity to challenge yourself and use your skills to enhance the quality of service to young people and families within the Tjurabalan region. We offer a competitive salary, remote, isolation & meal allowances plus an excellent salary packaging option and paid maternity leave, 4 weeks annual leave plus an additional 6 weeks leave per 12 months of service. Accommodation is also included.

**For a full position description and to apply** for this role, please visit our website [www.boystown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boystown.com.au/vacancies)

If you would like to speak to someone about this role and other roles, please contact Sarah Johnson, HR on (07) 3867 1202.



DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

*Women, Aboriginal People, Torres Strait Islanders, people from diverse racial, ethnic and ethno religious minority groups, mature aged workers and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply. No Smoking in the workplace is Departmental policy. The successful applicant will be expected to show commitment to the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Health and Safety, Cultural Diversity policies and programs and ethical practices.*

JUVENILE JUSTICE  
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**Dubbo Juvenile Justice Community Services, Temporary Full Time. Vacancy Number 09/086. Total remuneration package valued up to \$85,393 pa including salary (\$70,117 to \$77,384 pa), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.**

To provide effective, offending focused service through assessment, supervision, therapeutic intervention and case management of juvenile offenders to enhance their functioning in and/or reintegration into the community.

**Selection Criteria:**

- Degree in Psychology or Social Work or equivalent.
- Knowledge of legislation relevant to juvenile offenders in NSW.
- Demonstrated experience in individual, group, adolescent and/or family counselling/therapeutic techniques.
- Demonstrated ability in assessment, report writing and case planning with clients demonstrating challenging behaviours.
- Experience in networking community resources and the community consultation process.
- An understanding of the issues pertaining to juvenile offenders.
- Current minimum Class C NSW driver's licence.
- Knowledge of and respect for Aboriginal Culture.

**Notes:** This is a temporary appointment/employment under Section 24/27/86 of the Public Sector Employment & Management Act 2002 for a period of up to April 2010. Applicants are encouraged to obtain an information package. It is an offence under the NSW Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998 for a person convicted of a serious sex offence to apply for this position. Recommended applicants for positions will be subject to a working with children check, which includes prohibited employment, criminal record, apprehended Violence Order and relevant employment proceedings. All applicants may be subject to prior employment and referee checks. An Eligibility List may be created to fill future permanent or temporary positions.

**Inquiries:** Sarah Hancock 0401 996 114

**Information Packages:** Yvonne Giffin (02) 6881 0730

**Applications marked "Confidential" to:** Employee Services Officer, Juvenile Justice, PO Box K399, Haymarket 1240

**Closing Date:** Friday, 2 October 2009

GA1-798872



WOMEN'S LEGAL SERVICES NSW

### Community Access Worker (Indigenous Women's Program)

35 hrs per week/12 month fixed term • Base Salary \$42 786 - \$44 548 p.a. (salary packaging available)

**\*This is a re-advertised position**

for a full job package and selection criteria. Applications addressing the full selection criteria should be marked 'confidential' and forwarded to the IWP Coordinator, PO Box 206 Lidcombe 1825 by **7th October 2009**.

*"Women's Legal Services NSW considers being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under s. 14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW)"*

## 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).

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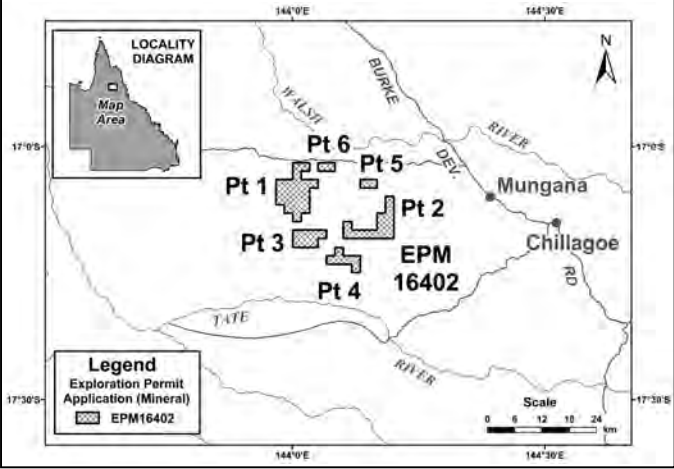
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**Notification Day: 14 October 2009**





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<b>EPM16964</b>	Approx. 60 km W from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.13°51'S Long.142°39'E Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> 166 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1568 z 1569 a, b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1570 q, r, v, w, x 1639 y, z 1640 e, k, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x 1711 d, e, f, g, h, j, k 1712 a, b, c	<b>Delminco Pty Ltd</b> <b>010 489 924</b>
<b>EPM17005</b> This Application consists of two separate parts.	<b>Part 1:</b> Approx. 75 km WSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°04'S Long.142°31'E Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b>  <b>Part 2:</b> Approx. 95 km WSW from Coen Centred at approximate Lat.14°08'S Long.142°21'E Local Government Area: <b>Cook Shire Council</b>	<b>Area of Part 1:</b> 196 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 59 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1711 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1782 p, t, u, x, y, z 1783 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 1854 d, e 1855 a, b, c, d, e, j, k, p, u, z 1927 e  <b>Area of Part 2:</b> 136 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 41 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 1852 f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 1853 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, v 1854 a 1924 a, b, c	<b>Delminco Pty Ltd</b> <b>010 489 924</b>
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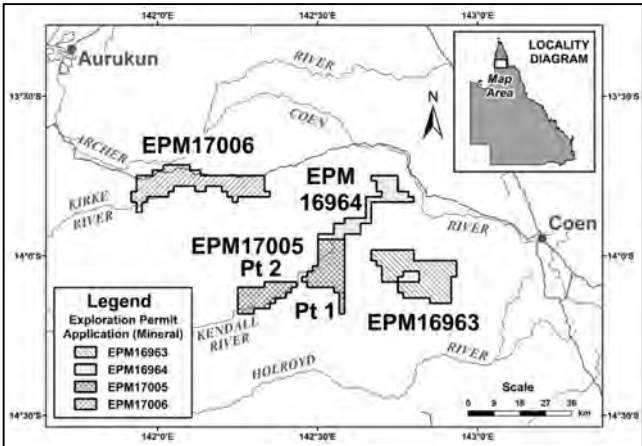
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Life Without Barriers

Youth Worker

Permanent, Full-time Position

& Youth Support Workers

Several Positions located in Metropolitan Adelaide

Life Without Barriers is seeking to engage a Youth Worker and Youth Support Workers to support young people with high and complex needs to acquire skills to enable them to successfully reconnect with their community. The emphasis will be on working with clients on an individual basis in our specialist programs. These programs provide support, stabilisation and transition for children and young people with complex needs and challenging behaviours. A key focus of the programs is the therapeutic enhancement of life skills, routines and structures.

**The Youth Worker role will include:**

- Encouraging a young person's involvement in educational, vocational and recreational programs that enhance community integration.
- Providing an appropriate role model to a young person.
- Promoting and encouraging positive relationships.
- Providing support to and monitoring Youth Support Workers and Mentors.

It is essential that applicants for this role have either a Youth Work qualification (a minimum of Certificate IV in Youth Work), tertiary qualification in Human Services or relevant experience.

**The Youth Support Worker role will include:**

- Encouraging a young person's involvement in educational, vocational and recreational programs that enhance community integration.
- Supporting and developing a young person's independent living skills.
- Promoting and encouraging positive relationships.
- Working across a flexible 24/7 roster, that includes evening, overnight and weekend shifts.

It is essential that applicants either have Youth Work qualifications (minimum Certificate III in Youth Work) or relevant experience and a willingness to work with young people with challenging behaviours.

The successful applicants will be required to undertake suitability checks and provide a copy of their current SA Drivers Licence. LWB is committed to the principles of EEO and we encourage people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background to apply for the position.

To obtain the application pack and position description, please visit our web-site at: [www.lwb.org.au](http://www.lwb.org.au) or email: [drosiak@lwb.org.au](mailto:drosiak@lwb.org.au)

For further information regarding this role, please contact: Bronwen Drinkell, Team Leader on: 08 8121 5447 or Asha Riehl, Team Leader on: 08 8121 5464.

Applications close: **Friday, 2 October 2009.**

*There's a community for everyone!*



Youth  
Construction  
Trainer



BoysTown

- Based in Balgo, Tjurarabalan Region - Western Australia
- Work on either a contract or permanent basis
- Competitive salary package + remote allowance + isolation allowance + meal allowance + salary packaging option available.

BoysTown is a dynamic and innovative national organisation, providing a diverse range of programs to disadvantaged children, young people and their families.

We are seeking to bring on board a committed Youth Construction Trainer to work within a remote Indigenous community in the Tjurarabalan region, which is located in The Kimberley's, Western Australia.

**Position Description:**

The Youth Construction Trainer will be supervising groups of Indigenous young men to refurbish and renovate community houses via BoysTown's training programs. Being a positive role model and promoting appropriate behaviour you will be teaching vocational & life skills to effect long term change, while delivering work based program activities that assist clients to achieve independence.

You will be an experienced and trade qualified with general building and/or maintenance experience. (Skills and qualifications must be current). Must be highly motivated, organised and able to work unsupervised with small groups of unskilled Indigenous young men. You will also have a knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander cultures and societies from a historical perspective and the issues which impact upon them within contemporary society. Having on the job training skills and a strong understanding of OH&S practices will be highly regarded. Ideally, you will have previous experience living and working for extended periods in remote Indigenous communities. This position comes with the use of a work vehicle so a current drivers licence is essential.

This is an exciting role that will provide the successful applicant with both a challenge and variety.

In return we offer full support in your role, the opportunity to challenge yourself and use your skills to enhance the quality of service to young people and families within the Tjurarabalan region. We offer a competitive salary, remote, isolation & meal allowances plus an excellent salary packaging option and paid maternity leave, 4 weeks annual leave plus an additional 6 weeks leave per 12 months of service. Accommodation is also included.

**For a full position description and to apply,** please visit our website [www.boysstown.com.au/vacancies](http://www.boysstown.com.au/vacancies) If you would like to speak to someone about this role, please contact Sarah Johnson in HR on (07) 3867 1202.





## Research Assistant

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NTSCORP is seeking to fill the position of Research Assistant which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales.

### The Research Assistant will have:

1. Excellent research skills, particularly in the social sciences, although any discipline will be considered;
2. Knowledge of land tenure in NSW and a knowledge of the workings of the NSW Land Titles Office and methods of tenure research;
3. Ability to meet strict statutory and other deadlines;
4. Knowledge of the native title processes under the Native Title Act 1993;
5. Communication skills including skills in a cross cultural context, particularly in New South Wales;
6. A strong commitment to a co-operative work place and in a team-oriented environment; and
7. a valid driver's licence

The salary range is \$35,000 to \$51,000 (plus superannuation) depending on skills and experience. An attractive Fringe Benefits plan is also included in the package.

Indigenous persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

All applications MUST address the selection criteria specifically which can be obtained by contacting Heidi Aben on 02 9310 3188. Any initial enquiries about the position can be directed to Dr Michael Bennett on 02 9310 3188.

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The Chief Executive Officer

NTSCORP Limited, PO Box 2105, Strawberry Hills, NSW. 2012

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## Community Facilitator - Trainee

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NTSCORP is seeking to fill the position of Community Facilitator (Trainee) which will form an integral part of its service delivery to the Aboriginal communities of New South Wales. The position will be based at Coffs Harbour.

### The Community Facilitator (Trainee) will be responsible for:

- Liaising with Aboriginal communities
- Assisting with organizing meetings
- General administrative duties
- Representing NTSCORP to the communities

The successful candidate will have an understanding of native title processes, knowledge of the prerequisites for organizing meetings and experience in general administrative duties. The position involves extensive travel. A driver's license is required.

An essential criteria for this position is Aboriginality.

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Office of the Privacy Commissioner

## Help promote an Australian culture that respects privacy

The Office of the Privacy Commissioner's purpose is to promote and protect privacy in Australia. The public relations functions of the Office are undertaken by the Corporate and Public Affairs team, which also coordinates promotion and education initiatives.

## Corporate and Public Affairs Officer - APS Level 6

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This is an on-going (permanent) vacancy.

It is essential that applicants address the selection criteria for this position, to obtain a copy please visit the office website at <http://www.privacy.gov.au/aboutus/jobs>. For candidates without internet access please call the Office's Personnel Section on (02) 9284 9660 for an information package. Applicants who are hearing impaired can contact the TTY phone on 1800 620 241.

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#### Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1295	Approx. 42 km ENE from Barcaldine Centred at approximate Lat.23°25'S Long.145°40'E Local Government Area: <b>Barcaldine Regional Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> 943 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Clermont <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 300 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 2756 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 2757 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 2828 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 2829 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 2900 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 2901 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 2972 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 2973 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 3044 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 3045 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 3116 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 3117 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	<b>South Queensland Thermal Coal Pty Ltd</b> <b>130 485 817</b>

\* 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.

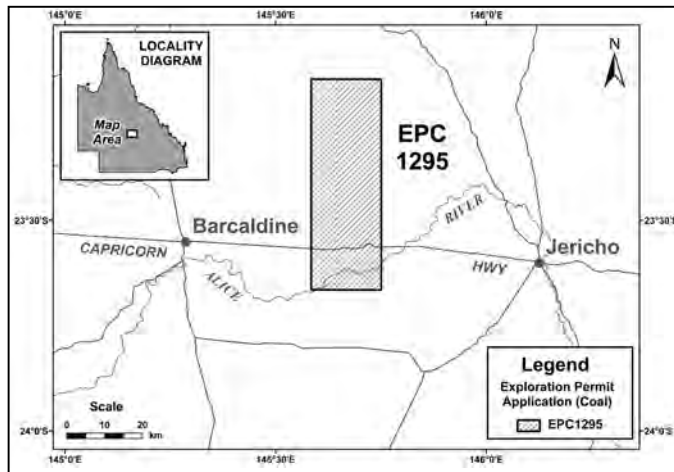
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: [qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, 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: 14 October 2009**



Industry & Investment

## EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION 6732 (ACT 1992)

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th).

### Description of area that may be affected by the minister's consent to prospect on native title land.

An area of 15 units situated approximately 19.64km west north west of Broken Hill, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

### Description of the nature of the act

Clancy Exploration Limited (ACN 105 578 756) is the holder of Exploration Licence No 6732 (Act 1992) for Group One minerals. The licence contains a condition that the holder must not prospect on any land or waters on which native title exists without the prior consent of the Minister for Mineral Resources. The licence holder has sought the Minister's consent to conduct prospecting activities.

### Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done

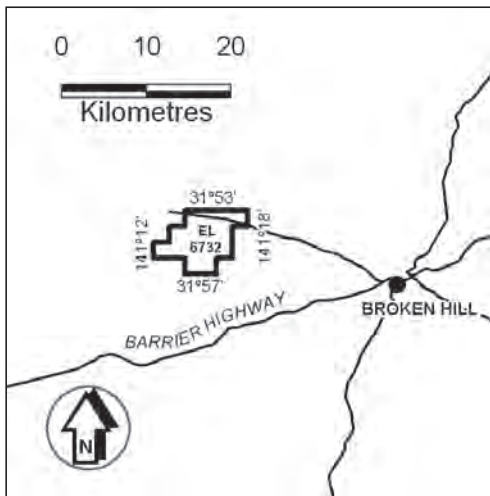
Ian Macdonald, Minister for Mineral Resources, PO Box 344, Hunter Region Mail Centre, NSW 2310.

### How further information about the act can be obtained

Further information may be obtained from Simon Henderson; Titles Program, NSW Department of Industry and Investment, Phone: (02) 4931 6543, Fax: (02) 4931 6776.

### Notification Day

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the Native Title Act 1993 (C'th) the notification day is **08/10/2009** Note this day should be 14 days after the date of publication of the last newspaper notice. You will need to confer with Drafting to determine the date. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.







**Australian Government**  
Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts

*Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984*

## Notice of an application for protection of two areas at Lake Benanee near Euston, New South Wales – invitation to make representations



I, Peter Willis, hereby give notice as follows:

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett AM MP, who is responsible for the administration of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (the Act), has received an application made under section 10 of the Act seeking to protect two areas on the north-eastern shore at Lake Benanee near Euston in New South Wales. The application claims that the area is significant in accordance with Aboriginal tradition and it is under threat of injury and desecration from access by vehicle and operation of a pumping station by officers of the NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service, Department of Environment and Climate Change and a landowner. Details of the application are outlined below.

### The applicant

The application has been lodged by Mr Brendan Kennedy as Chairperson of the Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation.

### The area sought to be protected

The application relates to two areas located about 12 kilometres from Robinvale, Victoria. The two areas are about 500 and 600 metres south of the Sturt Highway respectively. They are 30 meter radius from points 54673365E / 6178103N and 54673301E / 6178032N. The attached map identifies the area sought to be protected.

### Claimed nature of significance

The applicant states that the areas being sought to be protected are of particular significance to the Tati Tati and Muthi Muthi people. The applicant states the area contains Aboriginal cultural heritage sites including burial sites, hearths, stone artifacts and other occupation sites.

The applicant also states:

- “Lake Benanee is an ancient lake that has continued to be integral part of our culture, the Tati Tati lived, camped, hunted, fished, held ceremonies, danced, sang songs and told stories of ancient ancestral beings and gave birth and performed sacred rituals and burials on the shores of the lake, this water source also contains not only our links to our ancestor's but will continue to sustain our tribes indefinitely, our burial sites... [have] to be protected and preserved so as the Tati Tati can continue [to] care for our country knowing that we have not neglected our cultural responsibilities – rights – traditions and customs and maintain our spiritual connection to the burials at lake benanee.”

### Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The applicant states that the areas specified above are under threat of injury and desecration because:

- “It is our strong belief that our areas will be used and treated in a manner inconsistent with Tati Tati Tradition and therefore destroying our ability to further practice our culture.”
- “These highly significant sites have recently been desecrated and disturbed from land development and are constantly under threat of destruction from the landowner.”

The applicant states that passage over and entry to the areas are inconsistent with Tati Tati Tradition. The application claims the maintenance and operation of the pumping station as well as access by vehicle and use of equipment is desecrating and destroying cultural sites. These activities are said to be impacting on the Tati Tati's ability to preserve their cultural practices and adversely affects their beliefs and educational resources that they depend on to maintain and pass on cultural practices. The applicant also claims that the disturbance to ancestral burials constitutes the most significant destruction of Aboriginal lore and custom.

The Minister will consider a report submitted to him under section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified for protection before deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to that area. The report will deal with:

- the particular significance of the area to Aboriginals;
- the nature and extent of the threat of injury to, or desecration of, the area;
- the extent of the area that should be protected;
- the prohibitions and restrictions to be made with respect to the area;
- the effects the making of a declaration may have on the proprietary or pecuniary interests of persons other than the Aboriginal or Aboriginals on whose behalf the application is made;
- the duration of any declaration; and
- the extent to which the areas are or may be protected by or under a law of the State of New South Wales, and the effectiveness of any remedies available under any such law.

I have been nominated by the Minister to prepare a report for the purposes of section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified for protection.

### Invitation to make representations

Interested persons are invited to furnish representations in connection with my report to:

**Mr Peter Willis**  
c/- Clerk G, Owen Dixon Chambers  
205 William Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

**Telephone:** (03) 9225 8558

**Fax:** (03) 9225 6633

Representations must be made in writing by close of business on **16 October 2009**.

To satisfy legal requirements of procedural fairness, your representations may be made available to other persons with a particular interest in the outcome of the application. If you wish to claim confidentiality for any part of your representations, you should discuss this matter with me directly. All representations will be attached to the report and provided to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts along with my report. **You should not send your representations to the Minister.**

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Aboriginal Legal Access Program (ALAP)

Community Legal Centres NSW Inc

**ALAP Community Development Worker**

Part-time (21 hours per week)

**Community  
Legal Centres  
NSW**

Community Legal Centres NSW Inc. (CLCNSW) seeks an experienced and enthusiastic person to undertake community development work in the NSW community legal centre sector to increase access to justice for Aboriginal people. The position is based in Ultimo, Sydney.

The position requires experience in project management, advocacy, working with organisations to strengthen their capacity to meet the needs of Aboriginal workers and clients, strong organisational skills, and high-level communication skills.

The position is for 21 hours per week with an above-SACS Award salary commencing at \$57,258 p.a. pro rata plus superannuation. Salary packaging is available and the CLCNSW Enterprise Agreement offers generous conditions.

The position is fixed term until 30 June 2010, with a possibility of ongoing employment dependent on funding.

*CLCNSW considers that being of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background is a genuine occupational qualification for this position under section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act (NSW).*

**For an information package or enquiries, please contact:** CLCNSW reception on (02) 9212 7333 or email Alastair McEwin, Director, on Alastair\_McEwin@clc.net.au

**Applications close:** 10.00am, Friday 25 September 2009.

## Notice of an application to register an area agreement on the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements State of Victoria



**National  
Native Title  
Tribunal**

Notification day: 7 October 2009



**VI2009/04 – Mining Licence 5413  
(Dja Dja Wurrung and Paul Simmonds  
& Brian Williams) ILUA**

### Description of the agreement area:

The area subject to the agreement covers approximately 5 hectares over Mining Licence Application 5413 as shown on the locality map and is located about 5 kilometres south of Maldon.

The agreement lies within the local government authority of Mount Alexander Shire.

### Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Graham Atkinson, Carmel Barry, Gary Murray,  
Robert Nicholls, Connie Harrison-Edwards and Rodney Carter on  
behalf of the Dja Dja Wurrung Native Title Group  
C/- Native Title Services Victoria  
PO Box 431, NORTH MELBOURNE VIC 3051

Paul Simmonds and  
Brian Williams  
29 Victoria Street  
TRENTHAM VIC 3458

### The agreement contains the following statements:

Clause 6.1 The parties agree that the right to negotiate provisions in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the NTA are not intended to apply to the Licence.

Clause 6.2 Subject to compliance by the parties with the provisions of this Agreement, the parties:

- agree to the grant by the State of the Licence to the proponent and to any consent required by or on behalf of the proponent pursuant to the Licence in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree to the use of the Licence and of any consent required pursuant to the Licence, by the proponent in respect of the Licence area; and
- agree that any such Licence done in respect of the Licence area is valid.

**‘Licence’** means the mining licence that is applied for by the proponent and is proposed to be granted and registered by the State pursuant to the MRSDA in respect of the Licence area, being Mining Licence Application No. 5413. ‘Licence’ includes any renewal, amalgamation or variation of the Licence by the State pursuant to the MRSDA or any other applicable laws. **‘MRSDA’** means the *Mineral Resources Sustainable Development Act 1990* (Vic).

### Responses to an application to register an ILUA—where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **7 January 2010**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Melbourne VIC 3000 by 7 January 2010**.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

Data statement: agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this  
application, call Lisa Jowett  
on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

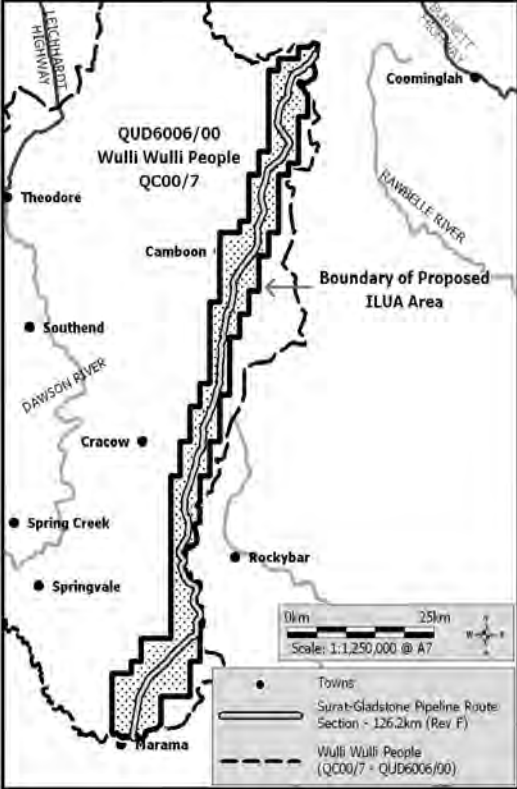
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Authorisation of ILUA
ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLAIM GROUP FOR THE WULLI WULLI PEOPLE NATIVE TITLE CLAIM AREA (QUD6006/00)

SURAT GLADSTONE PIPELINE PTY LTD ACN 133 104 855 ("SGP") proposes to enter into an indigenous land use agreement (area agreement) with the Wulli Wulli People pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) ("Proposed ILUA").



The Proposed ILUA Area is entirely within the boundaries of the Wulli Wulli People's native title claim (QUD6006/00).

To avoid doubt, while the entire gas pipeline and associated infrastructure will extend 468 kilometres through four registered native title claim areas and other currently unclaimed areas, the Proposed ILUA Area includes only that part of the route shown in the above map.

Under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), the Proposed ILUA must be authorised by the whole native title claim group (Wulli Wulli People) for the Proposed ILUA Area so that it can be entered in the Register of Indigenous Land Use Agreements. This Public Notice invites all persons who comprise the Wulli Wulli People claim group (being those persons described in the schedule below) to attend an authorisation meeting at the time and location below.

Date of Meeting: 24 October 2009

Venue of Meeting: Mundubbera Civic Hall, Lyons Street, Mundubbera

Time of Meeting: Commencing at 8.30am

The purpose of the meeting is to authorise the Proposed ILUA and you are invited to attend the meeting if you regard yourself as being a person who is included in the Wulli Wulli People's claim group.

All persons interested in attending are invited to contact Andrea Olsen on 1800 663 693 to register their intention to attend or to obtain further information.

Schedule of Persons Comprising the Wulli Wulli People claim group

All the descendants of Tommy (father of Wonga Pope), Jessie Fuller, Grace (mother of Fanny Joyce), Tilly (mother of Harry Blucher), Jack (father of Hack Horner), Jackanapes, Thomas Clancy, John/James Serico, Maria (mother of Isabella Hooper), Mary Ann (mother of Maggie McLean), Billy Buttons & Mergwin, Amy (wife of John Bond), Rosie Ah Sue, Maggie (wife of Harry West), Billy & Selina (parents of Jacob), Jinnie (wife of George Logan) and Ginalene (mother of Ernest Pope).

If you do not regard yourself as being a person who is included in the Wulli Wulli People claim group but nonetheless consider that you have a native title interest in the Proposed ILUA Area, please contact Andrea Olsen on 1800 663 693 to inform her of your position.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT ADVOCACY SERVICE

ABORIGINAL SPECIALIST WORKER

Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre, which auspices the North West Sydney Women's Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service, (NWSWDVCAS) is seeking a female Aboriginal Specialist Worker whose duties include:

- Attending court on AVO list days to provide information, referrals, assistance and court advocacy for NWSWDVCAS clients in particular Aboriginal women
- Developing working relationships and referral networks with local services that respond to the particular needs of Aboriginal women and children
- Developing links with local Aboriginal communities to promote the services of and encouraging women to use the NWSWDVCAS

The position is for 21 hrs per week based at Blacktown

For an application package please email hncclc\_admin@clc.net.au. For more information please contact Hawkesbury Nepean Community Legal Centre on 4587 8877.

Applications close on Friday 9 October 2009

HNCLC considers that being an Aboriginal woman is a genuine occupational qualification under s.14 and 31 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).



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
08/1933	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	63.39km²	78km SW'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°13' Long 115°53'	Ashburton
08/1992	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.62km²	124km S'ly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°45' Long 116°17'	Ashburton
09/1392	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	212.78km²	114km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°56' Long 116°54'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1398	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	215.64km²	167km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°56' Long 116°33'	Murchison
09/1399	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	203.39km²	178km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°54' Long 116°43'	Murchison
09/1400	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	163.54km²	181km SE'ly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 25°43' Long 116°51'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1425	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	215.51km²	114km S'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°12' Long 117°26'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1426	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	84.49km²	120km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°57' Long 116°49'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1427-8	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	412.64km²	116km SW'ly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°08' Long 117°10'	Upper Gascoyne
20/703	Agricola Resources Pty Ltd	39.62km²	31km NE'ly of Cue	Lat 27°11' Long 118°02'	Cue
25/398	Clinton Dean Hood	5.91km²	25km E'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°50' Long 121°42'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
26/134	Westex Resources Pty Ltd	17.61km²	20km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°06' Long 121°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1832	Heron Resources Ltd	38.29km²	73km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°47' Long 122°15'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1911	Peninsula Minerals Ltd	94.7km²	97km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°18' Long 122°20'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1935	Oroya Mining Ltd	205.41km²	78km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°09' Long 122°29'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1949	Royce William Allen	213.18km²	103km NE'ly of Balladonia	Lat 31°38' Long 124°22'	Dundas
28/1950	Royce William Allen	430.36km²	93km SW'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 31°24' Long 124°20'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1962	Chandling Pty Ltd	204.96km²	129km E'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°21' Long 123°00'	Dundas/Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
28/1969	Poseidon Nickel Ltd	32.35km²	37km W'ly of Rawlinna	Lat 31°00' Long 124°50'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/718	Royce William Allen	113.03km²	21km S'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°52' Long 121°01'	Menzies
29/733	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	78.22km²	116km SW'ly of Leinster	Lat 28°49' Long 120°05'	Menzies
29/736	Heron Resources Ltd	24.02km²	131km SE'ly of Sandstone	Lat 29°03' Long 119°53'	Menzies
29/737	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	107.93km²	125km NW'ly of Menzie	Lat 29°11' Long 119°52'	Menzies
29/738	Amex Resources Ltd	35.74km²	18km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°42' Long 121°13'	Menzies
30/392	Internickel Australia Pty Ltd	68.36km²	96km NE'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 30°04' Long 120°00'	Menzies
30/393	Treppo-Grande Gold Pty Ltd	92.14km²	83km SW'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°02' Long 120°16'	Menzies
30/396	Treppo-Grande Gold Pty Ltd	92.52km²	85km W'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°38' Long 120°09'	Menzies
31/879	Heron Resources Ltd	53.47km²	81km E'ly of Menzies	Lat 29°58' Long 121°49'	Menzies
45/3270	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	19.19km²	68km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°54' Long 118°42'	East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town
45/3316	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	115.38km²	44km SE'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°38' Long 118°50'	Port Hedland Town
45/3328	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	133.74km²	75km SW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°42' Long 119°18'	East Pilbara
45/3360	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	19.23km²	35km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°36' Long 118°41'	Port Hedland Town
45/3365	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	122.04km²	12km SW'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°25' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara/Port Hedland Town
45/3393	Mine Services and Construction Pty Ltd	12.83km²	17km S'ly of Port Hedland	Lat 20°28' Long 118°37'	Port Hedland Town
45/3442	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	643.93km²	52km NE'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°19' Long 120°35'	East Pilbara
45/3443	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	131.62km²	54km E'ly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°29' Long 120°39'	East Pilbara
46/820	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	196.96km²	37km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°08' Long 119°52'	East Pilbara
46/821	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	76.21km²	42km S'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°15' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
46/822	Hazelwood Resources Ltd	41.48km²	42km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°37' Long 120°24'	East Pilbara
46/823	Talga Mining Pty Ltd	41.38km²	45km E'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°46' Long 120°31'	East Pilbara
47/1766	Donald Kimberley North	16.01km²	9km NE'ly of Wickham	Lat 20°37' Long 117°12'	Roebourne
47/1944	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	41.23km²	85km NW'ly of Tom Price	Lat 22°04' Long 117°19'	Ashburton
51/1295	United Mining Resources Pty Ltd	76.76km²	26km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°22' Long 118°37'	Meekatharra
51/1302	Enterprise Metals Limited	15.41km²	93km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°57' Long 119°07'	Meekatharra
51/1303	Enterprise Metals Limited	194.2km²	80km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°56' Long 118°52'	Meekatharra
51/1304	Enterprise Metals Limited	206.78km²	104km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°50' Long 119°08'	Meekatharra
51/1314	Emu Nickel NL	24.42km²	53km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°03' Long 118°31'	Cue
51/1315	Emu Nickel NL	3.05km²	57km S'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 27°06' Long 118°27'	Cue
51/1316	Independence Group NL	122.47km²	24km SE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°43' Long 118°42'	Meekatharra
51/1317	Independence Group NL	36.64km²	50km SW'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 26°59' Long 118°16'	Cue/Meekatharra
52/2409	Independence Group NL	25.13km²	65km SE'ly of Newman	Lat 23°44' Long 120°12'	Meekatharra
52/2438	Ascidian Prospecting Pty Ltd	21.69km²	141km NE'ly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°34' Long 119°21'	Meekatharra
59/1598	Victory Consolidated Gold Mines Pty Ltd	45.14km²	59km S'ly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°35' Long 117°44'	Mount Magnet
59/1605	Midas Resources Ltd	32.88km²	70km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°16' Long 116°43'	Perenjori
59/1607	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	2.99km²	73km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°14' Long 116°45'	Perenjori
63/1335	Avoca Resources Ltd	32.03km²	45km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 31°52' Long 122°04'	Coolgardie/Dundas
69/2491	Wayne Richard Jones	24.7km²	84km N'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°50' Long 120°12'	Wiluna
69/2492	Wayne Richard Jones	77.18km²	95km NE'ly of Wiluna	Lat 25°49' Long 120°38'	Wiluna
69/2628	Venus Resources Ltd	565.01km²	126km E'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat 31°46' Long 127°23'	Dundas
69/2629	Venus Resources Ltd	583.54km²	79km E'ly of Cocklebiddy	Lat 31°49' Long 126°53'	Dundas
70/3268	Geotech International Pty Ltd	104.55km²	42km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°20' Long 116°25'	Perenjori
70/3310	Aquifer Resources Pty Ltd	264.41km²	10km W'ly of Harvey	Lat 33°03' Long 115°47'	Harvey/Waroona
70/3349	Elsinore Nominees Pty Ltd	82.76km²	19km N'ly of Augusta	Lat 34°08' Long 115°10'	Augusta-Margaret River
70/3529	Mulga Minerals Pty Ltd	42.8km²	44km NW'ly of Gingin	Lat 31°06' Long 115°33'	Gingin
70/3591	Magnetic Resources NL	57.66km²	53km S'ly of Corrigin	Lat 32°48' Long 117°59'	Kulin
70/3637-8	MPF Exploration Pty Ltd	410.89km²	24km E'ly of Merredin	Lat 31°29' Long 118°32'	Merredin/Westonia
77/1436	St Barbara Ltd	5.81km²	89km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°10' Long 119°47'	Yilgarn
80/4246	Amhem Resources Pty Ltd	203.26km²	55km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°55' Long 128°04'	Halls Creek
80/4247	Landtec Pty Ltd	80.34km²	111km NW'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°40' Long 126°47'	Halls Creek
80/4249	Thundelarra Exploration Ltd	39.15km²	93km NE'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 17°29' Long 128°06'	Halls Creek
80/4250	Magma Metals Ltd	182.05km²	35km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°17' Long 127°20'	Halls Creek
80/4259	Braeburn Resources Pty Ltd	254.41km²	189km W'ly of Wyndham	Lat 15°20' Long 126°22'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4262	Belres Pty Ltd	38.99km²	113km W'ly of Halls Creek	Lat 18°29' Long 126°38'	Halls Creek
80/4263	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	247.99km²	79km NE'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 17°50' Long 126°15'	Derby-West Kimberley
80/4264-5	Regalpoint Exploration Pty Ltd	937.62km²	89km E'ly of Fitzroy Crossing	Lat 18°08' Long 126°26'	Derby-West Kimberley/Halls Creek

Nature of the act: Grant of exploration licences, which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals for a term of 5 years from the date of grant.

Notification day: 23 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 23 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. 23 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.

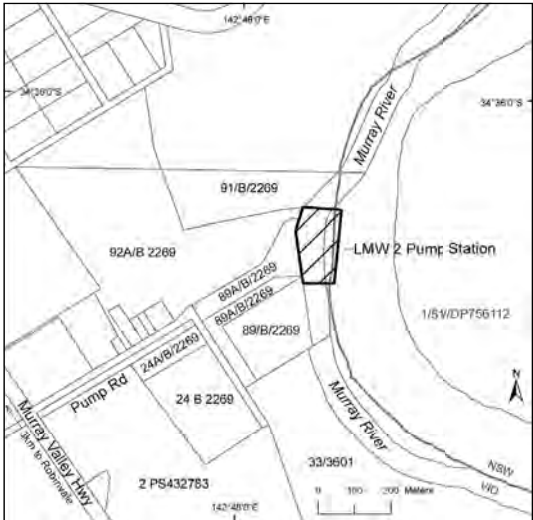




Australian Government  
Department of the Environment,  
Water, Heritage and the Arts

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984

## Notice of an application for protection of an area of land and water on the Murray River at Robinvale, Victoria – invitation to make representations



### The applicant

The application has been lodged by Mr Brendan Kennedy as Chairperson of the Tati Tati Aboriginal Corporation.

### The area sought to be protected

This place is located about 4 kilometres from Robinvale. The attached map identifies the area sought to be protected.

### Claimed nature of significance

The applicant states that the area being sought to be protected is an area of particular significance to the people. The applicant states that the Murray River is a spiritual being that flows through Tati Tati country. The applicant also states:

- 'all water is cultural heritage to my people, we are river people and the ancient river is our spiritual entity because the waters were created by Ancestral Beings from the beginning of time.'
- 'The river bank is where we *gupilapa* (drink) *gadini* (water) and we derive our culture, our languages, our *barimbu* totem animals, our *wanilada* (songs), our strength, *wariba* our dances, our *raug* (campsites), our shelters, our rituals, our heritage, our customs, our traditions, our lore, our stories, our sustainance, our resources, our *nundu* (ceremonies), our *luni* (burial sites), *daraiamu* (corroboree), *buned* (rushes) *bugu* (shade) our lifestyle from the river bank and water, the river bank is where we go to be with our river and make sure that our "*Gadini*" is alright and cared for.'
- The area is where knowledge and ancestral stories and songs (*waniladan*) are passed on and that Tati Tati people access and use the river system in accordance with their traditions and customs.
- 'The area contains an ancient Tati Tati Burial area ...'
- The area contains Aboriginal cultural heritage sites including, stone artefacts, shell middens, hearths and scar trees.

### Claimed threat of injury or desecration

The applicant states that the area specified above is under threat of injury and desecration because:

- Water is Aboriginal cultural heritage and it is being treated and used in a manner that is not in accordance with Aboriginal tradition in that the water is going to be pumped out of our ancient "*Gadini*" Water way through the Lower Murray Water Pump station and into and through its pipeline, therefore creating new water-ways that can be interpreted and observed by the Traditional owner's to be the formation of new creeks and tributaries.
- The construction of the pump station and pipeline Lower Murray Water will clear native vegetation and will undertake mass excavation or trenching of the river bank and this will result in the use of the river bank in a manner inconsistent with Tati Tati traditions, customs, lore's and culture.

The Minister will consider a report submitted to him under section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified for protection before deciding whether to make a declaration under section 10 of the Act in relation to that area. The report will deal with:

- (a) the particular significance of the area to Aboriginals;
- (b) the nature and extent of the threat of injury to, or desecration of, the area;
- (c) the extent of the area that should be protected;
- (d) the prohibitions and restrictions to be made with respect to the area;
- (e) the effects the making of a declaration may have on the proprietary or pecuniary interests of persons other than the Aboriginal or Aboriginals on whose behalf the application is made;
- (f) the duration of any declaration; and
- (g) the extent to which the areas are or may be protected by or under a law of the State of Victoria, and the effectiveness of any remedies available under any such law.

I have been nominated by the Minister to prepare a report for the purposes of section 10 of the Act in relation to the area identified for protection.

### Invitation to make representations

Interested persons are invited to furnish representations in connection with my report to:

Mr Peter Willis  
c/- Clerk G, Owen Dixon Chambers  
205 William Street  
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

Telephone: (03) 9225 8558

Fax: (03) 9225 6633

Representations must be made in writing by close of business on **16 October 2009**.

To satisfy legal requirements of procedural fairness, your representations may be made available to other persons with a particular interest in the outcome of the application. If you wish to claim confidentiality for any part of your representations, you should discuss this matter with me directly. All representations will be attached to the report and provided to the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts along with my report. **You should not send your representations to the Minister.**

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Notice of an application to register  
an area agreement on the Register of  
Indigenous Land Use Agreements



National  
Native Title  
Tribunal

State of Queensland  
Notification day: 7 October 2009



Q12009/028  
Strathgordon Cook Shire Council Area  
Agreement

**Description of the agreement area:** The area subject to the agreement covers about 1200km<sup>2</sup> over Southwell pastoral lease (Lot 2 on CP911380) as shown on the locality map. The agreement area is located approximately 220km south of Weipa on the Cape York Peninsula.

The agreement falls within the local government authority of the Cook Shire Council.

### Parties to agreement and their contact address:

Cook Shire Council, C/- Mr Andrew Kerr  
Preston Law, PO Box 707N  
CAIRNS QLD 4870

Thaa-Nguigarr Strathgordon Aboriginal Corporation  
RNTBC (ICN 4732), C/- Cape York Land Council  
PO Box 2496, CAIRNS QLD 4870

Mr Timothy James Malachi, Mr Gavin James Kendall, Ms Isobella Jennifer Coleman,  
Mr Danny Timothy Coleman, Mr Horace Lowdown, Mr Freddie Glen Coleman, Mr Paul  
Michael John Bailie, Mr Ivan James Ned on behalf of the Strathgordon Mob,  
C/- Cape York Land Council  
PO Box 2496, CAIRNS QLD 4870

### The agreement contains the following statements:

[Explanatory notes in brackets inserted by the National Native Title Tribunal]

#### Clause 4.4

Subdivision P of Division 3 of Part 2 of the Native Title Act is not intended to apply to any Future Acts for which the Thaa-Nguigarr Strathgordon Aboriginal Corporation (TNSAC) and the Native Title Group have given consent under this Deed.

#### Clause 8.2

The TNSAC and Native Title Group consent to the continued operation, use and maintenance of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure on:-

- (a) the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located; and
- (b) any land or waters which is adjacent to the land on which the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure is located which is necessary for, or incidental to, the operation, use and maintenance of the Non-Extinguishing Infrastructure.

#### Clause 9.2

A Work or Activity is an Approved Future Act for the purposes of this Deed if:-

- (a) it is described in a Proposed Activity Notice or Revised Activity Notice given to the TNSAC; and
- (b) either:-
  - i) the TNSAC has given a Concurrence Notice; or
  - ii) consent is deemed to be given under paragraph 10 of Schedule 2.

#### Clause 9.4

The Parties consent to the doing of Approved Future Acts

#### Clause 10.1

The Parties consent to the construction or carrying out of Minor Works or Activities on the conditions described in Schedule 2

"Future Act" has the meaning given in the Native Title Act

"Minor Works or Activities" means the acts described in paragraph 2 of Schedule 3

[Note: Schedules 2 and 3 are available from the National Native Title Tribunal upon request.]

### Responses to an application to register an ILUA— where the application has not been certified

Because this application for registration of the agreement has not been certified by the Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body(ies) for the area, there is no opportunity to make a formal objection to its registration. However, if you claim to hold native title in relation to any of the land or waters covered by this agreement, you may wish, within the notice period, to make a native title determination application or equivalent application under a law of a state or territory in respect of any part of the area. If that application is registered on the Register of Native Title Claims, the registered native title claimants must be a party to this agreement before it can be registered. The native title determination application must be made by **7 January 2010**.

Any person wishing to provide any information regarding the identification of persons who may hold native title to the area and the authorisation by those persons of this agreement, should forward it to the **Native Title Registrar, National Native Title Tribunal, GPO Box 9973, Cairns, QLD 4870 by 7 January 2010**.

Generally procedural fairness will require that the material you provide is given to certain other persons or organisations for comment. It may also be taken into account in the registration of other ILUAs and claimant applications and thus be provided to relevant persons or organisations.

**Data statement:** agreement area boundary compiled by the National Native Title Tribunal. Search and photocopy fees may apply. Details of the terms of the agreement are not available from the National Native Title Tribunal.

**For assistance and further information about this application, contact  
Michelle Mann on freecall 1800 640 501 or visit [www.nntt.gov.au](http://www.nntt.gov.au)**

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# CAFL grand final a heart-stopper



IT will go down as one of the most exciting grand finals in Central Australia Australian Football League history – Pioneer beat Federal 10-14 (74) to 11-5 (71) after a deadlocked full-time score at Traeger Park, Alice Springs.



Federal star on-baller Thomas Gorey evading a tackle by Pioneer's centreman Andrew Baker with the Demons' Kane Penley providing support.

It was Pioneer's 30th CAFL major premiership – having lost the previous three grand finals – and Federal was shooting for its first major flag since 1974.

Federal came so close to snatching victory.

Just seconds from full-time and with Pioneer leading 65-64, Federal forward Sean Brown took a mark on the boundary 60 metres from goal.

The siren sounded and jubilant Pioneer supporters invaded the ground.

But the umpire awarded the mark and the ground had to be cleared before Brown could take the kick.

From 65 metres out, Brown took aim and a spiralling punt looked on



Pioneers players celebrating their victory.

target for a goal. But the ball curved away at the last moment and sailed through for a behind – levelling the scores at 65-65.

To break the deadlock, officials then ordered an extra five minutes each way.

Federal jumped to an early lead, scoring a goal, but Pioneer clawed their way back and grabbed the Ngurratjuta Cup with three behinds and a late goal.

## Nathan Jawai big attraction at tournament



FORTY-SEVEN teams are taking part in the fourth annual Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander National Basketball championships being played in Cairns this week.

The big attraction is the appearance of Nathan Jawai.

The giant US National Basketball Association (NBA) player from Bamaga, near the tip of Cape York, is playing with the Cairns Dream Team in the men's competition, which has attracted 15 teams from around Australia.

Jawai plays with the Dallas Mavericks after being traded from the Toronto Raptors last July.

Before seeking a career in the US, played in the Australian National Basketball League (NBL) with the Cairns Taipans.

The giant basketball is sure to be a big crowd-puller at the Cairns tournament, which began on Monday and ends on Friday.

The women's division has drawn 17 teams, while there are four teams in the under 18 boys, four in the under 18 girls, four in the under 16 girls and three in the under 16 boys.

The action is at the Cairns Basketball Stadium in Aumuller Street, Mununda.

For the first time, the tournament is running into night sessions.

## 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
EPM17835	Approx. 40 km ENE from Weipa Centred at approximate Lat.12°28'S Long.142°13'E Local Government Area: <b>Napranum Shire Council</b>	<b>Area:</b> 70 km <sup>2</sup> <b>Block Identification Maps:</b> Mitchell River <b>Number of Sub-blocks:</b> 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.)  <b>Block Number Sub-blocks</b> 411 a, b, c, d, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 483 c, d, e	<b>MKY Corporation Ltd</b>  <b>099 247 408</b>

\* 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](mailto:qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au)

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, 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: 14 October 2009**



### EXPLORATION LICENCE APPLICATION NO 3760 ALLOY RESOURCES LIMITED

This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth).

**Description of area that may be affected by the grant of an exploration licence.**

An area of 61 units situated approximately 10 kilometres east of Cootamundra, in the State of NSW as shown on the attached diagram.

**Description of the nature of the act**

Alloy Resources Limited (ACN 109 361 195) is the applicant of Exploration Licence Application No 3760 (Act 1992), for an exploration licence which would authorise the prospecting for Group One minerals and be granted for a term of 24 months.

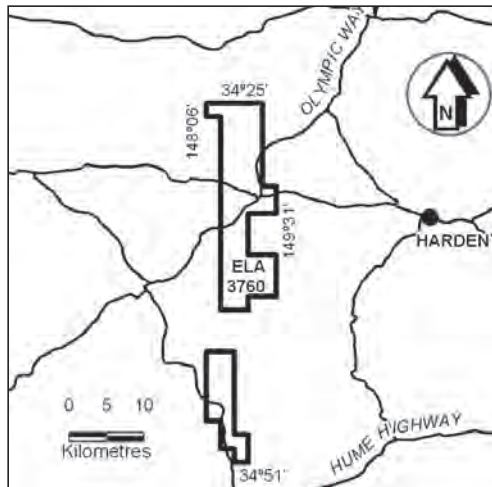
**Name and postal address of person by whom the act would be done**

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 Chris Cottier; Titles Program, NSW Department of Primary Industries, (02) 4931 6462.

**Notification Day**

For the purposes of Section 29(4) of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) the notification day is **08/10/2009**. Under Section 30 of that Act persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.





# All-Australians

By PETER ARGENT



TWO outstanding Australian football Indigenous talents – Collingwood's Leon Davis and Sydney's dual Brownlow Medallist Adam Goodes – have been named in the 2009 All-Australian team.

For the 28-year-old West Australian Davis, it was his inaugural All-Australian selection in his tenth season at the top level.

Originally recruited as a small forward, Davis has developed his game to such an extent as to be integral to coach Michael Malthouse's mid-field rotations, along with also being a potent force when going into attack.

During the 2009 minor round, Davis played 20 of the possible 22 games, averaging upwards of 21 disposals a match.

He also was an effective avenue to goal, with 34 majors. Other key statistics from his 2009 campaign included 42 clearances, 70 inside 50s and 39 rebound 50s.

Davis was selected in a forward pocket in this team and over the past couple of seasons has been regarded as one of the most improved players in the Australian Football League (AFL).

A player who was inconsistent early in his career, including a couple of modest grand final performances, Davis collected the J F McHale Trophy last season, being fourth in the Magpies' best-and-fairest award, and is expected to be high in Collingwood's top individual honours this year.

Debuting back in round one 2000 against Hawthorn at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Davis has now played 183 senior games and kicked 236 goals.

### Third-time selection

Sydney Swans superstar Adam Goodes gained previously selections in his Brownlow Medal winning years of 2003 and 2006.

A footballer known for his amazing durability, Goodes again played all 22 games during the 2009 season, being asked by coach Paul Roos to take on various positions.

Like Davis, Goodes averaged upwards of 21 touches

He was also the Swans' leading goal kicker, with 38 goals.

Along with his exploits up forward, Goodes engineered 72 clearances, 111 inside 50s and 32 rebound 50s in an outstanding all-round display which will again have him favourite for a third Bob Skilton Medal as Sydney's best and fairest.

Goodes was selected in the All-Australian team as a part of a four-man interchange bench.

Goodes has achieved nearly every accolade in the game – he's a dual Brownlow Medallist, a 1999 Rising Star winner, and a key member of 2005 premiership team. At 29, he has played 252 games and kicked 267 goals.

**The team is:** Corey Enright (Geelong), Matthew Scarlett (Geelong), Brian Lake (Western Bulldogs), Simon Goodwin (Adelaide), Craig Bolton (Sydney), Nick Maxwell (Collingwood), Leigh Montagna (St Kilda), Lenny Hayes (St Kilda), Joel Selwood (Geelong), Paul Chapman (Geelong), Nick Riewoldt (St Kilda, c), Dane Swan (Collingwood), Leon Davis (Collingwood), Brendan Fevola (Carlton), Jonathan Brown (Brisbane Lions), Aaron Sandilands (Fremantle), Chris Judd (Carlton, vc), Gary Ablett (Geelong).

**Interchange:** Matthew Boyd (Western Bulldogs), Nick Dal Santo (St Kilda), Brendon Goddard (St Kilda), Adam Goodes (Sydney Swans).



LEON DAVIS

ADAM GOODES





# Challenge continues

## RUGBY LEAGUE

By a Special Correspondent

**S**URROUNDING the excitement of the charge to the National Rugby League (NRL) finals series, there was a large contingent of kids who converged on Townsville recently who approached the annual NASCA Challenge with the same intensity as their NRL counterparts.

Run in conjunction with the North Queensland Cowboys and with the support of the NRL and QRL, the Challenge is a reward for Indigenous kids from the Cape, Gulf and North-West regions who have reached goals in terms of school attendance and achievement.

The program started as a small tournament four years ago, with students from Palm Island travelling across to play two local Townsville schools.

It has now grown to close to 200 students – male and female – travelling from more than 30 communities across far north Queensland.

Although the likes of Johnathan Thurston, Matt Bowen, Willie Tonga and Carl Webb will always be the main drawcards, a highlight was the increased involvement of the club's Toyota Cup players in this program, along with the Cowboys' highly successful 'Adopt-a-School' program.

Obe Geia was a particular hit with the kids at Bwgcolman Community School, on Palm Island, on his visits throughout the year.

Principal Leonie Betts was so impressed that she contacted the Cowboys to complement the club on the

program and on having such a fine young ambassador.

"Obe, as you know, is over with our students again today," she wrote. "I just wanted to let you know what a pleasure it is to have him here.

"Your organisation and his family and above all, Obe himself, can be so proud of all that he does.

"He is such a well-mannered, well-presented and well-spoken young Cowboy!

"He communicates in such a warm and charming way with everyone he comes into contact with – from myself down to the smallest child in Pre-school.

"What an ambassador for your Adopt-a-Cowboy program!

"All of us at Bwgcolman are just delighted to be associated with him."

This type of activity culminated in students – male and female – descending on Cowboys' headquarters from Palm Island, Yarrabah, Eastern Cape (Cooktown, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal, Laura and Coen), Central Cape (Weipa, Aurukun, Mapoon, Lockhart River, Kowanyama, Pormpuraaw), North-West (Mount Isa, Cloncurry, Dajarra, Julia Creek, Richmond, Hughenden), Charters Towers and Rasmussen State School.

### Thurston boot!

As a special incentive, a trophy in the form of Johnathan Thurston's ASICS playing boot was commissioned for the eventual player of the series.

The boots were signed by the Cowboys captain and featured his trademark Indigenous design.

All the players also had the chance to run on to the main field in front of a huge Cowboys home game for a 'fastest feet' relay prior to the main game.

Prior to that, the teams played the competition rounds at the adjacent Brothers Leagues Club, which also supported the carnival.

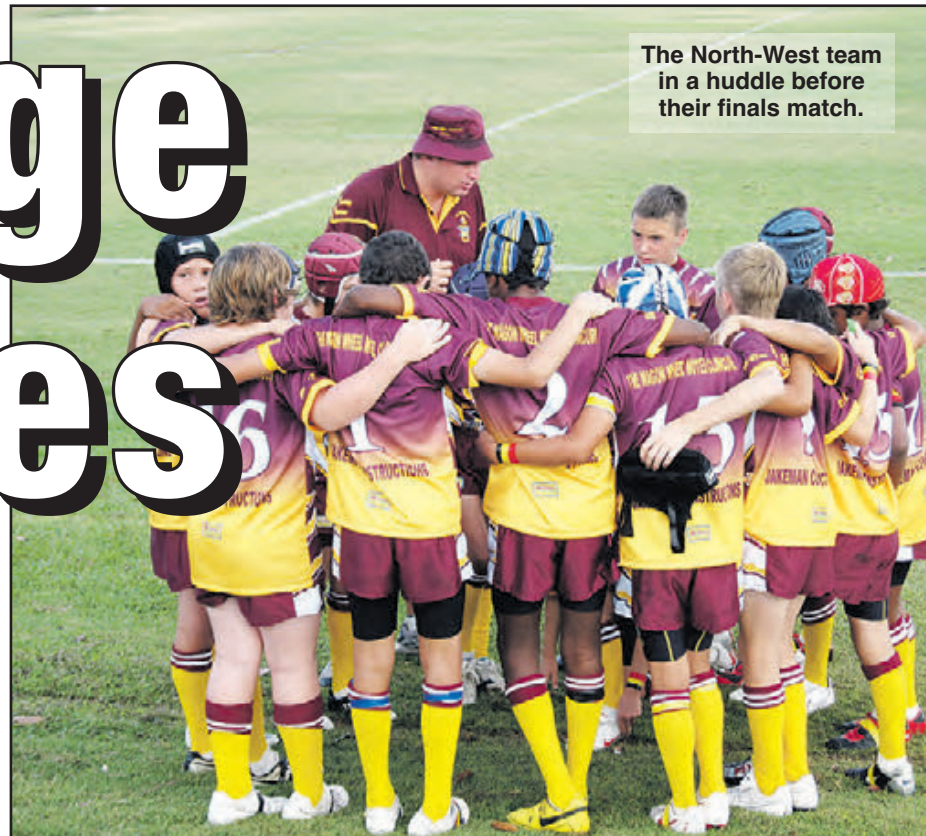
Funding from NASCA assisted with the teams' attendance, while the Cowboys provided operational support, game tickets and merchandise for participants, along with support from junior development sponsor Stockland in the form of merchandise and giveaways.

Each team was also given a signed 2009 Cowboys jersey to auction for fundraising.

Cowboys Development Manager Dean Payne said the event was a highlight on the Cowboys Development and Community calendar.

"The NASCA Challenge is a fantastic initiative with players rewarded for improved performance at school by being nominated to attend the carnival,"

Payne said.



The North-West team in a huddle before their finals match.

"The majority of our work in rugby league development involves visiting young people in their own environments, so it's great to be able to show them where the Cowboys train and play, and to give them a special experience that we hope they'll remember."

The values surrounding the carnival and NASCA's education engagement strategy were reinforced through a number of talks from the players when the children toured their hero's facilities.

The focus then moved to the field with the games played competitively but in the true spirit of the game.

The eventual winners were the North-West team who defeated Rasmussen State School in an exciting contest.

Cowboys' coach Neil Henry – who will be coaching the Indigenous All-Stars in their match against the NRL All-Stars next year – was on hand to present the trophy.

Man of the match Marshall Hudson was presented his trophy by Johnathan Thurston prior to the match against the Broncos.

All the students had the opportunity to run on the field as part of the NASCA 'Fastest Feet' relay.

They then all joined forces on the hill to watch one of the classic NRL matches as the Cowboys took on the Broncos before a full house.

It was the complete NRL experience for them all as a reward for their own achievements off the field.

They all passed the Challenge with flying colours!



North-West's man of the match Marshall Hudson receives his mounted Johnathan Thurston footy boot from the man himself. North-West beat Rasmussen State School in an exciting NASCA Challenge final.



Obe Geia in the classroom at Palm Island.



**B**Y the time you read this article, the two teams to play in the Australian Football League (AFL) grand final will have been decided (see right).

Like most fans, I expect the match to be played between the two form teams of the competition – St Kilda and Geelong. But it would not surprise me if the Bulldogs and/or Collingwood were there on the day.

All I know is that whoever made the grand final deserves to be there because they rose to the pressures of finals football.

They are there and every other team will be envious and looking back on the lost opportunities, not only of recent weeks, but also the past 12 months.

It is interesting time of year at a few footy clubs.

Down at Kardinia Park, I reckoned the Cats would have been feeling the heat of being expected to deliver a little more from three great years of football.

Coach and players would have been well aware of these expectations and although they maintain a cool exterior, they know only too well that failure is not acceptable to their legion of fans.

It is a pressure that would have lifted them or become a weight as they approached the game.

## Fine season

Similarly, at St Kilda there was the pressure of delivering on a very fine year of football.

Added to this was the knowledge that there had not been a premiership cup in that part of town for more than 40 years.

Then there were the outsiders in Collingwood and the Bulldogs.

There is no bigger stage for that development than finals football.

That's why teams like Collingwood and the Bulldogs would be pleased that they have had the opportunity to play in the finals for a minimum of two weeks.

Geelong has the edge in experience as they have been breaking records for a number of years, and their only concern would be picking up a second premiership.

Meanwhile, the Saints went into last weekend's game hoping to keep them on course to pick up just their second premiership, having won one way back in 1966.

## Long drought

The Dogs' drought goes way back to 1954.

At the Swans we know that these dry spells can be broken as we did it after 72 years in 2005, and I think most football people would be keen to see the Dogs or Saints get their hands on a premiership some time soon.

Winning a qualifying final is not a guarantee of success.

The break is significant, but it does not mean you are headed for a premiership.

# Finals fever

## Magic's Moments



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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There is massive pressure on all sides, but the pressure on the Saints is that they have been the No 1 side all season.

Add to that the fact that they haven't won a premiership in 40-plus years.

It's a fair burden to bear, but they seem to have stood

what each is feeling and knowing exactly what they will have to do to win the flag.

While the other teams will venture into the unknown, the Cats will know what to expect and their whole preparation will be more focused and calculated.

This does not mean, however, that every team will not enjoy the experience – grand finals are rare and you should savour every moment.

You know the big week has started when your mobile is clogged with calls from all your mob trying to get tickets.

## Beyond control

It's important to get all your family ready and follow your normal routine at training and at home because once you get to Melbourne, your control of time is taken from you.

It's important that you ensure all the fuss and fanfare does not distract you from the task at hand.

Although, as I said, you should enjoy yourself as well, and I must admit the car parade through the streets of Melbourne is an unbelievable experience!

Come Friday night though, and it's all serious business.

The team meeting will be serious, with every player focusing on the match plan.

The match plan will almost be a

mantra to help them get to sleep before the big day itself.

It will be an early wake-up, followed by breakfast and a walk, because teams will get to the ground early to avoid all the traffic.

While the crowd is being entertained by the pre-match entertainment, the teams will be warming up and ensuring every small detail is in place.

Then they will enter the arena to be greeted by a cacophony of roaring fans and a canvas of team colours.

All this will dim into the background as they stare into each other's eyes, knowing exactly what they have to do.

Each team will then turn to meet the gaze of their opponents and stare their destiny in its face.

It is an unbelievable experience – the memories alone give me goose bumps!

I wish I could be there! Until next time... Keep Dreaming!

**'Geelong will be just another good side if it doesn't win this year'**

up to it well.

The weight Geelong has been carrying must be excruciating.

The team has promised so much with an absolutely extraordinary win-loss ratio over the past three years, but if they come away with only one premiership, it would be a massive disappointment.

Geelong will be just another good side if it doesn't win this year.

That's a massive pressure to take into a final.

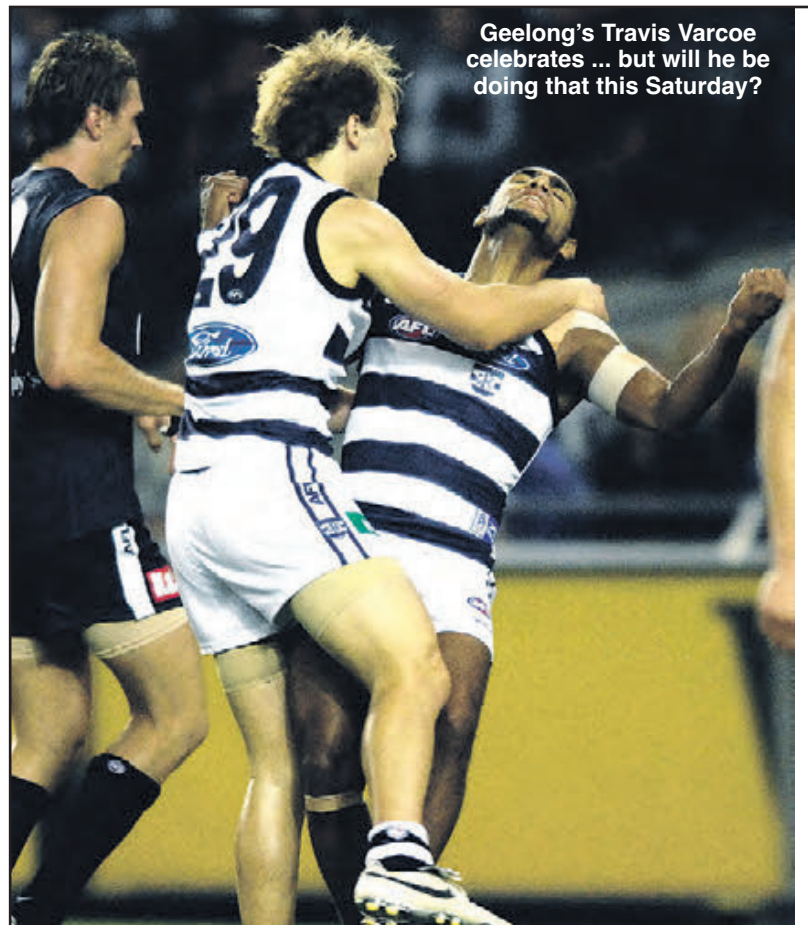
But it's one I think they will respond to.

They have the advantage of winning and losing experience at the grand final level.

I know all too well which experience is the more enjoyable!

The players will know from this experience what each other is feeling if the Cats win the preliminary final.

They will look into each other's eyes knowing exactly



Geelong's Travis Varcoe celebrates ... but will he be doing that this Saturday?

# Cats versus Saints in AFL decider

By **PETER ARGENT**



THE two top clubs at the end of the minor round, St Kilda and Geelong, have secured places in the 2009 AFL premiership decider at the MCG this Saturday.

They meet for the first time in the season-defining match on that famous last Saturday in September.

The dominant side over the 22-week minor round, the Saints will participate in their first grand final since 1997 and will be looking for a second premiership to add to the 1966 title won against Collingwood.

St Kilda's strength has been its tough, uncompromising and frugal defence.

A member of that side is Darwin recruit and Indigenous star Raphael Clarke, who has found a home as an offensive-back man.

With his balance, poise and great ball skills, Clarke is used as a link player.

A much-maligned footballer on occasions, Raph – the younger of the Clarke siblings at the Saints – debuted in 2004, and now is a 56-game footballer at the top level.

He has dealt with frustrating injuries over his six years in the AFL, and is looking for the ultimate prize.

While Raph will be out to add his name to the list of Indigenous footballers with an AFL premiership medallion, the cruel reality of a knee injury earlier this year will rob his brother Xavier of this opportunity.

For the Geelong Cats, this week is a chance to atone after last year's loss to Hawthorn.

It is also the club's third

successive grand final appearance.

While St Kilda sneaked over the line with a seven-point win against the Western Bulldogs, the Cats had a convincing victory over Collingwood.

Having being the most dominant team over the past three years, and at one stage having won 55 of a possible 58 games, the Cats fans can argue they are deserving of a second title after their record-breaking 119-point win in 2007 against Port Adelaide.

It is also a chance for Indigenous players Mathew Stokes and Travis Varcoe to make amends for modest personal efforts last year.

Stokes missed out on the preliminary final with a groin injury and will need to force his way back for his third successive grand final appearance. If he can achieve this he will become only the 11th Aboriginal footballer to play in three grand finals.

It will be a nervous week for Stokes as he tries to convince the Geelong coaching staff of his fitness and readiness for the biggest game of the year.

What Stokes does give is 'X' factor to the Cats forward line.

Varcoe, whose inclusion last year was a surprise to many people, has been a regular contributor in the 2009 minor round, playing 19 of the possible 22 games.

He also achieved his 50 AFL games milestone this year and is also important in defence.

Whatever the outcome on Saturday, expect at least one more Indigenous name to be added to the list of 30 Indigenous VFL/AFL premiership players.



# Mosby in TSI team

By ALF WILSON



CHAMPION back Billo Mosby will line up with a star-studded team consisting of players of Torres Strait Islander heritage and in memory of the late Mrs Raba Solomon at the Bindal Sharks United rugby league All Blacks carnival in Townsville on 10-11 October.

Mosby is one of the premier players at north Queensland All Blacks carnivals and is highly sought after because he is a crafty

halfback or five-eighth and a quality kicker.

His brother Patrick, who will also line up for the team, told *The Koori Mail* they were looking forward to the carnival.

Former Thursday Island (TI) sporting identity Michael Zitha, who is now based in Canberra, will coach the side – to be called Aragon Warriors.

"I have been keeping in contact with players to see who is playing well," Zitha said.

Tala Nona, who coached Mulga United to victory in the 2009 Island of Origin series

grand final on TI, will be team manager.

Nona is organising a number of gun players from his home Badu Island to travel to Townsville. They will include champion youngster Maipela Morseu, who shone for winning side Mulga United at the June Island of Origin Series, and Torres/Cape Foley Shield centre Horace Baira.

T-shirts in honour of the side are already being worn by scores of people around Thursday Island.

People from the Torres Strait and descendants from Mackay and Cairns will converge on Townsville's Shark Park to support the side.

Townsville has one of the biggest concentrations of TSI people outside the Torres Strait.

Billo Mosby played in the winning Ray Aldridge Memorial side at the 2008 Sharks United carnival and also for Arkai Brothers who lost the grand final of the last Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island last November.

Mosby also shone for Kulpiyam which won the 2008 Island of Origin final on Badu Island, and has been a regular Townsville



Billo Mosby, front, sitting with Arkai Brothers team-mates at the 2008 Zenadth Kes carnival on Thursday Island.



Palm Island Barracudas official Roy Prior with children Roy Chareese Prior, 9, Montay Prior, 7, and Corey Prior, 3.

representative in the Foley Shield competition.

In the club season just completed, Mosby played for Sharks United, which finished fourth in the Townsville and District A-grade competition.

The Zenadth Kes Cup is on Thursday Island from 9-11 October, and another Townsville All Blacks carnival – the Daisy Cup – is on the same weekend.

Meanwhile, two Palm Island Barracudas sides will compete at the Bindal Sharks United All Blacks carnival, and the north

Queensland Aboriginal community is deadly serious about winning.

Palm Island official Roy Prior was in Townsville for the Broncos versus Cowboys game in late August and told *The Koori Mail* that selection games on Palm Island were to be held on 12 September.

"We will have two competitive teams and the players are looking forward to it," said Prior.

He said one side would also travel to Cairns for that carnival on the weekend of 17-18 October.



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# Rough riding



THE remote Indigenous community of Doomadgee combined with the Australian Indigenous Rodeo

Corporation to host what has been described as its best ever rodeo.

It was held over three days in late August.

The Rodeo Corporation said a lot of hard work from the Doomadgee rodeo committee had paid off.

The committee organised some of Australia's best bucking stock from top Australian stock contractor John Harrower and invited leading rodeo announcer Russell Green.

Australian Indigenous Rodeo Corporation chairman and champion rodeo cowboy and businessman Dave McLennan travelled from Victoria for the event, where he launched the Australian Indigenous Rodeo Corporation.

McLennan said he could not think of a better place to start the Deadly Rodeo Tour.

More than 3000 people attended over the three days and saw 300 competitors vying for a chance to win championship trophy buckles.

## Rodeo circuit

McLennan said the plan was for the Deadly Rodeo Tour to take in rodeos from the Kimberleys to Cape York and Palm Island.

The top competitors will ride in the World championships at the Rod Laver Arena, Melbourne, next May.

McLennan, a rodeo competitor for 20 years, wants to hear from Indigenous communities in the north that are planning rodeos. He wants them to become part of the Deadly Rodeo Tour.

He said he formed the Australian Indigenous Rodeo Corporation because he felt there was a need for a separate organisation to promote Indigenous rodeos.

McLennan can be contacted on 0429 407 358 or email [indigenousrodeo@yahoo.com.au](mailto:indigenousrodeo@yahoo.com.au)

Among the Doomadgee committee were Tony Chong and Carlene Logan.

They said the local rodeo had brought people and families together from far and wide.

Elders Aunty June and Aunty Eva Gilbert gave a welcome to country.

Doomadgee Mayor Fred O'Keefe said it was good for the community to have such an exciting event.

He said he couldn't wait for the next one.

## Some of the rodeo fun and action in pictures





# at Doomadgee





# West heads east

## Indigenous fighter in Canada for international tournament



AUSTRALIAN Indigenous welterweight amateur boxing champion Paul West is in Canada representing his country at the Multi-Nations Cup in Toronto.

He left on 14 September.

West, 25, is fresh from defending his title in Brisbane at the annual series between NSW Kooris and Queensland Murris, a boxing version of rugby league's State of Origin.

A humble West, who hails from Wellington in central-western NSW, said 'you don't realise how successful you've become until you start getting trips, you don't realise the younger boys are looking up to you'.

The trip is a big landmark for the Indigenous Boxing Academy in Sydney, where West trains. Head trainer Alex Wymarra, along with other accredited trainers, set up the academy as a way to get kids off the street.

For some, boxing gives them an identity and confidence – something other than getting into trouble.

### Salvation

Wymarra has dedicated his life to boxing, with 30 years as a professional fighter and 15 years as a trainer. He knows boxing can be a salvation for some who have been through trauma or experienced detention.

"It's a way of managing their grief and anger and keeping them healthy," he said.

When the academy was started, there was fluctuating membership – from 30 one week to five the next.

Now, just three years old, the academy is a fully incorporated non-profit body with 60 members, and has also provided soccer training and surfing trips for local kids.

The academy's base is the Eloura gym of Tony Mundine at The Block, in Redfern, but soon members will be branching out to Mt Druitt, Campbelltown, Woolloomooloo and La Perouse.

The academy has five new salaried trainers thanks to funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Stephen Quinn is one of the accredited trainers who has joined Wymarra in training the boys.

'Quinny', as the boys call him, joined the academy to give something back to the community where he came from and 'because boxing has always been good to me'. He said the academy helped disadvantaged youth in the Indigenous communities through sporting avenues – it gave them a reason to get up in the morning.

The dedicated and growing core of young members at the academy is also partly due to West's successes.

Wymarra observes that 'the kids who were a bit in and out, they saw Pauly getting wins, and he turned into a role model'.

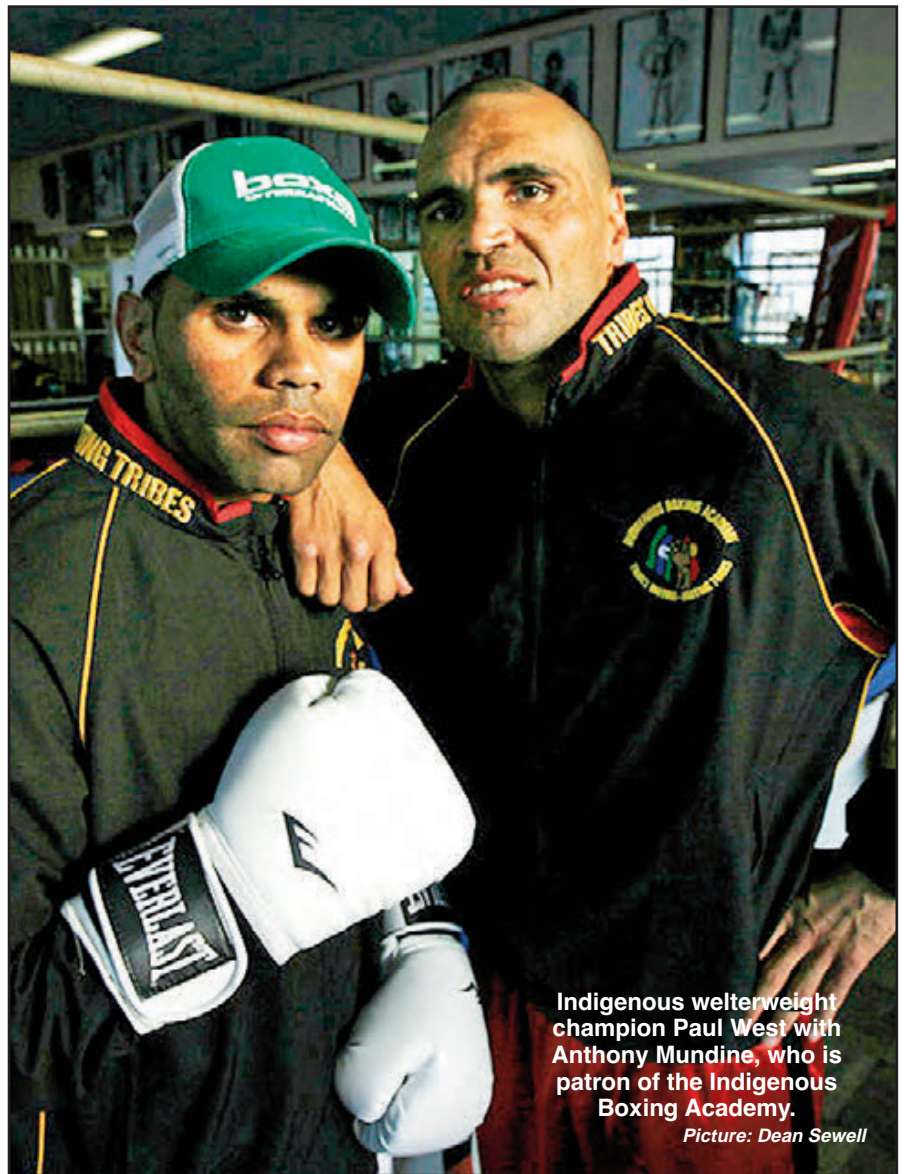
West's life has already taken a few turns.

"When I was 15, I thought I'd be a football player, not jumping in the ring," he said.

"Boxing is everything now, part of my life... you can't go turning back now."

Aside from the boxing, he holds a full-time day job as an engineer at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

But West's journey may have only just begun. After Canada, the academy wants to get enough support to send West to a world-class Cuban trainer in the United States. After that, the 2012 Indigenous Olympic Games in Athens are in their sights.



Indigenous welterweight champion Paul West with Anthony Mundine, who is patron of the Indigenous Boxing Academy.

Picture: Dean Sewell

# One step at a time for Campbell



CAMPBELL COBBO-RILEY



PROMISING Queensland boxer Campbell Cobbo-Riley has a long-term aim to become a world professional champion.

In the meantime, he has to take one step at a time and despite a couple of controversial decisions against him, his connections are confident he has the ability to go all the way.

Since two recent losses that stunned his corner, Cobbo-Riley, 16, swept all before him at the Golden Gloves tournament at Caboolture, just north of Brisbane.

In his opening fight at the Golden Gloves, Cobbo-Riley came up against Liam Nichols, from Gladstone.

Two weeks earlier, Nichols was awarded a points decision over Cobbo-Riley.

Connections in Cobbo-Riley's corner during the first fight said it was clear that their boy had won.

They said that even though on the computer he had won by more than ten points, the judges had not pressed their buttons in the allocated time frame and he lost the fight.

In their re-match at the Golden Gloves, Cobbo-Riley controlled the fight and appeared to have won convincingly, yet once again the decision went to

his opponent. "The crowd erupted and booed and five minutes later we were called to ringside," trainer Rob Leguier said.

"Apparently the judges' buttons were not working... funny that.

"Anyway, a re-match was ordered and the next day the boys fought again.

"Campbell knew he had to dominate or stop his opponent and he made his intentions clear from the bell and hit Liam with every shot in the book.

"In round three he dropped his opponent with a body shot and overhand left. That hurt Liam and he was never in the hunt from then on. The final score was 17-6 in Campbell's favour.

### Fought in Ukraine

Cobbo-Riley recently went to The Ukraine with the Queensland development squad.

He had three fights against Ukrainian and Irish champions.

Leguier said Cobbo-Riley didn't win, but showed he was not far off the pace, putting in some great fights against the best cadets in the world.

He said Cobbo-Riley now was in training camp in the lead-up to the State titles in November.

"We are chasing the State and Australian titles this year," Leguier said.

"Next year we will contest the trials for the World Youth championship and the Youth Olympic Games and if everything goes to plan, we might have a shot at the Commonwealth Games.

"He will only just turn 17 so it would be a big task for the Commonwealth Games next year, but he has shown enough to compete at the trials and we'll see what happens.

"Our main goal is the 2012 Olympics and he will be at his prime at 19."

Leguier sees a professional career after London 2012 and expects that if Cobbo-Riley keeps growing, he could fight in a middleweight or light-heavyweight division.

Cobbo-Riley, who spent his early childhood in Cherbourg, now fights in the 57kg (lightweight) division in the amateur ranks.

In the meantime, Leguier is appealing to businesses in Australia to get behind Cobbo-Riley and sponsor him over the next three years.

"We have some small sponsors but we need two or three big sponsors to get behind us so we can make a charge for next year," he said.

Anyone interested in a sponsorship package can contact Rob Leguier on 0430 526 147 or email rro32703@bigpond.net.au



# McLean resigns

## Thunder coach cites personal reasons for his decision



MICHAEL McLean has resigned as head coach of Queensland Australian Football League (QAFL) team the Northern Territory Thunder. The Thunder has completed its first year in the QAFL and just missed out on a place in the finals.

McLean cited personal reasons for his decision not to fulfil his contract to coach for season 2010.

"The travel demands of the role really got to me and this impacted on my family and work life," he said.

"It was a hard decision because I believe 100 per cent in the concept, the players and people involved.

"I am proud of what we achieved in our first year, although disappointed in the finish to the year.

"I want to thank Stuart Totham, Paul Tyrrell and the board of the NTFC for giving me the opportunity to coach and also thank Murray Davis, coaches, support staff and players for their dedication and support during 2009. I wish the club all the best for 2010 and beyond."

NTFL CEO Stuart Totham said the club was disappointed in McLean's decision 'but we understand the reasons why and respect his decision'.

"We are particularly grateful for the achievements that Michael has helped us achieve in the QAFL in our first year and appreciate the commitment that his role has demanded," Totham said.

"We came together as a team very quickly and Michael played a key role in the establishment of the playing group, coaching and support staff team, building of team culture and expectations.

"We wish Michael and his family all the best. The club will now look to the future and will immediately commence the process that leads to the appointment of our next head coach."

### NTIS gets a Hand

MEANWHILE, the Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) has announced the appointment of Brett Hand as high performance coach of the Northern Territory Institute of Sport (NTIS) AFL program for a four-year term.

Hand will oversee the development of the Territory's most promising AFL



Michael McLean (right) with NTFL CEO Stuart Totham when McLean signed on with the Thunder.

prospects within the NTIS program as well as coach the under-18 State Academy squad and will oversee the development of the under-16 State Academy squad and AFLNT Development squads.

### Developing players

The role will primarily be focused on developing players to AFL standard, with these players able to play for the NT Thunder under-16 and under-18 teams as well as graduating to the NT Thunder senior team that plays in the QAFL competition.

This season, four players from the NTIS AFL program debuted with the Thunder in the QAFL – Deon Gordon, Scott Taylor, Jack McEwin and James Wray. Gordon also earned a QAFL Rising Star nomination for his performances in the senior team.

AFLNT CEO Tony Frawley said: "With the advent of Thunder to the QAFL competition, the talent program in the Territory has been given an enormous boost and profile.

"Brett Hand's appointment and



BRETT HAND

position is a critical feature in the development and progression of all players in the talent pathway.

"Brett has shown his capability in

developing young players on and off the field through the under-18 program since his appointment with AFLNT last year and most recently through the NTIS."

## 'Just Think' campaign to tackle street violence



THE Australian Government has provided \$132,000 for the Australian Football League (AFL) to support its work in tackling alcohol-fuelled street violence, particularly amongst young Australians.

Prime Minister Kevin Rudd made the announcement at the launch of 'Just Think', an initiative

that brings together eight AFL captains in an advertising campaign aimed at discouraging senseless acts of violence.

The Campaign, running throughout the AFL 2009 final series, sends a strong message that alcohol abuse and reckless violence is not a part of footy and is not supported by some of Australia's most respected sporting heroes.

The Australian Government

has committed the \$132,000 to the AFL through the \$2 million Club Champions program which utilises sport to tackle irresponsible and damaging drinking.

The AFL has confirmed to the Government and the AFL Players Association that the 'Just Think' campaign is one of the programs they will fund from the \$132,000 contribution.

Club Champions is built on the

recognition that in partnership with the Government, sport has the ability to produce role models that can reach out in the community, especially to young people.

The AFL says that while often seen as the perpetrators of public violence, the reality is that young people are overwhelmingly the victims.

Nationally, incidents of assault have almost doubled since 1995,

with young males and females aged between 15 and 24 having the highest rate of being victims of assault.

Young Australians have clearly identified violence as one of the top issues that is affecting their daily lives, not only worried about their own personal safety but also about the impact that violence is having on their friends, families and their communities.



# Tigers get home

By ALF WILSON



**BLOCKBUSTING** prop Terry Baira was the pride of Badu Island after scoring a try in the dying seconds which led Mulga Tigers to a nail-biting 36-34 win over arch-rivals Roosters in the Kaiwalagal Rugby League (KRL) grand final on Thursday Island (TI).

Described as one of the most exciting football games seen at Ken Brown Memorial Oval on TI for decades, the crowd of more than 700 was treated to some great defence and attack in the 5 September cliffhanger.

The Roosters were leading 34-32 well into the last minute until Baira smashed his way over in the corner near the officials' tent.

But the end was full of drama and a

liberal sprinkling of confusion soon after Baira crossed.

Excited players ran over and jumped on top of Baira seconds after he scored, and screaming Tigers supporters charged on to the field celebrating.

But Roosters players and fans still held hope of a victory when referee Roy Brown did not immediately award the try after the hooter.

Brown called over young Tigers winger Patock Tamwoy and captain Solomon Ahmat after a signal from touch judge Dominic Carter.

## Harrowing wait

For almost a minute it was not certain that the Cairns-based referee Brown would award the try and that would have enabled the Roosters to hang on.

But after Brown chastised Tamwoy, he awarded the try and Tigers fans went wild.

The 21-year-old Tamwoy told *The Koori Mail* that after Baira scored, and in the excitement of the moment, he had raced over and pulled away a couple of Roosters defenders who had tackled his forward.

"They were the Roosters players who had tackled Terry and I pulled them off him. Apparently there was a rule for the final that you couldn't do that, but I told the referee we didn't know about it and he whistled the try," Tamwoy said.

A fired-up Roosters led 16-10 at half-time and captain Danny Mosby told his charges during the break that ball security would be vital.

"We have to hold on to the ball," Mosby said.

Tigers coach George Morsey told his boys that they must not consider the score when they returned for the second half.

"Just think the scores are level and we

start again," Morsey said.

Usual coach David L Nona played in the final after being the Tigers' mentor throughout the 2009 season.

"George is the coach when I play and that happened today," Nona said.

Ten minutes after half time, Maiah Mosby scored for the Roosters and the Sam Wasaga conversion saw the underdogs bolt to a 22-10 advantage.

Not long after Tigers centre Peter Eseli scored and the Solomon Ahmat conversion saw that reduced to 16-22.

Youthful back Solomon Ahmat was running riot for Tigers and scored and then converted to level the scores.

Some had predicted that the Tigers' fitness would come to the fore in the last 20 minutes.

Badu Island councillor Wayne Guivarra

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The ball goes loose as the Mulga Tigers bring down one of the Roosters.



Stacks on the mill (above) as Mulga Tigers players and supporters jump on Terry Baira after he scored the winning try in the final seconds of the game. But their celebrations received a setback when the referee spoke to Tigers winger Patock Tamwoy and captain Solomon Ahmat (below) after Tamwoy started pulling some of the Roosters defenders off Baira. In the end the referee did not penalise Tamwoy and the Tigers' celebrations resumed. In the picture below, Tamwoy (centre) and captain Ahmat speak with the referee and a touch judge (back to camera).



● RIGHT: Referee Anthony Cloudy awards a try in the women's final between the Sirens and the Barbarians.



The Tigers celebrate their win.





# in a cliffhanger

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was one with that opinion.

With 17 minutes remaining, Maiah Mosby scored his second try for the Roosters and when the conversion attempt was unsuccessful, it was 26-22.

But winger Sergio Ahmat scored for the Tigers a minute later and the Solomon Ahmat kick missed and it was game on at 26-all.

There were 14 minutes left and the fastest man in the Torres Strait, Boigu Island's Michael Marama, scored after a long run and the conversion saw the score 32-26 to the Roosters.

Roosters fans sensed victory, but when blockbusting forward Walter Nona crossed and Solomon Ahmat converted for Tigers, it was 32-all.

Three minutes remained and Roosters

were awarded a penalty in front of the posts and Wasaga goaled to put his side in front 34-32.

Soon after, at the other end of the oval, Solomon Ahmat narrowly missed a penalty kick, but Baira crossed after a Tigers raid.

"This try will be remembered on Badu Island for decades, said one Tigers supporter to Baira.

In recognition of his try-winning feat, Baira was handed the KRL trophy and then held it aloft.

## Determined to win

Coach Morseu told *The Koori Mail* that the Tigers were determined to win and the 'never-say-die' attitude had come to the fore.

"We have a lot of youth in our side and we will be fielding a team of young players at the jubilee of the 2010 Island of Origin

series on Badu. Rugby league is a contact sport and the Tigers represent our beloved Badu," he said.

Roosters leader Danny Mosby said it was a hard game with no quarter given or asked.

"It was played in a very competitive spirit," Mosby said.

Mulga Tigers 36 (Solomon Ahmat 2, Naseli Tamwoy, Peter Eseli, Sergio Ahmat, Walter Nona, Terry Baira tries; Solomon Ahmat 4 goals) d Roosters 34 (Michael Marama 2, Maiah Mosby 2, Wrench Mau, Ronald Maka tries; Sam Wasaga 5 goals).

In the preliminary final a week earlier, Roosters beat Pioneer Knights 32-30. Pioneer Knights had beaten Suburbs 30-18 in the elimination semi-final the previous week and Mulga Tigers defeated Roosters 34-20 to earn the first grand final berth and the week's

rest may have proved vital.

Sundown Sirens took out the women's grand final as expected, but not without spirited opposition from Barbarians.

Sirens won 32-22 after leading 22-10 at half time, and coach Marita Dorante said that her best players had been captain Elsie Seriat, forwards Ethel Mosby, Natasha Fujii and Amanda Pearce, and centre Annette Fell.

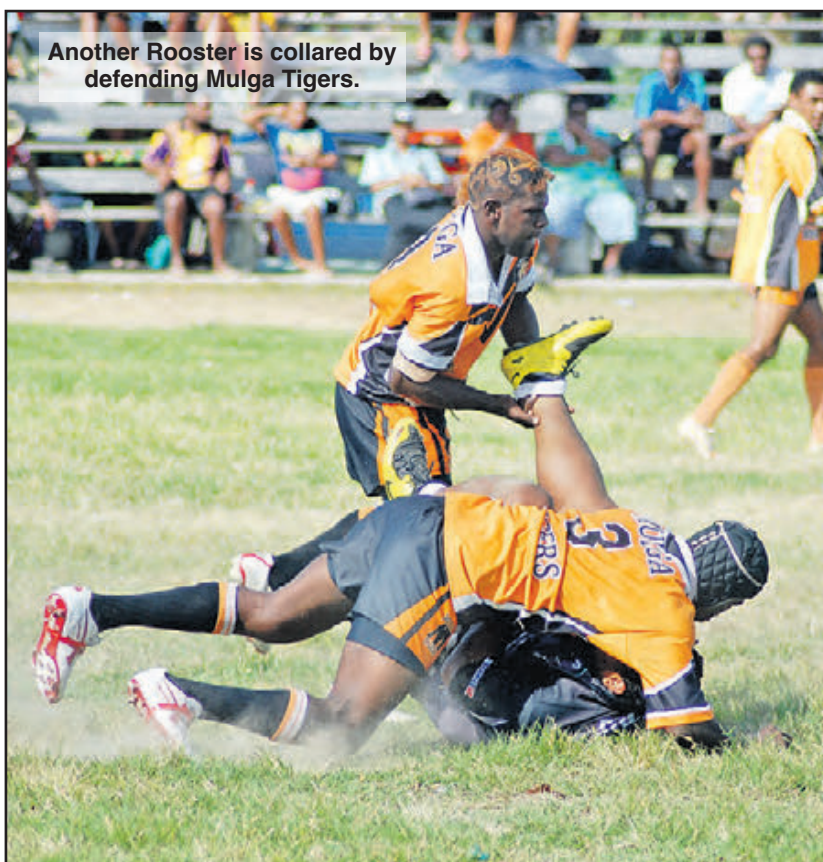
## 'Deadly'

"The final was deadly and edge-of-your-seat stuff," she said.

Sirens 32 (Annette Fell, Elsie Seriat, Ethel Mosby, Amanda Pearce, Gene Loban, Tashina Wigness, Tari Sagigi tries; Tashina Wigness, Natasha Fujii goals) d Barbarians 22 (Ruth Bon 2, Ellen Baira, Sarah Sailor 1 tries; Francesca Sagigi 2, Sarah Sailor goals).



A Roosters player is brought to ground.



Another Rooster is collared by defending Mulga Tigers.

## Elsie a true all-rounder

**S**EVEN is a number that is special to Thursday Island women's rugby league player and basketballer Elsie Seriat.

While many football teams don't even score seven tries in a game, Elsie managed to cross seven times in one Kaiwalagal Rugby League women's semi-final on Thursday Island.

Seriat is the captain of Sundown Sirens, which beat Barbarians 56-10 in the semi-final at Ken Brown Memorial Oval on TI in late August.

"It was great to score seven tries, but I didn't really count them during the game," she said.

In the grand final on 5 September, Seriat also scored a try and enjoyed receiving the premiership trophy on behalf of the Sirens.

The 24-year-old Seriat played lock.

She is a medical records officer for Queensland Health on TI, where she was born and loves living.

Seriat has been a regular in representative rugby league teams in State and national carnivals.

She also is a gifted basketballer and now is in Cairns at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Championships.

Elsie, who plays guard, is an integral

part of the TI Storm team being coached by Velma Gara.

In the local Wongai Basketball Association competition on TI, Seriat is one of the stars for top side Opals.



Elsie Seriat holds the winning trophy after Sirens won the KRL ladies grand final.



The winning women's team, the Sundown Sirens.





# 39th Annual N.S.W.



## Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout Carnival



*'2008 Knockout Champions'*

Hosted by **NARWAN EELS RLFC**

**Celebrating 33 years**

**Rugby League Park & Harris Park  
Dumaresq Street, Armidale NSW**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & Monday 5<sup>th</sup>  
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# Planning on track 'for best ever'

THE NSW northern tablelands city of Armidale is confident it will be able to lay claim to hosting the best ever NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout.

Organising Committee chairman and Armidale Dumaresq Deputy Mayor Jim Maher said the committee had been working on the staging of the knockout since last November and he expected it to be the best ever.

The planning committee includes the Narwan Rugby League Club executive, local Elders, elected Armidale Dumaresq councillors and senior staff, representatives of the NSW Police, various emergency

services, the Armidale Liquor Accord, Armidale Tourism, Armidale Sports Council, the Armidale Rams Rugby league Club, Country Rugby League and other community groups.

Narwan Rugby League Club president Gary Davison said Armidale was looking forward to again hosting the event and the local team was keen to defend their title.

"Narwan will defend the title they won in 2008 at Kingscliff, while many Indigenous players from the NRL are expected to participate in the Knockout, adding further interest to what is expected to be a weekend of

excellent rugby league," Davison said.

A Welcome to Country and civic reception for the teams will be held in the Armidale Town Hall on Thursday 1 October. The evening will be hosted by Armidale Mayor Peter Ducat.

## Friday start

Junior and women's games will be held on the Friday and the Knockout proper will start on Saturday morning, with the final to be held on the Monday of the long weekend.

"The games will be played at Rugby League Park – the home ground of the Armidale Rams

Rugby League Club – in Dumaresq Street and two grounds which will be established on Harris Park, adjacent to RLP," Cr Maher said.

"The council intends to open the Armidale Aquatic Centre, across the road from rugby league venues, and allow free admission, while the PCYC will provide a busy schedule of activities for youth."

Cr Maher said planning such a large event had been a major logistical exercise for the committee, given that between 6000 to 10,000 people were expected to converge on Armidale.

"Accommodation is at a premium and extra camping is being provided at a local caravan park," he said.

"Some teams and supporters are being accommodated in the neighbouring towns of Uralla, Guyra, Walcha and Tamworth, creating economic benefits for the region.

"Food and retail outlets at the ground and in the town are expecting a bumper weekend of trade. Local service clubs such as Rotary and Lions are providing assistance on the gate and as car-park marshals."

The Knockout is a family affair and is alcohol-free.

# Early start for early finish to Knockout



ORGANISERS of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout carnival are working towards an 11am finish on 5 October – the last day of the carnival.

They understand that players and supporters have considerable distances to travel and want to give people time to get home from Armidale.

The Narwan Eels are hosting the 2009 Knockout following their win last year at Kingscliff.

Narwan president Gary Davison said the men's knockout matches would start on Saturday 3 October and continue the following day.

The semi-finals and final will be played on Monday 5 October.

Davison said it was planned to have the carnival over by 11am.

This would mean the final could start soon after 9am.

But the semi-finals also are planned for the Sunday morning.

For an 11am finish to the carnival, the semi-finals will have to start very early on the Monday morning because the winning semi-finalists will need a reasonable break before lining up for the final.

Davison said it was proposed to play the semi-finals on two grounds at the same time so that no one side would have the benefit of a longer break.



Narwan Eels president Gary Davison at the entrance to Rugby League Park, Armidale. The 2009 NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will be played at this ground and the adjoining Harris Park. Davison says it is planned to have the knockout completed before lunch time on Monday 5 October so that players and patrons have time to get home.

# Burgoyne wants out



PORT Adelaide has confirmed star midfielder Shaun Burgoyne wants to be traded to a Melbourne-based AFL club.

In what will create major interest in the coming trade week, Burgoyne is out of contract and wants a fresh start at an unspecified Melbourne club after 157 games in eight seasons with the Power.

But Port are set to fight hard to either hang on to the skilful on-baller or get a windfall in return for the 2006 All-Australian.

"Shaun Burgoyne and his manager informed us (on 14 September) that he would like to be traded to a Melbourne-based club," Power football operations manager Peter Rohde said.

"At this stage no particular club has been identified.

"Our position is that Shaun is a required player and that he will only be traded if a favourable trade for the Port Adelaide

Football Club is forthcoming."

Burgoyne, 26, endured a frustrating season as a knee injury limited him to nine games, and the Power struggled with consistency and missed the finals.

His older brother Peter retired at the end of the season.

## Confident

Port coach Mark Williams said a week earlier he was confident of retaining Burgoyne, and wanted to give the player time to consider his future.

Burgoyne underwent surgery earlier this month to repair a cartilage problem.

Power Football Operations Manager Peter Rohde met with Burgoyne's manager on 14 September, where the request was tabled.

Burgoyne debuted in the black, white and teal colours in 2002 and received a Rising Star Nomination in round 13 of his initial season.

He was recruited with pick 12 in the National Draft at the end of the 2000 season from the Port Adelaide Magpies in the SANFL.

Burgoyne played as first rover in the Power's 2004 premiership side and finished second in the club's 2006 Jack Cahill Medal (best-and-fairest) count, a winter where he was also honoured with All-Australian selection.

He was also one of nine Indigenous players in the 2008 'Dream Team match' against Victoria.

Meanwhile, Burgoyne says the wishes of his family are behind his quest to continue his AFL career in Melbourne.

The 26-year-old star flew to Melbourne last Wednesday to meet with representatives of three clubs.

"It's just time for a change for myself, my family needs a change and that's basically where we're coming from," Burgoyne told the Ten Network.

"I'd love to continue my career in Melbourne."

Hawthorn have publicly expressed strong interest in Burgoyne.

He also wants to talk with Melbourne and Essendon, given he has a connection to both clubs as he is related to the Davey brothers, the Demons' Aaron and Bombers' Alwyn.

But Burgoyne said it was too early to declare a preferred destination.

"It's very premature," he said.

"It has been in the media a fair bit so a lot of clubs have been in contact with my manager, but I haven't spoken to anyone personally.

"My manager's been talking to a few clubs, that's basically where it's at."

The fact that wooden-spooners Melbourne are in the picture will almost certainly force the Power to strike a trade deal rather than risk losing him for nothing in the pre-season draft, where the Demons have first pick. – AAP and Peter Argent





**Tigers win a thriller**

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## United stand proud



IN the end they may have gone down, but Northern United – the

predominantly Aboriginal team – can stand proud after a brilliant first season in the Northern Rivers Regional Rugby League (NRRRL).

Before a huge crowd, playing home team Lower Clarence Magpies – another team featuring many Indigenous players – Northern United lost 21-20 in what was a thrilling grand final.

Northern United, who battled for several years to enter the NRRRL, fought back from a 8-14 deficit at half time to deadlock the scores 20-all close to full time. A last minute field goal gave the victory to the Magpies much to the delight of the home crowd. While disappointed by the result, Northern United secretary Grantley Creighton said United had 'put the competition back on the map'. He nominated Alwyn Roberts, Roy Bell and Sione Tonga as United's best.

● See more coverage next edition

# Widders returns

By GRAHAM HUNT



ARMIDALE'S favourite son – rugby league star Dean Widders – is expected to lead the Narwan Eels in their defence of the NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout trophy next month.

The former Parramatta forward has been playing for the Castleford Tigers in the English Super League this year, where he scored six tries.

Widders is expected home to lead the Narwan Eels as they attempt to defend the title they won last year at Kingscliff, on the NSW far north coast.

Widders was part of the team that beat the La Perouse Panthers 22-18 in a nail-biting final.

The former NRL player needed no incentive to take part this year. Following the death of team-mate Alf Atkinson in the Eels' semi-final against Waterloo Storm

last year, he wanted to return this year as a tribute to his friend.

Atkinson collapsed and died soon after being substituted early in the first half of the semi-final.

His death cast a shadow over the whole tournament, but it galvanised the Narwan Eels when they lined up against the La Perouse Panthers, who were making their second grand-final appearance in two years.

Winning the title this year will be just as hard, if not harder.

### As many as 50

Narwan Eels officials are confident that as many as 50 teams could line up for the 2009 Knockout at Rugby League Park in Dumaresq Street, Armidale on 2-5 October.

The men's competition will start on Saturday 3 October, but the carnival will start a day earlier with women's and boys' under-17 and under-15 matches.

Prizemoney will depend on the number of teams that enter.

Each of the men's teams will pay \$1500 to enter and all of that money will go towards prizemoney.

Narwan spokesman Gary Davison said he expected the Knockout to be a big success because, for the first time in years, it would be a unified event, so Aboriginal communities would not be divided over which tournament to support.

Davison told *The Koori Mail* that the Knockout provided a wonderful platform for younger Indigenous players to put themselves in the eyes of National Rugby League clubs.

He said NRL clubs kept a close watch on the Knockout.

He also reminded patrons of the switch to daylight saving mid-way through the tournament.

NITV will cover the Armidale Knockout.

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Dean Widders, left, and Mitch Morris with the Knockout trophy the Narwan Eels won last year at Kingscliff.

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