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Torrid times

ARIA glow for our mob



HE'S just a little bit country, she's just a little bit pop – and they both scored at the 2009 Australian Recording Industry Association (ARIA) Music Awards in Sydney last Thursday night. Australian Idol graduate Jessica Mauboy, 20, had been nominated in seven categories but said after the



awards ceremony that she was satisfied with the Highest Selling Single award she ended up taking home, for *Running Back*. Troy Cassar-Daley won the Best Country Album category for *I Love This Place*. The annual ARIA Awards celebrate excellence in Australian music. – AAP

Intervention reforms and Alice Springs town camps takeover on way



INCOME management will be extended beyond Northern Territory remote Aboriginal communities to non-Aboriginal welfare recipients, other key elements of the NT Intervention will be modified, legislation to reinstate federal race laws has been introduced, and a Federal Government take-over of Alice Springs town camps could begin before Christmas.

All said, it has been a torrid fortnight for Aboriginal people living in the Northern Territory. And plenty of people have had plenty to say about it.

The eventual roll-out of income management, or welfare quarantining, to other disadvantaged regions of the country form part of Federal Government attempts to make 'non-discriminatory' the NT Intervention, which suspended the operation of the *Racial Discrimination Act (RDA) 1975* in 73 NT Aboriginal communities.

The Government said other measures including alcohol and pornography restrictions, five-year leases, and expanded law enforcement powers – some of which were being modified following consultations across hundreds of communities – would be deemed 'special measures' and therefore permissible under a reinstated RDA.

Meanwhile, Mt Nancy Town Camp resident Barbara Shaw and others lost a Federal Court bid to stop the Federal Government from taking control of the Alice Springs town camps in exchange for a \$100 million housing and infrastructure package.

Late on Friday, the umbrella body for most of the town camps, Tangentyere Council, announced that it had agreed to the Federal Government's proposed sub-lease over the camps. Subject to an appeal, clean-up of the camps could begin within a week but actual building is not expected to get underway until early next year.

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My FAMILY Ella Mosby - Townsville, Qld

I am the proud mother of six children, having presented my husband Billo with twin girls Isabella and Rowena just two months ago.

Billo and myself live in Townsville. The eldest of our kids is Jamaal who is aged eight. In this photo, Billo and I are with our other children Ethel, 2, Paul, 5, and young Billo, 3, and the twins in their pram.

We are proud of our Torres Strait Islander descent. My maiden surname was Drummond and my descendants are from Mabuiag whilst Billo is from a big mob on Yorke Island.

Whilst we are happy living here in Townsville, Billo is going to check out a possible move to Mackay for the next rugby league football season. He travels around a lot playing at Aboriginal football carnivals and has been to Cairns and Bamaga in recent months.

Last year, we both went up to Thursday Island where Billo had a run with the side Arkai Brothers from Kubin. It was good to catch up with family and friends. Billo will be going down to Rockhampton in January for the Allblacks Carnival. He'll be playing with the Wagadagam Storm team from Mabuiag Island.

We love bringing the kids up in north Queensland but six can be 'a handful'.

— As told to ALF WILSON

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Ella Mosby with her husband Billo Mosby holding Ethel, 2. In front are Paul, 5, young Billo, 3, and two-month-old twins Isabella and Rowena.

OUR CHILDREN



Seen here are the Yonga Boys Dancers in the Circle of Life Garden, one of two projects officially launched at Koorana Primary School in Warnbro, south of Perth, on 20 November. Pictured with the young fellas are Koorana PS Rebound Centre Coordinator Denise Duffy (left) and AIEO Janet Kelly, who designed the Aboriginal sensory garden. Some of the funding for the garden came from the PALS Program, which encourages projects that promote and advance Reconciliation.

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Arrests at Tassie protest

MORE than 20 Aboriginal people were arrested for trespass during a peaceful protest at a road construction site outside Hobart on Friday. The group, including high profile activists Michael Mansell and Jim Everett, says the route chosen for the Brighton bypass will destroy important Aboriginal heritage sites. On day three of protest, the protesters entered the construction zone in a bid to halt earthmoving works. See Page 12 for more.

Photo by JILLIAN MUNDY



Preamble 'a distraction'



A BILL to add a preamble to Queensland's Constitution that recognises Indigenous people as the State's first inhabitants is just a distraction, the State Opposition says.

Premier Anna Bligh on Tuesday introduced the Constitution (Preamble) Amendment Bill 2009 to Parliament, with debate expected to take place in early 2010.

"This preamble will modernise our Constitution, providing a vision for the kind of state that Queenslanders believe in, a society based on democracy, freedom and peace," Ms Bligh said.

"A key aspect is the acknowledgment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the first Australians, and indeed the first Queenslanders."

Ms Bligh said the recognition was something for Queenslanders to be proud of in the State's 150th anniversary.

"It will provide an enduring statement on behalf of the Queensland people that acknowledges where we have come from and our aspirations for tomorrow's Queensland," she said.

Opposition Leader John-Paul Langbroek said he believed Queenslanders would like the Government to turn its mind to more pressing issues.

"It's something that a parliamentary committee was divided on," Mr Langbroek told reporters.

"The Premier has decided to do this without a referendum, brought a Bill to the House, and very obviously Queenslanders, as part of a national referendum in 1999, said they didn't think there



The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags fly over the Queensland Parliament in Brisbane.

should be a preamble in the federal Constitution.

"But more importantly, it's just a distraction from all the things that we're facing at the moment and I think Queenslanders will see it as that."

"I don't think that's what they're talking about at the Wynnum IGA (grocery store)."

Under the Bill, the preamble will honour: "The Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the first Australians, whose lands, winds and waters we all now share and pay tribute to, their unique values and ancient and enduring cultures which deepen and enrich the life of our community."

Ms Bligh said the idea for a preamble to the existing constitution arose during the 2020 Ideas to Action Summit held in the Queensland Parliament last year.

The Government had agreed to act on the recommendation and referred the matter to a parliamentary committee. -AAP



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Govt to fund First People's Congress

Dean winner of online naming challenge

LESS controversial than re-badging an iconic Australian sandwich spread but arguably of considerably more consequence.

The new national Indigenous representative body is intended to be for and drawn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people so it was appropriate that the challenge of naming it, too, be taken to the people.

The naming competition ran online for several months and received 52 entries.

It was Dean Jarrett from New South Wales whose suggestion came closest to the moniker ultimately chosen by the representative body steering committee. He had suggested First Australians National Congress (FANC).

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma and the representative body steering committee thanked everyone who entered into the competition.



DEAN JARRETT

By KIRSTIE PARKER



A TRULY representative and effective national voice, a waste of time, a new era, totally flawed.

They've all be used during to describe a new national representative body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that the Federal Government has announced it will support.

The model announced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma in Canberra in August emerged from a series of community meetings throughout the country, peak body talks, a national forum and written submissions.

Federal Cabinet then considered the report 'Our Future in Our Hands', compiled out of those consultations. And on 22 November – nearly five years after the former Howard Government axed the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) – Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced that the Government had 'accepted the recommendations of the Committee's report' and agreed to initial funding for the new organisation.

Mr Calma announced the following day that the new body would be called the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP).

The Government has pledged \$6 million for the body's establishment and a further \$23.2 million for its operations to December 2013.

That support fell short on one major recommendation, though – that the Government and corporate and philanthropic sources contribute to a \$200 million investment fund to ensure the new body's longevity.

Ms Macklin said the Government was 'committed to resetting the relationship with Indigenous Australians and working with them in new partnerships based on trust, goodwill and mutual respect'.

She said establishment of a national representative body would deliver on a Rudd Government election commitment, and congratulated Mr Calma and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander steering committee that advised him on their 'leadership and hard work'.

"Indigenous Australians must have a voice if we are to achieve change," she said. "Indigenous people called for a strong, responsible and independent voice at the national level to represent the aspirations and goals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples."

"They want to be represented by a body that is credible and capable of leading, influencing and monitoring public policy development."

The new body will:

- Be established as a company limited by guarantee.
- Have a National Executive made up of eight board members, including two full-time co-chairs. This National Executive will be elected by an annual congress of 120 representatives from key Indigenous organisations, as well as individuals and community representatives.
- Have equal representation of men and women.
- Feature an Ethics Council to oversee its integrity and ethics of office holders.

Ms Macklin said the new body would also look to broaden its financial support from across other sectors.

Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma said

that, with funding secured for the new body's initial years, it was now up to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples 'to put our future in our hands'.

"I call on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to support the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples and contribute to the task of building a truly representative and effective national voice."

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples have been without a representative voice for too long... This is a critical moment in forging a new relationship with the Australian Government."

Reconciliation Australia welcomed the Government's announcement of 'significant' funding for the new body.

"If we're serious about closing the gaps, and I believe we are, we need to recognise the need for a legitimate, representative body and encourage it in whatever ways we can to fulfill its



Flashback to August when Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma (right) presented Minister Jenny Macklin with the 'Our Future in Our Hands' report.

responsibilities," said the organisation's co-chair Mark Leibler.

However, former Central Land Council Director and now businessman Tracker Tilmouth reportedly told the ABC that the new body was unnecessary and a waste of time.

"We have more councils, more organisations than any other part of the community. We don't need another organisation that's got a big name and no blankets," he said.

"Let's deal with the current structures we've got."

Sam Jeffries, the chairperson of the Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly in Western New South Wales and a former ATSIC Regional Council Chairman, described the new body as an opportunity that could underpin a new era in Indigenous affairs.

But another activist from the same region, Michael Anderson, predicted the new body would be 'toothless'. A co-founder of the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, Mr Anderson said the model 'ignored the more aggressive Aboriginal voices and will have prominent conservative Aborigines as key stakeholders'.

Note: The author of this story was a participant in a national forum held in Adelaide in March, which contributed to the model proposed in 'Our Future in Our Hands'.

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Mixed reaction to NTER reforms

By **DARREN COYNE**



IT appears to be full steam ahead for the Northern Territory Intervention and the Federal Government takeover of town camps in Alice Springs.

But there are plenty of critics already warning that the Government's decision to plough on with its 'emergency response' – albeit in a modified form – will continue to de-rail its relationship with Aboriginal people.

Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin announced last Wednesday that the Government would strengthen the NT Emergency Response (NTER) 'to provide the foundations for real and lasting change in Indigenous communities'.

She said the Government was introducing legislation into the Parliament to repeal all NTER laws that suspended the operation of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975.

The Australian Human Rights Commission welcomed the news, as did its Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

Mr Calma said it sent an important message that the Government was genuine in its commitment to resetting the relationship with Indigenous Australians.

"The strongest lesson we can learn from the experience of the past two years is that respectful engagement and community involvement in designing and managing solutions must be the cornerstone of any effort to strengthen and sustain improvements in these communities," Mr Calma said.

"I am also pleased that the Government is referring this draft legislation to a Senate inquiry which will enable concerned individuals and organisations to thoroughly assess the legislation and identify any issues that may arise so that we can avoid the mistakes of the past."

The Government announced that, in

order to comply with the RDA, it had redesigned various measures of the intervention to ensure they could be regarded as 'special measures' under the Act.

Re-designed

In a joint statement with the Member for Lingiari Warren Snowdon, Ms Macklin said alcohol and pornography restrictions, five-year leases, community store licensing and law-enforcement powers had been re-designed 'to more clearly be special measures that help Indigenous people in the NT achieve equal human rights'.

progress report which showed that the measures had failed to make a difference and continued on its path of ignoring Aboriginal people," Mr Ross said.

Meanwhile, Ms Macklin also announced a national rollout of welfare quarantining beyond Aboriginal communities to ensure the measure was non-discriminatory.

"The new scheme will commence across the NT – in urban, regional and remote areas – as a first step in a national rollout of income management in disadvantaged regions," she said.

The Minister said the RDA would immediately apply to the new income

or manage their money.

"They are so focused on preserving the failed intervention measures that they are prepared to make this massive change to our welfare system."

CEO of the Australian Council of Social Services (ACOSS) Clare Martin and the National Welfare Rights Network also condemned the move, arguing there was no evidence that such an extension was warranted.

"While the reinstatement of the Racial Discrimination Act is a welcome step, it comes at a cost," said Ms Martin, who is a former NT Chief Minister.

"These are major reforms to our welfare system and we are concerned there is no evidence to warrant an extension of income quarantining."

"Blanket income management is a blunt instrument which does not consider individual circumstances. We need individual solutions to individual problems and we urge caution on a national rollout."

In other developments, the Government is poised to proceed with its \$100 million plan to improve conditions in Aboriginal town camps around Alice Springs following a ruling in the Federal Court which dismissed a challenge to the sub-leasing of town

camp housing association leases to the Government.

Ms Macklin has maintained that the proposed NTER measures and the town camp 'takeover' follow extensive consultations between Aboriginal people and the Federal Government.

"All of these changes complement the Government's Closing the Gap agenda, which is delivering unprecedented investment in education, health, housing, jobs and remote service delivery," she said.

"They follow extensive consultations with Indigenous Australians in the NT. Between June and August 2009, the Australian Government conducted more than 500 consultations involving several thousand

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JENNY MACKLIN

Govt to extend welfare regime across nation

management scheme in the NT from July 2010, with the rollout expected to be completed by 31 December 2010.

'Big shift'

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert condemned the national rollout plan, calling it the 'biggest shift in social policy from an ALP Government ever'.

"This is a huge shift in values away from a culture of a 'fair go for all' and towards a paternalistic approach that restricts the choices of the disadvantaged 'for their own good'," Senator Siewert said.

"It is unbelievable that the Rudd Government thinks that simply because some people are unemployed or single parents they cannot look after their children

"The measures relating to publicly-funded computers and the business management areas powers will remain unchanged," she said.

A few days later, a meeting in Tennant Creek of 90 members of the Central Land Council accused the Government of squandering an opportunity to reset the relationship with Aboriginal people.

CLC members said that the Government's application of the RDA to the NTER legislation still ignored Aboriginal people's interests and its proposed special measures remained discriminatory.

CLC director David Ross said he was deeply disappointed with the Government. "To us it looks like more of the same. The Government has even ignored its own

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Will they be heard?



WILL Aboriginal people living on prescribed communities in the Northern Territory be heard?

Apparently not, according to legal experts and a former Prime Minister.

An independent report into the Federal Government's consultations in Aboriginal communities regarding the NT Intervention has raised serious questions about the way some consultations were carried out.

Launched by former PM Malcolm Fraser at the Melbourne Law School on 23 November, the report 'Will they be heard?' examined consultations in three communities – Utopia, Bagot and Ampilatwatja.

The report concluded that there were serious deficiencies in the way that those consultations took place, arguing that the Government had a pre-conceived agenda, too few interpreters, and an unwillingness to report negative feedback.

Collaboration

It was a collaboration between Melbourne Law School's Professor Alastair Nicholson, Professor Larissa Behrendt, from the University of Technology Sydney, her colleagues Nicole Watson and Alison Vivian, and Michele Harris, of 'Concerned Australians'.

The group undertook detailed analysis of more than nine hours of independent footage – taken by independent film-maker Ellie Gilbert – of consultations between the Federal Government and the three Aboriginal communities.

Mr Fraser described it as 'a serious document that needs to be taken into account'.

And while he believed the



People at the launch of the 'Will they be heard?' report by former PM Malcolm Fraser at the Melbourne Law School on 23 November.

Federal Government was committed to Closing the Gap, Mr Fraser said the former Government's interventionist approach was based on 'old-fashioned paternalism', and the new Government's approach was not much better.

"Someone in Canberra knew best and was going to do it with military precision with no respect and no partnerships," he said, in reference to former Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough.

'Same bureaucrats'

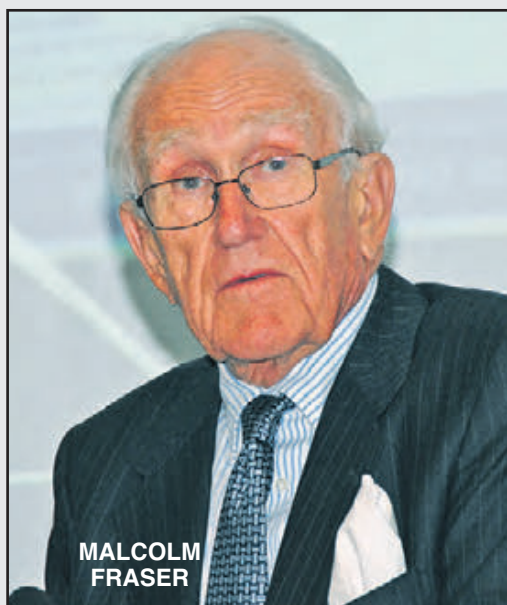
Mr Fraser said the problem now was that the same bureaucrats who were advising the Howard Government were now in the ear of Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin.

"I do have confidence in Macklin's commitment, but I am concerned about the people who advise her," he told the gathering.

Ms Macklin dismissed the report almost immediately, and

launched the Government's own report 'Report on the Northern Territory Emergency Response Redesign Consultations', which contrasted markedly and argued

that there was community support for measures such as welfare quarantining, alcohol and pornography restrictions and five year leases.



MALCOLM FRASER



LARISSA BAHRENDT

She maintained that the Government's consultations in 500 Aboriginal communities were 'comprehensive', compared with the three canvassed in the independent report.

But the Will They Be Heard? report said that the Federal Government was not interested in independent views of the intervention, but rather sought comment on pre-conceived measures.

Criticisms

Other criticisms included the lack of independence amongst those undertaking the Government's consultations, a lack of Aboriginal input into the design of intervention measures, and a failure to properly harness Aboriginal opinions.

Greens Senator Rachel Siewert said the independent report detailed serious deficiencies in the consultation process that undermined the relationship between Aboriginal people and government.

— DARREN COYNE

'Special measures' announced

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participants in the 73 remote communities and town camps, and workshops with regional leaders and stakeholder organisation representatives."

Ms Macklin said those consultations found that children, the elderly and women were safer, better fed and clothed; they were getting a better night's sleep; and humbugging for money for alcohol, drugs and gambling had declined.

"This was attributed to a combination of NTER measures, in particular income management, alcohol restrictions, community store licensing and the increased police presence," she said.

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission, which is the Indigenous branch of the National Council of Churches, was amongst groups that condemned the consultation process.

NATSIEC executive director Graeme Mundine said the Government's report into the consultations 'does not alleviate my long-held concerns about the Government's consultation process.'

"It is clear that these consultations were conducted with the intention of providing evidence of support for certain aspects of the NTER, particularly income

management, to be excluded from the (RDA) as special measures.

"I am not convinced that any aspect of the Intervention can be deemed to be a special measure."

THE redesign of the NT measures include:

Income management

From 1 July 2010, what the Government described as a new 'non-discriminatory' income management scheme will be rolled out across the NT – in urban, rural and remote areas – and will apply to all relevant welfare recipients. It will eventually be extended to other disadvantaged regions of Australia outside the NT.

Alcohol restrictions

The existing alcohol restrictions will continue. The Government says regional or community alcohol restrictions may be developed as part of alcohol management plans (AMPs) tailored to the circumstances of each area to replace the existing restrictions, and proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Pornography restrictions

Current restrictions prohibiting the possession and supply of sexually explicit

and very violent material will continue. The Government says consideration of any individual community requests to have the restrictions lifted will take into account the risk of harm to families and children

Five-year leases

Five-year leases will continue. The Government says it considers the leases to be a special measure for the purposes of the RDA, as 'they were introduced to provide security of tenure for better service delivery and do not affect the underlying



Tough alcohol restrictions and other NTER measures will remain.

title of the land'. Indigenous owners still own this land, the Government insisted.

Community store licensing

Community store licensing will continue. The Government says the scheme, which it considers a special measure, will be improved and extended.

Publicly funded computers

Measures to prevent access to sexually explicit material and very violent material on publicly funded computers provided to community organisations will continue.

Law enforcement

The Australian Crime Commission's (ACC) special law enforcement powers will be retained. However, the Government says the Australian Crime Commission Act 2002 will be amended to ensure that the ACC's use of powers in relation to Indigenous violence and child abuse is for the benefit of Indigenous victims.

Business management powers

The Government will retain the business management areas powers 'to enable the maintenance of safe, healthy living conditions in Indigenous communities'.

Town camps deal

By **DARREN COYNE**,
with AAP



THE Alice Springs Town Camp Housing Associations have agreed to the terms and conditions for the sub-lease of their special purposes leases offered by the Australian Government.

In a statement issued on Friday, Tangentyere Council said the way was now clear to begin addressing the enormous accumulation of need built up through years of neglect by government authorities.

Tangentyere Council president Walter Shaw said the main sticking point had always been the fate of people who might face eviction by Territory Housing, when the Government took over tenancy management in the town camps.

Mr Shaw said the housing associations believed that the extra measures governments were prepared to introduce went a long way to addressing their concerns.

"We are relieved that extra help will be given to people to meet their tenancy obligations, to extend rather than shorten their enjoyment of a decent house and to be provided

expanded services in alcohol rehabilitation, family support, as well as tenancy management," he said.

"For those who still face eviction, there will also be additional support for transient and homeless people in Alice Springs."

The statement from Tangentyere came days after some town camp residents lost their bid to stop the Federal Government from taking over the leases on their land.

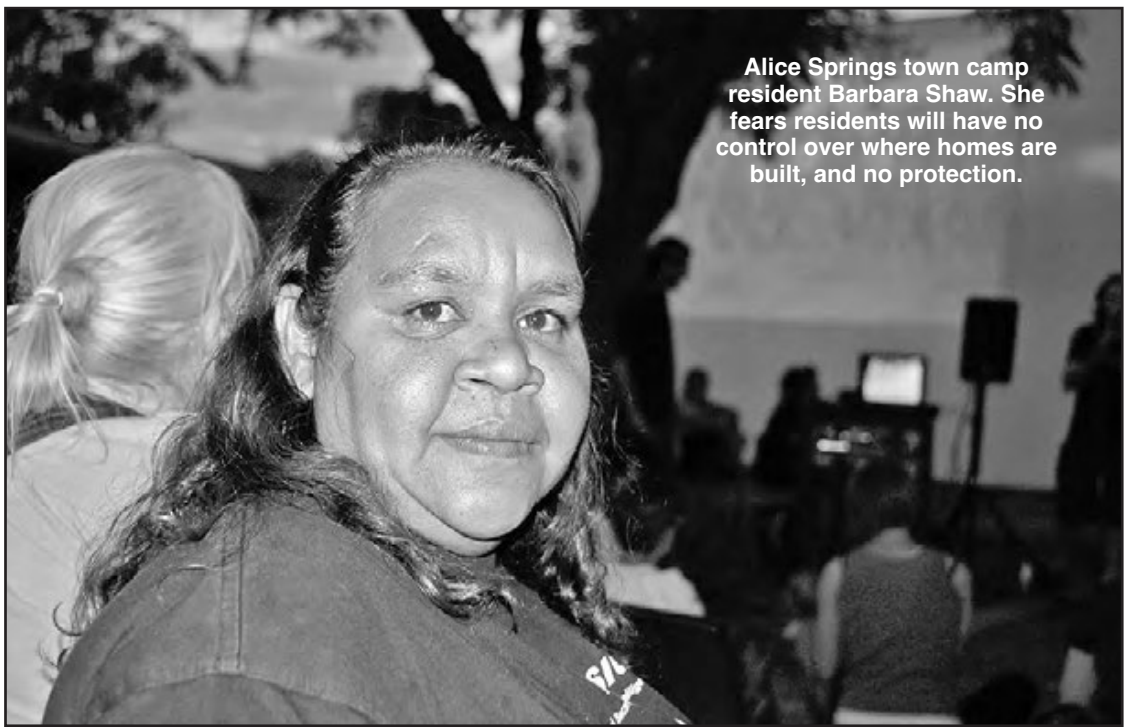
In August, town camp resident Barbara Shaw and others won an injunction to halt the execution of the leases of 16 housing associations.

Ms Shaw told *The Koori Mail* that she was very upset by the Federal Court's decision to reject the case.

"This means that we'll have no control over where homes are built, and no protection," she said.

"With the case, we were trying to give Aboriginal people affected by the Government's policies a chance to take part in the decision-making processes," she said.

"Life is getting harder for our people. We are still being stigmatised, demoralised and disempowered even more. The Government needs to work with our people and not dictate to us."



Alice Springs town camp resident Barbara Shaw. She fears residents will have no control over where homes are built, and no protection.

The Federal Government had argued that it wanted secure land tenure before spending money on new housing, refurbishments and other works.

Last Thursday, Northern Territory Chief Minister Paul Henderson made a promise to the NT Parliament that work would begin before Christmas despite the Federal Court granting a week's leave

to appeal the decision.

Ms Shaw was unable to say last week whether such an appeal would be lodged.

Meanwhile, Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin welcomed the win in the court, saying living conditions in the town camps were appalling.

"Acute overcrowding and sub-standard housing combined

with alcohol abuse, despair and hopelessness mean the basic human right – to a safe and healthy life – is denied to many residents," Ms Macklin said.

"The Federal Court judgment confirms that Tangentyere Council and the 16 housing associations acted within the law in executing leases to allow the construction of new housing and improved tenancy management."

Indigenous poverty outrageous: Amnesty



Amnesty International Secretary-General Irene Khan (right) meets Albert Bailey Kemarr and Banjo Morton Petyarr at a meeting at Urapuntja Council offices on 15 November. Photo (c) Rusty Stewart/AIA



THE poverty experienced by many Aborigines is as morally reprehensible as torture and must be eradicated, according to Amnesty International Secretary-General Irene Khan.

Ms Khan addressed the National Press Club in Canberra on 18 November, after visiting homeland communities in central Australia.

She said the poverty she saw north-east of Alice Springs reminded her of a Third World country.

"That Indigenous peoples experience human rights violations on a continent of such privilege is not merely disheartening, it is morally outrageous," she said.

"The moral imperative to eradicate such poverty is no less an imperative on government than to eliminate torture."

Ms Khan's speech came a few days before the Federal Government announced that it would reform measures under the Northern Territory Intervention in remote Aboriginal communities to conform with a reinstated Racial Discrimination Act.

Ms Khan was particularly scathing of the compulsory quarantining of welfare payments, suggesting there was a 'real risk' Labor could squander an opportunity to change direction.

"The blunt force of the intervention's heavy-handed one-size-fits-all approach cannot deliver the desired results," she said.

"The Government will not secure the long-term protection of women and children unless there is an integrated human rights solution that empowers peoples and engages them to take responsibility for the solutions."

The Government said last week that it would extend welfare quarantining, first to non-Indigenous people in the NT and then to range of welfare recipients nationally.

– With AAP

Partnership key to restore order: CMC

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



IMPROVED crime prevention, greater community involvement and more sophisticated policing are the keys to improving relations between the Queensland Police Service and Indigenous people, according to the Crime and Misconduct Commission (CMC).

The State's corruption watchdog released its 'Restoring order: Crime prevention, policing and local justice in Queensland's Indigenous communities' report on 20 November, following an independent inquiry on the subject.

The inquiry was prompted by the events that followed the death of Mulrunji Doomadgee in the police watchhouse on Palm Island in 2004 and a riot against police at Aurukun in 2007, after a man alleged that police had assaulted him in the local watchhouse. Its report came a day after the fifth anniversary of Mr Doomadgee's death.

CMC chairperson Robert Needham said the agency had received a clear message from remote Indigenous communities that they were concerned about continuing high crime and violence levels and wanted police to be even more active in tackling crime, but to do so in a way that was fair, consistent and respectful.

"The CMC believes Indigenous people need a stronger voice in setting police priorities and methods for their community," Mr Needham said. "However, the key to reducing crime in the longer term mostly lies beyond policing and the criminal justice system.

"Targeting the underlying causes of offending is central to improving relations between police and remote Indigenous communities. Community leaders, such as councils, community justice groups, men's and women's groups and Elders, have a large role to play in this area."

The report, which is available on the CMC's website, lists 51 action items and makes the following six recommendations:

- The Qld Government's focus be increased and improved by abandoning the 'over-reliance' on strategies unlikely to actually reduce crime or violence e.g. Murri Courts or diverting police from the criminal justice system, and instead develop an appropriate mix of crime prevention strategies within and outside of that system.
- There be a clear and sustained commitment to supporting and developing effective forms of local authority in communities to respond to crime, violence and related issues.



'Indigenous people need a stronger voice in setting police priorities'

— Robert Needham
CMC chairman

- That planning, development and implementation of strategies at local levels take priority over any further high-level or overarching policy frameworks.

- The creation of a new Qld Police Service (QPS) command dedicated to Indigenous issues to help improve relations and shift the focus of policing from law enforcement to maximising crime prevention.

- The Qld Government refocus its approach to criminal justice policy to build a more rational evidence-based response to crime.

- Governments encourage innovations that have a crime prevention effect, such as some already developed by the Cape York Institute of Policy and Leadership.

Mr Needham said State Government failure to reduce Indigenous over-representation in the justice system could be blamed partly on a poorly-developed and piecemeal approach taken to crime

prevention strategies such as Alcohol Management Plans (AMPs) and the Family Responsibilities Commission.

He said historical events stretching over decades had led to a lack of trust and confidence in the relationship between police and Indigenous communities.

"(That relationship) is fragile, tense, and highly volatile," he said, adding that high levels of crime generated much of the 'heat' in it.

"The CMC will monitor their (the Qld Police Service) progress over the next three years. The task that lies ahead for communities, police and government is difficult but achievable."

Brisbane activist Sam Watson said one of the main problems with policing in remote communities was the enforcement of 'an alien legal system on a community of people who still retain much of their customary law'.

"So there has to be a situation arrived at

where senior people and Elders have a role in the delivery of legal process."

Townsville activist Gracelyn Smallwood questioned how the recommendations could be implemented to create lasting and meaningful change, when essential community needs such as housing, health and employment were still not addressed.

"It's okay for the police to say they need to be more proactive, but we set our people up for failure due to the environment a lot of them are living in, with high unemployment, fourth world status, poor infrastructure, boredom, and the lack of a lot of facilities kids in the towns would have," Ms Smallwood said.

She said the police service had cross-cultural issues and 'a long history of thuggery' and racism to overcome and, until that culture changed, reports such as the CMC's would be worthless.

Many similar recommendations had been well-established for decades in the report from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody (RCIADIC), which remained largely unimplemented, she said.

If they had been adhered to, the condition of Indigenous human rights would be more advanced.

Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey called for a response to the report by Qld's Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson and said that his community was hoping and praying for a strong commitment to the report's recommendations so it would not 'become an exercise for an exercise'.

"Honestly, at the end of the day, what does it mean on the ground — that's the question we've got to ask," Mr Lacey said.

"There were 339 recommendations of the RCIADIC and not a lot of them were implemented, so we've got this flash report from the CMC but we need to see commitment on it."

Police Commissioner Atkinson told *The Koori Mail* he welcomed the report and was looking forward to carefully considering its recommendations.

He said he would work with the CMC where appropriate 'to ensure we are providing the best possible policing service to these communities'.

He said there had been many positive changes in recent years with additional Federal and State Government support to boost resources in Queensland's remote communities; including new \$10 million police stations in Lockhart River and Badu Island, \$5 million towards Torres Strait police aircraft, 29 extra staff and the completion of a \$6.4 million upgrade of CCTV in all police facilities in Deed of Grant in Trust (DOGIT) communities.

Send us your shots of 'Mo'-vember

With Mo-vember madness a mere shave away from memory, *The Koori Mail* would like to invite any Indigenous men out there to show us your 'mo'.

Charles Prouse proudly did when we asked.

And why not ... as the CEO of the

National Aboriginal Sporting Chance Academy in Sydney, Charles was more than happy to give a 'mo' a go to promote men's health.

So bro, if you're proud of your 'mo', send us a pic to editor@koorimail.com, and we'll put it on show.



Community stores changes proposed

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



A PARLIAMENTARY Committee into the cost and quality of food in remote Aboriginal communities has recommended significant changes to the community stores system.

The Federal Parliament's Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs recently released its report 'Everybody's Business: Remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Community Stores' with a focus on the role of the remote community store in improving the social, economic and health outcomes of the whole community.

Amongst the 33 recommendations contained in the report was development of a healthy store policy for every remote Indigenous community store, support for community gardens, traditional foods and farming projects, and establishment of a remote Indigenous food supply chain coordination office.

A remote community infrastructure fund and a cost-of-living study for remote Indigenous communities was also recommended.

For Northern Peninsula Area (NPA) Regional Council mayor Joseph Elu, the issues that emerged from the inquiry were just part of a larger systemic problem of health and wellbeing of living in a remote Aboriginal community.

He said that for many NPA residents,



JOSEPH ELU



A staff member at the store in Papunya, NT, stocking up with fresh fruit and vegetables ... but not all stores are as lucky.

living in paradise came at a high price.

Seisia - which sits at the tip of Queensland's Cape York and is one of the country's most remote communities - was a prime example, Mr Elu said, of the extreme difficulties faced by remote Aboriginal communities.

Such communities were off-limits during the wet season and food came in off the weekly barge. Aged pensioners unable to make it to the shop as the food was being unloaded generally missed out on the best and freshest produce. And during the tourist season, visitors to the Cape bought up most supplies.

Mr Elu said that while he welcomed the inquiry, it had done little except highlight what those in remote Aboriginal communities had been saying for years. He said there were deeper problems than a \$5 price tag on a loaf of bread.

"We're getting hit by a double-edged sword, our communities are on lower incomes and we're paying higher prices for food," Mr Elu said. "In NPA, it's up to 25 per cent higher than in Cairns, we pay around \$3.50 for milk and \$5.00 for a loaf

of bread."

Mr Elu said that most households could only afford a week's supply of fresh fruit and vegetables and spent the next week eating high salt/high sugar foods like tinned beef.

"It's an ongoing struggle for families. There are a lot of quick meals and greasy foods being consumed and, because of this our people have higher incidences of heart disease and diabetes, it's a downhill battle," he said.

"For example diabetes in our community is harder to control with diet and lifestyle changes because you just don't get enough of those sorts of foods."

He said the high incidence of chronic disease had forced many to leave the community for health support available in bigger towns like Cairns and Townsville.

"On top of all this we have younger children coming through who are obese and many of our young people don't even hit their thirties and they have to battle chronic diseases."

Mr Elu said the situation was a complex one that required long-term

commitment from government and a broad approach to community wellbeing.

He said part of the solution would be tackling the cost of transport and freight, and that a barge subsidy would go a long way towards levelling prices. He said the cost of transporting freight by road was relatively cheaper but impassable roads from Weipa to remote NPA communities during the wet season ruled out this option.

"We need major road upgrades," he said. "Freight is cheaper by road than by sea. Our roads to Weipa are good but from there the roads are bad, especially during the wet season."

"I think the other side of this issue is the income levels of our community, CDEP is not the answer, we need real industry to be developed here in the NPA so people can earn a living. That would raise people's self-esteem and instil pride in themselves."

"The Government is expected to respond to the parliamentary committee's recommendations within the next three months."

'We're getting hit by a double-edged sword, our communities are on lower incomes and we're paying higher prices for food' – Joseph Elu

Access to healthcare needed for kids

By ELIZABETH MURRAY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander children in Queensland are dying at a rate two and a half times that of other children,

according to the annual report of the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian.

The report found that 76 per cent of young people's deaths were due to diseases, infections and sickness.

Community Services Minister Karen Struthers said the safety of children must be paramount at all times, and there were 519 childhood deaths in the last year – many of them preventable.

"Around 20 per cent were traffic accidents and most occurred in regional areas with young kids not wearing a helmet or any protective gear," Ms Struthers said.

"As a Government we're working hard to close the gap on inequities in health, housing and the economic status of Indigenous communities and there's more work to be done,"

the Minister said.

She said a 'massive housing building program' being rolled out by the Government would encourage local jobs and kick start local economies.

"It's about delivering jobs, delivering housing and delivering a better deal for Indigenous people in remote communities," she said.

"It's hard to focus on getting a job, putting food on the table and living a healthy and happy life if you don't have a safe and secure roof over your head."

That's why our housing roll out is so important. We've all got to

work at turning those statistics around."

Justin Mohamed, the chairperson of the National Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), said better outcomes for children in remote communities required reliable access to primary health services and increased funding.

Mr Mohamed said stable housing, employment and education were 'very important factors for a young person's development' but insufficient, by themselves, to remedy problems and cover the 'full picture' on Indigenous child health.

"Aboriginal children feel a connectedness to the land that they're on and the communities that they're involved in and culturally appropriate health care for mums and bubs is very important."

He said the vulnerability of Aboriginal children within current healthcare frameworks was something that NACCHO was working on to ensure availability of adequate referral services, preventative care, ante-natal and post-natal care, and developmental support and, more generally, addressing generational disadvantage.

Native title move welcomed

By KEN BOASE in Perth



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National Archives closure bid anger

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



INDIGENOUS groups across the Northern Territory have vowed to fight a decision by National

Archives Australia (NAA) to close its Darwin office by 2010.

The move has angered not only Indigenous people including Stolen Generations members, but non-Indigenous people who say the office has served an invaluable role in connecting families and communities with their lost history.

NT Stolen Generations Aboriginal Corporation (NTSGAC) Chief Executive Officer Rosie Baird said the move had come as a shock for the community.

NAA Director General Ross Gibbs made the announcement earlier this month in response to the Federal Government’s call on NAA and a number of other government agencies to make significant budget cuts.

Mr Gibbs said that, while the decision had been difficult, the Darwin office would close in September

2010, followed by Adelaide in 2011, and two Hobart offices in 2010 and 2012 respectively.

Ms Baird said the community was still reeling from the decision, which she said had come out of the blue and would have huge implications for the NT.

“The Territory and our practices are quite different from the rest of Australia,” she said.

“None of our bush births were registered, then in 1954 the Federal Government registered all of these births en masse, which meant a lot of the birth certificates aren’t right.

“The Commonwealth has a duty of care to the NT Stolen Generations and to the Aboriginal community to progress the recommendations of the Bringing Them Home report (into deaths in custody).”

Ms Baird said the decision would have a negative impact on not only the Indigenous community but other institutions like the historical society and education system that relied on accurate records for their work.

She said that while the Darwin office was well utilised and Link-up had



Northern Territory groups fear the National Archives move to close its Darwin office will have huge implications for local Indigenous people.

already assisted thousands of people to reconnect with family and culture, there were many other people still needing support.

“After (Bringing Them Home) came out, many people came forward to try to find out their families and history, but many others needed time and are still coming forward,” she said.

“It never ceases to amaze me that families are still finding out how they’re connected to others.”

Ms Baird said that while a memorandum of understanding (MoU)

between NAA and NTSGAC ensured free access for Indigenous clients, there were other significant impediments that Indigenous clients would face if the archives were moved interstate.

“The move will really slow down our program and people will need to wait for that much longer to get access to records. We also have a lot of Elders who are researching their family history and writing their life story – this is important for the whole community,” she said.

NAA’s Yvonne Kennedy said the closure came in response to the Government’s mid-year Economic and Fiscal Outlook Statement announced on 2 November, and the decision to close the designated offices had not been taken lightly.

“The National Archives is required to save \$700,000 this financial year, and \$1.4 million for each of the years through to 2014. As well as the office closures in Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart over the next two-and-a-half years, the National Archives will reduce service costs and services in Canberra,” she said.

Ms Kennedy said the decision meant Canberra would bear budget cuts to achieve the savings, and there would naturally be a flow-on to all state offices.

“The decision to close the Adelaide, Darwin and Hobart offices was based on the knowledge that they could not endure any more budget cuts while still maintaining the high level of service that they are known for,” she said.

Ms Kennedy said NT communities would still be able to access records through the National

Archives’ specialist ‘Bringing Them Home’ service, which assists Aboriginal Australians affected by government separation policies to find information about their families and communities.

The service is delivered directly to applicants in conjunction with Commonwealth-funded Link-Up services in the NT, South Australia and Victoria with which the National Archives has an MoU.

“With the majority of NAA clients now online, services currently being provided in Darwin will be able to be provided online and through the remote reference service email address and 1300 phone number as well as directly from the other offices in Canberra, Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane,” she said.

But local groups have labelled these measures as inadequate and are still pushing for a reversal to the decision to close the Darwin office.

A meeting of the Darwin Archives Consultative Forum was held last week with representatives from NAA in attendance, but no final decision had been made at the time of printing.

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GLEN KELLY

Aboriginal Advisory Council wants to meet Police Commissioner

By KEN BOASE in Perth



THE West Australian Government's Aboriginal Advisory Council is seeking a meeting with WA

Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan over an incident in which a 12-year-old Nyoongar boy was charged with allegedly receiving a stolen Freddo Frog chocolate.

The WA Police Service (WAPS) withdrew the charges on 17 November after the boy's lawyer, WA Aboriginal Legal Services Legal Director Peter Collins, indicated that he would plead not guilty to the charge.

Second charge

The boy, who lives with his family in Northam, about 100km east of Perth, was also charged with allegedly receiving a stolen novelty sign which read 'genius at work'.

He will now go before a Juvenile Justice Team for mediation.

The Advisory Council want to discuss with Mr O'Callaghan what it feels could be a wider culture of police prejudice against Aboriginal people, a claim hotly disputed by the Commissioner.

"Police are just going about their job," Mr

O'Callaghan said.

"This person has committed an offence and that offence should have been dealt with by the Juvenile Justice Team.

"The police did not have all the information at their fingertips when they preferred this charge and I've rectified that."

Mr Collins said he was willing to negotiate with police over the mediation offer, but said he would prefer that the



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taken to a police station and held in the police cells at Northam for around about six hours before appearing before JPs and then being bailed again. He has been punished enough."

Treated unfairly

ALSWA Chief Executive Officer Dennis Eggington said the case supported many claims in the past by Indigenous legal rights groups that police treated Aboriginal people unfairly.

"It's about control, it's about racism and it's about the oppression of a people who are fractured and really trying to find our feet in a modern Australia," Mr Eggington said.

"And here's a clear example of what we've been saying for decades now: That our

proof that police unfairly targeted Aboriginal people could be found in the records of the justice system, particularly in the courts.

"Every day of the week we act for Aboriginal people who've been charged with disorderly conduct," he said. "Their crime: To swear at the police. They use the F word, they use the C word.

"Often they're drunk or affected by drugs or both, or they've got a mental illness or they're homeless or whatever.

'Trivial offences'

"But it seems to me the only people in this day and age who are offended by the use of the F word and the C word are police.

"And so these people are hauled before the courts for



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ALSWA CEO Dennis Eggington.

boy be cautioned and let go.

"He's suffered from having been arrested and taken back to a police station and charged on the day of the offence.

"And then a couple of weeks later, following his failure to appear, he's been arrested by the police at home,

community and particularly our young people are targeted by police, they're profiled by police, and we've just got to have this change, otherwise we will be building more prisons for young Aboriginal kids."

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these incredibly trivial offences."

Commissioner O'Callaghan repeated his assertion that police were not prejudiced against Aboriginal people or any other racial group, and simply trying to maintain law and order.



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Qld educator up for top Aussie



INDIGENOUS educator Dr Chris Sarra has been named Queensland's Australian of the Year 2010 and is now in the running for the national title to be announced in January.

Best known for his groundbreaking and community-bonding approach to education in the community of Cherbourg, Dr Sarra seeks to inspire Indigenous children to believe in themselves.

His leadership of the Cherbourg State School has become nationally acclaimed for its 'Strong and Smart' philosophy.

He is now the Executive Director of the Stronger Smarter Institute which is transforming Indigenous education with positive messages of high expectations, quality relationships and community engagement in schools.

Meanwhile, the NSW Young Australian of the Year 2010 is Jack Manning Bancroft from Balmain, Sydney.

At 24 years of age Jack heads up Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience (AIME), and has been named in Sydney's Top 100 Most Influential People.

AIME works with Indigenous students from Years Seven to 12



DR CHRIS SARRA

to increase student retention and university admission enrolments.

There are now 20 schools and three universities across NSW participating in AIME, with further growth expected nationally in 2010.

Mr Manning Bancroft is well on the way to further increasing school attendance and providing Indigenous students with a solid educational foundation.

There were no other Indigenous winners in any of the other States, although Warwick Thornton, director of the film *Samson & Delilah* was named the Northern Territory's Australian of the year, while Melbourne AFL

star Liam Jurrah was named NT Young Australian of the Year.

In South Australia (where they have an annual South Australian of Year Awards, which is separate to the national competition) Rosemary Wanganeen, a loss and grief specialist, won the community award.

Ms Wanganeen is an adjunct research fellow at the School of Psychology at the University of SA and is also the founding director of the Australian Institute for Loss and Grief. She runs the Sacred Site Within Healing Centre, which provides counselling and support for Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients.

Tassie bypass protest arrests

Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



NINETEEN protesters including several prominent Aboriginal activists were arrested at a road construction site near Hobart on Friday

after bringing earthmoving machinery to a standstill.

The protesters, whose numbers swelled to around 40, claim that works on the Brighton Bypass will destroy important Aboriginal heritage.

Michael Mansell has vowed to keep the campaign going to save the site 'for as long as it takes.'

"We are sending a clear message to the Government that we've had a gutful of their indiscriminate destruction of Aboriginal heritage. They're handing out destruction permits like raffle tickets," he said.

Friday's protest began on a prominent spot on the side of the Midlands Highway which joins Tasmania's two largest cities, Hobart and Launceston, before part of

the group broke away to surround earthmoving equipment.

Machinery came to a standstill and several police officers promptly swooped on the construction zone, arresting most of the group for trespass.

Aboriginal heritage officer Aaron Everett, who was also arrested on the first day of the protest, was amongst the group arrested on Friday.

He told *The Koori Mail* that the \$164 million road project would destroy thousands of stone tools, quarry sites and campsites.

Heritage destroyed

"There are glass artefacts too, post invasion sites, the area has been used for thousands of years," said Aaron Everett, who was involved in initial Aboriginal heritage investigations.

Members of the protest group also fear that the works may disturb Aboriginal burials.

Mr Everett said although one Aboriginal heritage site had been destroyed already, works had not yet impacted on the numerous others in the line of the bypass.



Jim Everett being driven from the Brighton bypass site.



Michael Mansell discusses the legality of peaceful protest with Inspector Glenn Woolley.



Protesters send a message to the construction workers.

He said the area where work has begun made it obvious that the bypass would cut straight through these sites.

Jim Everett said Premier David Bartlett was 'using the police to stop Aboriginal people from protecting our cultural heritage'.

"Shame on Bartlett, shame, shame, shame," he said as he was driven from the Brighton bypass site in police custody.

Tasmanian Infrastructure Minister Graeme Sturges later appeared on ABC TV criticising Aaron Everett's involvement.

"One of the leaders of the campaign was on the government payroll through the investigative process. I'll leave that where it needs to be for the time being," Mr Sturges said.

Aaron Everett said he was disappointed that the Minister publicly attacked him for 'doing his job' as an Aboriginal Heritage Officer to assess the Aboriginal heritage in the vicinity of the proposed infrastructure and recommend how any heritage that was discovered should be protected.

He said he was not paid to come to a

conclusion that satisfied a government that was – despite its protestations to the contrary – was intent on proceeding with developments that would destroy the Aboriginal heritage.

"I did the job I was employed to do, which was assessing Aboriginal heritage and consulting the (Aboriginal) community," Mr Everett said.

"Does he think employing an Aboriginal Heritage Officer is paying the Aboriginal community off for destruction of their heritage?"

Mr Everett said he had recommended further community consultation before any works started on the bypass.

He said Kim Evans, the Secretary of Tasmania's Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, had scheduled a meeting for this week to discuss the proposed bypass and Aboriginal heritage sites.

"We were told by Kim Evans that no works would be starting until after the meeting. But they've jumped the gun."

Michael Mansell said the government had offered to meet again. "We will agree to meet if we can meet with the Premier," he said.

Outrage over park shooting



Renarta Prior, Virginia Wyles and Gracelyn Smallwood (seated in front) speak with media in Townsville on Friday. Back, from left, Khala Willis, aged 4, Charmaine Koroi, Florence Onus and Zahlee Ross, 5.

By ALF WILSON



INDIGENOUS families in Townsville say they're afraid to let their kids go into public parks, after two local Aboriginal boys were injured by pellets shot from an air rifle.

And they say the man charged over the incident would not have been granted bail if he were Indigenous.

Eight-year-old Lloyd Cedric was wounded in the leg and his 10-year-old friend Graham Wilcox wounded in the ankle when shot while playing in a popular recreation park near their homes.

A 31-year-old Townsville soldier has been charged with assault occasioning bodily harm, dangerous conduct with a weapon and possession of an unregistered firearm.

He appeared in court last Thursday but did not enter a plea and was bailed on the condition that he continue to live at the local Lavarack Barracks until the matter is finalised.

The decision to grant bail outraged local Aboriginal people, who held a media conference on Friday to demand that the accused be sacked immediately from the defence force.

"Is this Alabama in the deep south of America?" said Townsville Indigenous Human Rights Group chairperson Gracelyn Smallwood, adding that the accused would be in jail if he'd been a black man accused of shooting white children in a park.

Florence Onus said that any child – black

or white – should be able to go into a public park without fear of such violence.

"The community is outraged and these are innocent children...If a black man was charged with such an offence he would be locked up," Ms Onus said, demanding to know where Qld Premier Anna Bligh and the Defence Department stood on the matter.

Elder Renarta Prior has 11 great grandchildren and 31 grandchildren, two of whom were with her at the press conference.

"I am scared for our children and so will every other Indigenous parent be," Ms Prior said.

"How can this happen in a local park and the man get bail? I am very angry.

"There are two laws, one which says white is right, and the other which says you have to step back if you are black. It is appalling this has happened."

A Defence spokesperson issued a short statement to *The Koori Mail*, confirming that a Townsville-based soldier had been arrested by Qld Police on firearms related offences.

"Defence takes the safety of the community very seriously and is working closely with the Queensland Police in regards to this matter," the spokesperson said.

"Defence has strong policies and guidelines for the handling of all weapons, and does not condone the actions of soldiers who mishandle firearms. The Army expects all soldiers to maintain high standards within the community, even when members are off duty."

The spokesperson declined to comment further, given that the matter was currently before the courts.

PM delivers apology to Forgotten Australians



PRIME Minister Kevin Rudd has made an emotional apology to half a million 'Forgotten Australians', including Aboriginal people, who faced sexual abuse, violence and forced labour in childcare homes over a period of decades.

Victims among the 1000 people who packed Parliament House on 16 November for the apology burst into tears as the PM detailed heart-rending cases of neglect in Australia's orphanages and institutions from 1930 to 1970.

"We look back with shame that so many of you were left cold, hungry and alone and with nowhere to hide and nobody, absolutely nobody,

to whom to turn," Mr Rudd said.

"We come together today to offer our nation's apology. To say to you, the Forgotten Australians, and those who were sent to our shores as children without their consent, that we are sorry."

The Aboriginal Legal Rights Movement in South Australia chief executive officer Neil Gillespie said Australia had matured as a nation since the Rudd Government came to power.

"It has apologised to the Stolen Generations, and supported the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples," he said.

"It has now apologised to the children brought to this country who suffered through institutionalisation."

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Call for more time

By MAHALA STROHFELDT



THE recent seventh Queensland Indigenous Mayor's Caucus ended with a strong message to State and Federal governments – land in exchange for housing is little more than ransom bargaining.

Mayors from Indigenous shires throughout the State met in Cairns to discuss the proposed 40-year lease offered by the Queensland Government in exchange for better housing.

The mayoral group has called for a four-month extension beyond an 11 December deadline to allow each community to adequately assess the offer.

Queensland Housing Minister Karen Struthers has received the request but had yet to make a decision at the time that *The Koori Mail* went to print.

Under the National Partnerships Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing, Qld Indigenous communities were given an ultimatum to sign over control of their land to be eligible for more than \$1 billion in housing funding over the next decade – a proposed 1100 new homes and upgrades to 1200 existing homes by 2018.

Palm Island mayor Alf Lacey

said the situation required serious thought and legal advice to ensure a 'fair go' for the communities.

"Our main concern is that our mob in Queensland not be disadvantaged in any way by this offer," he said.

"We're tired of the Government telling us what to do while at the same time talking about working in partnership.

"We will not let ourselves be walked over. We want to be part of the negotiations and we want housing and infrastructure in our communities. Our issue is why do we have to give up land in exchange for homes?"

Not repeated

Cr Lacey said that while each community was different, all of the mayors wanted to ensure that what had happened in the Northern Territory was not repeated in their communities.

"We just want to be cautious that what happens here in Queensland is not a re-count of the debacle in the Northern Territory," he said of similar lease ultimatums to Indigenous Territorians.

"We want to be in the driving seat and we call on the Prime Minister to talk directly to us in partnership to resolve this issue."

Controversy has surrounded the NT's \$672-million Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP)

after it was revealed that no new houses had been completed there, despite the expenditure of \$45 million. That news came amidst strident community opposition to the tying of housing development to land tenure.

Federal Indigenous Affairs

had to weigh up signing over their land for varying periods in exchange for desperately needed housing.

Many communities experience serious overcrowding, with up to 15 people in an average house.



Palm Island Mayor
Alf Lacey.



Cherbourg Mayor
Sam Murray.

Minister Jenny Macklin insists the leases are necessary to ensure that governments take responsibility for housing maintenance and are able to implement proper tenancy management.

Elsewhere around the country, including in South Australia's Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, Indigenous communities have

Recently, the Northern Land Council signed off on 40-year leases for three Top End Aboriginal communities under SIHIP. Building and refurbishment is expected to start soon in Milngimbi, Ngukurr and Gapuwiyak.

Back in Qld, Mr Lacey said Aboriginal leaders had fought long for land and self-determination and the battle

was not over. "We have to be assured for our forefathers who fought for our land – that we just don't give it away," he said.

"It is the very thing that people like Charlie Perkins and Chicka Dixon stood in the front line and pushed hard for the right to self-management and self-determination.

"We want economic development in our communities and we want to prosper and have a future for our kids, but many of us have come from the mission days and we're tired of government doing deals for us. We want to rise above that."

Legal advice

Cherbourg mayor Sam Murray said the request for a four-month extension had also included a call on the Government to fund independent legal advice.

"What we need are true, untainted commitments from government to a shared vision for our people to rise above the social issues in our communities. Better housing being just a starting point," Mr Murray said. "Communities are in dire need of housing, but the delivery should be one of consultations, not pre-determined policy. And those who must benefit most are those on the ground, not only for this generation, but for the generations to come."

NEW SOUTH WALES GOVERNMENT

Marsden Park Industrial Draft Precinct Plan

Public consultation on a proposal to amend the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Sydney Region Growth Centres) 2006* to include development controls for the Marsden Park Industrial Precinct and part of the adjoining Marsden Park Precinct in the North West Growth Centre ("amendment proposal") is underway. This includes publicising the explanation of the intended effect of the proposed instrument, in accordance with section 38(a) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The exhibition documents are available on the web at www.growthcentres.nsw.gov.au and include:

- An explanation of the intended effect of the amendments which sets out the proposed planning controls for the Marsden Park Industrial Precinct;
- A draft voluntary planning agreement between the Minister for Planning and Marsden Park Developments Pty Ltd prepared in connection with the amendment proposal; and
- Other draft Precinct Planning documents.

CDs of these documents can also be obtained by calling 1300 730 550. If you require an interpreter call 1300 730 550.

Copies of the documents will also be exhibited at:

- Max Webber Library, Cnr Alpha Street and Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
- Blacktown City Council, 62 Flushcombe Road, Blacktown
- Department of Planning, Level 5, 10 Valentine Avenue, Parramatta
- Department of Planning, 23 – 33 Bridge Street, Sydney.

The community is encouraged to view the information and is invited to provide input to help shape the future of the area. Drop in sessions are being held at the Glendenning Neighbourhood Centre, Glendenning and Ahmadiyya Mosque, Marsden Park. For dates and times, please call 1300 730 550.

Submissions on the draft Precinct Plan and other exhibition materials for the Marsden Park Industrial Precinct must be received by the Department of Planning by **Monday 1 February 2010**. Submissions can be sent to:

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Woman seeks compensation after wrongful imprisonment



A NORTH Queensland woman who was wrongly arrested and imprisoned for five days says she will seek compensation from the Queensland

Government.

Suzette Pootchemunka, 20, was released from Townsville women's prison on 20 November and flown home to the Aboriginal community of Aurukun after staff discovered the warrant issued for her arrest had been recalled.

Police had arrested Ms Pootchemunka on 16 November for breaching parole following a public nuisance charge on October 30.

However, the warrant for her arrest had been withdrawn on 11 November.

"I've been wronged," Ms Pootchemunka told AAP last Tuesday. She said she would seek compensation, which civil liberties lawyer Terry O'Gorman estimated at 'five figures'.

It is believed Aurukun police had been told the warrant had been recalled but arrested Ms Pootchemunka after a local parole officer advised them it remained outstanding.

Aurukun residents said several mistakes had occurred since two new parole officers arrived in the Cape York town a few weeks ago.

Queensland Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson said senior officers had apologised to the woman and admitted police had made a mistake.

"This is one that we have got wrong," Mr Atkinson said. "It was a really unfortunate set of circumstances – it certainly was not deliberate."

Police would launch an internal investigation to examine what went wrong and how to avoid a repeat of the incident, he said.

"When you are managing thousands of warrants a year mistakes like this happen."

Corrective Services is also investigating. – AAP

Palm waits for new inquest



PALM Island Mayor Alf Lacey says he fears a new inquest into the death in custody of local man Mulrunji Doomadgee could re-open 'a lot of old wounds'.

The inquest will open on Palm Island on 8-9 March next year, before moving to the Townsville Court where it could run for more than a week.

Senior Sergeant Chris Hurley will be one of seven witnesses called to give evidence at the reopening of the inquest into Mr Doomadgee's death at the Palm Island watchhouse in 2004.

Sen Sgt Hurley was tried and acquitted in 2007 of the manslaughter of Mr Doomadgee.

"This has been one of the most prolonged investigations or issues in the criminal justice system for an Indigenous community," Cr Lacey told *The Koori Mail* last week.

"Police were quick to lock Palm islanders up after the death in custody and following events. At the end of the day we have faith in the system but how long can it go on for?"

Some Palm Islanders have said they hoped that Snr Sgt Hurley would return to the island to give his evidence but that was not an issue for Cr Lacey.

"We must keep focus on the white justice system not having served Palm Island," he said.

A large media contingent flocked to a directions hearing held at Townsville Court on 20 November.

The day before marked the fifth anniversary of Mr Doomadgee's death and many people gathered on the island to commemorate the tragedy.

Amongst those at the directions hearing were Mr



Outside a briefing hearing in Townsville last week were Mulrunji Doomadgee's sisters Jane Doomadgee and Valmai Aplin (centre) with supporters Fredricka Albert and Marla Walsh. In front is Ms Aplin's daughter Pamela. – Photo by ALF WILSON

Doomadgee's sisters Jane Doomadgee, Elizabeth Doomadgee and Valmai Aplin, Townsville activist Gracelyn Smallwood and other supporters.

Jane Doomadgee, who now lives at Home Hill south of Townsville, said the family had been through 'living hell' over her brother's death and the first inquest.

"Now they are pulling us through more mud," she said.

Local activist and academic Gracelyn Smallwood said there had been a lot of trauma and pain for the past five years but at least Snr Sgt Hurley's appeal would 'make the world look at this and race relations in

Australia'. The first inquest into Mr Doomadgee's death, conducted in 2006 by Coroner Christine Clements, found that Snr Sgt Hurley had caused Mr Doomadgee's death by punching him as he lay on the watchhouse floor.

Mr Doomadgee suffered massive internal injuries and his spleen was almost severed.

Snr Sgt Hurley was later charged with the manslaughter of Mr Doomadgee and acquitted by a Townsville jury in June 2007.

The new inquest was ordered after Townsville District Court Judge Bob Pack set aside Ms Clements' findings after the police officer appealed.

Other witnesses to be called before the new inquest in March include police officers Kristopher Steadman and Michael Leafe, police liaison officer Lloyd Bengaroo and Palm Island locals Lloyd Bramwell, Penny Sibley and Alfred Bonner.

The coroner will be Queensland's deputy chief magistrate Brian Hine.

Evidence will focus on events from when the police paddy wagon arrived at the Palm Island watchhouse until Mr Doomadgee's body was found in the cells shortly after.

A pre-inquest hearing will be held in Brisbane later this month.

– By ALF WILSON with AAP



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Planning of infrastructure to support the new service will commence in parallel with the selection of an auspice for service delivery, with the facility expected to be up to 24 beds in capacity. The selected auspice will have input to the design phase of the facility to ensure the design suits the chosen service delivery model.

The new facility and its operation underpins key target areas of the Australian Government's commitment to 'Closing the Gap'.

Organisations interested in submitting a proposal must address the selection criteria in the format outlined in the Auspice Proposal Pack. Information about the project and how to apply is available on the Department's Internet site www.health.gov.au or by contacting Joanne Barber, Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, WA, tel (08) 9346 5272 or email joanne.barber@health.gov.au

Proposals must be received at the Perth Office of the Department of Health and Ageing by close of business (WST) Friday 29 January 2010.

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Attitudes changing: DV survey

By RACHEL SCOLLAY



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma says

many men may not be aware that some of their actions would be considered violence against women.

"Too often we think about it as just physical violence," he said. "But violence can take many forms."

Mr Calma's comments were made prior to the release of a new survey into community attitudes to violence against women last Wednesday, 25 November – the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, also known as 'White Ribbon Day'.

As part of this year's White Ribbon Day campaign, Australian men were urged to swear an oath not to commit violence against women, but also not to condone it or turn a blind eye to it.

In announcing the formation of the Parliamentary Friends of White Ribbon Foundation which has bi-partisan support, Federal Page MP Janelle Saffin called on sporting role models in particular to come forward and promote respect to women – 'not just on White Ribbon Day, but every day'.

It's a call that has already been heeded by Queensland rugby league team the Normanton Stingers who began the highly successful 'Domestic Violence – it's not our game' campaign in late 2006. Normanton had one of the highest domestic violence rates in Queensland, but the rate in the remote Gulf of Carpentaria community of 1500, has dropped by 55 per cent since the campaign. The team won \$15,000 in the 2008 Australian Crime and Violence Prevention Awards (ACVPA) and is featured on the Qld White Ribbon website.

Carpentaria Shire Council CEO Jon Gibbons said that domestic violence was a blight that touched all communities, but could be particularly challenging in geographically isolated areas.

"As a community we decided enough was enough and it was time to break the cycle and create a culture where domestic violence is not the norm," he said at the time of the ACVPA win.

The 'National Survey on

...but still more work to be done

Community Attitudes to Violence Against Women', released last week, found that the vast majority (85 per cent) of Australians reject the notion that domestic violence should be treated as a private matter to be handled by the family.

VicHealth carried out the survey on behalf of the Commonwealth and CEO Todd Harper said there was still work to be done to ensure

community survey did not believe that controlling a partner by denying them money was a form of domestic violence and 15 per cent did not agree that controlling the social life of a partner by preventing them from seeing friends or family was domestic violence.

Meanwhile one in seven (14 per cent) did not count repeated criticism of a partner which made them feel bad or useless.

Indigenous respondents were more likely to agree that yelling abuse, stalking and controlling and criticising a partner were forms of domestic violence and 85 per cent also agreed that domestic violence included 'denying a partner the opportunity to identify with their Indigenous culture or identity'.

Indigenous men and women had the highest levels of agreement with the statement that violence against women is common.

However, only 93 per cent of Indigenous respondents agreed that domestic violence was a crime (compared with 98 per cent in the general community).

Mr Calma said violence was not always recognised as such.

"Men who are in the pub telling sexist jokes or making demeaning comments about women. That's creating attitudes that condone unsavoury behaviour, and that's violence against women," he said.

"If we're in a position of hearing that, we need to go up to whoever is doing it and say 'Hey listen mate. That could be my sister, my mother, my auntie you're talking about and it's not on'."

Mr Calma, who has been a White Ribbon ambassador since 2005, said more Indigenous men were needed as ambassadors.

"We don't have enough Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men," he said. "Last year the White Ribbon National Ambassador of the Year was Charlie King from Darwin – a strong, Aboriginal man."

● See Page 73 for Wu Chopperen White Ribbon celebrations.



TOM CALMA

community attitudes were respectful towards women.

"One in five people think that violence can be excused if the violent person later genuinely regrets what they have done," he said.

The national survey conducted telephone interviews with over 12,500 people across Australia, and face-to-face interviews with 400 Indigenous Australians from nine metropolitan and regional locations across Australia.

It is believed to have been the first time that Indigenous communities were surveyed on their attitudes to violence against women, providing important insights into the views of Indigenous men and women regarding violence against women.

The report said the reluctance of some members in the community to view emotional, psychological and economic forms of abuse as domestic violence remained a concern.

One in four respondents (25 per cent) in the general

Report paints grim picture

By **DARREN COYNE**



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander people have scored poorly in an annual report into Australia's welfare system.

The report *Australia's Welfare 2009*, released last week, found that Indigenous people were over-represented in areas such as homelessness, education standards and health outcomes.

It found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people were less likely to attend pre-school and school, meet minimum standards for literacy and numeracy and complete Year 12.

They are also more than six times as likely to be in the child protection system and 14 times as likely to be under juvenile justice supervision as non-Indigenous children and young people.

Disability disadvantage

The report also found that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were more than twice as likely as non-Indigenous Australians to need help with core daily activities because of disability.

And Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were over-represented in the homeless population, particularly in the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP).

"On Census night 2006, Indigenous peoples were around 2.5 per cent of

Australians, but were 10 per cent of homeless people," the report said.

"In 2007-08, 18 per cent of SAAP clients and 26 per cent of accompanying children were Indigenous."

They are also more likely to live in overcrowded dwellings, particularly in remote areas where, in 2006, 19 per cent of Indigenous households required two or more additional bedrooms.

Around seven per cent of the dwellings managed by Indigenous community housing organisations, mostly in remote areas, required replacement.

The report also said that a lack of secure housing, or housing that was poorly constructed and inadequately maintained might be contributing negatively to the health and well-being of people.

"The Australian Government has committed significant resources over five years to assist in closing the gap on Indigenous disadvantage," the report said.

"A set of targets and seven strategic platforms have been identified and formally adopted by COAG (Council of Australian Governments) to tackle the current state of disadvantage."

"The Closing the Gap initiatives and the 2009 National Indigenous Reform Agreement provide a new policy context for welfare services and assistance to Indigenous Australians."

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) produced the report.

Narrogin promises 'hollow', says group

By **KEN BOASE in Perth**



THE West Australian Government has been accused of making hollow promises to address difficult issues facing the Nyoongar community in the south-western town of Narrogin.

And the town's Aboriginal Reference Group (NARG) has also formally complained about the Wheatbelt centre's police chief, calling for his removal.

Narrogin's Aboriginal community was hit by a spate of suicides during 2007, culminating in a visit to the town about 18 months ago by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma.

The WA Government promised action to address community concerns, but NARG chairperson Priscilla Kickett told *The Koori Mail* that little, if anything, had been done to help families deal with trauma and grief surrounding the suicides.

She said the WA Government early this year donated a Homeswest house in the town and offered to refurbish it as a men's crisis and specialised counselling centre.

But she said funding had not

been provided and the counselling offered was inadequate and culturally inappropriate.

And Ms Kickett claimed the actions of the town's top police officer had further exacerbated tensions.

She alleged the police officer made racist remarks during and after a fight between two family groups following a funeral in the town on 14 November. Four people have been charged with firearms-related offences as a result of the fight.

The WA Police Service has acknowledged that it has received and is investigating a letter of complaint from NARG.

State Opposition Indigenous Affairs and Health spokesman Roger Cook said the Government's response regarding Narrogin had been inadequate and he called for a full investigation by its Aboriginal Advisory Council, headed by former WA Governor Lieutenant-General John Sanderson.

"We don't want just another conga line of public servants to go down there to deliver a report to the Government," Mr Cook said.

"We want Lt-Gen Sanderson and his high-powered committee, who are all respected in the community, to go down there and have a really



NARG chairperson Priscilla Kickett, pictured at a community meeting held earlier this year.

broad look at the issues that beset that community.

"We've got failures in relation to mental health, we've got failures in relation to the Education Department, and now we have failures in terms of law and order."

WA Indigenous Affairs Minister and Deputy Premier Kim Hames said there was no need for a separate inquiry, and the Government was working with the NARG to address family violence and other issues in Narrogin.

Mr Hames said his department was working with the NARG and other stakeholders to develop local solutions and was preparing an analysis of services being provided.



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Successful applicants will liaise with interested communities to develop ideas and project plans for festivals that will engage primary and secondary students, in particular Indigenous students, and their families/communities. It will be the responsibility of successful organisation(s) to develop and deliver/produce the festivals.

Interested organisations will need to contact **CommunityFestivals@deewr.gov.au** to register their interest and for further information about the application process, including access to application documentation. Additional information on the Community Festivals program can be found on the Department's website **www.deewr.gov.au**.

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Applications must be received by 4.00pm (AEST), Thursday 28 January 2010.



Front, from left, Violet Carriage, of Moruya, NSW Police Far South Coast liaison officer Daphne Parsons and Ngara Yura project officer Tammy Wright. Middle, from left, Georgina Parsons, of Moruya, Vince Wenberg, of Kianga and Maureen Davies, Mary Mongta, Deanna Campbell and Ken Campbell, all of Bermagui; back, from left, Heather May (nee Pittman), Moruya High School youth and community officer Fran Dunn, Lionel Mongta, of Bodalla, and NSW District Court judge Stephen Norrish.

Story and photos by
LAURELLE PACEY



SIX judges from the NSW Supreme and District Courts in Sydney, seven Local Court magistrates and other judicial officers visited Wallaga Lake and Narooma Aboriginal communities on the far south coast of NSW last month. Many Elders were among the 60 or so people who took part in the weekend visit organised by the Judicial Commission of NSW as part of its Ngara Yura program.

Program committee chairman Judge Stephen Norrish said it was the sixth area the judges had visited under the program, the aim of which is to gain some understanding of the issues facing Aboriginal people in these communities and their traditions.

"We're here to see and to listen and to learn," Judge Norrish said.

Behind the program is the need to address the disproportionate number of Aboriginal people in custody, or, as commission project officer Tammy Wright puts it, 'we're here for our mob'.

It was a fairly relaxed weekend, with judges and magistrates talking on a first-name basis with local people, many of whom were forthright in identifying key local issues.

Judge Norrish described the number of Aboriginal people in jails as 'catastrophic'.

"We know 20.1 per cent of the prison population is Aboriginal, that's at the 2007 Census, and it's now greater, yet the Aboriginal proportion of the general population at the last Census was something like 2.3 per cent, and 60 per cent of people in juvenile justice custody are Aboriginal," he said.

"These figures represent not just deficiencies in the ability of the court to deal with offenders, they reflect a range of other factors we learn about in these community meetings – racism, discrimination, mistreatment by authorities, lack of opportunity and the like."

Judges gain an insight

Community members at Wallaga and Narooma raised concerns about the way their kids were treated at high school, alleged harassment by local police and racism by some shopkeepers in the region, and the funding difficulties of the local Katungal Aboriginal Corporation Community and Medical Services.

The visitors were impressed with the area's two police-run Wanga Idingii Youth programs – one designed to encourage Aboriginal kids who may be at risk, and the other a leadership program.

Wagonga Local Aboriginal Lands Council (Narooma) chair Aunty Vivien Mason lamented the lack of progress since the Aboriginal Deaths in Custody Royal Commission report and raised concerns about the flow-on effects from the lack of Indigenous fishing rights.

"It was a positive visit and a few of them came and spoke to me," she said.

"They understood what I was talking about."

Several in the communities raised the problem of young people being disconnected from their culture and the

problems that caused.

The visitors were impressed with the Little Yuin Pre-School and Family Centre at Wallaga Lake Koori Village, while Aunty Mary Mongta, of Bodalla, said Aboriginal pre-schools were also needed at Bodalla and Narooma.

Judge Norrish said the judges took home with them 'an understanding of some of the issues that affect the circumstances of people that may explain why they are coming before the courts'.

"We have a better understanding of the absence of resources (in this area)," he said.

"For example, we've learned about transport difficulties, and we've learned about the absence of mental health workers.

"That gives us a better picture of the context in which people come forward and that's the important purpose of the committee's work."

Judge Norrish said the visit would definitely affect the way the courts dealt with people.

"We've also come to understand the problems people have in being able to cope either with the problems that brought

them to court in the first place, or with court orders that are unreasonable," he said.

"There's no point making someone do community service when the circumstances in which they live will prevent them from being able to perform the community service.

"You've also got to understand that by sending someone to jail, the impact upon that person and their family may be far greater than the punishment the crime deserves.

"So, it provides a better insight into the offender to enable a better outcome for the offender, and the better outcome when you are sentencing people is to keep them out of jail.

"And we've learned about facilities that may be available for diversionary programs."

Eurobodalla Shire Council Mayor Fergus Thomson also attended the weekend and undertook to follow up some of the issues raised with the relevant local people.

Circle sentencing

The idea of circle sentencing was also raised. Circle sentencing is available in nine centres in NSW, with the closest to the far south coast at Nowra.

Judge Norrish said the opportunity to have circle sentencing in a community is not uniformly available, 'and that's wrong'.

"But while it has a role to play throughout the state, circle sentencing is not a panacea for all things," he said.

"It's not suitable for every case. It only operates in the Local Court, not in the District Court or the Supreme Court, and it is very labour intensive and time consuming."

But the judge said the circle courts had an impact beyond the particular case by empowering Aboriginal Elders and other Aboriginal people because of the important role they play.

Copies of the Judicial Commission of NSW's educational DVD on circle sentencing are available via its web page www.judcom.nsw.gov.au or by ringing the commission (02) 9299 4421.

Victorian programs receive funding



A TRAINING course in youth work for young Kooris at risk of contact with the criminal justice system is among 10 programs receiving grants totalling \$400,000 under the Victorian Government's Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA).

'Share Your Story II' will provide training to 12 young Kooris for a Certificate IV in Youth Work at Swinburne University.

Other programs to share in the funding are:

- Koori Youth Program (Gippsland), to pay a part-time youth worker to co-ordinate community activities, employment and training, and homework groups;

- Kids Off the Street Mentoring Project (Hume) to re-engage 20 young people who have become disengaged from education and employment;

- Build Ya Life (Hume), to provide training and employment in the construction industry for young people at risk of engaging in criminal activities;

- Njernda Youth Program (Loddon Mallee), to help Koori youth in Echuca complete a certificate, so they can access education and employment opportunities;

- Dream Program (Loddon Mallee), to engage up to 30 youth in sports activities, cultural education and a dance and performance project;

- Healthy and Pro-Social Life Program (Loddon Mallee), to engage Koori youth in healthy eating habits and sport, through a soccer competition;

- Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Youth Program (Eastern Metro region), to engage Koori youth by connecting them with older mentors;

- Koori Hip Hop Project (North West Metro region) to give Koori youth a way to express themselves through music, song and digital media performances; and

- Northern Bundji Bundji Project (North West Metro region), to work one-on-one to divert young Kooris from involvement in gangs and crime.

Parliamentary Secretary for Justice Brian Tee said 'Share Your Story II' would be run by Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative in St Kilda, an Aboriginal community organisation focused on drug and alcohol rehabilitation, in collaboration with Swinburne University.

"The 12 participants on Share Your Story II will take part in eight three-day camps to complete the course," he said.

"On completion, they'll have a strong chance of employment within one of Ngwala Willumbong's youth service centres."

Victorian Attorney-General Rob Hulls said the initiatives were aimed at improving justice outcomes for young Kooris under the AJA's 2009-2010 Frontline Youth Initiatives Program.

"These initiatives will also help build confidence and set aspirations to empower Koori youth to take control of their lives and reach their full potential," he said.



Justice Michael Barker with a group of young Thudgari people after the determination at South Bore, at Ullawarra Station in WA's upper Gascoyne region.

It's their land

Title over 10,588 sq kms to Thudgari in Pilbara and Gascoyne regions



IT has taken 12 years, but the Thudgari people of remote Western Australia have finally won their battle to be recognised as traditional owners of their land.

Their rights were recognised on 18 November at an on-country Federal Court determination attended by more than 100 people.

The determination means that Thudgari people now hold non-exclusive possession native title over approximately 10,588 square kilometres of land in WA's Gascoyne and Pilbara regions.

Covered is a small piece of unallocated Crown land and 15 pastoral leases, allowing pastoralists and native titleholders shared access to pursue their interests over the area.

And while the moment was historic, it was tinged with sadness after a long struggle during which a number of Elders passed away.

The decision came after long-running discussions between the claimants, the WA Government and local pastoralists, negotiated by the

National Native Title Tribunal.

Thudgari man Peter Windie said he hoped the determination would enable the younger Thudgari to feel more connected to their culture.

He also wanted to see the young people get back into mustering on the stations, one of which, Ullawarra, is run by the Thudgari.

Traditional owner Doris Parker said the determination meant she could finally have proper access to her land.

"As a child I was sent to Carnarvon mission and only had contact with my parents once a year," she said.

"It was very hard for us Aboriginal children who weren't allowed to speak our traditional language or be on country to learn from our Elders.

"Today means that I can go out on my country and camp and hunt with my family. I can show our future generations this land and how it connects to who they are."

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) chief executive officer Simon Hawkins said the decision was a testament to the Thudgari's survival.

"We hope today's decision

will make it easier for Thudgari law and customs to stay strong in the future," he said.

Fourteen agreements between the Thudgari People's corporation and pastoralists were signed immediately after the determination.

The agreements deal with the practical issue of co-existence between Thudgari People and pastoral stations and are intended to be registered as Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs).

Encouraging

WA Attorney-General Christian Porter said it was encouraging that a number of the traditional owners were actively involved in the pastoral industry.

Mr Porter said the Government had an ambitious native title program and nine additional claims were in various stages of negotiation.

"I anticipate that 2010 will be a landmark year for native title in WA," he said.

He estimated that billions of dollars would pour into the 'Aboriginal economy' over the next two decades as a result of such determinations.

— With AAP



● LEFT: Justice Barker presents the native title orders to Thudgari applicants during the Federal Court hearing.

Available online!

A brilliant CD release from 'Studio RCC', Redfern Community Centre, Sydney.

Go to www.myspace.com/songbirdcalling to hear the music, purchase the CD for a \$15 donation and for all the latest information.

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

AVAILABLE INDIGENOUS SEAT WITH REDFERN WATERLOO HERITAGE TASKFORCE

Nominations are now open for Indigenous people to participate as a member of the Redfern Waterloo Heritage Taskforce for 2009/2010.

The Redfern Waterloo area has a broad extent of local heritage with significant values for both the local community and wider public.

The purpose of the Taskforce is to identify opportunities for the active conservation, interpretation and, where appropriate, the adaptive reuse of the cultural, natural and archaeological heritage of the Redfern Waterloo area, in tandem with the revitalisation and renewal of the area.

If you have an interest in history and heritage matters and would like to contribute to the conservation of our heritage, you are invited to nominate for membership of the Redfern Waterloo Heritage Taskforce.

The Taskforce will meet up to four times per year and will support cultural heritage management within the Redfern Waterloo area. Membership includes State and Local government representatives, as well as local community representatives. Special interest and heritage organisation representatives will also contribute to the work of the Taskforce.

Enquiries: Juliet Suich - 9202 9100 or Juliet.Suich@rwa.nsw.gov.au

Nominations close Tuesday 8 December at 5 pm

DANNY EASTWOOD'S VIEW



A Yarn With...



Gwen Griffen,

Gunnedah, NSW, Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Member (Sydney) and Gunnedah Shire Councillor

Favourite bush tucker?
I don't really eat it.

Favourite non-Indigenous food?
Chicken satay and Chinese.

Favourite drink?
Water.

Favourite music?
Country.

Favourite sport/leisure?
Watching football, but any sort of sport, I really enjoyed watching Tiger Woods when he was out here.

Favourite holiday destination?
Anywhere.

What are you reading?
Nothing. But I have a sister, Ruby Langford who is an author. I enjoy reading her books.

What are you watching?
I like watching *The Bill*, it's a must every Saturday night.

What is the greatest highlight in your life?
Getting on the council, I was the first Aboriginal woman to be elected to the Gunnedah Shire Council.

What do you like in life?
Dancing. I'm a 50s girl, I love rock 'n' roll and I know how to move on the dance floor.

What do you dislike in life?
Mobile phones.

Who would you most like to meet and why?
I get a kick out of meeting people in general and talking about their life experiences.

Which people would you invite for a night around the campfire?
American country music star Patsy Cline.

What would you do to better the situation for Indigenous people?
I would like to see Aboriginal people getting on better than they do with their families. We need to reconcile between ourselves before we can reconcile with anyone else.

Quote



'What more passion can you get... I don't think there's any'.

— Indigenous All Stars rugby league captain Preston Campbell, commenting on the 13 February match against the National Rugby League All Stars (See back page)

Unquote

New Congress deserves a go

Sometimes you don't know what you've got until it's gone. Sometimes, though, you manage to work things out and count your blessings before it's too late.

Hopefully, that's what will happen with the National Congress of Australia's First Peoples (NCAFP), which the Federal Government has announced its support and start-up funding for.

We would like to think that our communities will give this new body a go. It is, undoubtedly, imperfect. But, at this formative stage, any criticism of it should be constructive. We owe it to ourselves.

Ongoing and well-founded concerns over the ability of governments to genuinely engage with Indigenous communities would suggest that another voice — especially one that at least the Federal Government says it intends to listen to — can only help at this crucial time. The schism between 'grass-roots' and other Indigenous people is neither as wide nor as clear-cut as suggested. Surely we are collectively too smart to forever yield to that increasingly tired argument. And suggestions that the Congress is intended to replace local, efficient structures out there on the ground don't appear to have any real foundation.

A complicated model? Sure, it does take a while to get your head around. But ours is a complex and multi-layered landscape, and that is unlikely to change any time soon.

Not entirely democratic? True but the



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representative body steering committee has been innovative in making use of those of our democratic structures that already exist and other potential ones which the model will hopefully inspire.

Not set in stone? Yes, and that's a good thing so that the Congress will evolve, be finessed, and mature over time, hopefully with real buy-in from our communities.

Not immediately funded for longevity? True again. And it is a genuine shame that the Government has said it has no plans 'at this time' to contribute to the investment fund proposed by the steering committee.

But we would suggest that, if corporates and philanthropics can be persuaded to chip in, and maybe even ourselves (time for a tarpaulin muster) and our non-Indigenous mates, Government might eventually want a piece of the action. Then again, every dollar that the Congress doesn't take from Government is a good thing for its independence.

The fact is, this new Congress offers a good enough start. And we need more of them.

Koori Mail — 100 per cent Aboriginal-owned



MEGAN DAVIS is Director of the Indigenous Law Centre at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, and is an occasional columnist for *The Koori Mail*. Here, she argues that the Australian polity is moving further away from addressing unfinished business with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Are we back here again?

THE the Rudd Government is considering its response to the report of the National Human Rights Consultation written by a committee headed by Frank Brennan.

The consultation is the culmination of a decade-long national movement for a bill of rights to address Australia's lack of human rights protection.

The delay in the Federal Government's response is reportedly influenced by churches that have whipped themselves up into hysteria over the impact of a Charter of Human Rights upon their institutions.

There is no such hysteria about the recognition of Indigenous-specific rights because unsurprisingly, they are not even in the mix.

The recognition of Indigenous-specific rights was dismissed by the report as effectively unsettled and controversial.

Insensitively, the Indigenous chapter concludes that the 'limited response from the Indigenous community on this point' means that they were unable to seriously consider a recommendation for the specific rights of Indigenous Peoples.

This was an extraordinarily insensitive comment to a community that is underfunded, under-resourced and by our own admission, tired, worn and 'reported out'.

To not consider the recognition of an Indigenous-specific right means that the report was written in isolation of substantive legal advocacy and scholarship on Indigenous rights developed over decades, including the work of the statutory body the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and even the Social Justice Reports of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

This body of work establishes why and how such recognition could be done.

So why, then, is it the work of the under-resourced Indigenous sector to establish the framework for how these rights can be protected?

These are enormous constitutional questions, and at any rate, isn't that reinventing the wheel? As Pat Dodson told the consultation: It is hard to be enthusiastic about the outcome of this inquiry... Do we keep amending and repealing Acts or do we need an overhaul of the entire Constitutional framework?

Chapter nine of the report is available on

its website and should be distributed widely in communities. It represents a massive step backwards in terms of Indigenous people's rights and our status in the Australian state and reminds us of the amount of work that lies ahead of us.

The position that Indigenous-specific rights are unsettled and controversial is inaccurate for a number of reasons, not the least the adoption in 2007 by General Assembly of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

According to the report, the adoption of an international legal instrument is not satisfactory enough to establish that Indigenous Peoples have distinct rights – only that it was an attempt to resolve the issue.

Inaccurately, it emphasises the position that Indigenous rights are far from settled by making reference to the opposition of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the United States (CANZUS) at the time because they have 'sizeable Indigenous populations', ignoring the fact that CANZUS have minority Indigenous populations, especially when compared with the key supporting states of the 143 who voted in favour of the Declaration.

Too much weight

Worryingly, it seems that too much weight was given to those members of the Australian community who were 'consulted' who believe that Indigenous rights do not exist, should not be recognised and – if you do – you are giving something to others that ordinary Australians are not given.

Here, the committee noted the sentiments of the majority of survey and focus group participants that 'differences should be in the mode of enjoyment of same rights rather than the enjoyment of differing rights'.

The interesting contradiction here is that the strength of this report is the importance of human rights education in Australia because of the overwhelming evidence of poor knowledge and understanding in the community about human rights and civics.

Yet, at the same time, the chapter gives excessive weight to admittedly uneducated views in the community as being persuasive.

Indigenous distinct rights are inherent and are not only recognised as fundamentally important for states to protect in the UN Declaration, but also binding conventions, including Convention on the Rights of the Child and the 1965 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

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A file photo of a rally held in Alice Springs earlier this year to protest the Northern Territory Intervention's suspension of the Racial Discrimination Act.

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Where: Wirringa Baiya Office

Cnr Marrickville and Livingstone Roads, Marrickville NSW

If you require any further information please contact:
Leonie on

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NOTIFICATION AND REGISTRATION OF ABORIGINAL INTEREST

FOR AN APPROVAL UNDER PART 6 OF THE
NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE ACT 1974

Landcom propose to undertake beach / shell midden stabilisation works at Little Bay as part of ongoing development at the Prince Henry Hospital site (Lot 33 DP 270427 and Lot 69 DP 270427). Accordingly, Landcom will be applying to the Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water for approval under Part 6 (Section 90) of the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* to commence stabilisation works that will disturb Aboriginal objects.

Landcom invites Aboriginal groups and individuals to register their interest in the project. Registrations must be received by Wednesday 16th December 2009.

Please register in writing to:

Landcom

c/- Godden Mackay Logan

Attn: Ms. Laura Farquharson

78 George St., REDFERN NSW 2016

Fax: (02) 9319 4383

Proposed Commercial/Retail Development
89 George Street, Parramatta, NSW

Public Notice and Registration of Interest

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Act 1974

Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 -
Development Application (09_0128)

A development proposal has been lodged with the NSW Department of Planning for the future redevelopment of a parcel of land at 89 George Street Parramatta (Lot 1 in DP 505486) under Part 3A of the Environment Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

In accordance with the NSW Department of Environment & Climate Change Draft Community Consultation Requirements for Proponents (May 2009) that are now administered by the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change & Water, individuals or groups are invited to register their interest in writing to participate in the Aboriginal cultural heritage assessment and consultation process for the proposal.

Contact details are as follows:

Mr Dominic Steele

c/- Webb Property Investments Pty Limited

33 England Avenue, Marrickville, NSW, 2204

Phone Contact: (M) 0411 88 4232 (Office) 02 9569 5801

The registration period closes on: December 12, 2009.

The consultation period closes on: January 5, 2010.



Premier
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International Women's Day 2010

Call for Nominations for NSW Woman of the Year

International Women's Day is celebrated on March 8 each year.

The Office for Women's Policy, NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet, organises various activities to celebrate International Women's Day including the NSW Woman of the Year Award.

The NSW Woman of the Year Award is a state-wide recognition of the outstanding achievements of talented women who have made significant contributions to NSW and to their communities.

The Office for Women's Policy is seeking nominations that recognise the countless contributions that women in NSW have made.

If you know of any well-deserving woman and would like to nominate her for the 2010 NSW Woman of the Year Award, please visit www.women.nsw.gov.au for details, including electronic nomination forms.

The closing date for nominations is **5pm on Friday, 15 January 2010**. Please contact the Office for Women's Policy on (02) 9228 3141 if you require further information.

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Watch out for Freshies and Salties!



Ms KOORI LOVE

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EVER heard the term 'cougar'? It's the name given to much older women who like to date young men. They are called

cougars because they stalk and hunt their prey.

It's not as well-known, but older men who date much younger women are called 'panthers'. And here I was calling them sleazy old men. Shame on me.

My names

As a loud and proud Aussie Aborigine, I think it's my duty to come up with a more suitable term for this mob. I mean, we have the most amazing wildlife in Australian – surely we could come up with our own terms?

Well guess what? I did!

After much researching (thanks outback-australia-travel-secrets.com) and pondering I have come up

with the two perfect Aussie themed names

I reckon we should call our older women who date younger men 'Freshies', after the freshwater crocodile. Freshwater crocs have a distinctive look (just like our beautiful Aboriginal women), they eat fish and any other small thing in that way (don't mess with a black woman or she will eat you up too!), and although freshwater crocs aren't aggressive, they will attack when disturbed (I did say eat you!).

Now for the older black man who dates younger women. I could have chosen the dingo or even them wild red boxing kangaroos. But no. Only

one animal is perfect for our lovely men – 'Salties' – after the saltwater crocodile.

Saltwater crocs are man-eaters (hello, a reptile taking on an animal that stands so much taller than them is beyond brave), they can travel over 100kms by sea (talk about getting around) and they live in rivers, swamps or the ocean (they can adapt to any environment). Perfect descriptions, don't you think? Very Australian indeed!

If you are an older person who likes to date much younger people, do you like to be called a freshie or a saltie? Get online at www.mskoorilove.com.au and tell us.

Are we back here again?

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Indigenous rights have also been recognised in varying ways in the Australian legal system, whether through the common law or extensive legislative framework, including the Native Title Act, the Aboriginal Land Rights Act Northern Territory, the Family Law Act and not to mention many State-based statutory schemes covering land, heritage, intestacy etc.

In fact, today we now have bipartisan support for the acknowledgement of the distinct nature of Indigenous rights in the preamble to the Constitution.

So why does this report give a layman the impression that Indigenous rights are controversial and not settled?

Maybe it is because Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been the victim of the politics of pragmatism which has replaced leadership and courage in Australian democracy; eliciting a screeching over-emphasis on 'consultation' with focus groups (ordinary Australians) despite their admittedly low knowledge of human rights or of Indigenous peoples.

It does appear that the motto of the hard-working human rights industry has been minimalism and pragmatism.

This is because the process operated essentially on two assumptions: First, our political class is not courageous and the current leadership is not going out on a limb for human rights let alone Indigenous rights – thus the statistical analysis and pie charts floating around as proof of consultation with ordinary Australians.

Not to mention the cost benefit analysis – because we would not want fundamental human rights to cost the taxpayer too much (although I do not

doubt for one minute that this emphasis was because it is critical to convincing the Australian political system).

The second assumption appears to be that the view that Australians are racist and therefore are not going to come to the party on Indigenous rights, so let's just resign ourselves to the fact.

One notable observation about the consultation is that in the human rights sector's submissions – those of church groups, legal and political university centres, human rights organisations – very few made any substantial argument on the importance of Indigenous rights.

This is significant given the current Northern Territory Intervention suspends what is probably the most important human rights treaty in the Australian legal system.

In fact, extraordinarily for a 'human rights' report, the committee very nonchalantly predicts future suspension of human rights.

Recommendation

Incredibly, there is a recommendation for a statement of impact to be provided by the Federal Parliament for future acts that suspend human rights – effectively embedding in Australia's human rights culture a commitment to racial discrimination (although our Constitution already tells us that).

As a human rights lawyer, I would welcome a Human Rights Act, primarily because of the important educative role it will play in influencing the Australia polity.

The report's commitment to human rights education is absolutely critical to the future development of Indigenous rights in the Australian legal system. A national human rights program is something Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander communities can celebrate.

Still, reading the Indigenous chapter about the ostensibly unsettled nature of Indigenous rights only a few years before the 20th anniversary of the High Court's Mabo decision makes me ask the question: Are we back here again?

The report ultimately reflects political reality.

I know that when Kevin Rudd was elected, many people thought the country would pick up where Paul Keating left off on Indigenous issues. Keating was an intellectual Prime Minister who thought seriously and deeply about Indigenous people's issues as well as delivering the Redfern Speech – the greatest speech ever given by an Australian Prime Minister on Indigenous issues.

Yet, earlier this week I was reading an exceptional piece by Robert Manne in the November edition of *The Monthly* about Rudd's 'regression and evasion' on the History Wars juxtaposed against Keating's 'flinching' Redfern speech and leadership on Aboriginal issues.

It just confirms the accepted wisdom in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that Rudd did not pick up from where Keating left off, but is a straight line from John Howard (of course most felt that way early on with the refusal to provide compensation for the Stolen Generations).

And our democracy is diminished and our country is the poorer for those pragmatists who adjust their expectations and imagination to demand only the lowest common denominator from our political class.

In a nod to Robert Manne's astute summation of Rudd's Pollyannaish declaration about the end of the History Wars as 'regression and evasion', so too is the report on Indigenous rights.



The truth about black poverty

WITH so much bad news being spread out over the air waves and newspapers daily, at least there have been two very good pieces of news over the past week. Firstly, there was that wonderful, miraculous separation and recovery of those two beautiful little twin girls.

The other great news was that at last someone has had the courage to publicly expose the truth about the level of poverty in this clever rich country.

I say top marks to the Secretary-General of Amnesty International Irene Khan. Her description, 'a tide of human tragedy' about what she

saw in the Northern Territory is so spot on.

This lady is a native of Bangladesh and she said that what she saw in the NT was as bad as the worst she had seen in her travels throughout the rest of the world.

What does that say about this very rich humane, clever country?

And where are those black leaders – Noel Pearson Tom Calma, Lois O'Donoghue, Warren Mundine, Galarwuy Yunupingu, and many more?

It has taken a person from another country to expose the truth of the low,

disgraceful, disgusting level of poverty in Aboriginal communities in our own country.

The apology by Prime Minister Rudd was a very welcome overdue major event, but was there another reason also? Was it a screen to protect the Government from too much questioning?

It will be interesting to see what – if anything – will be done due to what that courageous, well-informed lady, Irene Khan, had to say.

HAROLD J HUNT
St Marys, NSW



Irene Khan (right) with Rosie Kunoth Kngwarrey, Lena Skinner Ngai, Rosie Pwerl at Utopia, in the Northern Territory during November.

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Keeping Your Say short and sweet

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

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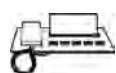
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Poetry

Goodbye

It wasn't meant to end
like this my dear friend
my deepest apologies
to you I do send.

I never wanted it to end
like this my old friend
I thought that with time
our love might just mend.

I never meant to hurt you
but now it's way too late
I'm torn apart by guilt
it's myself I truly hate.

I know you have forgiven
but we both can't forget
my actions these past years
fill me with regret.

I scan the space amidst these
walls
old memories come alive
I'll store them deep within my
heart
but for now I say goodbye...

JONATHAN HILL
Old Erowal Bay, NSW

Not interested

I am not interested in trying to be
something I am not.

I am not interested in trying to
impress people who mean
nothing to me.

I am not interested in doing more
training and education to justify
the knowledge I already have.

I am not interested in promoting a
way of life that does not meet my
needs.

I am not interested in supporting
policies or legislations that
continue to disempower my
people.

I am not interested in those
people who promote welfare
mentality to my people.

I am not interested in those
Aboriginal people who use the
label of community only to benefit
their own family.

I am not interested in those white
people who continue to feel sorry
for Aboriginal people – we do not
need your sympathy.

I am not interested in supporting
a system that counts Aboriginals
as numbers in order to increase
funding to justify a service that is
not provided anyway.

When it comes to
disempowering, belittling,
disengaging, disrespecting and
dishonouring my Elders and the
sacrifices they have made to
provide us with an opportunity to
be valued in our communities – I
am not interested.

STEVE SUMNER
Via Email

Expression of Interest NRCMA Board Members

The Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority (NRCMA) is an independent Statutory Authority established in 2004 by the NSW Government to engage regional communities in key natural resource management issues in their catchments. Further information is available at www.northern.cma.nsw.gov.au

The NRCMA Board reports to the Minister for Environment and Climate Change and is responsible for the implementation of the NRCMA Catchment Action Plan, associated investment strategies and corporate governance compliance. Board members provide local knowledge and expertise for the planning and implementation of the NRCMA programs. Board members are usually appointed by the Minister for a term of three years. During 2010 the terms of two current Board members will conclude in March and another two in October 2010.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified candidates in the NRCMA region demonstrating -

- An active community involvement and appreciation of the diverse range of community values and sensitivities
- Understanding of the key environmental and natural resource management issues including biodiversity
- Working knowledge of land use systems and capacity to encourage sustainable development within the region
- A proven track record in building relationships and working collaboratively with others

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.

Current Board members are able to apply for re-appointment

Closing Date: Thursday 14th January 2010

For an application form and information pack, call Michelle Nelson on 02 66420645 or email northern@cma.nsw.gov.au

Applications should be addressed to the General Manager, NRCMA Board Member Position, Northern Rivers Catchment Management Authority, PO Box 618 Grafton NSW 2460.

PUBLIC NOTICE CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 Aboriginal Party

Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited (APLNG) intends to develop one or more Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs) for the Australia Pacific LNG Project (the Project) pursuant to Part 7 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 (ACHA).

Project

The Australia Pacific LNG Project is a coal seam gas (CSG) to liquefied natural gas (LNG) joint venture between Origin Energy Limited (Origin) and ConocoPhillips Australia Pacific LNG Pty Ltd (ConocoPhillips), each with a 50 per cent interest.

APLNG was previously known as Origin Energy CSG Limited and was a wholly-owned subsidiary within the Origin Group. In September 2008, Origin announced that it had selected ConocoPhillips to invest in the joint development of a CSG to LNG project using Origin's CSG reserves and resources in Queensland and ConocoPhillips' LNG technology. Through this arrangement, ConocoPhillips acquired a 50 per cent interest in APLNG.

Origin will be responsible for construction and management of the CSG-related activities including pipeline construction on behalf of APLNG, with ConocoPhillips to be responsible for the construction and management of the LNG plant on behalf of APLNG.

There are three main components to the project:

- The further development of APLNG's gas fields;
- Gas transmission pipeline(s) from the gas fields to Curtis Island, Gladstone; and
- An LNG facility located at Curtis Island, Gladstone.

The gas fields component of the project covers an area of approximately 572,000 hectares extending from Wallumbilla to Millmerran on the Darling Downs. Staged development of the gas fields is likely to commence with the Undulla Nose area (referred to as the Central Section), progressing west and northward to the Northern Section and then to the Eastern Section.

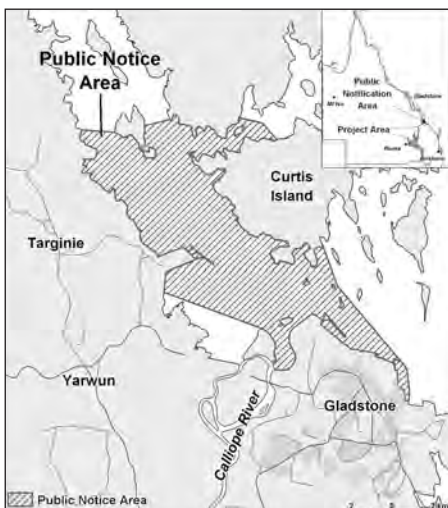
One or more high pressure, gas transmission pipelines will be needed to deliver the processed pipeline quality coal seam gas to the LNG plant. The gas transmission pipeline(s) will be approximately 470 km in length, with the final length depending on the pipeline route selected and the location of the LNG plant. It is expected that the pipeline(s) will run from the northern Walloons area and track north towards the proposed LNG plant to be located in the Curtis Island Industry Precinct within the Gladstone State Development Area.

There will also be marine facilities constructed near Curtis Island.

The Environmental Impact Statement for the project is currently being developed and is planned to be submitted to Government early in 2010. It is expected that the first export shipment of LNG will occur in 2014.

The Sponsor's name: Australia Pacific LNG Pty Limited
Contact Person: Rebecca Robson
Address for Service: GPO Box 148 BRISBANE QLD 4001
Telephone: Toll free number - 1800 526 369
Fax: (07) 3369 7840
Email: contact@aplng.com.au

For the purpose of this Notice the Notice Day is: **7th December 2009.**



APLNG proposes to develop one or more CHMPs for the whole of the Project area shown on the map left to manage any Aboriginal cultural heritage that may exist in the Project area.

However, this Notice is in relation to a part of the Project area where there is no Aboriginal party that is a native title party and no Aboriginal cultural heritage body as highlighted on the map left.

If you are an Aboriginal party (as defined under Part 4 of the ACHA), or have been nominated by an Aboriginal party to act on their behalf, and you wish to take part in the CHMP, you must give a **written notice** to APLNG advising that you wish to take part by **15th January 2010.**

APLNG may elect not to endorse any Aboriginal party if APLNG is not advised in writing within the required time.

Your Say

God and the black people

WITH the deepest respect for *The Koori Mail*, I would like to answer the statement made by D Peckham in his letter (Shocking history of the Christian – Your Say, *KM*, 18 November 2009).

In particular, I think it proper to answer the opening question posed by the writer D Peckham: "Has the detrimental effect of Christians imperialism on the Aboriginal people been sufficiently addressed?"

My answer to this question is yes, it has been addressed by thousands of Aboriginal Christians before me; and for me in the winter of 1962 at La Perouse, Botany Bay, where the Lord Jesus Christ became my Saviour, and I was born again, by the Spirit of God.

My life was radically changed, from a hopeless drunkard, with my beloved wife Beryl, who also became a Christian. Together, we have served the Lord for over 47 years.

And in all those years, we have been subservant, helping our Aboriginal community.

Imperialism cannot exist in a Christian simply because true Christianity is built upon the Love of God in Christ Jesus, who commanded us to love

one another, even to love your enemies.

The imperialism mentioned by D Peckham entered into our Aboriginal nation under the lie of 'terra nullius', under the dominant British colonial rule, and under that same British rule there existed assassination of Aborigines through massacres to clear the land for settlement, then the rule of separation, by forcing Aborigines onto Government established reserves, and into welfare dependency.

Then, the final and current rule is assimilation, which strips Aboriginal people of all rights, identity, and pride; all of which is identified by D Peckham.

The same relates to the Stolen Generations.

Finally, I commend the love of God in Christ to D Peckham, and all who may need the peace of God, which passes all understanding.

PASTOR OZZIE CRUSE, MBE, AM
Pastor, Aboriginal Evangelical Church, Eden
Chairman, Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council
Member, ELALC Elders Council

Change needed now

WE Aborigines across Australia need a political voice and I ask why establish an Aboriginal political party?

We can send our emails across the nation until the cows come home, or chooks go to roost. But these will not have the impact that an Aboriginal political party would have.

Or you may decide to join an existing party in your area. Think first which party you would join. Forget the Liberal Party and the

Australian Labor Party – neither had provided Aborigines with those basic items that provide a better community life.

The former DAA and ATSIC were established as an advisory body to the Government. They should have worked because they were established to work.

But they were prevented from being successful.

How many more Aboriginal advisory bodies are needed before they are listened to by

the Government?

Will the new national Indigenous representative body be listened to? I doubt it.

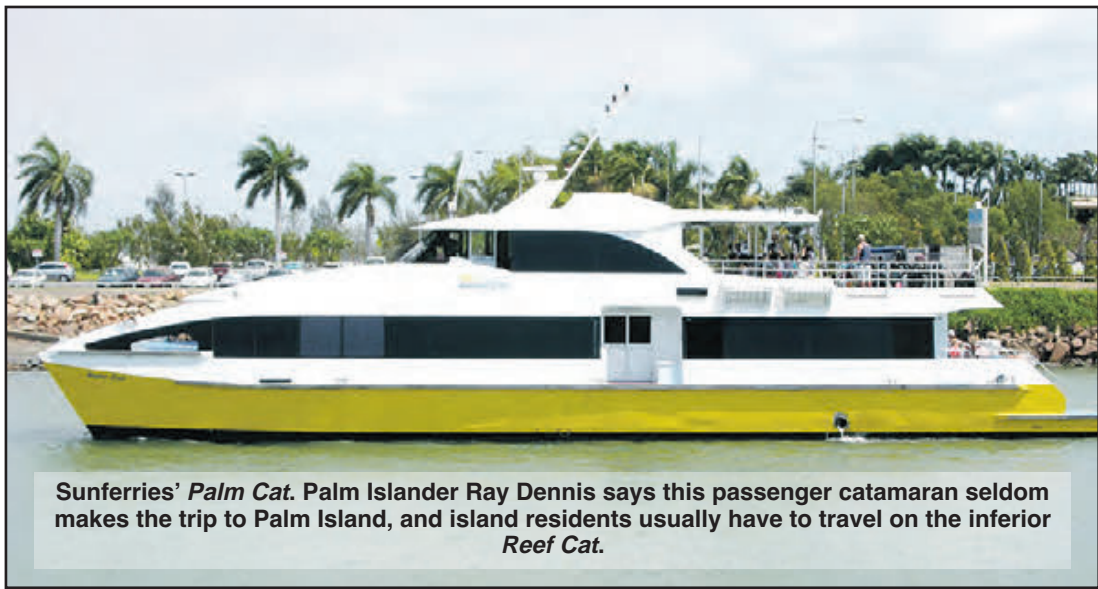
Australia needs a change. Now is the time for this to happen.

Please circulate this message to your communities now. Folk need to think seriously about bringing about change now.

LES RIDGEWAY
Bonny Hills, NSW



LES RIDGEWAY



Sunferries' *Palm Cat*. Palm Islander Ray Dennis says this passenger catamaran seldom makes the trip to Palm Island, and island residents usually have to travel on the inferior *Reef Cat*.

Second-class service for Palm Island

I THOUGHT the \$4 million boat called the *Palm Cat* was to carry Palm Island people to and from Palm Island.

Sunferries must think the *Palm Cat* is too flash for the people of Palm Island.

The *Palm Cat* very seldom makes the trip to Palm Island, as they are too busy carrying tourists to and from Magnetic Island.

On Sunday 8 November, the boat was supposed to depart for Palm Island at 9am. Just before 9am the freight for Palm Island was loaded on the older boat *Reef Cat*.

The *Reef Cat* was then backed out to allow the \$4 million *Palm Cat* to unload tourists from Magnetic Island and then take another boatload of tourists back to Magnetic Island.

Then the old *Reef Cat* moved back in to pick us up to travel to Palm Island.

I train the Palm Island Boxing Club and we travel with Sunferries nine months of the year. Sometimes we have 20 people from our club

travelling and we have been doing it for ten years.

Our boxing club is the only Aboriginal boxing club in Queensland and the most successful, and we do not like being treated like second-class citizens.

RAY DENNIS
Palm Island, Qld

Apologies on names

WE sincerely apologise for misspelling two names on comment and letters pages last edition. It was Les Malezer, not Les Mazeler, who commented on the new Indigenous Higher Education Advisory Council. And it was Kerryne Liddle, not Little, who wrote a tribute for Kunmanara Wilson.

We need a fair go when it comes to finding a job

I'M writing this letter on an earlier article relating to unemployed Aboriginal people in Tenterfield (KM, 4 November 2009)

I feel that I know what they're going through. I'm the same and I know there are others like me in western New South Wales.

I have been unemployed now for nine months, but previously worked at the Aboriginal tenancy service for four-and-a-half years before things went stale.

Then, by looking for a new job by approaching the employment services, I had an interview with one of the workers.

I showed my resume and certificates but they ignored them. All they wanted me to do was get me to sign 20 pages

of documentation; I felt like I was another number to them.

I have been applying for jobs via the internet, local papers and word of mouth – but with no success. I have had one job interview in the past three months. In that interview, I thought I was doing well until a panelist said to me: "I hope you don't take my job."

Then, there were no further statements or questions from the panelist, which left me a little confused.

My wife also could not believe that anyone conducting an interview would say that, especially when it was an Aboriginal identified position.

It makes me wonder whether it is harder these days to get a job. Is it the same all over Tenterfield?

I feel there's a lot of

nepotism and cronyism in the region, where I have researched the region, government departments etc.

I applied for 20 jobs within one week of becoming unemployed and received no answers or emails.

I have had no support from the employment agencies. Sometimes I think I'm doing their job.

Now I am getting to the point where I think there's little point in either searching for jobs, applying for jobs or even documenting everything per fortnight for Centrelink of what you have been doing.

These are just my views on why aren't we given a fair go.

RAY PARTON
Via www.koorimail.com

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Funding for Child Safety Placement Services

Organisations interested in providing placement services for children and young people who are subject to statutory child protection intervention are invited to apply for funding.

These services will deliver family and non-family based care across the following service types:

- Foster and kinship care.
- Specialist foster care.
- Residential care.
- Supported independent living.

For more information please contact the regional office in the locality in which you wish to apply for funding:

- **North Coast Region** – Caboolture: 5490 1045
- **South East Region** – Beenleigh: 3884 8820
- **Central Queensland Region** – Rockhampton: 4938 4699
- **Far North Queensland Region** – Cairns: 4048 9392
- **South West Region** – Toowoomba: 4699 4268
- **Brisbane Region** – Woodridge: 3380 6639
- **North Queensland Region** – Townsville: 4799 7943

Further information and submission forms are available at www.childsafety.qld.gov.au/funding/calendar or by phoning 3224 4546.

Applications must be lodged by **5pm on Monday 15 February 2010**.

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Homelessness services funding available

Rockhampton and Inala Youth Housing and Reintegration Services including After Care Services

Non-government organisations are encouraged to apply for funding to establish and manage a support service for young people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Rockhampton or Inala.

Funding available for the Rockhampton service is \$2.672 million over four years and \$3.246 million over four years for the Inala service.

These new services will work with young people aged 12-20 years by providing support and access to a range of accommodation options. The services will target young people exiting youth detention or child protection orders, "sleeping rough" or living in unstable housing arrangements.

Information sessions will be held in Rockhampton on Friday 4 December 2009 and Inala on Wednesday 9 December 2009.

Information packages and details about a community information session are available at www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning Rockhampton (07) 4938 4235 or Inala (07) 3872 0630.

Submissions for both funding packages must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 18 January 2010.

Brisbane Supportive Housing

Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding of \$1,228,121 per annum over three years to provide support for a minimum of 150 clients per year in long-term accommodation in Brisbane.

This initiative will provide personal support in permanent housing, for people identified as chronically homeless or at risk of homelessness to sustain that housing and achieve positive life goals.

Information packages are available at www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3872 0671.

Applications must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 25 January 2010.

HomeStay Support

Non-government organisations are invited to apply for funding of \$394,205 per year for three years to provide a HomeStay Support service for a minimum of 112 clients per year in Brisbane's outer north, including Keperra/Stafford and Zillmere/Chermside.

This initiative is aimed at people who are identified as being at risk of becoming homeless and requiring support to maintain their tenancies including vulnerable families and older people.

Information packages are available at www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 3872 0671.

Submissions must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 25 January 2010.

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National Indigenous



Tamera Summers, Leanne Pelikan, Lousie Harrington and Sharon Coad check out some of the new Aboriginal-themed Early Years materials.



Martu man Professor Robert Somerville from Jigalong in WA spoke of having every child in school every day.



Jess Digney and Taylor Hughes, from Hobart, enjoyed the welcome dance in which Taylor's father performed.



Jarrod Hughes performed in a dance at the welcome.



WA Department of Education for Midlands District staff, Yvonne Green, Pauline Wray, Marilyn Lamplugh, Fran Haynes and Jane Pisan travelled from Northam.



Looking deadly for conference dinner were Kyra Slade, Bev Davidson and Vicki Barton, from the NSW AECG Inner City Education Centre.



Catholic Education representatives Phillippa Johnson, from Qld, Ken Ralph, from NSW, and Coral Way, from Qld.



Aboriginal advocate Brian Butler with conference MC Jim Everett and conference convenor Greg Lehman.



Les Taylor, from Whyalla, SA and Allan Jones, from Adelaide.



Dean Duncan, Randall Coolwell and Rod Jensen, all from Queensland.



Fiona Gibson, from Nyirripi, Lisa Hall, from Alice Springs, and Barbara Martin, from Yuendumu.

Education Conference

Hobart hosts major event

By Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



MORE than 620 Aboriginal educators descended on Hobart last week for the 5th National Indigenous Education Conference.

The three-and-a-half-day event was packed with a variety of engaging speakers, workshops, field trips and social events.

Keynote speakers were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma, Aboriginal broadcasting identity Tiga Bayles and member of the Lil'wat First Nation of Mount Currie, Canada's Dr Lorna Williams.

In addition, there were 100 other sessions, with as many as seven sessions to choose between at any given time.

The conference also showcased the culture, music and craft of Tasmanian Aborigines, with Tasmanian Aboriginal artists, crafts people and authors selling their wares and visitors enjoying the music and dancing of Tasmanian Aborigines at social events.

Delegates also took cultural field trips to important Aboriginal areas in the wider Hobart area and saw shell bracelet-making workshops, which were all booked out well before the conference started.

Conference host the Tasmanian Government's Aboriginal Education Unit was delighted with the turnout and success of the event.

'Closing the gap'

The conference, with a theme of 'Strength in Community: Closing the Gap', was also a great opportunity for old friends and colleagues to catch up.

One group who were particularly pleased to reunite were members of the National Aboriginal Education Committee (NAEC), some of whom had not seen each other in more than 20 years. A special breakfast was held to acknowledge this group of distinguished and ground-breaking Aboriginal education leaders, which met between 1977 and 1989.

The NAEC formulated the first policies in Aboriginal education and first guidelines for teaching Aboriginal studies.

At the breakfast, Professor Paul Hughes pointed out that the conference was in fact the 14th National Indigenous Education Conference, if the nine earlier conferences titled National Aboriginal Education Conferences and held between 1976 and 1985 were counted.

At this year's conference farewell it was announced that a 6th (or 15th) National Indigenous Education Conference will be held in the Northern Territory next year.

At the farewell, Tasmania's Auntie Patsy Cameron presented chair of the Northern Territory Indigenous Education Council Mark Motlop with a traditional basket she had woven. In the basket was a small rock from Tasmania and a piece of ochre.

Auntie Patsy invited future conference hosts to add a piece of ochre to symbolise cultural knowledge and learning, and a pebble to acknowledge the country from which our spirits are born.



Many of the National Aboriginal Council Committee members have not caught up in many years. They are pictured here together again at the conference dinner. In the background on stage are Laurie Padmore (Tas) and Stephen Albert (WA). Back row: Colin Bourke (Vic), Eleanor Bourke (Vic/ACT), Paul Hughes (SA), Peter Buckskin (SA) and Bob Morgan (NSW). Front row: Kaye Price (Tas), Patsy Cameron (Tas), Lorna Williams (International Keynote speaker), Ethel Munn (Qld), Oriel Green (WA), Didamain Uibo (NT), Vera Budby (Qld) and John Lester (NSW).



Aboriginal education programs from around Australia were at a poster session where conference delegates could meet the poster authors. Posters featured were The Dreamtime to Full Time T Tree, James Cook University's Empowerment Research Program – a Cape York Program that is expanding nationally, Certificate II Automotive for Koori Students at Shepparton TAFE and Moruya Public School's Quality Teaching Indigenous Project.



The mob from Adelaide's Tauondi College, back, Colin Weetra, Tony O'Reilly and Phillip Jobson, and front, Cynthia Wilson, Tadashi Nakamura and Silvy Sanzara.



Tasmania's Rosemarie Brown distributing official conference merchandise.

● More photographs from the National Indigenous Education Conference on the next page

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS EDUCATION CONFERENCE



Tasmanian Aboriginal art and craft was showcased and sold at the conference. Pictured are Rita McDermott and Tasmanian Aboriginal artist Judith-Rose Thomas, whose artwork was featured on the conference material.



Guest speaker Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma spoke of the urgent need for bilingual education in communities in his keynote address on the final day of the conference.



Tasmanian Elders Aunty Girlie Purdon and Aunty Phyllis Pitchford enjoyed the welcome of the conference. *All photos by Jillian Mundy*



Rachelle Williams-Pitts, Wendy Dennis (co-ordinator), Kamika Douglas, Hilary Honeysett, Alana Hickey, Courtney Smith, Adrian Fuller and Joey Williams, from Mount Austin High School's Koori Education Team.



Jabulane Matsebula, from the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations, with Stephanie and Keith Truscott, from the Edith Cowan University's Kurongkurl Katitjin Centre for Indigenous Australians Education and Research.



Stephen Hagan, Lionel Bamblett, Rhonda Hagan, Bob Morgan, Stephen Albert and Grace Sarra caught up at the conference.



Tiga Bayles interviews former NAEC member John Lester for his talkback radio show which was hosted live from the conference each day.



Gadj and Jodie Maymuru, from the Sunshine Coast, with Nan Mabb, centre, at the conference.



Deanna Williams, from Keringke Arts in the NT, and Sally Murn, from Adelaide's SDVS, on a field trip at Risdon Cove, an important area of land that was returned to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community.

Dasha's a winner



DASHA Newington wants to help expand Australia's Indigenous medical workforce and plans to encourage other Indigenous people to consider a career in health.

After being accepted to the University of Sydney's Medical School at the beginning of 2009, she recently topped off the year by being named the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year at the Australian Training Awards.

Salathiel McKay, from Karratha, in Western Australia, was runner-up.

Ms Newington received her award at a gala presentation dinner in Canberra on 19 November, which brought together the country's top training providers and vocational students.

She completed a Diploma of Aboriginal Studies with the Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) – the distance learning arm of Western Sydney Institute of TAFE.

This gave her the flexibility to study for her entrance exams and allowed her to explore her Indigenous ancestry.

She now lives in Wesley College at the University of Sydney and is the only Aboriginal student out of the 300 selected for the Bachelor of Surgery and Bachelor of Medicine in 2009.

"Indigenous people deserve the chance to achieve their educational and life goals, and to fulfil their potential



Award-winner Dasha Newington (second from left) with, left to right, TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute's Anne Ford, Susan Hartigan (Institute director) and Ron Wright (associate director).

individually, and as communities," she said.

"I hope I will be making medical care friendlier for Indigenous Australians."

Ms Newington said she had thoroughly enjoyed the awards process and having the opportunity to spend time with one of the Indigenous judges, Bernard

Pope, was extremely motivating.

"Bernard is an inspiration to me," she said.

"He has gone from fruit picking to studying enrolled nursing at TAFE and is now at university studying to become a registered nurse.

"I hope I can be a good ambassador

for vocational education and training by engaging Aboriginal people and enabling them to have a better future."

Meanwhile, Jason Bromley, who is studying an Advanced Diploma of Community Services Management through TAFE SA Mount Barker campus, was named the 2009 Vocational Student of the Year.

Mr Bromley has traditional ties spanning the Flinders Ranges, Yorke Peninsula, Simpson Desert and south-west Queensland areas and has lived and worked with Aboriginal communities across South Australia for most of his life.

Mr Bromley has a strong history of training and mentoring throughout his career, choosing to study an Advanced Diploma of Community Services Management because of its direct relevance to his work as the Director of Guranda Services.

This includes undertaking a range of consultancies and providing community information sessions.

Jason says he gained Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) towards his qualification, which recognised his skills, abilities and knowledge of management in Aboriginal communities.

"I can provide Aboriginal organisations with assistance in reviewing and evaluating their services and also plan to further my skills through study towards a Graduate Diploma in Management," he said.

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To find out about studying medicine in the NT come to our information session. You can talk with us about the different pathways available for studying medicine and find out about the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) – a current requirement for applicants to the medical program.

When: Monday, 7 December 2009
Time: 5pm – 7pm
Where: Charles Darwin University Casuarina, Red Precinct Building 6, Room 1.03
 Refreshments will be provided.

For more information go to www.flinders.edu.au/medical-course or contact Northern Territory Clinical School
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Where great ideas fly

Journey from deep north to the deep south

Maningrida students Dorianna Wilson, Jethro Wurrkidj, Gavin Bonson, Scott Stewart, Michelle Brown, (front) Liam Taylor and Jodie Brown are pictured at York Park, Launceston, the first time they had seen a football stadium of such grandeur.



Story and photos by Tasmanian Correspondent JILLIAN MUNDY



FIFTEEN children from Maningrida, in Arnhem Land, have just returned home from an inspiring art camp with Lilydale District School students in Tasmania.



The children from four homelands schools travelled south with carers and teachers to participate in an exchange of art, culture and friendship.

Lilydale teacher Kerry Lamb said the camp, which was held in the north-eastern small coastal town of Bridport, was about full-on immersion in art.

It was the sixth art camp she had organised and she described it as 'off the scale, the best ever'.

The idea for the camp came about when Ms Lamb received a visit earlier this year from former Tasmanian teacher Emanuel Holbein, now teaching in Maningrida.

"We started to talk and he said 'we should bring our kids from Maningrida'," Ms Lamb said.

Dream come true

She said the realisation of the camp was a dream come true.

Ms Lamb invited other art camp 'veterans' to teach ceramics, raku firing and lino cut printing.

Maningrida is a weaving community so Tasmanian Aboriginal weavers were also sought out, with Dyan Shaw and Fiona Maher joining the camp in what became a great experience for them too.

Many of the Kuninjku and Burarra language group students from the Maningrida area speak English as a third

or fourth language, so it was also an opportunity to practise the English they learned in school.

Lilydale students heard ancient Dreamtime stories and had the opportunity to paint themselves in ochre and join their northern visitors in traditional dance around the campfire.

Language barriers between the Tasmanian and Maningrida students were overcome through art and music.

Homelands teacher Peter Corke said his students from Maningrida were blown away at the extensive education opportunities and facilities in places like Lilydale District School. He said they were worlds away from the simple one-room structures back home.

Homeland education officer Helen Bond-Sharp said that although the Top End students might be poor in terms of community resources and infrastructure, they were incredibly rich in their traditions,

language, spirituality, connection with the land, kinship and lore.

Dyan Summers was particularly touched by a session where the visiting Elders painted a traditional story.

"I learned more in that 45 minutes than I did in a full semester at university studying Aboriginal art," she said.

Mixed feelings

"It was a sad time for me though, because Tasmanian Aboriginal people have lost (many stories). It wasn't a jealous feeling, more a feeling of anger and confusion.

"I kept saying to them, 'please don't lose that', I wanted to beg them not to lose that. I don't believe they will. They're still a very solid community."

The Maningrida and Lilydale students are looking forward to meeting up again at a camp planned for Maningrida next year.



Everyone was pleased with the stunning results of the massive lino print produced at the camp. A trip was made into Launceston's School of Art to make the print.



Ronnie Summers, James Lyuna, Jethro Wurrkidj, Gary Mewerre Madji Munyal, Dyan Summers, Fiona Maher, Roselyn Carter, Indra Prudence, Melba Gunjarrawanga and Kerry Lamb on the last morning of the camp.



Jokel Wilkens and Bourbon Hodges were fascinated with the 'Bernoulli Blower'.



Scott Stewart, Gary Mewerre Madji Munyal and Liam Taylor met a (stuffed) Tasmanian devil at the museum.



New friends enjoy lunchtime at Lilydale District School.



Ecoteam's Jayson Winmill, left, and a community worker repair septic tanks at the Malabugilmah community in northern NSW.

Sewerage, water work under way



MAJOR work to improve water and sewerage systems at three NSW north coast

Aboriginal communities is underway as part of a \$200 million State Government/NSW Aboriginal Land Council joint initiative.

Land council representative for the North Coast Region Patricia Laurie said the work at Malabugilmah, Baryulgil Square and Jubullum Village was long overdue and some of the issues were quite serious, posing a potential threat to the health of community members.

The improvement work at all three communities is being carried out by private contractor Ecoteam, a company which specialises in waste water management and recycling systems.

The company's founding director and chief scientist, Keith Bolton, said the works differed at each community.

At Malabugilmah, works already carried out included the completion of a new wetlands area and repairs to most of the community's septic tanks.

Dr Bolton said scoping works were now being carried out with a view to developing a new water filtering system.

At Baryulgil, a significant amount of work had already been undertaken to the effluent distribution system, which had posed a possible health risk.

Dr Bolton said the Baryulgil



Ecoteam workers Aaron Taylor, left, and Jayson Winmill sampling soil at a potential effluent re-use area at Baryulgil.

community has bore water with particularly high calcium carbonate levels, meaning it caused heavy scaling in appliances.

"At Baryulgil hot water systems have a lifespan of only about 12 months," he said.

Dr Bolton said a working group of senior representatives from the NSW Office of Water and other professional people had been established to decide the way forward – whether it was best to use water from the river, or install new water softening infrastructure.

He said work at Jubullum Village, which was part of the Tenterfield Shire area, had begun more recently, and

included cleaning out sewerage mains, and emergency repairs to the community's water mains, which had major leaks.

Work had also been carried out on improving the sterilisation of the local water supply.

Cr Laurie said the work already undertaken – and the planned future work at all three communities – was a perfect example of why NSWALC had opted to use \$100 million of its own money to jointly fund the new program.

"It is a 25-year program and water and sewerage facilities at 60 discreet Aboriginal communities throughout the State will be improved," she said.

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Mount Isa intoxication support service funding available

Non-government organisations are encouraged to apply for \$1,304,044 per annum, available over three years, to provide intoxication diversionary and support services through the Arthur Petersen Diversionary Centre and Cell Visitor Service in Mount Isa.

The funding aims to provide a safe environment for clients recovering from intoxication, reduce the risk of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people being held in police custody for public intoxication related offences and a cell visiting service.

Information packages are available at www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning (07) 4760 7300.

Applications must be lodged by 4pm on Monday 18 January 2010.

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Building Supportive Communities Grants available

Community groups and individuals are invited to apply for grants of up to \$5,000 of \$200,000 available through the Building Supportive Communities Grants program 2010 to promote a more inclusive community for Queenslanders with a disability.

These grants are available to stage an event or complete a project which may coincide with Disability Action Week or the International Day of People with a Disability.

An information and application kit is available at www.communityservices.qld.gov.au or by phoning 1800 177 120.

Applications must be lodged by 4pm on Friday 16 April 2010.

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Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

Housing Affordability Fund Round Two

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The second funding round for the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) Housing Affordability Fund is now open.

FaHCSIA invites Round Two applications from state and territory governments, local governments and local government associations. Any organisation, including private companies, developers and community housing providers, can access the Fund by forming a joint venture with a government organisation to deliver more new homes in a shorter period of time.

What is the focus of Round Two?

The Housing Affordability Fund Round Two gives priority to greenfield and infill projects with access to public transport, and public housing estate redevelopments which create mixed communities by building affordable homes for private ownership.

Information on how to apply is available by following the Housing link on the FaHCSIA website at www.fahcsia.gov.au.

Any questions regarding the Housing Affordability Fund and application process for Round Two should be directed to haf@fahcsia.gov.au.

Applications close at 5pm AEST on 8 January 2010.

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New CD aimed at promoting consumer rights



IT is hoped that Aboriginal people from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands will be more empowered to protect their rights as consumers following the launch of a new informative CD.

Consumer Affairs Minister Gail Gago launched the CD called *Talk About Shopping*.

The new education tool discusses consumer issues in Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara, as well as English. It has been produced by the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs in collaboration with Service SA.

Speaking at the launch in Coober Pedy Minister Gago said: "This new approach means that many Aboriginal people without English skills will have access to information about shopping and the law in

their mother tongue, making the messages clearer and more relevant to them.

"The CD covers many topics, ranging from understanding credit and what you need to think of when buying a car to refund rights and how to make a complaint when things go wrong or when a trader is being unfair.

"For Aboriginal people living in remote South Australia, where consumers can be much more vulnerable, I believe this will be

an incredibly important and useful tool.

"As well as being a valuable resource, this project has been the result of excellent collaboration and input from Aboriginal people.

"It features the voices of Aboriginal women, a cover design by a prominent Aboriginal artist from the APY lands and music and lyrics performed by up-and-coming Indulkana group Iwantja Band, thanks to help from APY TAFE."

INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT AUTHORISATION MEETING

QCLNG PROJECT

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED INDIGENOUS LAND USE AGREEMENT UNDER THE NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)

QGC Limited (**QGC**) - A BG Group business ABN 11089642553 proposes to enter into an Indigenous Land Use Agreement (Area Agreement) (**ILUA**) pursuant to Subdivision C of Division 3 of Part 2 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) (**Native Title Act**) with the **Mandandanji People**.

QGC proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) industry, including an integrated LNG project which will involve the development of gas fields, the construction and operation of infrastructure (including pipelines), and includes the capacity for QGC and third parties to export LNG to Curtis Island, near Gladstone. This project is known as the Queensland Curtis LNG project (**QCLNG Project**). The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consent by the Mandandanji People to the development and production of gas and the construction and operation of associated infrastructure for the QCLNG Project, in the area of land the subject of the proposed ILUA.

The area of land the subject of the proposed ILUA is detailed in the map to the right (**ILUA Area**). A search of the Register of native title claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that there is a registered native title claim, made on behalf of the Mandandanji People (**QUD366/08**) that covers the ILUA Area as depicted in the map to the right. The ILUA Area aligns with the external boundary of the Mandandanji People's native title claim. Authorisation of the ILUA by the Mandandanji People is sought in accordance with the Native Title Act.

The Mandandanji People are described in the registered native title claim as the biological descendants of Nellie Edwards, Weribone Jack Senior, Combarngo Bill and Mary Weribone.

For the purposes of registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal, the parties intend the ILUA to be certified by Queensland South Native Title Services in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(1)(b) of the Native Title Act.

Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to authorise the proposed ILUA. You are invited to attend the meeting if you regard yourself as being a person who falls within the description of the Mandandanji People.

The meeting will be held for this purpose in Roma:

Date: Sunday 13 December 2009

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Roma Bungil Cultural Community Centre, Corner of

Bungil and Quintin Streets, Roma.

Travel Assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria. For the purpose of catering you must also register your attendance, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance.

To register for the Authorisation Meeting, please contact:

Sandlewood Aboriginal Projects Limited

Phone: (07) 4054 5389

NO LATER THAN 4.00pm, Monday, 7 December 2009.

If you do not consider yourself as being a person who falls within the description of the Mandandanji People, but nonetheless consider that you hold or may hold native title in the land comprising of the ILUA Area, please contact Brett Hartley at Queensland South Native Title Services on (07) 3224 1200, by 9 December 2009 to inform him of your position.

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QGC proposes to develop a liquefied natural gas (**LNG**) industry, including the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure for QGC to export LNG from Curtis Island, near Gladstone (**QCLNG Project**).

QGC intends to enter into an ILUA in relation to the area detailed in the map to the right (**ILUA Area**). The proposed ILUA will deal with the grant of consents to the construction and operation of a pipeline and associated infrastructure.

A search of the Register of native title claims maintained by the National Native Title Tribunal indicates that there are two overlapping registered native title claims, the Djaku-nde & Jangerie Jangerie Peoples (**QUD6009/00**) and the Wakka Wakka People #2 (**QUD6032/99**) that fall within the ILUA Area.

For the purposes of registration of the ILUA by the National Native Title Tribunal, the parties intend the application for registration of the ILUA to be certified by Queensland South Native Title Services in accordance with sections 24CG(3)(a) and 203BE(1)(b) of the Native Title Act.

Details of ILUA Authorisation Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to authorise the proposed ILUA. You are invited to attend the authorisation meeting if you regard yourself as:

(a) being a person who falls within the description of the Djaku-nde & Jangerie Jangerie Peoples. The Djaku-nde & Jangerie Jangerie Peoples are described in the registered native title claim as the descendants of Narrygn and Bojimba and Romeo King of Auburn; or

(b) being a person who falls within the description of the Wullli Wullli People's native title claim group and consider that you hold or may hold native title in the land comprising of the ILUA Area.

The meeting will be held for this purpose in Rockhampton:

Date: Saturday 12 December 2009

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Customs House, 208 Quay Street, Rockhampton

Travel Assistance will be made available upon satisfying eligibility criteria. For the purpose of catering you must also register your attendance, even if you are not entitled to travel assistance.

To register for the Authorisation Meeting, please contact:

Debra Lucas

Gadens Lawyers

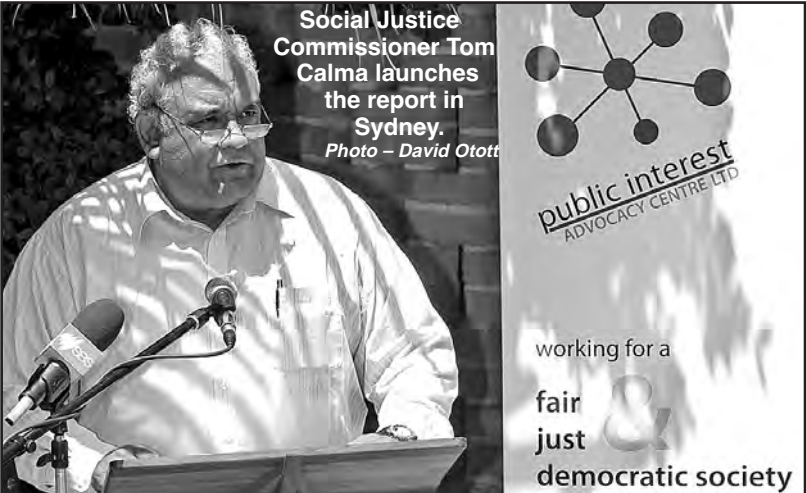
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NO LATER THAN 4.00pm, Monday, 7 December 2009.

It is anticipated that a separate authorisation meeting will be held in relation to the ILUA Area for the Wakka Wakka People #2 at a later date to be confirmed. If you are a Wakka Wakka #2 person and have any questions regarding this process with respect to the ILUA Area please contact Andrew Preston on (07) 3003 0960 or the Bunya Wakka Wakka Cultural Heritage Corporation on (07) 4168 3044.

If you do not consider yourself as being a person who falls within the description of any of the Djaku-nde & Jangerie Jangerie, Wullli Wullli or Wakka Wakka #2 Peoples but nonetheless consider that you hold or may hold native title in the land comprising of the ILUA Area, please contact Brett Hartley at Queensland South Native Title Services on (07) 3224 1200, by 9 December 2009 to inform him of your position.

Report calls for action



THE FEDERAL Government must complete its 'unfinished business' by developing a national reparations package for Australia's Stolen Generations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner Tom Calma renewed that call while launching the second edition of the *Restoring Identity* report at Tranby College in Sydney on 20 November.

Published by the Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC), *Restoring Identity* addresses the failure of governments and churches to provide reparations as recommended by the *Bringing Them Home* report.

The *Restoring Identity* launch began with a welcome from Uncle Chicka Madden. Mr Calma then spoke about *Restoring Identity* as an important piece of work in the healing and development of Australia.

"The *Restoring Identity* report ensures that the struggles that our peoples have endured as a result of past Government policies and practices of the forcible removal of our children from our families, are not forgotten," he said.

Mr Calma said all Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people had been affected, either directly or indirectly, by the removal of people from their lands, communities, families and culture.

"Despite the fact that all Australian parliaments have now

made formal apologies and all of the major denominational churches in Australia have offered apologies ... a reparations package that guarantees against repetition, measures of restitution and rehabilitation, and monetary compensation remains a matter of unfinished business.

"While the Prime Minister's apology firmly laid the foundation for our nation to begin to heal, until reparations are a reality, the suffering and loss experienced by our peoples will continue to hinder reconciliation and positive development as a nation."

He encouraged all governments, churches and other stakeholders to adopt the national reparations tribunal model outlined in *Restoring Identity* and consider a collective approach that acknowledged and addressed the experiences of the Stolen Generations nationwide.

"Reparations measures should cater to the individual needs of Stolen Generations as well as community needs," he said.

"Some progress has been made at a state level to provide financial redress to those members of the Stolen Generations who suffered harm and abuse.

"However, there are many yet who are still waiting for justice and healing.

"A national approach is necessary to ensure equality and consistency in accessing reparations measures."

— By **DARREN COYNE**

● *Restoring Identity* can be downloaded from PIAC's website at www.piac.asn.au

Young people to work in Vanuatu



FIVE Indigenous Australian youths are heading to Vanuatu early

next week to work with local Ni-Vanuatu youth on a community development project on the island of Efat.

Indigenous Australian group leader Aaron Mathews, who last year went to Vanuatu, said he gained a lot from sharing with Ni-Vanuatu.

"We always look at our culture and our way of thinking, feeling, and being... it was so valuable to see and share with another culture and another local people," he said.

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) is run by not-for-profit community development organisation Youth Challenge Australia (YCA) and has now gained funding from the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services, and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA) after pilot projects in 2007 and 2008.

Customs

IYLP brings together Indigenous youth from Australia and Vanuatu to learn about each other's cultures and customs while working on construction projects on a remote community on the island of Efat.

Indigenous volunteers will build facilities such as a school, hospital or library and participate in a custom and culture conference where they will discuss similarities of each Indigenous community, and successful initiatives for health, social and cultural programs.

YCA's Elizabeth Doran said the program allowed Indigenous Australians and Ni-Vanuatu to improve leadership skills, and by discussing successful programs to implement on their return home they could become catalysts for positive change in their own communities.

"The projects enhance leadership skills, improve vocational skills, increase potential for employment and create opportunities for Indigenous Australians to participate in the international and community development sector," she said.

The five Indigenous Australians going to Vanuatu are from Victoria and Queensland, and were chosen from more than 120 applicants. They have spent the past four months preparing for their seven-week placement.

For more information on the IYLP program, contact yca@uts.edu.au



Graduate Brian Dennison, from Armidale, who works in Sydney at the Attorney-General's Department.



Tranby graduate Leanne Williams, from Tumut, who had completed the two-year Aboriginal studies course.

Celebration at Tranby College

By MARGARET SMITH
in Sydney



SYDNEY'S Tranby Aboriginal College recently celebrated the graduation of more than 50 of its students across a range of different courses.

College Director Lindon Coombes – fresh from a recent reconciliation forum at NSW Parliament where he outlined Tranby's 51-year history – was keen to congratulate the graduates on their achievements.

He asked the students to use the knowledge and experience they had gained at the college to improve their own lives, but also those of their families and communities.

"There is a responsibility also to Tranby – at a time when we are seeking support to ensure that we continue for another 51 years at least," Mr Coombes said.

"For many of those receiving a diploma, this has meant two years of travel and being away from home for blocks, dealing with family and work commitments and undertaking the required course work."

The students graduated at various levels, from certificate II to advanced diploma, in business, governance, Aboriginal studies, national Indigenous legal advocacy, and community development.

At the earlier reconciliation



Tranby Aboriginal College Director Lindon Coombes speaking at the graduation ceremony.

forum, Mr Coombes said that since 1958 Tranby had provided educational opportunities to thousands of Indigenous people and had played a prominent role in broader Aboriginal issues such as the land rights movement and the Royal Commission into

Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

He said its students, aged from 16 to 66, came from all over the country. For some it was second-chance education after poor experiences in schools.

"For many of our students, if they're going to get back into

education, it's generally Tranby or nothing," Mr Coombes said.

After the graduation ceremony, *The Koori Mail* spoke to some of the students, including Leanne Williams, from Tumut, who had completed the two-year Aboriginal Studies course, and Brian Dennison, from Armidale, who works in Sydney at the Attorney-General's Department.

"I've had fantastic teachers who helped with the full-on essay writing that I did in Tumut," Ms Williams said.

Before coming to Tranby, Ms Williams said she was shy and had limited knowledge about Aboriginal culture. Now she knows about her ancestors, how to survive in the bush, how to pick plants and use them, and to care for country. And she wants to get more involved in her community, and to keep improving her skills.

"I'm considering doing another course to become a teacher's aide, or a UTS course to become a teacher," she said.

Ten years ago, Mr Dennison took a legal studies course at Tranby that he says changed his life. Now he's just completed the one-year governance course, which he said would help him in his work.

"I visit Aboriginal communities throughout the state to work with legal and other services," he said.

"I believe that people in community organisations can achieve a lot with the proper assistance."

Indigenous acts shine



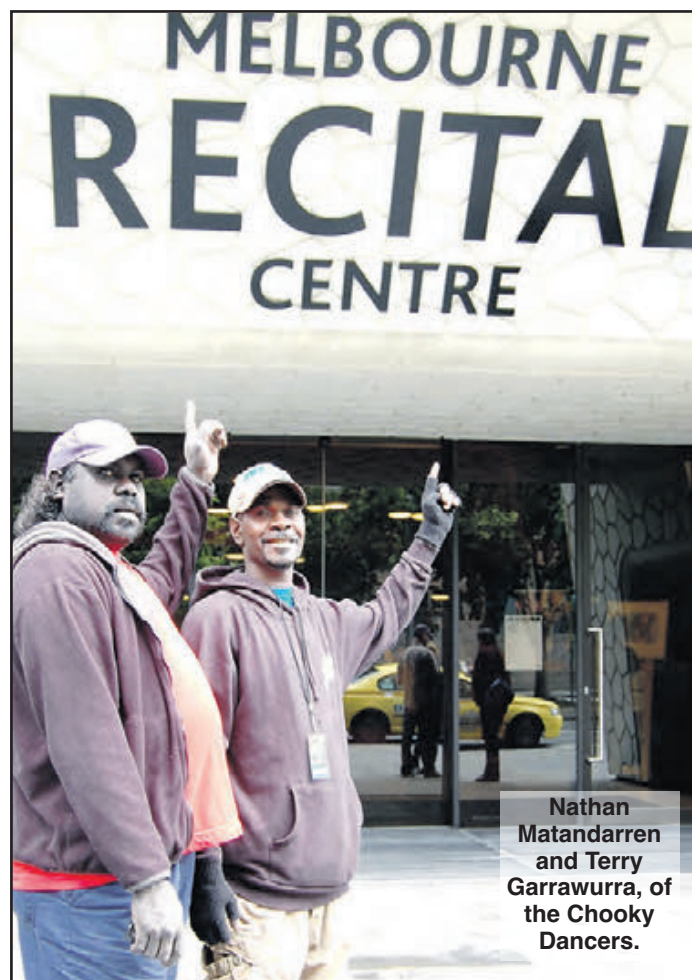
Darwin-based singer/songwriter Shellie Morris.



Nyrulla Possum, Amos Roach and Lowanna Wickham, members of Kinneman Dancing Spirits Troupe from Melbourne.



The Injinoo Dancers posing in Melbourne.



Nathan Matandarren and Terry Garrawurra, of the Chooky Dancers.



Singer/songwriter Emma Donovan out with manager Vicki Gordon and Djakapurra Munyarryun.



AWME Director Simon Raynor.



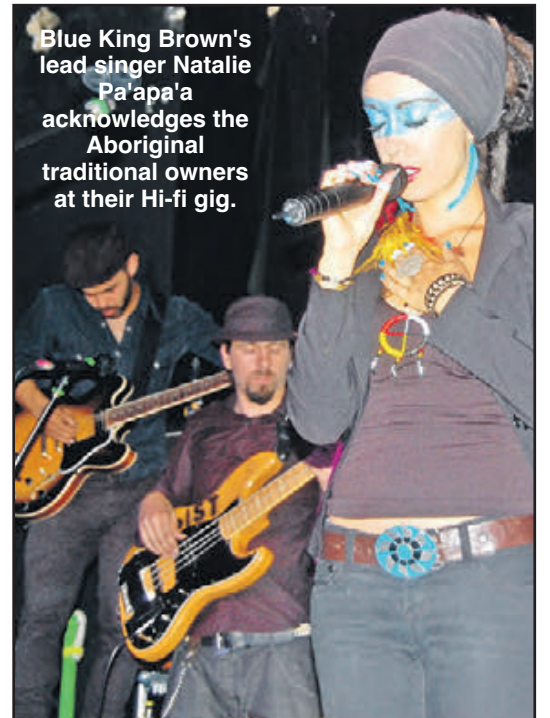
The Chooky Dancers backstage and ready to perform at the World Australasian Music Expo 2009.

at World Music Expo

The Chooky Dancers from the Northern Territory were a highlight of the AWME gig at the Hi-fi.



Blue King Brown's lead singer Natalie Pa'apa'a acknowledges the Aboriginal traditional owners at their Hi-fi gig.



Dancers and plenty more!

By KERRI-LEE HARDING
in Melbourne



AUSTRALIAN Aboriginal music and culture featured prominently during the Australasian World Music Expo (AWME)

held in Melbourne on 19-22 November to showcase Indigenous, roots and world musicians and music from countries in and around the Australia-Pacific region.

Delegates came from Vanuatu, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands and even further afield for the colourful event.

Amongst them was Sydney-based Bundjalung woman Rhoda Roberts, who wears many hats but counts amongst her current roles creative director of Sydney's New Year's Eve celebrations, former artistic director of the Dreaming Festival and programmer of the Woodford Folk Festival.

"Coming to events like this has been extraordinary," Ms Roberts told *The Koori Mail*.

"It's a fantastic platform especially for our artists to express and showcase their work but also for me because I get to meet festival directors and persuade them to book our mob for their events too.

"It's really important that this has longevity for our artists, so they have ongoing opportunities on the touring circuit and for getting an



RHODA ROBERTS

income as professional performers."

Indigenous musicians who attended the AWME as delegates included singer/songwriter Emma Donovan who, along with her manager Vicki Gordon, found the event a perfect place to promote her latest CD release – *Ngarraanga*, Shellie Morris, from the Northern Territory, and The Stiff Gins, who performed in the Salon at the Melbourne Recital Centre.

Thirty members of the Injinoo Dance Troupe travelled from their far north Queensland home and, for many, it was their first time in

Melbourne. "We've come all the way to Melbourne from the tip of Australia, where the east coast meets the west coast," said troupe member and spokesperson Bernard Charlie.

"Our dancers come from the four tribes around our area. It's the first time here (at AWME) for all of us and it has been a wild experience."

The Chooky Dancers, from Elcho Island in north-east Arnhem Land, have achieved cult status since a clip of them melding traditional Yolngu dance with *Zorba the Greek* and more modern styles was posted on YouTube. They rocked audiences at their AWME gigs, continuing to mix their traditional dance with contemporary beats.

Chooky Dancers member Lionel Dulmanawuy spoke with *The Koori Mail*. "We started dancing at the Ramingining Festival and then we put it on the Internet, and people like it," he said.

"The YouTube video has since had more than one million viewers."

Fellow Chooky Dancer Terry Garrawurra said the group's busy schedule was unlikely to slow down any time soon.

"We have been on *Australia's Got Talent* last year and next month we are off to Sydney Opera House to dance," he said.

Next year, the Chooky Dancers will again travel to Greece to perform in their inimitable style.



AWME delegate Jigzie Campbell, from Melbourne.



A young member of the Injinoo Dance Troupe performs at Southbank.

Scheme paves way for Dyann



A TOURISM WA cadet program has paved the way for Bertram woman Dyann Pigram, pictured, to take up a full-time position with the Burswood Entertainment Complex.

Ms Pigram, 22, recently combined a degree in Tourism Management and Public Relations at Perth's Curtin University with a Tourism WA Cadetship at Burswood Entertainment Complex, before being offered the role of public relations co-ordinator.

While a cadet, Ms Pigram worked in many of Burswood's corporate departments

including human resources, marketing and public relations, entertainment, finance and hotels.

Originally from Broome, Ms Pigram said it was rewarding to continue her relationship with Burswood in the transition from cadet to full-time employee.

"My long-term goal is to pursue a career in the entertainment industry, where I can apply my communications skills and passion for tourism and the arts as a public relations professional," she said.

Tourism WA's Aboriginal Employment Program has created placements for more than 120 people since its inception, and Ms

Pigram is now part of a mentoring team assisting new Aboriginal cadets and trainees.

Burswood's Damir Kucan said Tourism WA's Aboriginal employment initiative had provided access to a pool of talented young people.

"Dyann has shown herself to be a motivated, intelligent and extremely competent young woman. She also showed a commitment to learning, adaptability to change and a desire to succeed," he said.

Tourism WA cadetships are supported by the Federal Department of Employment and Workplace Relation's National Indigenous Cadetship Program.

Prison focus of NSW study



BEING sent to prison is no more effective

in reducing future re-offending than receiving a suspended sentence – and in many cases being sent to prison actually increases the risk of further offending, according to the NSW Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research.

The bureau compared a group of offenders given a suspended sentence of imprisonment with a group of offenders given a sentence of full-time jail.

The prison and suspended sentence cases were matched on a large range of factors including gender, Indigenous status, age, socio-economic disadvantage, jurisdiction, plea, offence type, offence seriousness, number of concurrent offences and number and type of prior offences.

Separate analyses were carried out for 1661 matched pairs of offenders with a prior prison sentence and 2650 matched pairs of offenders who had no prior prison sentence.

Offenders were followed up from the date of sentence (between 2002 to 2004) until their first reconviction or the end of 2008 (whichever came first).

In cases where the offender had no previous experience of jail, the bureau found no significant difference in the likelihood of re-conviction between those who received a full-time jail sentence and those who were given a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

In cases where the offender had previously been sent to prison, the bureau found offenders sent to prison were significantly more likely to re-offend than matched offenders given a suspended sentence of imprisonment.

Commenting on the findings, bureau Director Don Weatherburn said they were consistent with a growing body of evidence that imprisonment did not reduce the risk of further offending.

"This does not mean we should abandon prison as a sanction for offending," he said.

"Prison might still be justified on the grounds of general deterrence, punishment or incapacitation. Our study suggests, however, that it would be wrong to impose a prison sentence on an offender in the belief that it will deter the offender from further offending."

Tiwi mediators on right course



AN initiative instigated by the Tiwi people to better manage conflict in their community has resulted in 15 Tiwi mediators completing

the Ponki (peace in Tiwi) Mediation Workshop.

Members of the group received their certificates of completion at Nguu, Bathurst Island, last month.

North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) Chairperson Norman George said involvement and participation of Tiwi people in the workshop showed their commitment to 'support community cohesion and Tiwi cultural relationships, and their desire to manage conflict effectively and thus alleviate court imposed solutions and criminal justice contact'.

"What's more, this approach is recognised as part of the community safety plan of Nguu that nurtures more active



Tiwi Island residents who completed the Ponki Mediation Workshop with their certificates.

participation in community well-being," he said.

NAAJA mediator Helen Bishop, together with Community Justice Centre Acting Director Ippei

Okazaki and veteran Indigenous family court mediator Maureen Abbott, were responsible for the development and facilitation of the project.

"This training was significant because it enabled the Tiwi skin group system to be integrated with the Western mediation model," Ms Bishop said.

"For Tiwi, culture drives relationship and communication pathways. Western mediation attempts to process conflict arising from the break-down of these areas. Unifying these two systems makes it possible to work in a culturally safe and process-driven way with people seeking assistance."

Mr George said the Tiwi mediators hoped to be accredited under national mediation standards. He said in order to achieve this, mediators would need to have 25 hours of live experience with an accredited mediator.

"It is critical that future funding is secured to provide further resources in this preventative law field," he said.

The Federal Attorney-General's Department funded the project.



Kelvin Lampton offered a range of boomerangs at a stall.



Meker Ghee, right, at the top of the table of women at the anniversary celebrations.

Gudjuda celebrates

Story and photos by
ALF WILSON



HUNDREDS of men, women and children joined the Burdekin-based Gudjuda Reference Group Aboriginal Corporation in celebrating its recent tenth anniversary.

The *Koori Mail* was invited to the celebrations at Riverway Park in Townsville, where guests were welcomed to country by Dorothy Savage on behalf of the Bindal clan and

Arthur Johnson for the Wulgurukaba mob.

Elder Renarta Prior spoke in language and VIP guests included Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell, Member for Burdekin Rosemary Menkens and a representative of the Burdekin Shire Council.

Mayor Tyrell and Mrs Menkens were glowing in their praise of Gudjuda.

Since the reference group was established in 1999, there has been an increased level of Indigenous enterprise and cultural awareness in the Burdekin region, based on the sister cities of Ayr and Home Hill.

Celebration MC was Sam Savage,

Garth Ross performed a smoking ceremony, and Gudjuda Chairman Eddie Smallwood spoke, telling those gathered that the celebrations allowed the reference group to share local Aboriginal culture with the wider community, especially as many non-Indigenous people were there.

"This event will showcase some of our programs and some of the stalls represent Government agencies which have been our partners in some projects," he said.

Mr Smallwood thanked past and current directors for their efforts, as well as anniversary event sponsors North

Queensland Dry Tropics and Powerlink.

There were educational and cultural stalls, and children enjoyed face painting, Melville's Farm animals, the merry-go-round, and face painting.

Light rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the crowd who gathered under tents until the showers passed.

The Gudjuda Reference Group has connections with the Bindal, Juru and Ngaro clans, and its administrative area is from south of Black River near Townsville, west to Reid River, south to Mount Crompton, east to Midge Point, and outer east to the Great Barrier Reef.



From left, Jim Gaston, Desley Lampton, Mavis Blackman and Arthur Johnson at the reference group celebration in Townsville.



Tyree Huen, 10, with a silky fowl at the Melville's Farm stand.



At the face painting stand were sisters Vanessa Courtney, left, and Jamie-Lee Courtney, and Taneaka Courtney with kids behind.



MC Sam Savage speaks as, from left, Arthur Johnson, Renarta Prior, Dorothy Savage, Townsville Mayor Les Tyrell, Member for Burdekin Rosemary Menkens, Dan Mulcahy (representing Burdekin Shire Council) and Eddie Smallwood look on.

Legal plan set in place



AUSTRALIAN governments have agreed on a new framework to tackle serious Indigenous law and justice issues. The National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework was endorsed recently by Commonwealth, State and Territory governments.

Developed by the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General Indigenous Justice Working Group, the framework has been hailed as forming a comprehensive response to many issues causing Indigenous disadvantage.

Federal Attorney-General Robert McClelland and Federal Minister for Home Affairs Brendan O'Connor announced the framework on 6 November.



ROBERT MCCLELLAND

"It will form the basis of a long-term strategic approach to Indigenous law and justice issues and support work being done to 'close the gap' on Indigenous disadvantage," the ministers said.

In endorsing the framework, the governments say they have collectively affirmed their commitment to 'tackling the serious and complex issues that mark the interaction between Indigenous people and the justice system'.

The National Indigenous Law and Justice Framework will be placed online at www.ag.gov.au

Sydney rock art now on register



ROCK art in the Sydney suburb of Earlwood was last month added to the NSW State Heritage Register. The Aboriginal art, believed to be several thousand years old, is a rare surviving example of Aboriginal culture from before European contact in Sydney's Canterbury Bankstown district.

It is one of few known locations in the Sydney basin where this combination of stencil art, midden and a shelter has been found together, and one of very few sites in Australia to include foot stencils.

Also recently added to the NSW Heritage Register was Ferguson's Cottage in Coffs Harbour, which served as a refuge for Aboriginal people during the 1950s and 1960s. As the home of Nanny Ferguson and the heart of her community work, Ferguson's Cottage symbolises the birth of reconciliation and the deepening of Aboriginal-European relations in northern NSW.

The two new additions join 1500 places and items already on the State Heritage Register.

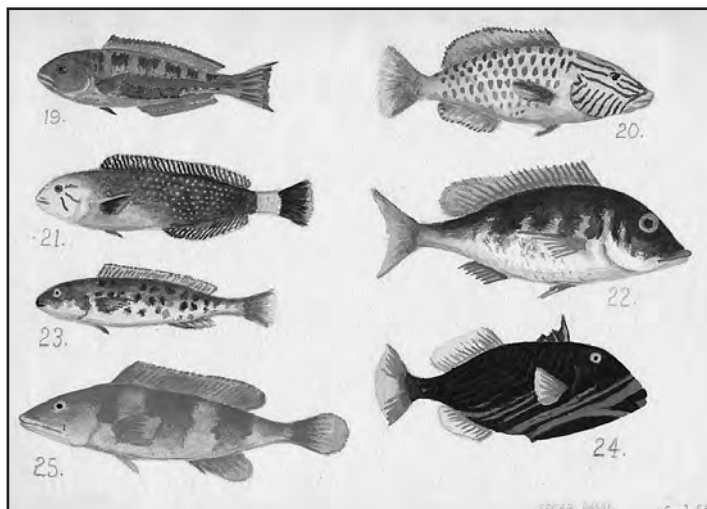


At the community launch of 'Meriba Gidhal: Torres Strait Island Treasures of the Margaret Lawrie Collection' in late October were, from left, Pormpuraaw Indigenous Knowledge Centre Co-ordinator Lillian Noah (nee Passi), exhibition co-curator Elizabeth Fa'Aoso, Queensland Governor Penelope Wensley and featured artist Segar Passi.

TSI treasures on display at library



Watercolour by Ephraim Bani from the Margaret Lawrie Collection, Amipuru from Mabuiag Island.



● Above and right: 1968 watercolours by Segar Passi from the Margaret Lawrie Collection, Fish Nos 19-25 and Torres Strait Pigeon eating the fruit of the wild plum.



A NEW exhibition at the State Library of Queensland displaying the treasures of the Margaret Lawrie Collection provides an insight into the myths and legends of Torres Strait Islander people.

Co-curator Elizabeth Fa'Aoso said many of the items in the collection reminded her of her childhood growing up in the Torres Strait. The exhibition title 'Meriba Gidhal' translates as 'Our Stories' and most of the featured items were created by Torres Strait Islanders who worked with Margaret Lawrie during her research trips to the islands.

"She went up to the Torres Strait Islands to look at children's health issues," Ms Fa'Aoso said.

"Then she built a rapport with people, and it was actually the people who came to her and asked her to record the important part of their heritage that they feared were going to be lost."

Ms Fa'Aoso said at that time a lot of young men were leaving the islands, to work on the railways across Queensland and Western Australia.

"So there was going to be a gap there," she said.

"The population was in transit with people coming and going, and there was a risk that (the traditional knowledge) wasn't going to get passed down, because ours is an oral history."

Margaret Lawrie documented the history, languages, genealogies and cultures of the Torres Strait Islanders from 1964 to 1974 and donated her collection to the State Library.

Ms Fa'Aoso said that as a primary school girl in Bamaga she saw Margaret Lawrie arriving by boat.

She also met the Ms Lawrie when she started working at the State Library in 1998 when the by-then retired researcher would come in and do volunteer work.

"Little did I know I would be working with that lady's collection down the years," she said.

"It's a fabulous collection. It's something that Torres Strait people can come and use, and not all is lost, it's recorded."

● 'Meriba Gidhal: Torres Strait Island Treasures of the Margaret Lawrie Collection', Talbot Family Treasures Wall, Level 4, State Library of Queensland. Open daily 10am-5pm until 28 February. Entry is free.

For online information visit <http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/jol/> or <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/exhibit/online/tw/Displays/lawrie>

Competition offers \$2000 prizemoney



A TOTAL of \$2000 in prizemoney is on offer to Aboriginal artists from the NSW Central Coast and Hunter regions through the 2010 National Parks and Wildlife Service Aboriginal Art Competition.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Regional Manager Tom Bagnat said the art competition was an exciting new program which would highlight the talent of local Aboriginal

artists. "This competition is a great opportunity for artists, both young and old, to demonstrate their skills and show their work," he said.

'Connection to Country'

"We are looking forward to receiving a vibrant and diverse range of entries that address the theme of 'Connection to Country – Central Coast / Hunter'.

"It's clear that local Aboriginal people have a connection to the landscape. We

hope that this art competition will encourage artists to express this connection and allow them to share their stories."

Entries will be accepted for two categories. The open category offers a first prize of \$1000, with a second prize of \$500. The youth category (17 years and under) offers a first prize of \$300 and second prize of \$200.

Completed entry forms together with a photograph of the artwork are required by

17 February 2010. Entries will be short-listed using the photos, with those selected required to send their artwork for final judging by 8 March.

The competition is co-sponsored by National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Central Coast Hunter Range Regional Aboriginal Co-management Committee.

For further information or an entry form contact Susan Davis on Ph 4320 4233 or email central.coast@environment.nsw.gov.au



● LEFT: Canberra-based artist Danie Mellor's *Red, White and Blue, 2008*.

● RIGHT: Bundjalung (NSW) artist Garth Lena's *Echidna, 2006*.



It's a 'Menagerie'



ON the eve of the national tour of 'Menagerie: Contemporary Indigenous

Sculpture', the Australian Museum has launched a 12-month campaign to raise \$300,000 for the acquisition of 52 sculptural works by 33 Indigenous artists from across Australia.

'Menagerie' explores a contemporary Indigenous perspective on animals and their relationship to people, place and country, revealing individual stories of both maker and object.

Australian Museum trustee Alison Page said 'Menagerie' was an important Indigenous art acquisition for the Australian Museum.

"The Australian Museum is raising \$300,000 to purchase this important exhibition so that it will eventually form part of our Indigenous collection," she said.

"Many pieces in the existing collection were also collected as contemporary artworks although now they're valuable examples of the art and culture of the time and place.

"The stories around each work in the exhibition also provide a powerful context



Wik-Alkan artist (Qld) Craig Koomeeta's *Neetan (Camp Dog), 2006*.

and insight into the relationship of art, culture and community. It will be a very valuable asset to the Australian Museum collection."

'Menagerie' includes fibre works by Yvonne Koolmatrice, from South Australia; ceramics by Judith Inkamala, from the Northern Territory; wood carving by Craig Koomeeta, from Queensland;

mixed media by Canberra-based Danie Mellor and Tasmanian artist Vicki West; as well as work cast in bronze and aluminium by Dennis Nona, from the Torres Strait Islands.

Ms Page said most of the artworks would be bought from community art centres, 'sending a positive message to Indigenous artists and communities'.

'Menagerie' national tour dates 2009/2010

● Melbourne Museum, 16 December 2009 - 21 February 2010

● Queen Victoria Museum & Art Gallery, Launceston, 15 May - 27 June 2010

● Tandanya: National Aboriginal Cultural Institute, Adelaide, 23 July - 10 October 2010.



Kimberley (WA) artist Shirley Purdie's *Dumbun (the Owl), 2009*.

A Legacy of love

BY KIRSTIE PARKER



LARISSA BEHRENDT



Sol Belle, Naomi Mayers and Larissa Behrendt at the launch.



Germaine Greer launched the book.



The author's mother, Raema Behrendt.

It is probably both thrilling and nerve-wracking to be in Larissa Behrendt's orbit, given the award-winning novelist's propensity for drawing heavily on those around her for inspiration for her characters.

And the Eualeyai/Kamillaroi woman, whose day job of law professor has no doubt sharpened her powers of perception, has an eye for the things that make people interesting.

One of her friends observed recently that she gives life 150 per cent. It's an accurate appraisal, and aspects of Behrendt's very full life – family, friends, work and community – collided recently at various launches of her second novel, *Legacy*.

The date of the book's Sydney launch was significant – the third anniversary of the death of her father, activist and academic Paul Behrendt. And fitting too, given that the author describes *Legacy* as a father-daughter story and a tribute to Aboriginal political activism and activists – especially those who mobilised in the early seventies.

Some of those activists were present at the launch, adding to Behrendt's community 'cred' and the book's authenticity. And the presence of feminist icon Germaine Greer was a further testament to her 'star' pulling power.

Greer told guests that she was honoured to launch the novel, having always been impressed with Behrendt's non-fiction writing on topics like social justice and Aboriginal dispute resolution.

Publisher University of Queensland Press describes *Legacy* thus:

"Simone Harlowe is young and clever, an Aboriginal lawyer straddling two lives and two cultures while studying at Harvard. Her family life back in Sydney is defined by her complex relationship with her father, Tony, a prominent Aboriginal rights activist. As Simone juggles the challenges of a modern woman's life – career, family, friends and relationships – her father is confronting his own uncomfortable truths, as his secret double-life implodes. Can Simone accept her father for the man he is and forgive him for the man he's not?"

The Koori Mail doesn't intend to be a spoiler. Suffice to say that the themes of infidelity, racism, the way that early setbacks can have lifelong impact, courage and, ultimately, forgiveness make *Legacy* a compelling read.

And there is no doubt that it's a book that Behrendt went out on a limb to write. Some

details are, indeed, fictionalised. For example, she's at pains to point out that her father was not at the Aboriginal Tent Embassy in Canberra, which features prominently.

"I was really careful in writing the story and not giving fictional characters any credit about the work done by real people," she told *The Koori Mail*. "I felt it had to be very respectful of that."

But she conceded that the main characters – complex and imperfect – bear definite resemblance to herself, her parents, and members of their community and social circle.

Behrendt began to write the book soon after her father's death and she said her grief led her to miss work deadlines, which in turn made her depressed. Given that she likes to actually

write her thoughts rather than type them, finishing the book was both an emotionally and physically painful process.

Still, it helped her to process her grief and come to better understand her father, whom she said had affairs throughout his marriage.

"As his daughter, I really had to struggle with his womanising. I was very lucky that by the time he passed away, I had come to realise that he was a very complex man because of the hardness of his life and that gave him strength in being a good father,

if not the best husband. And that to love him was to love him for all of his strengths and weaknesses."

Behrendt said she did not show the book to members of her family until the manuscript had been formalised. But she said her mother was very supportive of her writing the book. "I think that in the end she was happy because the book acknowledges a little of all that she gave too," she said.

Ultimately, Behrendt sees the book as an expression of gratitude for the 'tenacity of that generation that demanded better conditions and had an effect on all of us today'.

"It's really because of them that my generation has the opportunities we do," she said.

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– With additional reporting by MARGARET SMITH

● Larissa Behrendt's first novel *Home* won the 2002 David Unaipon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize.



NSW film-makers get funding boost



METRO Screen is offering 14 New South Wales film-makers funding and support in 2010 through three new development initiatives –

with a minimum of four places to be reserved for Indigenous Australians.

Metro Screen's Lester Bostock Indigenous Mentorship, Multicultural Mentorship and Raw Nerve programs are now being run as First Break, an initiative that gives 11 first-time film-makers the chance to make an eight-minute short film.

Three places are reserved for Indigenous Australian film-makers and four places are reserved for those with a non-English speaking background.

First Break provides a cash budget of \$3000 for production and crew fees as well as \$1000 towards production equipment and post-production facilities, as well as training, mentoring and other support.

Meanwhile, Indigenous Breakthrough is for experienced Indigenous film-makers and will provide a cash budget of \$22,000 towards production and crew fees to make

a 20-minute short film with \$3,500 towards production equipment and post-production fees. Training mentoring and other support will also be provided.

Aboriginal Elder and media pioneer Lester Bostock is the patron of the Indigenous stream of First Break and the Indigenous Breakthrough program.

Projects can include drama, documentary, animation, experimental or cross-platform.

The Breakout initiative will provide two experienced film-makers (including

Indigenous Australians and those from a non-English speaking background) with a cash budget of \$15,000 and production equipment and post-production facilities to the value of \$1200 to create a 15-minute short film.

Applicants for the three initiatives must live in NSW, and will be selected on the quality of their idea, relevant skills and their commitment to a screen career. Applications close 2 February 2010.

Visit www.metroscreen.org.au for an application form.



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This portrait of Anthony Martin Fernando is reproduced with permission from the artist Raj Nagi. It forms part of the National Museum of Australia's exhibition *From Little Things Big Things Grow: Fighting for Indigenous Rights 1920 to 1970*. As there are no known photographs of Fernando, the artist did not include the whole face in this imagined portrait.

A long road

IN the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, museums and other institutions around the world invoked evolutionary science to collect the human remains of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, disregarding humanity, dignity and rights to stay on country, even – and perhaps especially – in death. While the attitudes that underpinned those actions have thankfully now been largely abandoned, securing the return of those remains is an often slow and frustrating process. And though Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are at the forefront of that process, getting 'our old people' back to Australia is often just another milestone in a longer journey. In this, Part Two of our three-part series on repatriation, we talk to communities that have set off down the road.

WARNING

Readers should be aware that this feature may include images and names of deceased people that may cause sadness or distress to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Care has been taken to ensure that appropriate clearances and permissions have been provided in all instances. However, *The Koori Mail* apologises for any inadvertent oversights.



Stolen Remains Politics and hope



Ashes to ashes...

Koori Mail Editor KIRSTIE PARKER continues her series on the theft of the remains of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ancestors and the ongoing campaign to repatriate them.

"I am not interested in picking up crumbs of compassion thrown from the table of someone who considers himself my master. I want the full menu of rights."

— Bishop Desmond Tutu

GROWING up on his country in the idyllic Coorong where the River Murray meets South Australia's lakes region, Tom Trevorrow often wondered why his Elders insisted on open caskets at funerals for family and community members.

Later, he came to understand that the sinister practices of grave robbing and body snatching and trafficking were routinely perpetrated against his Ngarrindjeri people.

"Every single one of our burial grounds was robbed," the long-time Ngarrindjeri Heritage Committee chairman lamented last week from his home at cultural education camp, Camp Coorong. "It was all part of a body trade."

Trevorrow is talking about the activities of a motley cast from amateur archaeologists to sheer opportunists — 'back then, a person could get up to a pound, 15 shillings or even two pounds for a good specimen'.

But he also refers to the more methodical approach taken by William Ramsay Smith, who was a physician at Adelaide Hospital and the city's coroner from 1899.

In 1903, the Scotsman was cleared of charges of mis-using human bodies but a century later there's no doubt that he used his position to supply his alma mater, the University of Edinburgh, with a steady and illicit supply of Ngarrindjeri and other



Flashback to 2004: Tom Trevorrow, centre, with Museum Victoria CEO Patrick Greene, left, and Head of Indigenous Culture Mike Green signing documents for the acceptance of the remains of 74 Ngarrindjeri people stolen from graves about 100 years ago.

AAP Image

remains — bones, skin, hair samples — for medical and scientific purposes.

"Ramsay Smith took the bodies of our people when they died in hospital or in institutions," said Trevorrow matter-of-factly.

"At the time, we believed that our people

were being buried but somehow the information got out and that's why our Elders started to demand open coffins, to make sure they weren't filled with sandbags instead."

As a young man, Trevorrow saw for himself young whitefellas driving around the area with their car dashboards adorned with Aboriginal skulls and other bones.

"I saw that in my lifetime," he said of the gruesome trophies. "And it was like a big thrill for people to have an Aboriginal skeleton or skull sitting on their mantelpiece as something to talk about when friends came visiting."

"One farmer around here had a swimming pool and he'd have bones laying around the edge of it."

"As Ngarrindjeri people, all we can think is 'what on earth made those people tick?' How could they do such things?"

It's these grim stories that propelled Trevorrow, his brother George and Ngarrindjeri countryman Major Sumner to the forefront of the campaign to see Australian and overseas museums and private collectors return Indigenous human remains and cultural objects to their originating communities.

The campaign began in the early 1980s with little or no government support. When community organisations learned of remains in particular institutions, they pooled whatever funds they could and booked flights.

Today, some still choose to negotiate directly with museums, other collecting institutions as well as private collectors. But two Federal Government programs now

operate in this important area — one domestic, the other international.

The International Repatriation Program is administered by the Australian Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA), which inherited it from the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC). The program aims to facilitate the unconditional return of Indigenous human remains held in overseas collections to their communities of origin. It does not deal with objects.

Meanwhile, the Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA) administers the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property (RICP) Program, which supports the return of both human remains and secret sacred objects from institutions within Australia.

In 2000, the Ngarrindjeri welcomed the return of 300 remains (comprising much of the 'Edinburgh Collection') from the aforementioned Edinburgh University. In 2004, they took receipt of a further 74 remains from Museum Victoria. There have been other, smaller-scale returns since then.

But such success, for want of a better word, comes at a price. The Ngarrindjeri chose to take their old people home, to country, rather than store them at any other temporary repository. Now, with close to 400 remains kept at Camp Coorong, the bodies are piling up — albeit packed and stored.

As is the frustration of Tom Trevorrow and other Ngarrindjeri about gaps in

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Our cover image

Portrait of Anthony Martin Fernando

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FOR three decades, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have demanded the return of their ancestors from overseas museums and other institutions.

But this gutsy practice of 'knocking on doors', demanding justice, has an even longer history. Anthony Martin Fernando began to do it in the late 1800s.

Fernando is believed to have been born at Woolloomooloo, Sydney, the son of an Aboriginal woman, probably of the Dharug people. His activism gained momentum after he was prevented from giving evidence against two white men he said he had witnessed murdering an Aboriginal man. Disgusted, he travelled through to Europe, working as a welder,



toymaker, jewellery-maker, trader and servant.

In 1928, standing outside London's Australia House wearing a large overcoat decorated with small, white toy skeletons, Fernando's cry was: 'This is what the Australian Government has done to my people'. He was 64-years-old at the time. The following year, Fernando was charged with drawing a revolver in response to a racial taunt. When he appeared in court, he accused

whites of murdering and ill-treating Aborigines, adding, 'I have been boycotted everywhere . . . It is tommyrot to say that we are all savages. Whites have shot, slowly starved and hanged us'.

Fernando is believed to have died in an old men's home in Essex in 1949.

Information sources: National Museum of Australia and the Australian Dictionary of Biography (Online Edition).



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Bill Harney, Charles P Mountford and five Aboriginal men (unidentified) crossing the East Alligator River during the 1948 National Geographic Smithsonian Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land, NT – Photo courtesy of the National Library of Australia.



‘It’s an absolute disgrace that they kept them...’

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government policies and funding programs which have so far prevented all but a handful of reburials ‘in the ground, on country’.

Like other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Ngarrindjeri believe the dead can’t rest unless they’re properly buried or interred, according to local custom and tradition.

So it is not too difficult to imagine the distress and frustration felt by Arnhem Land communities who are currently engaged in diplomatic combat against one of the world’s most influential collecting institutions over the return of some of their ancestors.

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington DC was a key participant in the 1948 American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land.

America’s National Geographic Society, the Australian Museum in Sydney and the Institute of Anatomy in Canberra were the Smithsonian’s collaborators in the seven-month expedition, which amassed a vast amount of anthropological and scientific material from Groote Eylandt in the Gulf of Carpentaria and the coastal communities of

Yirrkala, Gunbalanya (Oenpelli), and Mililingimbi.

Amongst the thousands of birds and fish, rocks and plant specimens collected by anthropologists, archaeologists, ornithologists, botanists and others were 241 bones believed to have been from 46 individuals, who had previously been laid to rest in a variety of settings, from tree bough shelters to caves and rock crevices.

In some cases, the expedition members took single bones but also, in the words of one campaigner – ‘armfuls of them’, and often the skulls.

During a forum hosted by the National Museum of Australia (NMA) in Canberra two weeks ago to explore the legacy of the 1948 Expedition, black-and-white photographs of the gathering of those remains were shown on screen.

Although this was done with the express permission of Aboriginal participants in the *Birds, Barks and Billabongs* Symposium, seeing the images in cinematic proportions was still confronting for many in the audience.

Some people looked away and others tsk-tsked at a photo showing one expedition member athletically passing down a long bone

extracted from a vertical rock crevice. In another, two expeditioners appeared to trawl for bones amidst plumes of dust. And in yet others, a skull was clearly visible and two intact skeletons, possibly of Macassans, nestled against each other in an exposed, shallow grave.

In July last year, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) handed back what it believed were the remains of 33 individuals to a small delegation from Groote Eylandt and Gunbalanya.

But astonishingly, it invoked an agreement struck during the expedition 61 years ago – a universe away, in terms of sensitivity towards Indigenous humanity and rights – to keep a further 13 remains.

And it was this that Groote Eylandt man Thomas Amagula and his countrymen attended the NMA’s symposium to talk about.

“What agreement? They had no agreement with my people,” Amagula, a young father-of-two, told *The Koori Mail*. “I think to (non-Aboriginal delegates at the symposium), this is a celebration. They say ‘Oh, we took that stuff 60 years ago’. But, to us, it’s not on. We’re still hurt about what they did.”

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What we know is held, and where

International

THE International Repatriation Program (IRP), administered by the Department of FaHCSIA, aims to facilitate the unconditional return of Indigenous human remains held in overseas collections to their communities of origin. It does not deal with secret-sacred objects.

More than 1000 remains have been returned to Australia under IRP since 2000.

FaHCSIA estimates that around 900 Indigenous Australian remains are currently held in overseas collections, most being in the United Kingdom (UK), Germany, France and the United States of America.

Since December 2007, the IRP has returned around 130 remains from 11 institutions (and two private collections) in six countries, including the UK, the US, the Netherlands and Austria.

Domestic

Administered by the Australian Department of Environment, Water Heritage, and the Arts (DEWHA), the Return of Indigenous Cultural Property (RICP) program facilitates return of Indigenous cultural material – both human remains and secret sacred objects – from institutions within Australia. Since 2001, 1383 ancestral remains and 1358 secret sacred objects have been returned.

Major Australian museums also hold approximately 1960 ancestral remains and 229 secret sacred objects, for which ownership has been transferred to Indigenous communities. These are held by museums at the request of Indigenous communities.

The eight major Australian museums participating in the RICP Program report that there are 7280 ancestral remains and 10,918 secret sacred objects held in their collections, of which 5790 ancestral remains and 7335 secret sacred objects are unprovenanced or poorly provenanced. However, provenancing work has resulted in 1490 ancestral remains and 3583 secret sacred objects currently held in major Australian museums being identified to community level.



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Museum unmoved

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Amagula expanded on that sentiment during a symposium session titled 'The Politics of Repatriation'.

"When I hear about the efforts and money the American Government is spending trying to find and identify the remains of their soldiers who have been lost overseas, I wonder how the Smithsonian Institution can justify its refusal to return all the remains of our ancestors who were taken without our permission," he said.

"We think this is very arrogant and would ask that this conference support us in having all our ancestors returned to their country."

Wilfred Nawirridj, from Gunbalanya, summarised thus: "It's very sad for us because the remains never sleep very well. They keep moving, just scratching up and down."

Another Elder from the same community alluded to the secret ceremonies and mortuary rituals to which the dead had been subjected. "Nobody should interfere or muck around with these bones," he said with conviction.

Some of the Arnhem Land people at the symposium believe that, quite literally, their grandmothers are amongst the remains of still back at the Smithsonian. And that some separated parts of them may have come home last year.

Calls for the Smithsonian to relinquish the outstanding remains were backed (at least informally) by others at the symposium, as well as the Head of the NMA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Repatriation Programs Dr Mike Pickering and, later, Australian Greens Senator Rachel Siewert.

Disgrace

"I think it's an absolute disgrace that (the Smithsonian) kept them," Pickering told *The Koori Mail* later that day.

"There's real hypocrisy that, under their own legislation, they have to return remains to Native Americans but they're not going to return them to anyone else ... that's just simply inappropriate."

However, *The Koori Mail* can reveal that the Smithsonian still isn't budging.

On Thursday, NMNH Director of Public Affairs Randall Kremer answered our enquiries about how the Smithsonian intended to respond to the renewed calls upon it, declaring that its Department of Anthropology had 'given serious consideration to the request'.

"Through the 2008 return of Aboriginal remains, the Smithsonian Institution honoured an agreement that it made with the Australian Government in 1947 regarding human remains that were jointly collected as part of the Australian-American Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land," Kremer wrote in an email.

"The agreement and subsequent correspondence described the agreed-upon division of the expedition collections and stated that two-thirds of the remains would be returned to Australia."

"On July 29, 2008, the remains in question were turned over to the Embassy of Australia in Washington DC with representatives of Aboriginal communities in attendance."

Kremer waxed further, 'the spirit of co-operation between the Australian



Major Sumner is at the forefront of his Ngarrindjeri people's quest to repatriate. Fellow campaigner Bob Weatherall describes the smoking ceremonies and cleansing rituals performed by Sumner as extraordinary.



National Museum of Australia Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Repatriation Programs head Mike Pickering ... "There's real hypocrisy that, under their own legislation, they have to return remains to Native Americans but they're not going to return them to anyone else ... that's just simply inappropriate." — Photo courtesy NMA



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Government and the Smithsonian in the planning and execution of this major expedition led to significant research discoveries in many areas of the natural

sciences and anthropology'.

"In the 60 years since the expedition was launched, the way that anthropological and archaeological research is conducted

has changed substantially," he wrote.

"If a similar expedition were to be launched today, the Aboriginal communities involved would be partners from the start. Their voices would be heard and any research done in their communities would only take place with their consent and partnership."

Promising?

Sounds promising? Maybe...except for the killer punch line.

"The respectful treatment of all human remains is a priority of the National Museum of Natural History," Kremer concluded.

"The Australian remains housed here are kept in a secure area and are only available to Aboriginal community members or credentialed research scientists. We believe that these remains, and all human remains, need to be cared for with the utmost respect, and endeavour to do exactly that."

This was not a response that would wash with physical anthropologist Steve Webb, whom the Anindilyakwa Land Council called in to examine the remains that did come home from Washington last year. Webb was diplomatic on one hand, telling the symposium, 'This is not a time to condemn this institution or even the people who took them, because they were doing what they thought was right at the time. They were creatures of their times'.

And then firmer: 'But we're creatures of our times too'.

"It is time that the whole anthropological community outside Australia recognises that the scientific value of these collections is zero," Webb railed, almost certainly to the discomfort of some of his academic peers.

"It's zero because if you have 16 crania from somewhere, what does that mean? It's not a sample. And when were they collected? Did these people live in post-contact circumstances?"

"...I just hope people don't look upon us and say 'They should have done something'."

US Legislation

The US legislation to which Mike Pickering referred is the *National Museum of the American Indian Act (NMAI Act) 1989*.

This legislation governs the Smithsonian's repatriation program, unlike the repatriation activities of all other federally-funded US institutions, which fall under the *Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) 1990*.

According to the Smithsonian's website, the NMAI Act and its 1996 amendment 'assert the right of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian peoples to determine the disposition of culturally affiliated human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony currently in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution'.

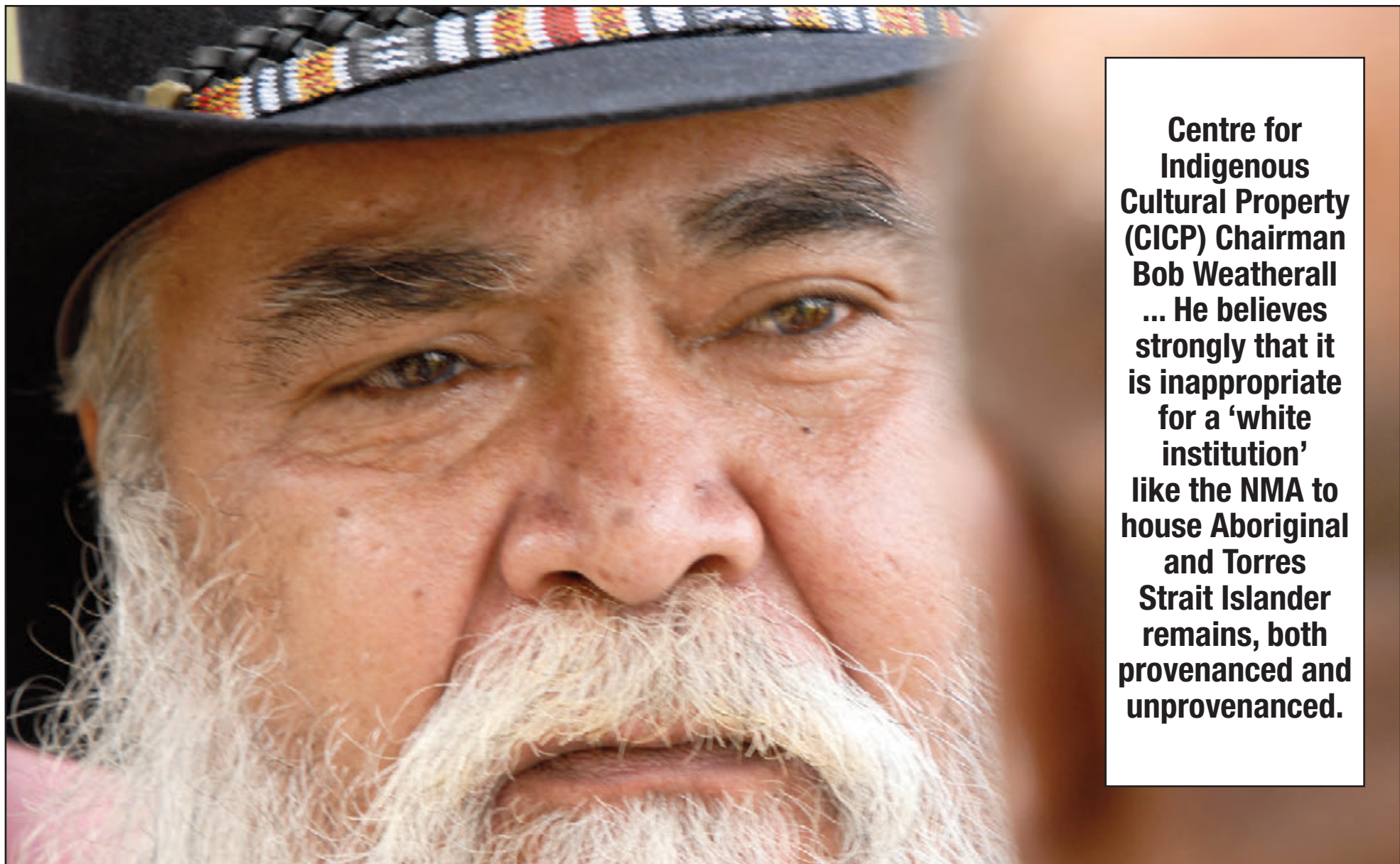
The Smithsonian's own policy also directs the institution to 'consider requests for the repatriation of the remains of Native American individuals whose identity is known, and objects acquired illegally'.

All of this is undoubtedly reassuring for Native American communities, but not

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Centre for Indigenous Cultural Property (CICP) Chairman Bob Weatherall ... He believes strongly that it is inappropriate for a 'white institution' like the NMA to house Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remains, both provenanced and unprovenanced.

We need a black keeping place

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for others beyond America's borders.

Of the 33,000-or-so sets of human remains held by the NMNH when the NMAI Act was passed 20 years ago, about 18,000 were Native American.

The human bounty of the 1948 Expedition to Arnhem Land was clearly amongst the other 15,000. And while the NMNH has now repatriated 3652 or 20 per cent of its Native American holdings – for example, 1000-plus remains returned to the people of Larsen Bay in Alaska in 1991 – the proportion of non-Native American remains that have been repatriated is undoubtedly far smaller.

This is a crucial point. Museums find it much easier legally and morally to fend off requests for repatriation that are made from afar. And, without the help of governments or private benefactors, those doing the asking usually find it financially and logistically difficult to keep up the pressure.

But despite showing some signs of fatigue, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people – including the Arnhem Landers – aren't about to give up. Both with and without government support, they're still knocking on doors of institutions throughout the world.

Museums may issue media releases about millions of fish in liquid-filled jars, plants pressed onto sheets of paper

in herbariums and the like, but they're generally more circumspect when it comes to human remains and repatriation activities.

It has been suggested that last year's hand-back of 33 Arnhem Land remains was carried out with very little fanfare – some have even said virtual secrecy – because it was felt at the Smithsonian that making more of a fuss would only encourage other communities to come asking.

And museums' reputations are only as good or impressive as their collections. This is despite the fact that many collections around the world are so vast and poorly documented that their owners will likely never know the extent of what they have, let alone ever fully research them.

Floodgates

Still, said Pickering, 'they're all afraid of this open-the-floodgates approach'.

"Now, 25 years ago, Australian museums would also have been crossing their arms and saying 'go away'," he said.

"But Australian museums have been returning remains for 20 years...the floodgates haven't opened.

"People don't come in demanding the string bag we bought last week. They're generally very content, proud even. Most people are proud to see their objects in a museum, where they're looked after and

they know they can visit any time."

There is no Australian legislation directly governing repatriation, and museums cannot be forced to return either human remains or objects. However, in 1993 the museums sector's national organisation Museums Australia developed 'Previous Possessions, New Obligations' (PPNO) – the forerunner to its current policy 'Continuous Cultures, Ongoing Responsibilities' (CCOR).

The latter recognises Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' authority over their human remains and secret and sacred items held in domestic collecting institutions, and has contributed to a general impression that Australian museums are on the right track and more progressive than their overseas peers.

This is not to say that they have not and don't continue to come under fire from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

For example, Tom Trevor said the South Australian Museum in Adelaide still holds a 'huge number' of Ngarrindjeri remains and has never really come to terms with Ngarrindjeri aspirations for them.

Having worked previously for Queensland's Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action (FAIRA) when it scoped out collections in a range of institutions, Centre for Indigenous Cultural Property (CICP)

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'There are too many remains in Australian museums'

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chairman Bob Weatherall has a better idea than most about what is held where. While the Government estimates the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander human remains overseas at about 1000, Mr Weatherall believes there could easily be ten times that amount, and that domestically the figure could be as high as 5000.

Weatherall, for one, strongly believes it is wholly inappropriate for a 'white institution' like the NMA to house Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remains – either provenanced or unprovenanced. But there are currently practical, as well as philosophical barriers, to that stance.

Suggestions that a national Indigenous keeping place be established have so far come to little. But they are expected to be progressed through a current review of the International Repatriation Program.

While Mike Pickering said he couldn't speak for any other Australian museums, he said the NMA itself had never collected human remains. Rather, it had inherited much of its holdings from its predecessor the Australian Institute of Anatomy.

"The NMA inherited these remains from its 'uncle', if you like," he said. "We have to accept responsibility but we don't and won't display them. Access is restricted; basically they're not open to researchers without community approval."

Other remains are unprovenanced – meaning that no-one knows where they came from. Many of these are held at the NMA at the request of the Australian Government, including

through the former Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

The last category of remains was those that had been provenanced to particular Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander communities that had, for one reason or another, asked the NMA to 'mind' the remains in its high-security Canberra repository until further notice.

"We get a letter from them saying 'can you please look after these remains?' and then that's it ... they go into our repository, they're boxed, labelled and put on a shelf relating to that particular group. And no-one accesses them without permission from the community," Pickering said.

That service was a very small courtesy that the NMA could extend, given some of the past actions of museums, he said.

And he expressed a personal and institutional view that,



Pictured (top) is Volume Two of *Records of the American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land*, published in 1960 by Charles Mountford, who led the 1948 Expedition. In the book, Mountford openly describes the removal of human remains from caves and other settings.

request of individual communities. It also held about 300 secret-sacred objects – again, many at the specific request of communities.

"There are a lot of bad numbers out there generally. People seem to have just plucked them out of thin air," Pickering said. "But the fact is that there are too many remains being held in Australian museums. The exact number is irrelevant; what is relevant is 'too many'."

In any event, it is overseas museums that are seen as the most rugged battlegrounds for Indigenous communities hoping to repatriate.

Some have an appearance of greater transparency, cataloguing

masse, representing larger and therefore more scientifically valuable samples.

Three years ago, the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre (TAC) was forced into the courts to stop Britain's Natural History Museum (NHM) from undertaking invasive testing of 17 Tasmanian Aboriginal skulls before their repatriation.

"They fought us tooth and nail," the TAC's legal director Michael Mansell told *The Koori Mail*. "Even during the court case, they were destroying Aboriginal remains by drilling through them, pulling teeth, removing jaw bones and treating them as the bones of animals."

"They had this attitude of 'how dare these ignorant savages from

be held in joint ownership by the museum and the TAC and housed at the (police forensic lab) in Hobart," he said. "To this day, in order to access any of those remains we have to get each other's approval."

"Of course, that suits the museum because they said 'we don't agree with Aborigines returning human remains to the earth or carrying out Aboriginal traditional cremation ceremonies'. They say 'these bones are not the dead; they can be of use to science'."

"Having extracted the DNA and gotten an order that it must be preserved, they won. We didn't."

Mansell said no overseas legislation or agreements currently offered Aborigines any real prospect of justice.

In 2000, the Australian and British Governments (then-Prime Ministers John Howard and Tony Blair) agreed to work more closely and co-operatively on repatriation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander remains.

The subsequent *British Human Tissue Act 2004* enabled British

museums to hand over such remains – if they wanted to. But it doesn't compel them to.

"The process is humiliating because they say the beliefs of Aboriginal people – that is, the need for our dead to be returned – are just one factor they'll consider along with scientific opinion and museum needs and so on," Mansell said.

"We've had to fight and crawl

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'We've had to fight and crawl to get back our dead who were grave-robbled and treated as objects'. – Michael Mansell

wherever possible, Indigenous remains should be in Indigenous hands and under Indigenous controls.

He also said that some of the numbers ascribed to the NMA's Indigenous holdings were highly inaccurate. He said, for the record, that the museum had 30 remains that it had yet to approach or liaise with communities about, 500 unprovenanced remains, and another 28 that it held at the

and making details of their holdings available to Indigenous peoples, and a few have adopted 'pro-repatriation' policies, voluntarily returning remains – Austria's Natural History Museum and Pathology Museum are recent examples (See our next edition for an insiders' view of the repatriation of remains to WA's Kimberley region).

But other institutions remain hostile, especially when remains are older or were gathered en

the bottom part of Australia come over here and challenge the heart of the British Empire?"

Eventually, after court costs had passed the half-a-million-dollar mark, the NHM agreed to hand the skulls back without further testing. But Mansell said it was a hollow or pyrrhic victory for Tasmanian Aborigines.

"The settlement said the 17 remains had to be returned to Australia, along with the DNA that had been extracted, but it was to



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to get back our dead who were grave-robbled and treated as objects.

"What's really needed is new legislation in Britain so that Aboriginal people don't have to grovel and beg for our remains. The legislation should simply say that all Aboriginal remains have got to be returned.

"That can only happen if (Prime Minister Kevin) Rudd gets involved, but at the moment he's totally indifferent."

Mansell was also cynical about whether any good would come out of a repatriation agreement signed in July by Mr Rudd and his Italian counterpart Silvio Berlusconi.

Repatriation prospects are considered bleaker still in places like France. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander repatriation campaigners have watched keenly the case of a mummified, tattooed head of a Maori warrior, which a Normandy museum had hoped to return to New Zealand in 2007.

However, France's Ministry of Culture stepped in, declaring the head a work of art that belonged to France and that its return would set an unfortunate precedent that would threaten other museum collections and damage the national cultural estate. That case is ongoing.

In May, George Trevorrow and Major Sumner persuaded a formerly reluctant Brighton Council in Britain to hand over a rare Ngarrindjeri skull from the

1800s, which had been turned into a water carrier. Only one other such skull is known to exist.

The modification of the skull by Ngarrindjeri people themselves fuelled an argument that it no longer constituted human remains but was an object.

"We had to explain to them that they were totally wrong. We had to reveal our cultural beliefs," said Tom Trevorrow.

"The skull might have been kept and used as a water vessel but only by family members of that person.

"No-one else could have or touch it. It was a sacred item – not something used every day – and when the person who had it in their possession was finished with it, they would take it back and place it with the rest of the body."

Trevorrow said the Brits begged his people not to re-bury the skull.

"They said 'you don't know the value of these skulls to future generations'. They asked how we knew that our children wouldn't grow up to be scientists and want to study them. George just said 'Our kids wouldn't do that. We'll



The Natural History Museum in London

be taking them home and burying them back in Ngarrindjeri country."

As well as the shock and distress that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people inevitably feel when they learn their ancestors have been desecrated and stolen, repatriation can create a host of moral and spiritual quandaries. For many, it is just the start of the journey.

In the absence of adequate records kept at the time remains were removed, or what many Indigenous communities regard as invasive DNA testing, provenancing can only go so far. And the prospects of returning people to the most appropriate site on their country slide.

And, even if communities can identify the individuals whose remains have been returned, it can be tricky to determine what ceremony is appropriate for reburial, as opposed to burial. In some cases they must come up with something entirely new – an unsettling prospect for people of such ancient traditions.

If the deceased has already been through particular rituals, what are the implications if those rituals are repeated? Are they still

effective or are they somehow corrupted or tainted? Could they endanger the spirits of the dead and those trying to honour and farewell them?

What if, during the intervening period of colonisation, certain cultural practices have been lost? As well as grief, some communities have expressed guilt and even fear.

"That we haven't been able to rebury our old people creates a serious problem," says Tom Trevorrow.

"There's a real cultural rippling effect. Our old people are supposed to be in the ground; they've had their ceremony and their funeral and now they've been disrupted.

"In our traditional beliefs you can't do that, so just having them sitting here at Camp Coorong rather than in their right final resting place is having a negative impact on the Ngarrindjeri."

And the reburial of nearly 400 remains means a lot of planning, ceremonies, travel and money. It is unlikely that every remain at Camp Coorong would be reburied separately. If they were, however, the bill – calculated at \$3000, the cheapest going rate for most Western-style funerals – would be close to a million dollars. And no-one is even close to agreeing to fund that.

Then there's the issue of land tenure and having to negotiate with national parks, private landholders, local councils and other stakeholders.

"That's very complicated and it's why we've been calling on the State Government to help us work this out," said Trevorrow. "How do we return our ancestors to country when that country is being used for different purposes?"

Bob Weatherall agrees that repatriation is a kinship obligation that can take a heavy toll.

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Battles fought on many fronts

THOUSANDS of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women have fought for Australia, from the Boer War onwards. While things were often different upon their return to Australia, on the battlegrounds they and their non-Indigenous comrades were all mates.

It is understood that at least one Aboriginal soldier could be amongst 420 World War I Australian and British troops, whose remains were discovered last year in a mass grave at the Pheasant Wood site of the Fromelles battlefield in northern France.

The Australian, British and French Governments worked together on the exhumation of the diggers, and DNA testing and other identification will begin next March. Once this is completed, the diggers will be reburied in a purpose-built

memorial cemetery on the other side of Fromelles.

"Every Australian who has lost their life in service of our country must be treated, should be treated, with absolute respect," said Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in July this year.

It's a sentiment heartily applauded and shared by many of the people *The Koori Mail* spoke with in the course of researching this feature. And one many would also respectfully like to see extended to those they regard as the 'unknown soldiers' held in museums and collecting institutions around the world – through the establishment of a national Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander keeping place.

That is, somewhere for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people whose remains will never be provenanced and can therefore never be taken all



Signage outside the memorial cemetery being built at Fromelles in northern France for the remains of Australian and British World I troops

the way home. "Museums are our battlefields too," one interview subject declared. And another, of the recent return of

the remains of two Vietnam Veterans: "And rightfully so. That's how they should treat everybody. These are the rights

of the dead and everybody has to treat them with maximum dignity and respect, no matter who they are."



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Promising start to Torres Strait talks

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Kimberley lawman) David Mowaljarli and Michael Mansell did when we went to London the first time, was we gave our word to the old people that we would come back and take them home," he said.

"But we can't do that because these bastards (governments) won't give us the money we need.

"If we don't fulfil customary obligations, that regret will stay with us forever and we shouldn't expect to be welcomed by the ancestors when it's our turn to go."

When Steve Webb examined the remains that came back from the Smithsonian last year, both he and the Anindilyakwa Land Council were surprised to find that the 33 individuals supposedly logged by the Americans were actually 76 individuals.

The difference could be explained by the way that different institutions count remains, with some counting each single bone as a separate remain. But Webb believes it could say something about the skills, or otherwise, within some overseas institutions. And it serves to illustrate why estimates of the number of Indigenous Australian remains in museums anywhere overseas are so rubbery.

Thomas Amagula said the Smithsonian sent the remains back to Australia without any records.

"But we know some things from our own experiences," he said. "One old fella came to my office a little while ago and said 'I went to visit my grandmother in a cave and she's missing'. And we thought straight away, 'the 1948 expedition has taken people away from that country'.

"They only have one skull or cranium of an old lady and that could be her. It's only one head, though, so we're looking for the rest of her body. It could be still there, we don't know. It has been disturbed by the scientists, when they should have left it alone."

Given such uncertainty around the remains, Elders are asking 'How can we bury these if we'll only have to disrupt them again when the others come home too?'

Whereas people were usually buried individually, the perception that the Arnhem Land remains had effectively comforted and kept each other company for more than 60 years in an alien place now has the community considering burying at least some of them together.

One thousand kilometres east from Arnhem Land and communities in the Torres Strait are hoping that they'll soon be able to take custody of the remains of around 250 of their ancestors.

The remains come from several institutions including the Cambridge University Museum of Archaeology and



Anthropology, the University of Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum, and the NHM in London. Of the 250 remains under negotiation, about 172 are believed to be from the latter.

Cambridge University, however, houses the famous Haddon Collection, one of the

conducted himself in a reasonably ethical way, compared to others of his discipline.

Ned David, a member of the Torres Strait Repatriation Working Party, said it appeared that Haddon actually obtained consent to remove some remains from the islands.

If this is true, it would have been unusual for Indigenous people. However, David said that some of the remains in question were likely those of Papua New Guinean and other foes killed in conflict against Torres Strait Islander warriors.

In terms of other remains proven to be from the Torres Strait, he believes islanders may have believed Haddon was simply 'borrowing' them; that it

was a strictly temporary arrangement and it would not be more than a century before they got their old people back.

"There may have been consent but I don't believe for a minute that people would have consented to the removal of their remains forever," he said.

Communities were excited about the impending returns and 'keen to give our ancestors a decent (permanent) burial'.

"When we were made aware of these remains and where they were, it certainly got us thinking 'while it is on our watch, we want to do the right thing by our ancestors and put them to rest'.

"While spirits are away from country, they're wandering lost in a foreign land.

"We're just finishing the job that should have been done quite some time ago," David said, adding that any reburials would likely be heavily influenced by Christianity, which was well established throughout the region.

But he said that until Torres Strait Islander communities were in a position to actually rebury their dead, the remains would go to the NMA in Canberra for safekeeping.



NED DAVID

'While it is on our watch we want to do the right thing'

largest collections of Torres Strait Islander historical material culture in the world.

The collection is named after anthropologist A C Haddon who led a team of researchers from Cambridge University through the Torres Strait in 1898.

Haddon is generally believed to have

Our header photographs

Pictured in our header is Ngarrindjeri man Major Sumner during a 2003 ceremony to mark the return of Aboriginal remains from Britain. Photo by AAP.

Also shown is an image from the 1948 American-Australian Scientific Expedition to Arnhem Land. Photo: Frank M Setzler. Courtesy of the National Library of Australia (ref nla.pic-an24297992).

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2009 Parliament of NSW Aboriginal Art Prize Tour. The tour will display 49 works by 35 individual artists that were selected as finalists and will be on display in this exhibition. All welcome. Details: (02) 4645 4100 or Liz on (0410) 181 719 or email artscentre@campbelltown.nsw.gov.au or visit www.campbelltown.nsw.gov.au

Tour dates as follows:

- 4 December 09-17 January 2010 held at Albany Art Gallery & Library Museum
- 28 January-28 March 2010 held at Port Macquarie Hastings Regional Gallery
- 2 April-16 May held at Gosford Regional Gallery
- 22 May-26 June held at Northern Rivers Community Gallery
- 2 July-6 August held at Coo-ee Heritage Centre Gilgandra
- 13 August-26 September held at Rockhampton Art Gallery Queensland

Archie Roach tour. *Music Deli Presents Archie Roach – 1988 Special Guest Ruby Hunter* with support from Dave Arden. Twenty-one years later, Archie launches his new album *Music Deli Presents Archie Roach – 1988* with a series of shows. Tickets \$25-\$35 per person. Details on dates, venues and times below:

- 2-3 December at Clarendon Guesthouse, 68 Lurline St, Katoomba, from 8pm onwards. Contact: (02) 4782 1322 or visit www.clarendonguesthouse.com.au
- 4 December at Heritage Hotel, 240 Princes Highway, Bulli, from 6pm onwards. Contact: (02) 4284 5884 or visit www.heritagehotel.com.au
- 5 December at Notes, 73-75 Enmore Rd, Newtown, from 7 pm onwards. Contact: 1300 762 545 or visit www.noteslive.net.au
- 17 December at Byron Community & Cultural Centre, 69 Jonson St, Byron Bay, from 7.30pm onwards. Contact: (02) 66 856807.
- 21 December at Bellingen Memorial Hall, Hyde St, Bellingen, from 7pm onwards. Contact: (02) 6655 1522 or visit www.waterfallway.com
- 18 December at Performance Space, Judith Wright Centre, 420 Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, from 7pm onwards. Contact: (07) 3872 9000 or visit www.judithwrightcentre.com
- 19 December at Joes Waterhole, Memorial Drive, Eumundi, from 7.30pm onwards. Contact: (07) 5442 8144.

Until 2 December: National Indigenous Natural Resource Management Forum. The forum is a unique program which seeks to critically explore some of the challenges facing Indigenous NRM in an open and interactive format. All welcome. Held at the Rydges World Square, Sydney, NSW. Details: (02) 9437 1311 or email info@liquidlearning.com.au or visit www.liquidlearning.com.au

Until 3 December: Second National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family and Community Strengths Conference. The conference will have Indigenous people from New Zealand, Canada and the USA joining Indigenous people from Australia to share their strong stories. All welcome. Held at the University of Newcastle, Callaghan Campus, Newcastle, NSW. Details: (02) 4921 6403 or email FAC-Events@newcastle.edu.au or visit www.newcastle.edu.au/research-centre/fac/conferences

Until 6 December: Mandy Martin and Mangkaja Artists painting Fitzroy River Valley Country 2007-2009. This exhibition is concurrent with Mandy Martin Wanderers in the desert of the real 2009 at 35 Derby St, Collingwood, Vic. All welcome. Held at the Australian Galleries, 50 Smith St, Collingwood, Vic. Details: (03) 9417 0800 or (03) 9417 4303 or email enquiries@australiangalleries.com.au or visit www.australiangalleries.com.au

Until 8 December: Freedom Street Artists Art Exhibition. This is a special exhibition of artwork created by a group of homeless artists

Exhibition traces Yolngu traditions

A NEW exhibition uses the Makarr-garma – a traditional Yolngu welcoming ceremony – to take visitors into the heart of Yolngu country.

Makarr-garma: Aboriginal Collections From a Yolngu Perspective is at the University of Sydney's Macleay Museum. It takes visitors through the Yolngu day from dawn to dusk and features photography, art, natural history specimens and objects showing technological skill – such as a large hand-woven pandanus sail collected by anthropologists in the 1920s.

Artworks of many famous Yolngu painters and intricately woven baskets with unique designs representing the stories of individual Yolngu clans will also be on show.

Makarr-garma also features historical photographs of Yolngu land and people from the University of Sydney archives that Yolngu Elder, musician and guest curator Dr Joseph Neparna Gumbula has spent the past three years researching.

His meticulous research means that many of the 'nameless' individuals in these photographs have now been identified, along with places and historically important moments.

According to Dr Gumbula, *Makarr-garma* not only provides the wider community with insights into Yolngu culture, but will help preserve it.

"The pictures and the stories are telling something very important for Yolngu people," he said. "Something that will benefit a new generation."



Maratja Brown, 9, being painted by Gali Gurrwiwi with designs given by the Gälpu clan for his initiation at Galiwin'ku on Elcho Island, Arnhem Land, NT. Photo: Yasunori Hayashi 2008

● *Makarr-garma: Aboriginal Collections From a Yolngu Perspective* continues until Sun 15 May, 2010 at the Macleay Museum, Gosper Lane, off Science Road, with opening hours Mon to Fri, 10am to 4.30pm, Sun noon to 4pm. Closed from 19 December, re-opening January, 2010. Cost is free. See www.usyd.edu.au/museums for more.



Preparations for Yolngu ceremonial exchange and boys' initiation ceremony, Mainoru, central-west Arnhem Land. Photo: attributed to AP Elkin, between 1949-1956. Reproduced with the permission of University of Sydney, Macleay Museum (HP99.1.Plate 1966)

in Townsville. All welcome. Held at the Umbrella Studio, 482 Flinders St, Townsville, Qld. Details: (07) 4772 7109 or visit www.unbrella.org.au

Until 13 December: Clarence Valley Indigenous Art Award. Featuring works from artists living within the Yaegl, Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung areas. All welcome. Held at the Grafton Regional Gallery, 158 Fitzroy St, Grafton, NSW. Details: (02) 6642 3177 or email

gallery@clarence.nsw.gov.au or visit www.graftongallery.nsw.gov.au

Until 19 December: Warmun Art – Warnarran Gelengen – *Old Times New Times* Art Exhibition. Featuring richly textured ochre painting by established and emerging artists. All welcome. Held at Hogarth Galleries, 7 Walker Lane, Paddington, NSW. Details: (02) 9360 6839 or visit www.aboriginalartcentres.com.au

Until 20 December: ANU Indigenous Art Collection. This exhibition is a selection from the ANU's now extensive collection of sculptures and paintings, including bark paintings and prints. Free and all welcome. Held at the Drill Hall Gallery, ANU, off Barry Drive, Acton, ACT. Details: (02) 6125 5832 or email dhg@anu.edu.au

Until 20 December: Australian Contemporary Indigenous Art 2009 Exhibition. This exhibition of paintings will feature works by Australian Indigenous artists. Artists include Emily Kngwarreye, Barbara Weir, Yinarupa Nangala, Elizabeth Nyumi, Naata Nungurrayi, Gloria and Kathleen Petyarre, Ngoia Pollard, George Hairbrush Tjungurrayi, Dorothy Napangardi, Judy Watson Napangardi and many more. All welcome. Held at Wentworth Galleries, 17 Blich Street, Sydney. Details: Maria or Veronica on (02) 9223 1700 or email art@wentworthgalleries.com.au or visit www.wentworthgalleries.com.au

Until 24 December: Papunya Tjupi Art Exhibition. This wonderful collection of paintings recognises the superb talents of the centre's many artists, and the dedication of the staff. All welcome. Held at the Honey Ant Gallery, 143 St Johns Road, Sydney. Details: (02) 8084 9113 or email sydney@honeyantgallery.com or visit www.honeyantgallery.com

Until 31 December: Central Art Exhibition *Lotus Lilies*, by Harold Thomas. Harold is famous for designing the Aboriginal flag in 1971. This is an online exhibition. Details: Sabine Haider on (08) 8952 1711 or visit www.aboriginalartstore.com.au

Until 10 January 2010: Men's Business - Recognising the contribution of male artists as mentors. This is an exhibition for men, a vessel to give them a voice that is loud and clear and shares their experiences of being proud Indigenous men. Their interpretation of land, culture, and Aboriginal spirituality is captured in every work. Opening by Albert Digby Moran and a welcome to country by Aunty Bertha Kapeen. All welcome. Held at Northern Rivers Community Gallery, 44 Cherry Street, Ballina. Details: (02) 6681 6167 or email nrcgallery@ballina.nsw.gov.au

Until 14 February 2010: *Paperskin*: Barkcloth across the Pacific Art Exhibition. *Paperskin* celebrates this visual sophistication and vitality, displaying examples dating from the 18th Century to the present. All welcome. Held at the Queensland Art Gallery, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/paperskin

Until 2 May 2010: ReCoil: Change and Exchange in Coiled Fibre Art. This exhibition features a unique collection of innovative and contemporary forms from fibre artists' across Australia. Showcasing the work of 12 Indigenous and three non-Indigenous artists who have worked with their Aboriginal peers. All welcome. Held at the Museum and Art Gallery, NT. Details: (08) 8999 8219 or (0427) 015 790 or visit www.magnnt.gov.au

3 December: Third Indigenous Graduation Ceremony. Recognising and acknowledging the achievements of Indigenous students throughout the Cherbourg region. All welcome. Held at Murgon State High School, Cherbourg, Qld. Details: Sharon French on (0409) 684 604 or (07) 4169 9222.

3-24 December: Artitja – The Gift Collection. There will be jewellery, books, art cushion covers, sculptures, skin care, cards, Indigenous art and heaps more. All welcome. Held at Earlywork, 330 South Terrace, South Fremantle, from 10am-6pm daily. Details: (08) 9336 7787 or (0418) 900 954 or email info@artitja.com or visit www.artitja.com.au

4-5 December: Q150 Film Festival Program. Short film screenings of *Aunty Maggie and Womba Wakgun* and *48 Shades, Nims Island, Happy Feet* and more. All welcome. Held at New Farm Park, Brisbane from 6.30pm onwards. Details: (07) 324 73995 or email q150@premiers.qld.gov.au or visit www.q150.qld.gov.au

Our young get ready

By BRITTA LYSTER



ABORIGINAL and Torres Strait Islander youngsters from the NSW Central

Coast preparing to make the transition to 'big school' in the New Year will get a helping hand through a new program.

'Young Black and Ready for School', run by the Benevolent Society, aims to forge links between local schools, children and families by providing information and support around what to expect at school and ensuring the children are healthy and ready when it comes to their first day at school.

The program incorporates community health screening days where the children are assessed for general health including hearing, dental, speech, vision and immunisation and which gives Aboriginal families a chance to meet with other families in their local areas.

'Transition'

"The community health days are a wonderful event as they bring the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families together and makes the transition to kindy a little less stressful," Benevolent Society Central Coast community programs manager Deb Tipper said.

"It also raises awareness about education and how important it is for families to be involved with the school community."

The program began in 2006 and has gone from strength to strength. It employs two



A health screening day being run as part of the Young Black and Ready for School Program and, left, Jonah Leota participating in the Young Black and Ready For School Program.

community workers, Cassa Hinton and Alison Preece, who liaise with local Aboriginal families who have children starting in primary school the following year.

All children participating in the program receive a Ready for School goodies pack including a

backpack, drink bottle, lunch box and school hat. Parents receive a pack containing information and hints about their little ones starting school.

Ms Hinton said she found it rewarding to be involved. "I love being a community

worker and getting amongst the Aboriginal families – meeting them and getting them up to the school, meeting the teachers and seeing them interact, and knowing that these children are going to have a healthy start to kindy and hopefully parents are

going to get more involved," she said.

Anyone wanting to register and become involved in the Young Black and Ready for School program can contact the Benevolent Society on phone (02) 4353 4688.

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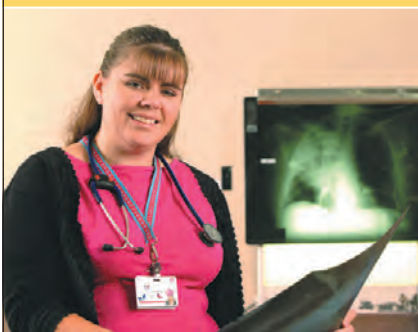
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Darkinyung placemats offer 'solid foundation'

TWO THOUSAND placemats in the Darkinyung language of the NSW Central Coast have been issued to local school-aged children and their families as part of a literacy and numeracy project launched by the Benevolent Society.

The project is part of the Young Black and Ready for School Program (see separate story above) and has seen colourful placemats featuring artwork by local Aboriginal artist Kevin Duncan, as well as games and words in the local Darkinyung language, distributed free to local pre-schools, child-care centres, playgroups and schools.

The placemats are intended to make meal times a fun and interactive learning experience, encouraging both the children and their families to learn basic Darkinyung words and their

meanings. It is hoped the placemats, featuring numbers, body parts, shapes and counting, will form a solid foundation for the kids in the local Darkinyung language.



Cassa Hinton and Alison Preece with one of the Darkinyung placemats.

"Everyday observations, songs, conversations and counting games are vital to developing children's literacy and numeracy skills," Benevolent Society official

Deb Tipper told *The Koori Mail*.

The project was made possible by the development and recent launch of the Darkinyung grammar and reference book and, combined with photos of local people, gives the resources a real local flavour.

The placemats were launched last month by Darkinyung Local Aboriginal Land Council Chairperson Bronwyn Chambers at an event featuring performances by the Kanwal School Koori Choir.

"Aboriginal children were seen to be starting school without some of the basic skills that other children had," Ms Tipper said.

"We really wanted to try and do something to address that problem but also something that was fun and something that would be educational and help families interact together."

Principals at summit



THE profile of Indigenous school principals continued to grow, with representatives of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Principals Association (NATSIPA) attending a national forum in Canberra last month.

NATSIPA delegates were invited to Canberra by Education Minister Julia Gillard to participate in the National Conversation With Principals. The two-day forum discussed ways in which principals could be assisted in lifting educational outcomes for all students.

Recognition

David Callow, principal of Nulsen Primary School in Western Australia and NATSIPA Chairman, said that being asked to attend the event was recognition of NATSIPA's role as a key stakeholder.

"The fact that we were invited shows that NATSIPA has a recognised identity as a principals association," Mr Callow said.

"We were able to have an Indigenous leaders' voice into the Federal Government agenda. This is significant because in the past we have not had the Indigenous principals' voice at the Federal level in education."

Closing the Gap was a major topic of discussion in

Canberra, along with such diverse areas as the national curriculum, assessment and reporting agenda; bullying, student health and well-being; and the digital revolution.

NATSIPA executive member Dyonne Anderson told the 150 forum delegates of progress at Cabbage Tree Island Public School, in northern New South Wales.

Ms Anderson also presented Ms Gillard with a CD titled *Young Black & Deadly*, a compilation of songs written and performed by Cabbage Tree Island students.

"It was good for the profile of our group," Mr Callow said.

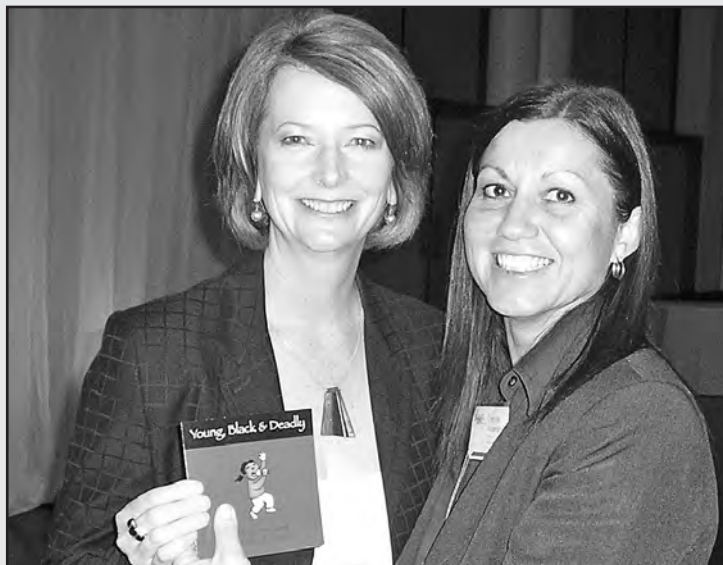
"We were also able to develop our association's networks across the different states, linking in to other areas of Australia. We would not have been there if Indigenous education was not seen as a priority.

"As a group, we continue to receive support from Dare to Lead. Another of our executive members, Shane Cumming, Principal West Northam Primary School, has been representing NATSIPA at the Australian Primary Principals Association executive meeting as NATSIPA continues to develop relationships and networks with other peak organisations.

"We are continuing to build our membership base, and developing our constitution and business plan to ensure the sustainability of the association."



● ABOVE: NATSIPA delegates in Parliament House (left to right) Gary Fry (NT), Debbie Cottier (Vic), Shane Cumming (WA), Lisa Muir (NSW), David Callow (WA), Dyonne Anderson (NSW), Judith Ketchell (Torres Strait) and Roxanne Ware (SA).



● LEFT: Dyonne Anderson presents a CD to Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

Children learning Gumbaingirr language



● ABOVE: Year 8 and 9 students in their language group. Language teacher Tyson Ferguson, Tristan Murden, Molly Tomkins, Shannan Orcher, Aunty Pauline Hooler, Danniell Starkey and Toni Pitman.

● LEFT: Language teacher Tyson Ferguson and Year 9 student Hayley Freer.

● RIGHT: Year 12 Student Patrick Brown chats with Aunty Marg Lardner.



AN Aboriginal language program is helping to

increase attendance rates and instill a sense of pride amongst Indigenous high school students at Woolgoolga, on the NSW north coast.

The Muurrbay Language and Cultural Centre has taken a leading role in facilitating Gumbaingirr language classes, bringing in local Elders and cultural teachers to engage the students in the learning process.

Talks by Elders

The program has been running since third term of this year and has included talks by Aunty Angela Brown, Aunty Pauline Hooler and Tyson Ferguson teaching the Gumbaingirr language and hoping to build trust and encourage the students' interest in Indigenous culture.

The classes are run on a weekly basis in groups in the primary and secondary

schools – Grade Two and a combined Grade Seven and Grade Eight class.

Woolgoolga High School Aboriginal education worker Jo Hine said the students had not only picked up the language well, but were enjoying the lessons.

"We have already started noticing a positive impact on the attendance rates for our Indigenous high school students. It's been a really positive program and something the students have committed themselves to," Ms Hine said.

"We're hoping to have ongoing funding to be able to continue the work we have started."

Woolgoolga teacher Megan Hart said the program had become a valued part of the curriculum.

"The kids are extremely settled and it's brought a real sense of belonging and connection to the community they wouldn't have otherwise got from a subject like French, it's a really important thing," she said.

Donate organs plea



KIDNEY transplant recipient Jimmy Little was just one of the guests at the launch of an

Indigenous poster campaign promoting organ donation which was held in conjunction with NACCHO's annual meeting in Darwin last month.

There are a large number of Indigenous people waiting for transplants, and the poster campaign, which is being spearheaded by Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation Organ and Tissue Donation Initiative, is aimed at increasing their chances of getting one.

The AFL Players Association Indigenous All Stars team has thrown its support behind the initiative, with players such as Andrew McLeod, Adam Goodes and Aaron Davey and Indigenous ambassador Jarrod Harbrow allowing their images to be part of the national campaign.

Foundation

Zaidee's Rainbow Foundation was set up by the family of Zaidee Turner, who died suddenly on 2 December 2004 when she suffered a burst blood vessel in her brain.

At the age of seven, Zaidee became the only person under 16 years of age in Victoria to donate her organs and tissues, and only one of six nation-wide to donate in the year of her death.

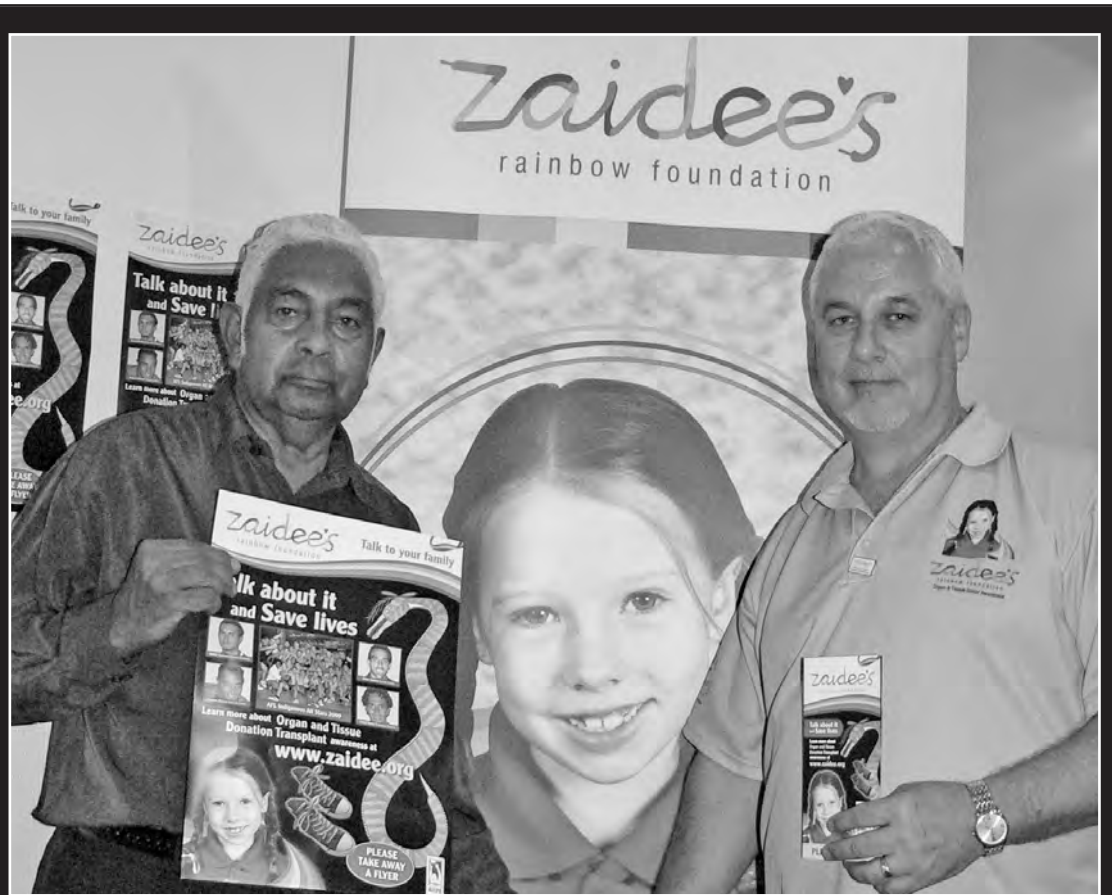
Zaidee's father Allan Turner said that with 130,000



SA National Football League legend Michael Graham, now of Kormilda College, Darwin.



NACCHO CEO Dea Delaney Thiele.



Jimmy Little and Allan Turner, Zaidee's dad.

Photos courtesy of NACCHO

Australians dying last year, and only 259 donating their organs, they wanted people to think about the significance of organ donation.

"Each year, there are around 2000 people in Australia waiting for an organ transplant and

many suffer and die needlessly each year due to a shortage of organ and tissue donors," he said.

"By encouraging parents to speak to their children about organ and tissue donation, we hope that those family members

currently on the transplant waiting list will have a better chance of receiving their transplant in time."

Indigenous program manager of the AFL Players' Association Cory McGrath said they were delighted to be involved in such

a wonderful project.

"This special program has already helped to save lives and the AFLPA Indigenous All Stars team hopes that even more lives will be saved via this very worthwhile and needy cause," he said.

200-plus at peak health body meeting



MORE than 200 health workers and other community representatives attended the 2009 annual meeting of the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO) in Darwin last month.

With 145 Aboriginal community-controlled health services across urban, regional and remote Australia represented, it was the biggest national gathering of Aboriginal people involved in community health.

The meeting was addressed by Federal Indigenous Health Minister Warren Snowdon, who later launched 'Pathway to Community Control', a new co-operative framework between community-controlled health services and the Federal and Northern Territory governments.

NACCHO members also elected Victorian Indigenous health administrator Justin Mohamed as the organisation's chairman, received reports from State and Territory affiliates, and discussed a range of issues, including progress with the Close the Gap campaign, improving the COAG Aboriginal health initiatives, workforce initiatives and improving access to medicines.

● **ABOVE LEFT:** NACCHO's newly-elected chairman Justin Mohamed.

● **ABOVE:** Victorian Aboriginal Health Service CEO Rod Jackson, NACCHO chairman Justin Mohamed and NACCHO board Victorian member Lyn McInnes during the NACCHO annual meeting.

● **RIGHT:** Associate Professor Cindy Shannon, from the new Institute for Urban Indigenous Health in Brisbane.

● **LEFT:** There was time for socialising at the end of daily deliberations. Seen here in high spirits are the NSW 'Koorioki' Cup winners.



Defying the trend

Diabetes, obesity held in check in Kimberley's Looma community



THE Looma Aboriginal community in Western Australia's Kimberley region is defying national trends relating to the incidence of diabetes and obesity, according to an interim report released last week.

The report, which documents progress with the community-based 'Roadmap Towards Better Health' program, was based on the results of a health assessment of Looma residents in August this year.

The program is a diabetes management and care initiative that provides regular health assessments such as eye checks and ante-natal education.

A joint initiative between the WA Country Health Service (WACHS), the Unity of First People of Australia (UFGA) and Caritas Australia, the 'Roadmap' program promotes healthy behaviours and lifestyle choices among Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

Bucking the trend

Health Minister Kim Hames said that contrary to the Australia-wide trend of rising obesity and diabetes, rates at Looma were not increasing.

The Government earlier this year provided \$500,000 over four years to expand the UFGA program, bringing Indigenous communities and health professionals together to tackle Indigenous health issues in the Kimberley.

The program provides cooking classes and nutrition programs, including the school breakfast program run jointly with Foodbank WA.

Mr Hames said there was an emphasis

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on exercise and sport programs and support provided under the Happy Family Project to promote emotional and social well-being of individuals and families.

"The Looma community members and UFGA are to be applauded for taking control of their people's well-being, the increased exercise, better diet and heightened awareness that it fosters in individuals," he said.

UFGA president Ernie Bridge said the improving health of young people at Looma was particularly pleasing.

"This is a fantastic result," he said.

"It shows that with a concerted, joint effort by communities, public health departments and government, the prospects for even the most vulnerable groups can be turned around to provide extended and healthy lives for their young people."

Stable since 2003

The report by Princess Margaret Hospital's Endocrinology and Diabetes Services found that based on the community health assessment, the number of people with diabetes in the

Looma community had remained stable since 2003.

"Nationally, it is estimated that only 50 per cent of diabetics are diagnosed, so the low number of newly-diagnosed diabetics in both assessments is an indicator of sound clinical services delivered to Looma by WACHS," Dr Hames said.

The report showed the mean body mass index of Looma adults had not increased during six years, in contrast to national trends."

More than 60 per cent of community members participated in the assessment.

Early intervention the key to new men's health program



AN Indigenous mental health program

launched last week will involve early intervention to improve the health of Indigenous men in NSW.

The Public Interest Advocacy Centre (PIAC) will run the program as part of its Mental Health Legal Services project.

Using Federal and State government funding, PIAC has placed an Aboriginal mental health worker with the Gamarada Indigenous Men's Healing Program; a lawyer with the Multicultural Disability Advocacy Association of NSW (MDAA); and a lawyer at the NSW Service

for the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Torture and Trauma Survivors (STARTTS).

The Redfern-based Gamarada program attempts to create a holistic mix of largely Aboriginal and Eastern methods of self-healing to create a greater respect for Aboriginality, with Aboriginal people creating a program for themselves.

The funding has also enabled PIAC to place a social worker at Shopfront Youth Legal Centre, a joint project of Mission Australia, the Salvation Army and the law firm Freehills.

PIAC chief executive officer Robin Banks said each of the four pilot projects added a specialist

worker to an existing health, community or legal service.

"This enables holistic service delivery that can at once meet the legal, practical and emotional support needs of people with mental illness," Ms Banks said.

"Many people with mental illness are living with complex, entrenched problems and often have great difficulty in accessing appropriate services.

"These pilot projects aim to resolve those current problems and prevent further problems from occurring.

"There is a domino effect that flows from these projects. By addressing legal and other

needs such as accommodation, employment and mental health treatment, people are experiencing better outcomes and an overall improvement in quality of life."

PIAC established the Mental Health Legal Services project with funding support from Legal Aid NSW.

The NSW Public Purpose Fund with the support of the NSW Attorney-General funded the four service delivery pilot projects. The Federal Attorney-General, Robert McClelland, also provided financial support.

The project was launched at NSW Parliament House on 24 November.



Queensland Government

BreastScreen Queensland

mobile and relocatable services schedule

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

Mobile and Relocatable Service

Cairns: Early January to late March, Mareeba.

Gold Coast: Early to mid December, Beaudesert. Early to late January, Mt Tamborine. Late January to mid February, Nerang.

North Brisbane: Early December to late February, Nundah.

Rockhampton: Early to mid December, Yeppoon. Late January to early February, Mt Morgan.

Sunshine Coast: Early December, Beerwah. Early to mid December, Cooroy. Late February to March, Maroochydore.

Toowoomba: Early to mid December, Warwick. Early January to early March, Stanthorpe.

Townsville: Early to mid December, Charters Towers. Early January to late January, Woodlands. Late January to early February, Garbutt.

Wide Bay: Early to mid January, Maryborough.

For women, age is the biggest risk factor for developing breast cancer. Women aged 50-69 years are strongly encouraged to have a free breast screen every two years at a BreastScreen Queensland Service. Women aged 40-49 years and those over 70 are also eligible for a free breast screen. Please call 13 20 50 to arrange an appointment. Group bookings are also available. The schedule is a guide and subject to change

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INDIGENOUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES



DEWHA Indigenous Policy Branch Indigenous Partnership Section Acting Director Liz Wren, centre, congratulates the new Aboriginal rangers who will be working as part of the QMDC Aboriginal Program team in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin. The team includes, back, from left, rangers Temeka Turnbull, Ashley Butler, Johnathon Bradley, Jessica Bartholomew, senior ranger Trevor Cooper, Aboriginal engagement officer Tanya McKechnie, Aboriginal project officer Cheryl Moggs, ranger Clem Wightman, Aboriginal program regional co-ordinator Tim Knox, ranger Adam Smith, senior ranger Robert Lacey and, front from left, ranger co-ordinator Charlie Waters and senior ranger Cedric Washington. Inset: QMDC Aboriginal Program senior ranger Trevor Cooper, of Dirranbandi, during a course on chainsaw use and safety that was part of the QMDC Ranger induction.



A NEW program launched in Toowoomba, south-east Queensland, is expected to boost the sustainability of the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin, protect the environment and increase the community's knowledge about important Aboriginal cultural sites.

Qld Murray Darling Committee (QMDC) Aboriginal Program Regional Co-ordinator Tim Knox said nine new Aboriginal rangers were prepared to undertake on-ground projects. "Our rangers – who will be based in Inglewood, Dirranbandi and St George – have completed training in first-aid, chemical application, chainsaw handling, defensive driving and much more," he said. "Everyone is now looking forward to getting into the field and working with landholders and land managers to help manage the environment, combat pest and

New rangers help country

weed threats, support sustainable agriculture and protect sites of cultural significance."

The Qld Murray-Darling Committee (QMDC), in partnership with the Federal Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), has instigated the long-term program to employ nine Aboriginal rangers and a

co-ordinator to do environmental work as part of the Working on Country Regional program.

The rangers will work with land managers, councils, communities and traditional owners to promote Landcare works and protect areas of national environmental and cultural significance in the region.

The QMDC Aboriginal Rangers program was launched at the

Toowoomba City Golf Club on 5 November.

"We already have a number of projects lined up for the rangers' first week in their districts which is excellent," Mr Knox said.

"The rangers are available to work with landholders and all types of land managers within the wider community and they will have an important educational

role as well. Obviously a large part of the focus of the rangers is on protecting our natural environment and enhancing the sustainability of the region's industries and communities but they'll also play a vital role in telling the stories of important cultural sites and the history of Aboriginal people in the Queensland Murray-Darling Basin.

"We have some truly magnificent cultural sites, ranging from grinding grooves to meeting places, and the traditional owners are keen for these sites to be protected and their history and importance preserved for future generations."

Mr Knox said the rangers would help implement QMDC's Regional Natural Resource Management Plan and the QMDC Aboriginal Program's Caring for Country Plan, developed in conjunction with the eight traditional owner groups in the region.

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Enquiries: John Kelly (07) 3878 3911.

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Advanced Health Worker – Deadly Ears, Statewide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health Program, Community Child Health Services, Spring Hill, Children's Health Services 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: H09RCH11274. **Duties/Abilities:** Operate within the context of chronic otitis media and associated hearing loss with children of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background. Assist in the planning, development, delivery and evaluation of a range of activities focussing on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ear Health. These include: direct clinical service delivery of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children; the development and delivery of culturally appropriate health promotion activities; and the provision of training and education activities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workers, child health staff, and community members. Under s25 of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1991*, there is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community. Potential applicants are advised that the *Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act 2000* requires Queensland Health to seek a 'working with children check' from the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian prior to appointment to this position.

Enquiries: Yvonne Walker-Shipley (07) 3250 8503.

Application Kit: (07) 3170 4260 or (07) 3170 4261 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 December 2009.

Mental Health

Psychologist or Social Worker or Occupational Therapist (Indigenous Mental Health Worker) – Cultural Healing Program, Adult Mental Health Services, Division of Mental Health Services and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Service, Gold Coast area, Gold Coast Health Service District. Remuneration value up to \$2823 p.m., comprising salary rates: \$26.30 - \$38.65 p.h. (HP3) (Temporary part time position until 26 September 2010 with possibility of extension, 29.44 hrs p.f. Applications will remain current for the duration of the vacancy.) JAR: H09GC11276. **Duties/Abilities:** Provide comprehensive mental health service delivery and clinical case management, to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and their families, experiencing serious mental disorders and other serious mental health problems through the application of evidence based treatment that is informed by supervision and education and in a way that is culturally competent.

Enquiries: Melissa Browning (07) 5525 5707.

Application Kit: (07) 5537 0394 or www.health.qld.gov.au/workforus

Closing Date: Monday, 14 December 2009.

TMP Q080375

**You can apply online at
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.

ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PART TIME WILCANNIA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

(ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED)

The Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) is seeking suitable applicants for the above part-time position. The Acting CEO will be responsible to the Community and Members and will report initially to the Administrator and subsequently to the Office Bearer Committee. Salary offered will depend on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

DUTIES: To undertake duties involving the administration and financial management, on a day to day basis, of the Land Council, whilst maintaining the organisation's policies and guidelines in its endeavour to obtain its aims and objectives, with emphasis on submissions and maintaining accountability. The position will initially be on a part-time basis for approximately 20 hours per week.

ESSENTIAL: Applicants must have experience in office management and administration, as well as be able to work independently, strong communication and negotiation skills, the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people, an understanding of Aboriginal issues and experience in OH&S practices.

DESIRABLE: Knowledge of the Aboriginal Land Council function, administration, funding procedures, knowledge of the local area, rental property management experience, and driver's license.

GENERAL: Applicants should address the relevant job description, a copy of which is available upon request. Applicants should provide a minimum of 2 recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

Applications close: 22nd December 2009

Enquiries to: Sylvia Schuster, 55 Berry Street, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650. Phone: (02) 6921 9055

Applications to: Andrew Bowcher, Administrator, 55 Berry Street, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650. Phone: (02) 6921 9055

Career opportunities in the tropics

Project Officer – Indigenous Engagement

Ref. No. 9206 - Townsville or Cairns

The Faculty of Law Business and the Creative Arts are seeking to engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in North Queensland to provide guidance on cultural issues relevant to teaching in the Faculty. An employment opportunity is available for a Project Officer who through community consultation will assist in the design of a culturally appropriate system for referral and feedback for the Faculty.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.

Enquiries to: Mrs Florence Onus, telephone (07) 4781 4938, e-mail florence.onus@jcu.edu.au

Employment Type: Appointment will be part-time (17 hours per week) for a fixed-term of 12 months subject to a probationary period.

Salary: Higher Education Worker Level 5 - \$25.95 - \$29.46 per hour.

Applications close on 11 December 2009.

For more information go to: www.jcu.edu.au/jobs
enter the Reference Number in the search field and follow the links.

www.jcu.edu.au/jobs



www.dhs.vic.gov.au



Senior Aboriginal Planning Officer

(Re-advertised position - previous applicants need not apply)

Community Care & Housing, Gippsland

Initial Work Location: Traralgon

Full Time (negotiable)

Salary: \$73,104 p.a. - \$88,450 p.a. + Superannuation

This is a senior position within the department's Gippsland region and plays a critical role in our work to:

- identify priority areas to improve the health of Aboriginal people.
- support policy and program development across the department.
- undertake consultation with Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal agencies and services across the region.

You will be required to have significant knowledge and experience in working with Aboriginal communities and/or community controlled organisations. Experience in planning, funding and contract management or policy development will also be an advantage.

Desirable Qualification: A tertiary qualification in health, welfare, public policy or similar.

The Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) has granted an exemption to Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (No.A151/2009), to permit recruitment of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person to this position.

If this position appeals to you, you may wish to discuss it with Craig Hibbins on 5177 2566.

Please quote reference no VG/DHS/GIP/105594a

Closing date for applications is Wednesday, 9 December 2009

Safety Screening requirements including Police checks apply to DHS recruitment practices.

Applicants need to be committed to the DHS Values - DHS is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values Diversity

To apply online and view the job description, visit
www.dhs.vic.gov.au/careers

For other Victorian Government opportunities, please visit www.careers.vic.gov.au



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER NSW

Southern Rivers Catchment Management Authority

Aboriginal Community Support Officer

Clerk Grade 4/5

Bega

Temporary Full Time

Job Reference No: CMA2009/095

Salary: Total remuneration package valued at \$75,260 per annum (includes salary \$59,498 pa - \$68,201 pa).

Job Description: Work with the Aboriginal community to increase the number and diversity of Aboriginal members working on natural resource management activities.

Job Notes: Temporary position under Section 86 or 27 & 28 of the PSE & M Act 2002 for a period up to 30 June 2011. This position will be required to attend community meetings in the evening and on some weekends

SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Aboriginality.
- Understanding of local Aboriginal cultural heritage issues and natural resource management issues.
- Demonstrated ability in working with aboriginal community groups.
- Good facilitation skills.
- Good written and oral communication skills, including basic computer skills.
- Ability to plan and organise events and projects including report writing and record keeping.
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team/network.
- Ability to liaise with government agencies, other organisations and individuals.
- Current drivers licence.

Inquiries: Brett Miners phone (02) 6452 1455

Information Packages: Please send an e-mail to cma.infopack@dnr.nsw.gov.au with 095 in the subject line. This is an auto response.

Applications: E-mail your application to applications@dnr.nsw.gov.au with the Job Reference Number & your name in the Subject line. Or by post to Recruitment Services, ServiceFirst, PO Box 3720, Parramatta NSW 2124

Closing Date: 13 December 2009

GA1-803035

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE
AND WATER NSW

Field Officer (Aboriginal)

Field Officer Grade 1/4, Far West, Buronga,

Temporary Full-Time Vacancy Ref: DECC09-275

Total remuneration package to \$65,619 p.a. including salary \$38,567 p.a. to \$51,454 p.a. Salary package includes base salary (inclusive of annual leave loading), an additional 17% loading for working weekends and public holidays, and employer contributions to superannuation. Progression criteria apply to movement within the salary scale.

Contribute to ensuring the Department's obligations and aims are met, within the Region/Area, in terms of the enhancement and preservation of natural resources and natural and cultural heritage; and that the public have access to high quality, safe, recreational facilities.

Selection Criteria:

- This position is an identified Aboriginal position and therefore Aboriginality is a requirement of the job as well as cultural association with one or more of the local Aboriginal communities).
- Ability to work with the Department's statutory obligations as they apply to conservation of natural, Aboriginal and cultural heritage and resources and a willingness to exercise delegated authority for law enforcement.
- Ability to maintain grounds, facilities and workplaces such as buildings, essential services, roads, walking tracks, fences and recreational and accommodation facilities Including a willingness to safely undertake hygiene maintenance duties.
- Demonstrated ability and experience to carry out all duties safely and obtain relevant WorkCover Authority certification to appropriately operate and maintain small plant and equipment and ability and willingness to obtain a First Aid certificate.
- Certification and demonstrated experience, or ability to obtain, in operating a chainsaw to crosscut or simple tree felling standard. Ability to operate two-way radios.
- Effective communication and community relation skills are required. Ability to work independently and as part of a team. Administrative skills.
- Ability and willingness to carry out fire fighting duties and support roles including a willingness to fly in light aircraft.
- Current Drivers licence and ability to drive 4wd vehicles.

Job Notes: Two temporary positions for up to 12 months. These are identified positions under Section 9A of the NSW Anti Discrimination Act 1977. Electronic applications must be MS Office 2003 compatible. The position of Field Officer, including fire fighting related activities, is very physically demanding, requiring heavy muscular activity, lifting, carrying, pushing and pulling loads, bending, climbing, and driving a variety of vehicles. Field Officer applicants must meet the requirements of a specific medical which is inclusive of a clearance to undertake the fire fitness roles. The applicant must pass the task based fitness assessment to a moderate level within the probationary period (12 months). The Position Holder must obtain certification at the appropriate level prior to undertaking fire fighting/incident control duties.

Applicants must obtain 4wd certification within the probationary period (12 months).

Inquiries: Richard Minter phone (03) 5021 8908 or richard.minter@environment.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Richard Minter (03) 5021 8908 or jobs.nsw.gov.au

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: Friday 11 December 2009.

GA1-804888



**PROJECT OFFICER
RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT**

Full time position, Brisbane -
\$61,513 to \$64,493

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply
QCROSS provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty.

The Project Officer - Resource Development (Community Door Website) will work to collate and develop tools, resources, materials and content for the Community Door Website and other media. Experience working in the QLD Community Sector undertaking tasks related to quality, acquittals, funding and grants, is essential

For further info call Allyson on 07 3004 6900. Position description available at www.qcross.org.au or jobs@qcross.org.au.

Closing Date: COB Monday 14/12/09



Government of
Western Australia
Department of Culture and Arts
Western Australian Museum

Visitor Services Officers (Recruitment Pool)

Web Search No: Pool Ref - 11863

Level/Salary: VSO Grade 1 \$768.00 - \$779.50 pw & VSO Grade 2: \$787.40 - \$801.60 pw CCGA 2007

Term: Permanent - Part Time and Full Time, Fixed Term - Part Time and Full Time

The Western Australian Museum Maritime seeks motivated Visitor Services Officers committed to providing exceptional customer service, with strong interpersonal and communication skills and a desire to enhance the Visitors experience of the Museum.

There are currently two (2) permanent part-time Grade 1 positions (11863 & 11872) and one (1) permanent part-time Grade 2 position (11866) available. Suitable applicants not initially appointed may be included in a pool for consideration for Permanent Full Time and Part Time plus Fixed Term Full Time and Part Time Visitor Services Officer vacancies that arise. The pool will operate for a period of six (6) months from the date of initial placement into the pool.

Applications are encouraged from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

A current National Police Certificate will be required prior to commencement of employment. Successful applicants will be required to undertake a pre employment medical before their appointment.

All applicants are strongly advised to attend an information session at the Museum Site on Thursday, 3rd December 2009 prior to submitting an application.

Visit: www.jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No 11863 to access detailed information or Ph: (08) 9258 0650 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Job Related Information: Please contact Celina Smith on (08) 9430 7966 or (08) 9431 8310.

Closing Date: Monday, 14 December 2009 at 4pm (WST).

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PCYC Indigenous Young Leader Network Pilot project

With the support of the NSW Government, through the Minister for Juvenile Justice, the Hon Graham West MP and the Department of Juvenile Justice, PCYC is to pilot in 2010 a program that identifies and equips young indigenous mentor leaders and helps young offenders get their lives on track.

PCYC is seeking to appoint a Project Coordinator and 5 Volunteer Mentors for the project. The project is based at Whalan in Western Sydney.

Coordinator Position

The Coordinator will oversee the project, supervise 5 mentors, and liaise with schools and other agencies. The Coordinator reports directly to the CEO and participates in the Executive Group within PCYC.

The position is a one year contract position but renewal based on further Government funding and satisfactory performance is possible. Total remuneration is \$80,000 per annum, and includes use of a fully maintained vehicle.

The ideal candidate will come from an indigenous community, be physically fit, able to relate to teenagers with behaviour issues, have the ability to manage a small project and supervise volunteers, and have solid character references.

Mentor Positions

5 Volunteer Mentors are sought to work with 10 young participants in the program. Each Mentor will be given intensive Certificate III level training in Sport, be provided a computer and phone for project and personal use, and will participate in a points recognition system towards benefits such as clothing, phone cards, gym membership and sports events.

Mentors will be expected to attend the program for 2 two-hour sessions each week on a rostered basis and meet with 2 young participants for an additional hour each week.

Ideal mentors will come from indigenous communities, be physically fit, be able to relate to and provide role modelling for young indigenous participants with behaviour issues.

For a copy of the Project Manual and full position descriptions and appointment criteria, contact Rachel Povey on 9625 9111. To discuss the positions and project contact Chris Gardiner, PCYC CEO, on 9625 9111.

Applications close: 4 December 2009.

Appointment is subject to working with children and Police checks.



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Officer

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Officer will be responsible for developing a University-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Strategy. The successful applicant will provide advice to the University of New England in collaboration with the University's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access and Participation Committee. The appointee will also coordinate partnerships between employment agencies, government departments and local community organisations to establish effective employment opportunities, career development and academic pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The University of New England, according to Strategy 2 of the Equal Opportunity Management Plan, has identified this position specifically for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples in accordance with section 122K of Part 9A of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 (NSW).

Informal enquiries may be directed to:

Michael Brogan, phone: (02) 6773 5175/0428 262302 or email: mbrogan2@une.edu.au or Eliza Kent, phone: (02) 6773 3242 or email: ekent@une.edu.au

Salary:	\$63,619 to \$71,232 per annum (HEO Level 7) plus 17% employer superannuation and optional salary packaging
Closing Date:	14 December 2009
Reference No:	209/1680

An application package, including selection criteria that must be addressed, may be obtained from www.une.edu.au/recruit or by phoning Human Resource Services, (02) 6773 3972. Applications will be received up to 5pm on the closing date.

www.une.edu.au

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Community Education Counsellor

Eimeo Road State School and Bucasia State School (Combined); Andergrove State School; Beaconsfield State School and Slade Point State School
(There are four 0.5 FTE (36.25 hours/fortnight) vacancies at the listed schools within the Mackay-Whitsunday Region.)

Education and Training

Salary: \$18 746 - \$29 588 p.a.

REF: MYW10509/09

Key Duties: Mandatory Requirements - See Position Description for complete details. Other Information - The position will require the successful applicant to have a detailed knowledge and close working relationship with elders and other members of the community.

Enquiries: Mary Orchard Ph: (07) 4969 7111

Closing Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2009

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Government of
Western Australia
Department for Child Protection

Senior Field Worker

Country Services

Web Search No: 007715

Level/Salary: L2SC \$72,492 - \$80,117 / L5 \$66,752 - \$73,775 pa

The Senior Field Worker will work in the areas of child protection and children in care and is responsible for; providing a professional service to individuals, groups and communities within a service delivery team.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for this position.

Subsidised housing provided to eligible applicants.

To Access Detailed Information: jobs.wa.gov.au and key in the Web Search No. to access detailed information or Ph: 9222 2901 to be mailed an information pack.

For Specific Enquiries: Please contact Natasha Bargeus on Ph: 9160 2400.

Location: Onslow (Pilbara District)

Closing Date: Monday, 14th December 2009, 5.00pm.

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Australian Government
Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Regional Manager (Expected Vacancy)

Darwin

Regional Office

APS Executive Level 1

\$65,165 - \$82,105 pa, plus superannuation

Includes motor vehicle for private use

Duties

- Manage the operations of Aboriginal Hostels Limited in Darwin
- Provide leadership and direction to all AHL staff within the Region
- Assessment and evaluation of grant funded hostels
- Project manage maintenance of Company owned properties
- Responsible for occupational health and safety compliances

Want to know more?

Contact Russell Lane on 02 6212 2001.

Application Documents

From our website or telephone LaToya Hall on 02 6212 2040.

How to Apply

Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, WODEN ACT 2606 or email to recruitment@ahl.gov.au.

Closing date

By 5pm 18 December 2009.

Working with Indigenous people for Indigenous people

Aboriginal Hostels Limited improves Indigenous quality of life through the delivery of hostel accommodation to enable access to education, employment, health and other services.

Conditions of Employment

The successful applicant is required to be an Australian citizen and to satisfactorily complete a medical assessment and police records check.

A probationary period applies.

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The University of Sydney

Koori Centre

The Koori Centre is a leading Indigenous Australian Education Centre. Our core business encompasses Learning and Teaching, Research, Marketing, Administrative Support, and Community Outreach which advances Indigenous Australian higher education at the University of Sydney.

Lecturer in Teacher Education and Indigenous Studies (Level B)

Reference No. 665/1109

Applications are invited from Indigenous Australians who can contribute to the Koori Centre's teaching and research in Teacher Education, and who have knowledge of, and experience in the areas of Education and Indigenous Studies. The appointee will teach in and develop undergraduate and postgraduate Indigenous Studies programs, and will contribute to the ongoing growth of the Koori Centre's research profile.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Director through the Academic Coordinator, and will undertake duties including the delivery of lectures, tutorials and seminars; the attraction and supervision of postgraduate students; the development and provision of curriculum; the production of research and attraction of research funding; and relevant administration as required and directed.

An applicant's Aboriginality is a genuine qualification for this position and is authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Lecturer in Indigenous Languages and Teacher Education and/or Indigenous Studies (Level B)

Reference No. 664/1109

Applications are invited from individuals who can contribute to the Koori Centre's teaching and research activities, specifically in Indigenous Languages (NSW) and Teacher Education and/or Indigenous Studies, with particular emphasis on education curriculum and Indigenous Australian Studies.

The successful applicant will teach in and develop undergraduate and postgraduate Education and Teacher Education programs, and will contribute to the ongoing growth of the Koori Centre's research profile.

For more information and to apply, please visit <http://usyd.edu.au/positions> and search by the reference number. A competitive remuneration package is available.

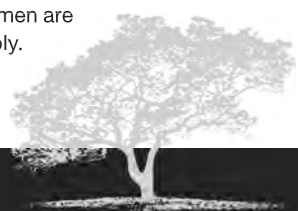
The University is an Equal Opportunity employer committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from equity target groups and women are encouraged. Indigenous Australians are strongly encouraged to apply.

Closing Date: 16 December 2009



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NSW HEALTH SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Area Clinical Coordinator

Aboriginal Mental Health

Health Service Manager Level 2

Perm Full Time

Position No: CN/139287

- An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: David Pearce, (02) 9113 2531.

Closing Date: 11 December 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

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Teacher, Carpentry & Joinery Wauchope Campus

Job Reference: 09/132/NCI

Salary: \$66,332 - \$78,667

All qualified persons are encouraged to apply for this position, however, as part of our Aboriginal Employment Plan, we have a commitment to improving opportunities for Aboriginal people and our Aboriginal students, and therefore applications from Aboriginal people will be given priority. This action is authorised under section 21 of the Anti Discrimination Act of 1977.

Information Package: Please contact the Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download from www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Enquiries: Ian Skaines (02) 6586 9512

Closing Date: 18 December 2009



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- A current First Aid Certificate or willingness to obtain

People from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background are encouraged to apply.

For more information call Nurmala Harris on 9890 0984 or visit our website www.northcott.com.au

Written applications to the HR Coordinator, PO Box 4055, Parramatta, NSW, 2124 or e-mail to: employment@northcott.com.au

Essential pre-employment checks will be conducted. Northcott is an EEO Employer

Deputy Director (Specified)


Regional Service Delivery Operations
(Specified - Applicants will need to provide a reference from a member of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community)

Communities
Salary: \$93 944 - \$99 361 p.a.
Location: Wacol
REF: QLD/COM2144/09
Key Duties: The role of Deputy Director is to assist in leading and managing the operations and services of the Youth Detention Centre in an efficient and effective manner. To undertake all relevant responsibilities and functions as part of the senior management team of the youth detention centre.
Enquiries: (07) 3006 7675
Closing Date: Monday, 14 December 2009

Police Liaison Officer

Central Region
Queensland Police Service
Salary: \$41 795 - \$44 754 p.a. (\$24 365 - \$36 830 p.a. if under 21 years of age)
Location: Woorabinda
REF: P0380/09
Enquiries: Stephen Crouch (07) 4935 0155
Closing Date: Monday, 14 December 2009

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INDIGENOUS EMPLOYMENT AND MIGRATION GROUP, CANBERRA

Policy Officer

APS Level 5 | \$61,196-\$65,425 | Ref no: 09/0394

Applications are sought from passionate and motivated individuals interested in working at the APS 5 level in various sections across the three branches of the Indigenous Employment and Migration Policy Group. The positions offer opportunities to develop policy implementation skills as well as communication, interpersonal and decision making skills. Please identify the branch or branches for which applications are submitted. Positions in Indigenous Employment and Enterprise Policy Branch and Indigenous Workforce Strategies Branch are covered by DEEWR's Indigenous Identified Positions policy, whilst positions in the Migration Branch are not.

Contact Officer: Julie Dempster (02) 6240 2412

How to Apply

Applications close: 10 December 2009.

Position descriptions and applicant kits including eligibility information, are available on our website at www.deewr.gov.au/jobs

Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians are encouraged to apply.

www.deewr.gov.au



Advocates

Aboriginal Tenancy Service

37.5hrs per week

The Greater Sydney Aboriginal Tenants Advice and Advocacy Service are auspiced by Dtarawarra Pty Ltd. Dtarawarra seeks to employ an Aboriginal Tenants Advice Advocate based in Sydney (Leichhardt).

Applicants must demonstrate:

- Aboriginality
- Demonstrated skills in client/case management, advocacy, negotiation and representation
- Proven communication, interpersonal and administrative skills
- Experience in dealing with clients challenging behaviour and complex issues
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to effectively undertake and deliver community education initiatives
- Intermediate computer skills, including word processing, data entry and Internet experience
- Willingness to undertake training & travel
- Current driver's license

Applications must address all points on the selection criteria. Selection criteria and duty statement from Ruth Simon on (02) 9589 1839 OR 0425 290 066.
Applications close on Thursday 7th January 2010.

Applications to:

Confidential
Director - Dtarawarra Pty Ltd
PO Box 126
JANNALI NSW 2226

Note: *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by S140 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1987 (NSW)*



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TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute prides itself on the quality and experience of our professional staff. The following employment opportunities are available.

Aboriginal Development Manager
Remuneration package up to \$115,543 pa including salary (\$104,706), employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading.
Your role as Aboriginal Development Manager is to provide leadership and management of the Aboriginal Education and Training Unit to build the capacity of the Institute to provide appropriate training and employment pathways for Aboriginal people. Provide leadership and advice on Aboriginal policy and planning strategies to meet the goals of the organisation. Provide liaison between the Institute, government departments, industry including key Aboriginal organisations, community groups and educational organisations. Promote an organisational culture and learning environment that is sensitive to, and supports Aboriginal cultural differences. Further information on the role and conditions are available in the Jobs @ Illawarra Institute link at www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au

Location: To be negotiated within (2) hours of the Institute Directorate office, Wollongong West Campus.
Job Reference No: I109/124

HOW TO APPLY
The information package, including selection criteria and application forms, is available from www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au or telephone Recruitment on (02) 4221 8951.

Closes 18 December 2009

Child protection legislation requires preferred applicants to be subject to employment screening.

Equality of Employment Opportunity and appointment on merit are TAFE NSW Policy.

Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply for these positions.



SERVICE DEVELOPMENT MANAGER –WELLBEING CENTRES

Join a great Australian icon! As a Service Development Manager with the Royal Flying Doctor Service (Queensland Section) you will be responsible for leading the continued enhancement of services aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of people living in rural and remote Queensland.

- **FULL TIME 2 YEAR CONTRACT**
- **BASED IN CAIRNS, WITH SOME TRAVEL AND OVERNIGHT STAYS REQUIRED**

This position will lead the continued development of the RFDS Wellbeing Centres, which were established in July 2008 in the four welfare reform communities of Aurukun, Coen, Mossman Gorge and Hopevale. These centres aim to provide a community based approach for the delivery of services to address the holistic social and emotional wellbeing, mental health, family violence, alcohol and drug and gambling needs of the community. The Wellbeing Centres operate under funding from the Department of Health and Ageing.

With a current team of 20 employees spread across four communities, this role seeks to strengthen the integration of services both internal and external to the organisation.

To be successful in this role you will possess:

- Tertiary level qualification in the relevant discipline (Health or Mental Health)
- Registration by the Queensland Registration Board and eligibility for membership of the Professional Society appropriate to the discipline.
- Partnership and Project Management experience
- Strong ability to lead and manage teams across diverse settings
- A sound understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues

The Royal Flying Doctor Service (Qld Section) is an equal opportunity employer and encourages Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People to apply.

Appointment to these roles will be subject to Blue Card and Criminal History Checks.

Interested?
For further information or to apply for this role please contact Joanna Bakker, Human Resources, on (07) 3860 1169 or jbakker@rfdsqld.com.au.
Applications close 16 December 2009.

www.flyingdoctor.org.au



Australian Government

Aboriginal Hostels Limited



Finance Officer

Canberra
Central Office, Finance and Office Services
APS Level 2
\$33,823 - \$41,511 pa, plus superannuation

Duties

- Input data to the Company's computerised accounting system
- Identify and resolve accounts payable and receivable errors
- Perform General Ledger, bank, revenue, payments and debtors reconciliations
- Recordkeeping, filing and archiving
- Provide administrative support to the Division

Want to know more?
Contact Satendra Prasad on 02 6212 2058.

Application Documents
From our website or telephone Cheryl Williams on 02 6212 2052.

How to Apply
Send written applications addressing the selection criteria to Recruitment Officer, Aboriginal Hostels Limited, PO Box 30, Woden ACT 2606.

Closing date
By 5pm 18th December 2009.

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.

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Application Information Packages are available at this
web address or by contacting the application kit line
on (02) 4926 7626.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Community Health, Cessnock

Perm Full Time and creation of an eligibility list for future
Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions
Position No: 64779
Enquiries: Suzanne Buckman, (02) 4991 0438.

Trainee Aboriginal Mental Health Worker

Mental Health Service, Armidale

Temp Full Time Position No: 64621
Enquiries: Krystina Micke, (02) 6776 9805.

Aboriginal Health Education Officer

Tingha Multipurpose Service

Perm Part Time, 24 hpw Position No: 65549
Enquiries: Peter Norman, (02) 6723 3901.

Aboriginal Maternal & Infant Health Strategy Health Education Officer

Birra-li Service – Maternity & Gynaecology, Newcastle

Perm Full Time and creation of an eligibility list for future
Perm/Temp, Full/Part Time and Casual positions
Position No: 65412

Applicants must be female, exemption is claimed under
Section 31(2)(h) of the Anti-Discrimination Act.
Enquiries: Jennifer McDermott, (02) 4985 5201.

FOR ABOVE POSITIONS:

- These are designated Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander positions. Applicants must be of Aboriginal descents 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.

Closing Date for all positions: 18 December 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 Collection Research Internship

Western Plains Cultural Centre Ref: STF09-41

Dubbo City Council is seeking an enthusiastic Aboriginal person for a temporary internship of up to six months to work across all areas of the Western Plains Cultural Centre (WPCC). The WPCC is working in partnership with Housing NSW and the Dubbo Aboriginal Community Working Party Committee to support this position as a means to assist the development of an Aboriginal-initiated and managed Keeping Place.

You will be required to work in all areas of the WPCC and consult with community in understanding the professional management of exhibitions, education, collections, audience development, administration and customer service at a public gallery and museum.

This is an identified position and Aboriginality is a requirement for the position.

Essential Criteria:

- Completion of Higher School Certificate
- Possess sound communication skills, both oral and written
- Must have an understanding of local culture and its potential application to a local gallery and museum
- A willingness to work closely with consultant and agencies as required
- Internet and basic computer skills

This position will be for a period of six months at two days per week.

Interested applicants must obtain an Information Kit prior to applying and address the selection criteria in their application. To obtain a Kit, please contact the Customer Service Centre on 6801 4000 or visit the website at www.dubbo.nsw.gov.au. Written applications are to be forwarded to the General Manager, PO Box 81 Dubbo, NSW 2830 or by email to dcc@dubbo.nsw.gov.au by 5pm on 8 December 2009.

For more information about the position please contact the Education Officer Western Plains Cultural Centre on 6801 4441.

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Responsible for overseeing the planning and implementation of activities associated with the Murray River Experience. In this exciting role you will be responsible for leading, mentoring and developing the project team, managing resources and budgets and sourcing and managing funding opportunities while providing regular updates on the projects (closes 11/12/09).

For a full position description and application details visit
www.alburycity.nsw.gov.au

AlburyCity considers that being Aboriginal is a genuine occupational qualification under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act of 1977 (NSW)

north coast TAFE

Teacher, General Education Casino Campus

Job Reference: 09/137/NCI

Salary: \$66,332 - \$78,667

As part of our Aboriginal Employment Plan, we have a commitment to improving opportunities for Aboriginal people and our Aboriginal students, and therefore at this time, we are only accepting applications from Aboriginal people for this position. This is authorised under section 21 of the Anti Discrimination Act of 1977.

Information Package: Please contact the Recruitment Officer 1800 008 233 or download from www.nci.tafensw.edu.au

Enquiries: Lindy Kemp (02) 6620 4715

Closing Date: 18 December 2009



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Inner South Community Health

Indigenous Access and Equity Worker

EEO No: A269/2009

0.4 EFT Contract until April 2010

An exciting opportunity for an experienced worker to work closely with a local Indigenous community in an innovative and established program to:

- Advocate for Indigenous community members and enable access to health and welfare services
- Engage with Indigenous and mainstream services to improve service delivery
- Provide cultural awareness support and consultation
- Support an Indigenous GP Service

Indigenous Family Support Worker

EEO No: A269/2009

0.4 EFT - Contract until June 2011

An opportunity to provide information, support and referral for Indigenous families who may benefit from services and support provided by the Melbourne Family Relationship Centre.

Assist separating Indigenous families develop workable parenting arrangements.

Promote the Family Relationship Centre within local Indigenous networks.

Applications Close: Wed 16th Dec 09 @ 5pm

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Applications will be accepted from individuals who may not have any previous formal qualifications. Traineeships will commence in late January 2010.

Applicants with experience and an understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures are particularly encouraged to apply.

You must obtain an information package and address the selection criteria in your written application. An information package can be downloaded from our website at http://www.relationships.com.au/vacancy_list or contact Lee on (02) 9425 4924 or email employment@ransw.org.au.

All positions are subject to a Working with Children check.

**The closing date for applications is
Friday 16 December 2009**

RSM Bird Cameron

Chartered Accountants

STATION MANAGER

WILCANNIA LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL

(ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTED)

The Wilcannia Local Aboriginal Land Council (Administrator Appointed) is seeking suitable applicants for the above position. The Station Manager will be responsible to the Community and Members and will report initially to the Administrator and subsequently to the Office Bearer Committee. Salary offered will depend on the experience and qualifications of the successful candidate.

DUTIES: To undertake the following:

- Maintaining pumps for watering;
- Maintaining waters for livestock;
- Understanding of livestock/husbandry issues;
- Maintaining station fencing;
- Ability to develop and maintain a Station budget;
- Mechanical aptitude - to undertake general repairs and maintenance;
- Ability to liaise with contractors for mustering/shearing, etc;
- Liaise with Western Livestock Health and Pest Authority and other agencies;
- Liaise with stock and station agents, as required;
- Liaise with Administrator;
- Sound written and verbal communication skills;
- Demonstrated experience overseeing a Station;
- Ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people;
- An understanding of Aboriginal issues; and
- Experience in OH&S practices.

GENERAL: Applicants should provide a minimum of 2 recent references. Some travel may be involved with this position.

Applications close: 22nd December 2009

Enquiries to: Sylvia Schuster, 55 Berry Street, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650.
Phone: (02) 6921 9055

Applications to: Andrew Bowcher, Administrator, 55 Berry Street, WAGGA WAGGA, NSW 2650. Phone: (02) 6921 9055

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Aboriginal Health Worker: "Gender Specific - Male" Apply online: applynow.com.au/job15071

The successful candidate will work within the area of mental health, including drug and alcohol addiction. This position with Bourke Aboriginal Health Service (BAHS) will give you the opportunity to develop innovative health promotion, education & awareness services. The successful candidate must be a male & of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent*.

Aboriginal Health Worker: Sexual Health Apply online: applynow.com.au/job15072

The focus of this position is to take an active role in developing the capacity of the Bourke Aboriginal Health Service and other service providers to respond effectively to the needs of Aboriginal people and communities in the area of Sexual Health. The successful candidate must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent*.


Aboriginal Health Worker: Public Health Apply online: applynow.com.au/job15073

As part of the Health Service Team of BAHs and the organisation's partnership with the Greater Western Area Health Service, the successful candidate will assist in the delivery of holistic and culturally appropriate Public / Primary Health Care programs. The successful candidate must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Island descent*.

Eye Health Coordinator Apply online: applynow.com.au/job15074

The successful candidate will work with BAHs to deliver and coordinate an Eye Health Program that ensures people living in the Bourke, Brewarrina & Cobar Shires receive appropriate eye health care, support, advice, information and assistance.

* Authorised under Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977, NSW.

 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people are encouraged to apply. To apply visit the websites above. If you have questions call 1300 366 573.



Goodooga Pre-School

DIRECTOR

Goodooga Preschool is currently seeking a full time Qualified Director. Salary and conditions in accordance with the CCSA Award. A 3 bdrm A/C home provided.

For an information package call Sandie on 02 68296260 (bh) or send your Resume to PO Box 62 Goodooga NSW 2831.

Applications close 18th December 2009



Girringun Aboriginal Corporation RANGER COORDINATOR

Location: CARDWELL

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation
Salary: \$60,000 per annum + Super
38 hr week

Period: 12 months with the probability of extension (subject to funding)

Reports to: CEO of Girringun Aboriginal Corporation

Probation: A probationary period of three (3) months will apply

The Girringun Ranger Program is managed by Girringun Aboriginal Corporation under the guidance of the Girringun Board of Directors. The goal of the Girringun Ranger Program is effective and culturally appropriate management of their land and sea country by Girringun Traditional Owners

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation regards the successful operation of the Girringun Ranger Program as essential for the future well-being of our country and our people and the future growth of the local economy.

Girringun Aboriginal Corporation is seeking a suitably experienced and skilled person to fill the position of Ranger Coordinator for the Girringun Ranger Program

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

Supervise and assist the Girringun Rangers to carry out various tasks related to natural resource management projects that help improve and sustain natural resource management in the Girringun region. Contribute to development of project proposals, implementation plans and budgets. Assist with progress monitoring, reporting and awareness-raising and fundraising activities.

This includes the preparation, implementation and monitoring of plans that relate to issues such as the management of feral animals, weeds and fire, waterways marine surveillance, knowledge recording and culturally important sites, and provision of culturally relevant information and logistical support to staff, Traditional Owners and Girringun Aboriginal Corporation.

For an application and selection criteria please contact: Gwen Hodges on (07) 4066 8300 or email at admin@girringun.com.au

Applications close on 14th December 2009.



MARALINGA TJARUTJA

Maralinga Tjarutja is a major Aboriginal organisation located at Ceduna on the west coast of South Australia. Maralinga Tjarutja services the Aboriginal community of Oak Valley. Maralinga Tjarutja is seeking applications for the following Oak Valley based positions:

Aged Care Supervisor

\$62,000 plus remote area allowance of \$5,000

The Aged Care Supervisor is responsible for the planning, coordination, team leadership, development, cooking and to ensure the provision of culturally appropriate Aged Care services to the Oak Valley Community. A certificate in Aged Care is desirable.

Assistant Aged Care Provider

\$37,856 plus remote area allowance of \$5,000

The Assistant Aged care provider is responsible for assisting the Supervisor and Aged Anangu in a culturally supportive environment.

Will be responsible with assisting of day to day meals, cleaning of Aged Care and residents units and will also need to assist clients on Cultural bush trip and transporting clients in relation to their health care requirements

A certificate in Aged Care is desirable.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: All employment positions at Maralinga Tjarutja, Oak Valley Inc are grant dependant. The positions will be offered as contracts initially and then as one year contracts thereafter, subject to funding. All positions require a three month probationary period.

An understanding of Aboriginal culture and ability to communicate effectively and sensitively with Aboriginal people are desirable for these positions. Experience in living in a remote Aboriginal community is preferable.

Job and person specifications for these positions can be obtained from Ms Andrea Richards at the Maralinga Tjarutja Office in Ceduna on (08) 8625 2946.

All of the positions will be awarded on merit;

People of Aboriginal descent are strongly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION LODGEMENT: Signed applications addressing all of the essential attributes must be lodged with:

Ms Andrea Richards
Maralinga Tjarutja
PO Box 435
CEDUNA SA 5690

BY 5.00pm (CST) on FRIDAY 18th November 2009.

Electronic applications (in Word document form) can be lodged by email to senioradmin@maralinga.com.au

However, electronic applications must be followed by a hard copy signed application that should be POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN 20th November 2009.



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Temporary full-time for up to 12 months

Salary range - \$17,010 pa to \$26,298 pa

For further information, applicants must obtain an Information Package from Newcastle Contact Centre on 1300 361 852 or download from www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers

Applicants can apply online at www.rta.nsw.gov.au/careers or mail to Recruitment Services Unit, PO BOX 973 Parramatta CBD NSW 2124

Applications close: 11 December 2009

The RTA is actively working to ensure our workforce is representative of the communities we serve. We encourage diversity in our teams to provide a more creative, innovative and responsive workforce to meet the challenges of the future.

To be eligible, traineeship applicants should not have a Certificate III or higher qualification in the last seven years.

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OF JUSTICE



SENIOR PROJECT OFFICER

Aboriginal Victims of Crime Strategy
Victim Support Agency

Grade 5: \$73,104 - \$88,450 plus superannuation

Ongoing full time

Position No DJ5965

The Victims Support Agency, within the Department of Justice's Community Operations and Strategic Branch, is primarily responsible for raising public awareness of the effects of crime and the services and entitlements available to victims of crime.

The primary responsibility of the Senior Project Officer is the implementation of the Aboriginal Victims of Crime Strategy 2009-2012, that comes under the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement, a partnership between the Victorian Government and the Aboriginal community to address Aboriginal over-representation in the criminal justice system. The strategy aims to reduce the impact of crime on Aboriginal communities, families and individuals.

The successful applicant will have well developed stakeholder management, strategic planning and interpersonal skills. Applicants will need to demonstrate an understanding of the issues impacting on the Victorian Koori community and an ability to communicate sensitively with the Koori community.

This role is an Identified position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position Policy. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

If you have any further queries please contact David Metcalfe on 03 8684 0187.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

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Project Officer Indigenous Health

WentWest is a provider of education, training and support services for General Practitioners in Western Sydney.

We have an exciting role for a project officer to work with Indigenous communities and service providers to improve Indigenous access to mainstream primary care, foster collaboration between care providers, and to improve capacity of general practice to deliver culturally sensitive primary care.

This full time role requires someone with a sound understanding of Indigenous health issues, excellent communication, program management and interpersonal skills and be able to influence people in a stimulating environment.

Applicants will have to be achievement oriented, have experience in working with Indigenous populations, tertiary qualifications, project management skills and the ability to work with minimal supervision and as part of a team

If you have the ability to deliver and the credentials, please send your C.V along with a covering letter to recruitment@wentwest.com.au or call Micheal Kundukulam on phone 02 8833 8031

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION

SENIOR ABORIGINAL PROJECT OFFICER

(ATSI IDENTIFIED) - AG09/720
Clerk Grade 9-10

Parramatta, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: \$85,650 - \$94,384

Total remuneration package valued up to: \$104,153

Supports the Assistant Director, Crime Prevention in the development, coordination, implementation and evaluation of crime prevention programs, including Aboriginal Community Patrols and other crime prevention initiatives.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality;
- A good knowledge of crime and crime prevention;
- Understanding of the factors that impact crime and crime prevention in Aboriginal communities;
- High level writing and communication skills;
- High-level project management skills, including experience in the development of project management systems and performance measures;
- Demonstrated capacity to effectively supervise and support staff;
- Superior interpersonal skills and experience at effectively engaging Aboriginal communities and the services that work with them.

Job Notes:

The definition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) is a person

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- who identifies as being Aboriginal;
- and is accepted by the Aboriginal community in which you live or have lived.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Please include AG reference number when submitting application.

Applications may emailed to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries/Information Packages:

Patrick Shepherdson phone (02) 8688 7536
patrick_shepherdson@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 11 December 2009

GA1-754744

NSW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6, Community Offender Services,
Blacktown District Office. Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 000001AC. Total remuneration package valued at \$80,502 pa including salary range \$66,116 pa to \$72,952 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Facilitate the development and implementation of specific Aboriginal Employment Programs. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance the delivery of community based offender programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Ability to case manage aboriginal offenders within a legally mandated environment. Well developed group work, presentation skills and computer literacy. Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history in relation to the justice system. Well developed knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, liaison and oral and written communication skills. Current driver's licence and a willingness/ability to drive within NSW as required. Ability to utilise aboriginal targeted resources with a focussed outcome of strengthening community and Government relationships.

Note: In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future temporary and permanent positions within the area. Applicants must obtain an information package and address each point of the selection criteria as part of their application.

Inquiries and Information Packages: Maria Dawes ph: (02) 9671 4266 Email: maria.dawes@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications marked "confidential" to: Recruitment Services Officer, Corporate Recruitment Unit, Ground Floor, Corrective Services NSW, GPO Box 31, Sydney NSW 2001. Email: CorporateRecruitment@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 11/12/2009

GA1-805457

Aboriginal Health Workers

-Maternal & Child Health
-Diabetes



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PROJECT OFFICER

QATSIHS Coalition (Brisbane based)
12 month term, 3 days per week - \$61,513 to \$64,493 pro rata

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants are encouraged to apply QCROSS provides a voice for and with Queenslanders affected by poverty. The Project Officer will work as a member of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Human Services Coalition, to support the work of the Director and enhance the capacity of the Coalition to develop and advocate on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. For further info call Allyson on 07 3004 6900. Position description available at www.qcross.org.au <http://www.qcross.org.au> or jobs@qcross.org.au mail to: jobs@qcross.org.au.
Closing Date: COB Monday 14/12/09

COURT SERVICES ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY JUSTICE GROUP COORDINATOR

(ATSI Identified) - AG09/709
Clerk Grade 3-4
Redfern, Permanent full time
Salary range: \$56,009 - \$61,328
Total remuneration package valued up to: \$67,675

The Aboriginal Community Justice Group Coordinator (ACJGC) supports and facilitates the activities of the local Aboriginal Community Justice Group.

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and extensive knowledge of Aboriginal culture and NSW Aboriginal communities;
- Knowledge of the New South Wales justice system;
- Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally with people of all socio-economic backgrounds;
- Experience in negotiating with community organisations, particularly Aboriginal communities;
- Ability to manage projects.


Job notes:
The definition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) is a person

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- who identifies as being Aboriginal;
- and is accepted by the Aboriginal community in which you live or have lived.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Please quote AG reference number when submitting application.


Applicants may apply on line or by email to agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries Officer/Information Packages:
Lee Towney lee_towney@agd.nsw.gov.au (02) 8688 8654
Applications close 11 December 2009



GA1-75473

Careers @ Justice



INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS OFFICER

Community Correctional Services

Grade 2: \$39,000 - \$50,083	Position No 3839
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Are you Koori and interested in a challenging and interesting role that contributes to community safety in a proactive team environment? Do you have great communication skills and enjoy working with a diverse client group? Are you looking for full time ongoing employment? Then we would love to hear from you.

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YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS

artistic director

Based in Port Adelaide, South Australia, Kurruru is Australia's leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) youth performing arts company, providing a diverse artistic and cultural program for ATSI young people, their families and communities across South Australia.

Kurruru requires an experienced arts practitioner for the position of Artistic Director. Working with the organisation's Company Manager and Board of Management, the Artistic Director is responsible for the creation and implementation of Kurruru's artistic program and will provide leadership and artistic vision to company and staff members.

We are looking for a person who is able to "dream big" and who can work as part of a team and effectively with community, using culture as a foundation to ensuring Kurruru's ongoing artistic excellence.

This is a full time position with competitive remuneration and excellent working conditions. The successful candidate will be offered an initial 12-month contract at \$60,000 per annum, with the possibility of ongoing employment.


Applications are due by 5pm
Friday 7th January 2010
and must address the Selection Criteria.

For more information and Selection Criteria please contact Eugenia by email info@kurruru.org.au.

Applications should be addressed to:
Eugenia Flynn, Company Manager, Kurruru Youth Performing Arts Inc, 135 St Vincent St Port Adelaide SA 5015 or emailed to info@kurruru.org.au.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications will not be accepted through employment agencies.



Lecturer, Contemporary Indigenous Art

Queensland College of Art

Salary range: \$70,566 - \$83,799 per annum. Salary package including 17% employer superannuation contribution: \$82,563 - \$98,046 per annum.

South Bank campus

This is an identified Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander role under sections 45 and 125 of the *Queensland Anti Discrimination Act 1991*.


The Bachelor of Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art is a unique program that prepares Indigenous Australians to become professional artists. The program focuses on traditional Australian Indigenous art media, styles and forms together with strategies for their viable adaptation within a highly urbanised society. It is planned in accordance with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander principles and philosophies and teaching respects Aboriginal laws concerning the ways in which techniques and images may be used.

The successful candidate will be primarily responsible for developing and delivering Indigenous Australian Art courses related to the programs offered at QCA, whilst contributing to the research profile of the Faculty. This role involves the development and delivery of course material in addition to the supervision of post graduate students.

To be successful in this role, you will be an Indigenous Australian who has completed a PhD, DVA or equivalent qualification. Demonstrate substantial experience in visual arts practice, studio based research and contribute to the success of QCA through collaboration with team members.

For position queries, contact Ms Jennifer Herd, First Year Advisor, Contemporary Australian Indigenous Art on (07) 373 53190.


Closes: 16 December 2009
Reference: QCA0478/09



When applying:
Go to griffith.edu.au/jobs for further information on the position and selection criteria, or phone (07) 3735 4010 if you do not have internet access.

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NSW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES PROJECT OFFICER

(Aboriginal Programs)
Clerk Grade 7/8

Aboriginal Support and Planning Unit, Long Bay Complex
Permanent Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 09000001DM. Total remuneration package valued at \$91,779 pa including salary range \$75,137pa to \$83,171pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and annual leave loading. Contribute to the management, development and delivery of Aboriginal cultural programs. This position will also be required to co-ordinate the delivery of Aboriginal Awareness Training at the Corrective Services Academy. The position will be required to travel extensively throughout NSW.


Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Demonstrated experience contributing to a multi-disciplinary team environment. Ability to actively contribute to the implementation of the Aboriginal Offender Strategic Plan, demonstrated effective interpersonal and oral communication skills. Demonstrated ability to design and deliver programs to Aboriginal offenders in custody and in the community, demonstrated high level written skills, ability to undertake administrative tasks and special projects as required. Demonstrated ability to provide advice to internal and external stakeholders relating to Aboriginal offenders, programs and Aboriginal issues generally. Willingness to enter and work within Correctional Center's across NSW. Knowledge of the criminal justice system and the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody.

Note: In this position the applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977. This is a permanent appointment/employment under the Public Sector Employment & Management Amendment Act 2008. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor, and address all of the essential criteria. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future permanent and temporary positions. All staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to two weeks at the commencement of their employment.


Inquiries: Ken Jurotte, Ph: (02) 9289 2627
E-mail: ken.jurotte@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Packages: Krista Christensen, ph (02) 9289 2676
E-mail: krista.christensen@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications To: Apply on line for this position www.jobs.nsw.gov.au
Closing Date: 18/12/09.



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Flinders UNIVERSITY

Research Associate

REF: 9313 The appointee will assist Chief Investigators and other members of the research team with the implementation of the 'Evaluating the effectiveness of comprehensive primary health care in local communities' project. This project is designed to develop and implement a program logic evaluation to assess the effectiveness of various models of comprehensive primary health care service delivery. Part of the project focuses on services and client experiences in two chronic diseases: diabetes and depression. The project partners include Indigenous and non-Indigenous health services in South Australia and the Northern Territory.

- **Central Australian Aboriginal Congress**
- **Location: Alice Springs, Northern Territory**
- **Available for four years on a part-time (0.8) basis**
- **Salary (Res A): \$53 909 to \$65 658 pa (full-time)**
- **Plus 9% employer superannuation**

Administrative Assistant Community Based Medical Education

REF: 9318 This position would suit a person possessing a broad range of administrative skills who is interested in providing a high level of executive and student support service. If you enjoy working in an environment that is exciting and diverse this could well be the position that you are looking for.


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- **Plus 17% employer superannuation**
- **Interviews will be held in January 2010**

Applications for the above positions close: 9.00 am
Wednesday, 16 December 2009

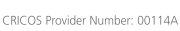
Full details for the above positions including how to apply on-line can be found at our [Jobs@Flinders](http://www.flinders.edu.au/jobs) website:
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Careers @ Justice

DEPARTMENT
OF JUSTICE



EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HUME REGIONAL ABORIGINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Hume Region

\$73,104 - \$88,450 plus superannuation

Position No DJ3697

- Shepparton based opportunity
- Key stakeholder engagement
- Fixed term contract for 12 months

The Department of Justice has implemented a regional management model, to align with the Victorian Government's commitment to make government services more accessible to the community. As a result, an exciting opportunity has arisen for an Executive Officer, Hume Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC).

In this role, you will take primary responsibility for the development and maintenance of supportive linkages between Justice Agencies and community organisations. This will include providing policy advice, implementing the Regional Justice Plan, providing secretariat services to the RAJAC as well as promotion of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement (AJA) initiatives within the region. You will also be a key member of the Hume Region Executive Committee.

The successful candidate will need to have a demonstrated knowledge and understanding of the Koori community and the issues impacting on it. You will also have the ability to communicate sensitively and effectively with the Koori community.

This is an Identified Position in accordance with the Department's Identified Position policy. The Department encourages applications from Koories and other Indigenous Australians.

To apply online and for further information on position descriptions and selection criteria visit

www.careers.vic.gov.au

Closing date for applications is 8 December 2009

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Indigenous Health Academic

Ref. No. 9209 – Townsville

Are you committed to health professional education and advancing the health of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders? This key position in Indigenous Australian Health at the School of Medicine and Dentistry might be for you.

Promoting values of social justice, innovation and excellence, the School of Medicine and Dentistry was established in 2000 with a regional mission to serve northern Australian communities. It has a particular focus on rural, remote and tropical medicine and the health of Indigenous Australians. We are seeking an energetic individual with experience in Indigenous health service delivery to take a lead role in the area of Indigenous Health across the medical curriculum.

The position has a particular focus on undergraduate teaching in Indigenous health, support for Indigenous students, Indigenous health-related research and engagement with Indigenous health services in the education and training of medical students. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply. Equal opportunity in employment is University policy.

Employment Type: Appointment will be full-time on a continuing basis subject to a probationary period but applicants wishing to work less than full time will also be considered.

Salary: Lecturer - Academic Level B - \$69,689 - \$82,461 per annum or Senior Lecturer - Academic Level C - \$85,013 - \$97,784 per annum or Associate Professor - Academic Level D - \$102,041 - \$112,254 per annum. Level of appointment and commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience. Benefits include generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

Applications close on 18 December 2009.

Researcher in Indigenous Health - Influenza Studies with Indigenous Communities

Ref. No. 9207 – Townsville or Cairns

Supported by NH&MRC research grants this challenging position offers a unique opportunity to work on projects concerned with investigating acceptable and feasible containment strategies for pandemic influenza and swine influenza H1N1 in rural and remote Indigenous communities. Reporting to the Director of the Anton Breinl Centre the appointee will collaborate with Chief Investigators in developing productive linkages with Indigenous communities and managing research projects.

Employment Type: Appointment will be full-time for a fixed-term to 31 December 2012 subject to a probationary period.

Salary: Academic Level B - \$69,689 - \$82,461 per annum or Academic Level C - \$85,013 - \$97,784 per annum. Level of appointment, designation and commencing salary will be in accordance with qualifications and experience. A PhD qualified appointee will be accorded the title of Research Fellow (Level B) or Senior Research Fellow (Level C). Benefits include generous employer superannuation contribution and attractive options for salary packaging.

Applications close on 18 December 2009.

For more information go to: www.jcu.edu.au/jobs
enter the Reference Number in the search field and
follow the links.

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TMP 001867



Training Consultant in Aboriginal Cultural Awareness

A Sydney-based organisation specialising in embedding inclusive workplace cultures is seeking a skilled trainer to facilitate Aboriginal Cultural Awareness programs in the public and private sectors.

The successful candidate will have a graduate or vocational qualification in Education or Human Resources, as well as extensive experience in group training and facilitation.

Applicants must be available to facilitate several full-day training programs per month from mid-January; be able to travel to venues in the greater Sydney area and across regional NSW; and to be flexible with availability.

Please send your expressions of interest along with your resume to liz@diversityconsultingcompany.com.

Applications close Friday, December 11 2009.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT CRIME PREVENTION DIVISION ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE SPECIALIST COORDINATOR

(ATSI IDENTIFIED) - AG09/722

Clerk Grade 7-8

Parramatta, Permanent Full Time

Salary range: \$75,137 - \$83,171

Total remuneration package valued up to: \$91,779

Selection Criteria:

- Aboriginality and ability to provide sound advice on Aboriginal issues;
- Capacity to build effective relationships with community groups and organisations and be accepted by these groups;
- Knowledge of the criminal justice system and the issues affecting Aboriginal people in relation to Court and Registry services;
- Ability to research and analyse information, and to prepare written briefings and submissions;
- Highly developed interpersonal and verbal communication skills - ability to communicate with and provide information to a range of diverse audiences;
- Good negotiation and conflict resolution skills;
- Computer skills (including ability to use word processing, e-mail and simple databases);
- Ability to travel within NSW (overnight travel will be required).

Job Notes:

The definition of an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (as defined by the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983) is a person

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- who identifies as being Aboriginal;
- and is accepted by the Aboriginal community in which you live or have lived.

Applicants must obtain an information package and address all criteria in the advertisement. Please include AG reference number when submitting application.

Applications emailed to: agrecruitment@agd.nsw.gov.au

Inquiries/Information Packages: George Blacklaws, telephone (02) 8688 8043 george_blacklaws@agd.nsw.gov.au

Closing Date: 11 December 2009.

GA-754745

NSW DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

ABORIGINAL CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Clerk Grade 5/6

Community Offender Services, Lismore District Office.

Temporary Full-Time

Vacancy Number: 0000019W. Total remuneration package valued at \$80,502 pa including salary range \$66,116 pa to \$72,952 pa, employer's contribution to superannuation and leave loading. Facilitate the development and implementation of specific Aboriginal Employment Programs. Identify and build collaborative community networks and partnerships to enhance the delivery of community based offender programs.

Selection Criteria: Aboriginality. Ability to case manage aboriginal offenders within a legally mandated environment. Well developed group work, presentation skills and computer literacy. Knowledge of Aboriginal culture and history in relation to the justice system. Well developed knowledge of, experience in and acceptance by Aboriginal communities to provide influence in community partnerships. Excellent interpersonal, conflict resolution, liaison and oral and written communication skills. Current driver's licence and a willingness/ability to drive within NSW as required. Ability to utilise aboriginal targeted resources with a focussed outcome of strengthening community and Government relationships.

Note: In this position an applicants race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977. This is a secondment/ temporary employment under the Public Sector Employment and Management Act 2002. All new staff will be required to attend the Integrated Induction for up to 2 weeks at the commencement of their employment. Applicants must submit a signed Applicant Declaration form with their application; provide e-mail addresses for two nominated referees, one of which should be a current or recent supervisor. An eligibility list may be created and may be used to fill future temporary positions within the area. Applicants must obtain an information package and address each point of the selection criteria as part of their application.

Inquiries: Mark Nott ph: (02) 6752 4088 / (02) 6622 1277
Email: mark.nott@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Information Package: David Harradine ph: (02) 6622 1277
Email: david.harradine@dcs.nsw.gov.au

Applications To: Apply on line for this position www.jobs.nsw.gov.au

Closing date: 18/12/2009

GA1-805448

Institute for Aboriginal Development



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(Level S01)

Full Time

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(Level 7)

Full Time

The Editor at IAD Press is responsible for all editorial tasks, including manuscript appraisal, structural and copyediting, author liaison and editorial project management.

All positions are Alice Springs based. For application package and further information please contact Lisa Stefanoff on 08 8951 1334, email press.editor@iad.edu.au or check the IAD website www.iad.edu.au

Applications should be addressed in writing to:

The Coordinating Editor, IAD Press, Institute for Aboriginal Development, 3 South Terrace, Alice Springs NT 0870.

Applications close 9 December 2009



THARAWAL ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

This is a great opportunity to join a winning team. Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation, winner of the RACGP Medical Practice of the Year 2008, offers excellent career opportunities for the Aboriginal people in 2010.

New Directions:

Mums & Bubs Coordinator / Educator

This new OATSIH funded position is aimed at getting the best start to life for young Aboriginal children caring for them from conception until 5 years of age. The position coordinates the activities on a Midwife and a Child Health Nurse and assists in the development of culturally appropriate education strategies to encourage ante natal care and the forming of linkages with other support services. A clinical background, education or health promotion would be ideal for this role.

Social Worker - Community Health Background

This is an interim position that may become permanent. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary health care team you will provide assessment, counselling, case work, facilitate group work and referrals to other support services within the Medical Centre and the region. Advocacy for Aboriginal clients forms a significant part of this role.

Drug & Alcohol Worker

This position is a Health Worker position that has a focus on the development of health promotion programs targeting youth and raising awareness of the dangers of substance abuse. Depending on the background of the successful applicant, the role may involve some case management where clients will be referred appropriately to local organisations.

Domestic Violence Worker

This new position is funded by the Violence Prevention Unit, Office for Women's Policy (NSW Premiers Department). The immediate aim of this project is to provide crisis care and case management for clients experiencing family/domestic violence and sexual assault or who have child protection issues, taking referrals from other services for support and assistance and to advocate on behalf of Aboriginal women who are affected by Domestic Violence. Developing and delivering programs to the community and service providers, youth services and schools around topics such as Healthy Relationships for young women / mums; self esteem building, self care, relaxation and meditation, healing in the form of art, music, and healthy living

Mental Health Worker

The primary purpose of this new position is to raise awareness in communities regarding social and emotional wellbeing / mental health matters; to provide case management and advocacy. The role requires a collaborative approach in an effort to develop appropriate strategies that support and inform on mental health issues and to facilitate clients' access to appropriate services locally.

Hearing Health Worker

This re-advertised position addresses the urgent need for early intervention to manage and control Otitis Media and hearing loss in Aboriginal children. It proposes a holistic and collaborative approach to coordination and delivery of effective and culturally appropriate interventions to minimise the impact of hearing loss. The position will require training to enable screening of young children, appropriate referral as well as developing educational programs to raise awareness about the risk factors and importance of early intervention. Previous applicants need not apply.

All positions with the exception of the Social Worker are Aboriginal identified, exemption sought under Section 14D of the Anti Discrimination Act.

For further information, and application kits including selection criteria call (02) 49408700

Closing date: 18 December 2009



CHILDREN'S SERVICES INC.
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Early Childhood Teacher

SDN Children's Services is as committed in 2009 about our mission of providing high quality early childhood education and care, addressing inequalities and strengthening families and communities as we were when we started in 1905. We currently have a vacancy for an enthusiastic individual to join us in the capacity of full-time Early Childhood Teacher at our Children's Education and Care Centre located at **Redfern**.

The successful appointee will possess tertiary qualifications in education or teaching (Early Childhood), Senior First Aid Certificate, a commitment to inclusive Early Childhood practice, social justice and an understanding of current pedagogical thinking.

This position offers an attractive above award salary. For further information please contact Ms Megan Ball, Early Childhood Advisor on 9213 2400 or visit our website at www.sdn.org.au Applications must address the selection criteria contained in the position description and can be sent to careers@sdn.org.au

Working with Children Check and pre-placement medical applies.

Aboriginal Drug & Alcohol Worker

This is an identified position

An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification, and is authorised by Section 14 of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Our client based in Albury is a well respected Aboriginal community controlled health organisation. They are currently seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Aboriginal Drug and Alcohol Worker.

This position will be responsible for promoting a client focused approach to engaging with clients affected by Alcohol and other Drug Use issues.

The position will promote the empowerment of clients by ensuring that Alcohol and other Drugs programs and services are delivered from a holistic perspective, within the principles and goals of Primary Health Care. It will build productive and meaningful relationships with mainstream health providers who deliver Alcohol and other Drug Programs and Services.

It would desirable for the successful candidate to have Certificate IV AOD or working towards and/or previous experience working in the role of Drug and Alcohol worker.

Prior experience would also be an advantage in dealing with Aboriginal people and their families who have experienced Alcohol and Drug issues and the ability to communicate effectively with the local Aboriginal community in a non discriminative and professional manner is essential.

Attractive salary and work conditions apply to this interesting and rewarding position.

Please contact mp personnel and training:
Phone: (02) 6041 6286 Fax: (02) 6041 6285
Email: admin@mppersonnel.com.au
Web: www.mppersonnel.com.au
PO Box 661, Albury, NSW 2640



NOTICE TO GRANT GENERAL PURPOSE LEASES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following general purpose lease applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO & PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
46/9	BC Iron Ltd	10.29ha	36km SW'ly of Nullagine	Lat 22°08' Long 119°53'	East Pilbara
59/41	Extension Hill Pty Ltd	938.97ha	64km SW'ly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°33' Long 117°07'	Perenjori/Yalgoo

Purposes for G46/9 are: Minesite accommodation, communication & administration facility and power & generation facility.

Purposes for G59/41 are: Erecting, placing and operating machinery, depositing and treating minerals, waste disposal, communication cables, roads, pipelines, storage and transportation of minerals and mineral concentrate, water management facilities, power generation facilities, fuel facilities, workshop maintenance facilities office administration facilities and accommodation facilities all in connection with the development of the Extension Hill Magnetite project which is located in the Mt Gibson Range.

Nature of the act: Grant of general purpose leases for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of successive renewals for terms of 21 years.

Notification day: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. Any person who is, or becomes a native title party, is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2 Division 3 Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act 1993*. Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application to become a native title party should be directed to the Federal Court of Australia, 1 Victoria Avenue, Perth, WA 6000, telephone (08) 9268 7100. The leases may be granted if, by the end of the period of 4 months after the notification day (**i.e. 2 April 2010**), there is no native title party in relation to the area of the leases.

For further information about the act (including extracts of plans showing the boundaries of the applications), contact the Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004, or telephone (08) 9222 3828.



NOTICE TO GRANT 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
45/1168	Dumpna Pty Ltd	5.78ha	60km NE'ly of Wittenoom	Lat 21°59' Long 118°50'	Port Hedland Town
47/1423-5	Talisman Mining Ltd	2714.01ha	77km W'ly of Newman	Lat 23°08' Long 119°00'	East Pilbara
63/647	Avoca Resources Ltd	997.78ha	32km NE'ly of Norseman	Lat 32°01' Long 122°03'	Dundas
63/648 & 63/651	Spitfire Oil Pty Ltd	7389.39ha	24km NW'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°51' Long 121°25'	Esperance
63/649-50	Spitfire Oil Pty Ltd	8012.04ha	37km N'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°40' Long 121°29'	Esperance
63/652	John Leslie McKenna	129.94ha	35km NE'ly of Salmon Gums	Lat 32°45' Long 121°55'	Esperance
70/1271	Westdeen Holdings Pty Ltd	46.93ha	7km S'ly of Dongara	Lat 29°18' Long 114°56'	Irwin
77/1245	Ronald William Brown	103.25ha	102km E'ly of Hyden	Lat 32°20' Long 119°59'	Kondinin

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: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. 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. 2 April 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 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
15/5262	Scott Walter Wilson	4.55ha	1km W'ly of Widgiemooltha	Lat 31°29' Long 121°33'	Coolgardie
26/3732	Christopher Peter Potts	0.46ha	32km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 31°01' Long 121°56'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
27/1614	Murchison Resources Pty Ltd	10.03ha	65km NE'ly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 30°12' Long 121°43'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
29/2121	Scotia Nickel Pty Ltd	37.85ha	50km SE'ly of Menzies	Lat 30°05' Long 121°15'	Menzies
37/7778	Harold John Stokes	188.89ha	13km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°53' Long 121°27'	Leonora
37/7782-801	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	2848.76ha	31km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°42' Long 121°05'	Leonora
37/7802	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	200ha	22km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°10'	Leonora
37/7803	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	40.5ha	20km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°43' Long 121°13'	Leonora
37/7804	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	160.03ha	18km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°14'	Leonora
37/7817	Donald Maxwell Daniels	11.76ha	18km NW'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°44' Long 121°14'	Leonora
38/3855-6	A1 Minerals Ltd	307.95ha	33km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°50' Long 122°37'	Laverton
38/3860-1	A1 Minerals Ltd	267.82ha	36km SE'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°53' Long 122°35'	Laverton
39/5025	Michael James Boase	196ha	90km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°25' Long 122°20'	Leonora
39/5038	Dion Jameshanlon				
39/5064-7	Robert Geoffrey Truran				
39/5068-70	Virgil John Clark	91.62ha	57km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°58' Long 121°59'	Laverton
39/5071-3 & 39/5075	Reinhold Resources Pty Ltd	795.21ha	56km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 121°55'	Laverton
39/5074	Reinhold Resources Pty Ltd	595.20ha	57km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°54' Long 121°54'	Laverton/Leonora
39/5076	Reinhold Resources Pty Ltd	692.76ha	55km E'ly of Leonora	Lat 28°54' Long 121°53'	Leonora
39/5077	Reinhold Resources Pty Ltd	153.31ha	59km SW'ly of Laverton	Lat 28°57' Long 121°55'	Leonora
39/5078-84 & 39/5088	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	198.89ha	61km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°09' Long 122°30'	Laverton
45/2748	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	198.67ha	65km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°11' Long 122°29'	Laverton/Menzies
45/2749	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	1331.78ha	67km S'ly of Laverton	Lat 29°13' Long 122°30'	Menzies
45/2754	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	102.07ha	27km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°08' Long 120°00'	East Pilbara
45/2755	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	127.48ha	25km E'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 119°58'	East Pilbara
45/2756	Pandell Pty Ltd	24.06ha	46km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°47' Long 119°33'	East Pilbara
45/2757	Pandell Pty Ltd	23.48ha	46km S'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°45' Long 119°29'	East Pilbara
45/2758	Pandell Pty Ltd	23.49ha	48km S'ly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°46' Long 119°28'	East Pilbara
52/975	Pandell Pty Ltd	76.74ha	50km NW'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°48' Long 119°27'	East Pilbara
59/1920	Moorak Exploration Pty Ltd	59.33ha	44km E'ly of Newman	Lat 23°27' Long 120°09'	Meekatharra
70/1583	Karara Mining Limited	94.74ha	74km E'ly of Morawa	Lat 29°16' Long 116°46'	Perenjori
70/1584	ACN 137970579 PTY LTD	1.57ha	27km E'ly of Augusta	Lat 34°15' Long 115°26'	Nannup
70/1587	ACN 137970579 PTY LTD	17.34ha	36km E'ly of Augusta	Lat 34°17' Long 115°33'	Nannup
77/3983	Geoffrey William Pember	148.92ha	16km NE'ly of Augusta	Lat 34°14' Long 115°18'	Augusta-Margaret River
		119.84ha	108km N'ly of Koolyanobbing	Lat 29°54' Long 119°06'	Yilgarn

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: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. 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. 2 April 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.



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The Recruitment Officer
Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
GPO Box 553
Canberra ACT 2601

Closing Date: COB 11th December 2009.

Applications may also be forwarded by e-mail: HRTeam@aiatsis.gov.au

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Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permits to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant																												
EPM17064 This Application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 67 km SSE from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°37’S Long.144°30’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 48 km SSE from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°27’S Long.144°27’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 43 km SSE from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°25’S Long.144°24’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 197 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 60 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>437</td><td>k, p, u, z</td></tr><tr><td>438</td><td>s, t, u, x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>509</td><td>e, k, p</td></tr><tr><td>510</td><td>a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>511</td><td>f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w</td></tr><tr><td>582</td><td>d, e, k</td></tr><tr><td>583</td><td>a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, r</td></tr><tr><td>584</td><td>l, m</td></tr></table> Area of Part 2: 36 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>366</td><td>a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w</td></tr></table> Area of Part 3: 23 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 7 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>293</td><td>x, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>365</td><td>c, d, h, j</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	437	k, p, u, z	438	s, t, u, x, y, z	509	e, k, p	510	a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, w, y, z	511	f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	582	d, e, k	583	a, b, f, g, h, l, m, n, o, p, r	584	l, m	Block Number	Sub-blocks	366	a, b, c, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w	Block Number	Sub-blocks	293	x, y, z	365	c, d, h, j	Archeoptryx Resources Pty Ltd 125 301 206
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EPM17065 This Application consists of four separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 42 km S from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°25’S Long.144°15’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 60 km S from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°35’S Long.144°21’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 3: Approx. 45 km S from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°27’S Long.144°19’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council Part 4: Approx. 52 km S from Maytown Centred at approximate Lat.16°31’S Long.144°18’E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 89 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>291</td><td>h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z</td></tr><tr><td>292</td><td>l, q, r, v, w</td></tr><tr><td>363</td><td>e, k, p</td></tr><tr><td>364</td><td>a, b, f, g, l, m, r, w</td></tr></table> Area of Part 2: 53 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 16 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>436</td><td>o, p, t, u</td></tr><tr><td>437</td><td>l, q, v, w, x</td></tr><tr><td>508</td><td>k, p</td></tr><tr><td>509</td><td>a, b, c, f, l</td></tr></table> Area of Part 3: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>364</td><td>j, o, t</td></tr></table> Area of Part 4: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1’lat.x 1’long.) <table><tr><th>Block Number</th><th>Sub-blocks</th></tr><tr><td>436</td><td>h</td></tr></table>	Block Number	Sub-blocks	291	h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, y, z	292	l, q, r, v, w	363	e, k, p	364	a, b, f, g, l, m, r, w	Block Number	Sub-blocks	436	o, p, t, u	437	l, q, v, w, x	508	k, p	509	a, b, c, f, l	Block Number	Sub-blocks	364	j, o, t	Block Number	Sub-blocks	436	h	Archeoptryx Resources Pty Ltd 125 301 206
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Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

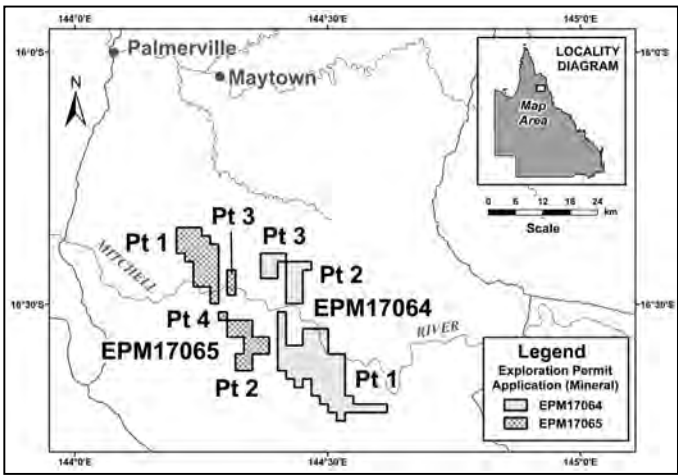
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 December 2009



Queensland Government



Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer

Permanent - Full Time (80 hrs per fortnight with ADO)

Position No: 35578

We seek suitably qualified applicants for this important role within our Social Work department. Primarily, this role provides support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients experiencing health-related issues in acute and sub-acute settings.

Applicants must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage and demonstrate the ability to work effectively and collaboratively with the Ballarat & District Aboriginal Cooperative (BADAC).

To be considered for this role you will demonstrate a sound knowledge of issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal people and have experience in the provision of support and advocacy to Aboriginal families. An important aspect of this role will be to foster cultural awareness in the BHS staff population.

For further information contact Catherine Ludbrook, Clinical Manager Social Work on 5320 3804

Applications close Wednesday 9 December 2009

For further details and to apply, please go to our website at www.bhs.org.au and click on 'Career'.

All appointments are subject to satisfactory clearance of a current Police Record Check.

ALBURY & DISTRICT LOCAL ABORIGINAL LAND COUNCIL (A&DLALC)

OFFICE MANAGER

The Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council (A&DLALC) is seeking applications from experienced and motivated people interested in a rewarding career undertaking the challenging role of Office Manager.

The Office Managers position will carry all of the functions of the Chief Executive Officer which was recently established following amendments to the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (ALRA), it provides an excellent employment opportunity for the successful applicant.

This position holder will provide an extensive range of assistance and support to the elected Board through the day-to-day management of the A&DLALC's affairs in accordance with delegated authorities; the provision of sound and accurate advice and the implementation of the Board's resolutions in a timely and appropriate manner.

The successful applicant will demonstrate a sound knowledge and understanding of the ALRA, have the capacity to interpret and implement legislation and possess sound communication skills. Organisational and management experience is essential together with an understanding of Aboriginal issues would also be required.

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 Kelly Goldsworthy or Melissa Thomson on 02-60257075, by email: lalcalbury@bigpond.com

Applications should be marked "Confidential" and posted to:
The Chairperson
Albury & District Local Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 22, LAVINGTON NSW 2641

Applications close: Friday 8 January 2010
Aboriginal people are encouraged to apply.



THE AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION (AIDA)

Policy / Project Officer

Salary Range \$68,850 - \$75,850 Plus Statutory Superannuation.

AIDA also offers salary sacrificing as part of its salary package.

The position is located in Canberra, ACT

The Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA) is a leading organisation on Indigenous health, medical education and workforce matters and is the sole body representing Indigenous medical graduates and students in Australia. Our purpose is to strive for excellence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, wellbeing and life outcomes through leadership, partnership and scholarship, and in the spirit of cultural integrity, incorporating the philosophy that Life is Health is Life.

If you have a

- strong commitment to improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- demonstrated ability to develop, implement and evaluate policy and projects
- proven ability as an effective communicator
- proven ability as a team player
- ability to work in a changing and challenging environment

we'd like to hear from you.

AS AN INDIGENOUS ORGANISATION WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE TO CONSIDER JOINING OUR TEAM

Selection documentation can be obtained from the AIDA website at www.aida.org.au. Please contact Ms Mary Guthrie on 02 6273 5013 if you have any questions about the position.

Applications should address the selection criteria in full and be forwarded to:

Mr Romlie Mokak, Chief Executive Officer
Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association
P.O. Box 3497, MANUKA A.C.T. 2603
Attention: Ms Mary Guthrie
Phone 02 6273 5013 or email mary@aida.org.au

Closing date for applications: COB 18th December 2009

The Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited (VACSAL)

has a current vacancy within the Organisation for a Indigenous Family Violence Men's Case Management position. The Family violence Men's Case Management Position will work with a small case load of high needs Indigenous Men who use violence against women.

Family Violence Men's Case Management

.8 EFT 4 days a week

171 Smith Street Fitzroy

Salary: Negotiable Rate: Negotiable

Reporting: Phil Cooper, Community Development Officer

Please contact Phil Cooper (03) 9416-4266 for further information and/or a Position Description.

Koorie people are encouraged to apply.

Applications close 11th Dec 2009

NSWHEALTH

SOUTH EASTERN SYDNEY ILLAWARRA

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

Area Clinical Coordinator

Aboriginal Mental Health

Health Service Manager Level 2

Perm Full Time

Position No: CN/139287

• An applicant's race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised under Section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.

Enq: David Pearce, (02) 9113 2531.

Closing Date: 11 December 2009.

For further information, or to apply for a position, visit www.sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or contact the enquiries person.

NSW Health Service: employer of choice

Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd

Expressions of Interest

Hostel Manager/Assistant Manager

This position would be ideal for a married/partnered couple, with accommodation available.

Duties will include:

- Managing staff on a daily basis
- Residential bookings
- The day to day running of the Hostel
- Finance acquittals and payroll
- Ordering and purchasing supplies
- Directing residents to appropriate services
- Some cooking and meal preparation
- General cleaning duties
- Liaising with organisations locally and Statewide
- To be available for on call duties

For anyone that has an interest in these positions please ring the CEO, Ballarat and District Aboriginal Co-operative on

(03) 5331 5344

POSITIONS VACANT

SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL BEING

Aboriginal Youth Mental Health Worker (Female)

Permanent Full-Time

CHILD AND FAMILY HEALTH CLINIC

Aboriginal Family Support Worker

Permanent Part-Time

GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC

Community Nurse - Permanent Full-Time

AMSWS is offering challenging employment opportunities for community minded Aboriginal people with strong communication skills, a good listener, prepared to become part of a holistic health team committed to the delivery of primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community of Western Sydney from our centre at Mt Druitt.

Established in October 1986 we have been providing primary health care services to the local Aboriginal community since August 1987.

AMSWS is a vibrant non-government community run organization with Public Benevolent Institution status, our main source of income comes from federal and state government grants.

All applications will be assessed against a selection criterion that includes essential and desirable qualifying factors. Relevant criminal record checks will be conducted on successful applicants recommended for employment or appointment.

Notes: In these positions an applicants' race is a genuine occupational qualification and is authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act, 1977.

Enquiries: Joanne Delaney on 02 9832 1356 or email Joanne@amsws.org.au

Information Packages: Jean Blair on 02 9832 1356 or email Jean@amsws.org.au

Website: www.amsws.org.au

Written applications: The Chairperson, Aboriginal Medical Service Western Sydney PO Box 3160 Mt Druitt Village NSW 2770

Closing date: Friday, 18th December 2009 @ 4:30pm

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM16828	Approx. 104 km WSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°07'S Long.138°55'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 631 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 200 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2606 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 2673 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 2674 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 2675 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 2676 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 2677 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 2678 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 2750 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291
EPM16829	Approx. 107 km WSW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°0'S Long.138°53'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council	Area: 612 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 194 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2529 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 2530 c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2531 l, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2532 l, q, v, w, x, y 2533 w, x, y, z 2601 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 2602 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 2603 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 2604 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 2605 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291
EPM16830	Approx. 111 km SW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°27'S Long.139°0'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council	Area: 559 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 178 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2893 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 2894 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 2963 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2964 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 2965 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 2966 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 3034 p 3035 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3036 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291
EPM16831	Approx. 109 km SW from Boulia Centred at approximate Lat.23°17'S Long.138°55'E Local Government Area: Boulia Shire Council and Diamantina Shire Council	Area: 625 km² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 199 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2746 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 2747 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 2748 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 2749 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 2818 c, d, e, h, j, k, o, p, u 2819 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s 2820 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2821 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 2891 x, y, z 2892 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z	Australis Exploration Pty Ltd 125 939 291

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Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 December 2009

Legend

Exploration Permit Application (Mineral)

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Map Area

LOCALITY DIAGRAM

Scale

0 5 10 20 30 km

5 December: Documentary broadcast *One Blood*. The story of William Cooper, a voice raised in the silence. The documentary, *One Blood*, will feature during ABC Radio National's *Awaye!* program at 6pm and will include readings from Cooper's letter, journey back to his final resting place, recorded audio from a ceremony in the Forest of Martyrs, in

Israel, and more. Details: Nicola Fern on (03) 9626 1758 or (0418) 494 252 or email nicola.fern@abc.net.au or visit www.abc.net.au/rn/awaye

5 December: Bush Tucker Day. There will be raffles, workshops, cooking demos, native jams, bush tucker tasting, special giveaways and refreshments provided.

Bush tucker products are available for purchase. Special Guest; Dale Chapman, The Dilly Bag Bush Tucker Chef. All welcome. Held at Webb Hall, Redcliffe Showgrounds, Scarborough Road, Redcliffe, from 10am-4pm. Details: Michael or Jo on (07) 3880 1320 or email kullilla@dreamtime.auz.net or visit www.dreamtime.auz.net

5 December-5 April: Pacific Reggae Sounds: Roots Beyond the Reef Exhibition. A curated selection of Pacific reggae music videos, concert clips, documentaries, playlists and performances. All welcome. Held at the Gallery of Modern Art, Stanley Place, South Bank, Brisbane. Details: (07) 3840 7303 or visit www.qag.qld.gov.au/apt6

5-31 December: Dandiiri Maiwar Art Exhibition. Explore the cultural diversity, innovation and creativity of Queensland's Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders through stories, artefacts, music and photographs. All welcome. Held at Queensland Museum, South Bank, Brisbane, Qld. Details: (07) 3840 7555 or visit www.southbank.qm.qld.gov.au

7-8 December: Third annual Indigenous Recruitment and Training Summit. Cost involved. Held at the Stamford Plaza, Brisbane, Qld. Details: 2 9080 4050 or email edinfo@iir.com.au or visit www.iired.com.au

10 December: ABC1 screening *The New Black* with Margaret Pomeranz and Warwick Thornton. This is a collection of impressive short films featuring Indigenous stories, authored and crafted by Indigenous people, and told in innovative and compelling ways. The films include: *Aunty Maggie and the Womba Wakgun, Bourke Boy, Jacob, The Farm, Nia's Melancholy, The Party Shoes*, and *Ralph*. Held on channel ABC1 from 8.30pm onwards. Details: Kristine Way on (02) 8333 3844 or (0419) 969 2982 or email way.kris@abc.net.au

11 December: Forum for Indigenous Learning and Teaching. This forum is a unique opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous university staff to share exemplary teaching practices and address questions such as what characterises effective Indigenous teaching and more. Held in Melbourne, Vic. Details: 03 9347 7811 or email casmar@unimelb.edu.au or visit www.cshe.unimelb.edu.au

12 December-1 February 2010: Indigenous Artists of Australia Art Exhibition. This exhibition is a portrayal of confidence, beauty and aesthetic understanding celebrating the achievements of Indigenous artists at the highest level. All welcome. Held at Tandanya, 253 Grenfell St, Adelaide, SA. Details: (08) 8224 3200 or email tandanya@tandanya.com.au or visit www.tandanya.com.au

12-13 December: Spirit Festival 2009. Come and experience the oldest living culture in the world. There will be local and national traditional artists, visual arts, children workshops, sporting activities and more. Featuring Jessica Mauboy, Archie Roach, Jimmy Little, Christine Anu, Emma Donovan, Dan Sultan, The Last Kinection and many more. Free and all welcome. Held at Elder Park, Adelaide, from 11am onwards. Details: Karl Telfer on (08) 8224 3200 or visit www.thespiritfestival.com

13 December: Darug Christmas party. There will be entertainment, kids' activities, food, Santa Clause and more. All welcome. Held at Muru Mittigar, 195 Castlereagh Rd, Castlereagh, NSW from 10am onwards. Details: (02) 9622 4081or (0415) 439 325 or visit www.darug.org.au

14-15 December: Indigenous Knowledge's Symposium. Cost involved. All welcome. Held at the Refectory, Holme Building, Camperdown campus, Sydney. Details: Lindsay Rowan on (02) 9351 2650 or email lindsay.rowan@usyd.edu.au or visit www.conferences.arts.usyd.edu.au

14-20 December: Perinatal Dreaming Exhibition. The exhibition compromises of a unique sound scape, images and soft sculptures, set up with laser and specific mood lighting combined with an aromatherapy blend. All welcome. Held at the Queensland College of Art, Foundation Photography Studio, Level 4 Queensland College of Arts, South Bank, Brisbane, Qld. Details: Emma Bennison on 1300 663 651 or (0403) 070 688 or Marianne Wobcke on (0408) 756 825 or email mwobcke@bigpond.com or visit www.accessarts.org.au

15-16 December: Ngunnawal Indigenous Higher Education Centre; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program. This is a two-day assessment and familiarisation session. All welcome. Held at the University of Canberra. Details: Kaye Price on (02)6201 5894 or (02) 6201 5375 or email Kaye.Price@canberra.edu.au

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GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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
08/1949	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	220.61km²	104km W'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°59' Long 116°41'	Ashburton
08/1957	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.16km²	100km S'yly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°32' Long 116°15'	Ashburton
08/1969	Gondwana Ltd	183.55km²	99km S'yly of Onslow	Lat 22°29' Long 115°23'	Ashburton
08/1985	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	59.94km²	124km W'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°51' Long 116°31'	Ashburton
08/1989	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.15km²	115km NW'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 22°45' Long 116°39'	Ashburton
08/1995 & 08/2009	Yarri Mining Pty Ltd	66.77km²	23km S'yly of Onslow	Lat 21°51' Long 115°07'	Ashburton
08/2021	Ballyaughlis Pty Ltd	114.57km²	11km SE'yly of Onslow	Lat 21°42' Long 115°11'	Ashburton
08/2028	De Grey Mining Ltd	377.16km²	171km W'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°22' Long 116°01'	Ashburton
08/2031	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	69.38km²	145km S'yly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°55' Long 116°01'	Ashburton
08/2032	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	41km²	141km S'yly of Pannawonica	Lat 22°54' Long 116°08'	Ashburton
08/2033	Vestiga Pty Ltd	25.13km²	79km W'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°23' Long 116°56'	Ashburton
09/1663	Aurora Resources Pty Ltd	149.78km²	137km SW'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°19' Long 117°05'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1665	Rodney Laurence Bellotti	18.76km²	160km NE'yly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°01' Long 116°18'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1671	Peter Romeo Gianni	37.39km²	103km NE'yly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°30' Long 116°02'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1677	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	312.58km²	160km SW'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 24°06' Long 116°27'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1678	Bushwin Pty Ltd	93.62km²	144km NE'yly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°18' Long 116°23'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1679	Kallenia Mines Pty Ltd	424.32km²	100km NE'yly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°21' Long 115°50'	Upper Gascoyne
09/1680	Spark Energy Pty Ltd	71.52km²	65km NE'yly of Gascoyne Junction	Lat 24°48' Long 115°47'	Upper Gascoyne
29/747	Amex Resources Ltd	119.11km²	23km E'yly of Menzies	Lat 29°43' Long 121°16'	Menzies
30/401	Bruce Robert Legendre	47.77km²	45km W'yly of Menzies	Lat 29°33' Long 120°36'	Menzies
31/889	Sammy Resources Pty Ltd	44.57km²	119km NE'yly of Kalgoorlie	Lat 29°55' Long 122°15'	Menzies
37/1013	Yellow Resources Pty Ltd	211.84km²	97km NW'yly of Laverton	Lat 28°00' Long 121°41'	Leonora
38/2350	Anglogold Ashanti Australia Ltd	2.99km²	42km SE'yly of Laverton	Lat 28°56' Long 122°38'	Laverton
38/2354	Debin Nominees Pty Ltd	18.14km²	17km S'yly of Laverton	Lat 28°46' Long 122°21'	Laverton
39/1502	Johann Jakob Staub	11.94km²	91km S'yly of Laverton	Lat 29°26' Long 122°23'	Leonora/Menzies
39/1503	Imelda Neuhaus				
45/3106	Noonpark Pty Ltd	68.67km²	95km S'yly of Laverton	Lat 29°25' Long 122°46'	Menzies
45/3366	Michael Ashley Giles	25.7km²	5km SE'yly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°23' Long 119 832'	East Pilbara
45/3366	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	111.13km²	91km W'yly of Nullagine	Lat 22°07' Long 119°16'	Ashburton/East Pilbara
45/3399	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	115.83km²	27km NW'yly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°08' Long 119°22'	Port Hedland Town
45/3400	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	109.36km²	38km NW'yly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°09' Long 119°13'	Port Hedland Town
45/3412	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.37km²	66km SW'yly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°33' Long 119°15'	East Pilbara
45/3413	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	41.53km²	35km SE'yly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°21' Long 120°01'	East Pilbara
45/3433	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	134.74km²	33km S'yly of Goldsworthy	Lat 20°38' Long 119°32'	East Pilbara
45/3434	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	16.01km²	31km NE'yly of Marble Bar	Lat 20°56' Long 119°54'	East Pilbara
45/3438	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.59km²	25km E'yly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°08' Long 119°59'	East Pilbara
45/3469	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	28.74km²	30km SE'yly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°23' Long 119°55'	East Pilbara
45/3475	Robert Keith Leslie	38.44km²	59km SE'yly of Shay Gap	Lat 20°49' Long 120°36'	East Pilbara
46/799	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	259.65km²	34km N'yly of Newman	Lat 22°31' Long 120°32'	East Pilbara
46/832	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	9.5km²	48km NW'yly of Newman	Lat 22°35' Long 120°11'	East Pilbara
47/1622	Darryl John Corps	28.79km²	26km SW'yly of Dampier	Lat 20°47' Long 116°30'	Roebourne
47/2047	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	35.1km²	82km SE'yly of Roebourne	Lat 21°15' Long 118°22'	Port Hedland Town
47/2055	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	3.15km²	57km W'yly of Tom Price	Lat 22°40' Long 117°14'	Ashburton
47/2056	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	12.63km²	59km W'yly of Tom Price	Lat 22°42' Long 117°13'	Ashburton
47/2059	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	6.29km²	9km E'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°12' Long 117°46'	Ashburton
47/2060	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	28.33km²	7km NE'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°10' Long 117°44'	Ashburton
47/2100	Hamersley Iron Pty Ltd	31.48km²	16km NE'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°08' Long 117°49'	Ashburton
47/2102	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	22.05km²	22km NE'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°01' Long 117°46'	Ashburton
47/2149	Ferro Metals Australia Pty Ltd	60.8km²	29km E'yly of Roebourne	Lat 20°47' Long 118°03'	Port Hedland Town/ Roebourne
52/2423	FMG Resources Pty Ltd	92.64km²	175km NW'yly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°37' Long 117°07'	Murchison/Upper Gascoyne
52/2439	Sipa Exploration NL	218.89km²	104km S'yly of Newman	Lat 24°18' Long 119°45'	Meekatharra
52/2462	Bligh Resources Pty Ltd	165.69km²	116km S'yly of Newman	Lat 24°24' Long 119°48'	Meekatharra
52/2468	Glenn Griffin Venn Money	52.62km²	121km NW'yly of Wiluna	Lat 25°35' Long 119°45'	Meekatharra
52/2470	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	31.42km²	103km W'yly of Newman	Lat 23°30' Long 118°44'	Meekatharra
52/2476	Warwick Resources Ltd	3.14km²	67km W'yly of Newman	Lat 23°28' Long 119°05'	Meekatharra
52/2477	Warwick Resources Ltd	40.88km²	72km W'yly of Newman	Lat 23°25' Long 119°02'	East Pilbara/Meekatharra
52/2479	BGH Mining Resources Pty Ltd	188.59km²	64km E'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°24' Long 118°15'	Meekatharra
52/2480	North Doolgunna Metals Pty Ltd	24.79km²	156km NW'yly of Wiluna	Lat 25°22' Long 119°28'	Meekatharra
52/2481	North Doolgunna Metals Pty Ltd	37.16km²	150km NE'yly of Meekatharra	Lat 25°27' Long 119°19'	Meekatharra
52/2482	North Doolgunna Metals Pty Ltd	77.44km²	151km NW'yly of Wiluna	Lat 25°26' Long 119°26'	Meekatharra
52/2484	FMG Pilbara Pty Ltd	119.32km²	56km SE'yly of Paraburdoo	Lat 23°32' Long 118°05'	Meekatharra
53/1447	Condor Nickel Ltd	12.26km²	117km NE'yly of Leinster	Lat 27°01' Long 121°19'	Wiluna
57/803	Cliffs Asia Pacific Iron Ore Pty Ltd	12.05km²	94km SE'yly of Sandstone	Lat 28°38' Long 119°53'	Menzies
59/1533	Gindalbie Metals Ltd	5.98km²	72km E'yly of Morawa	Lat 29°13' Long 116°45'	Perenjori
59/1569	Fraka Investments Pty Ltd	5.98km²	79km W'yly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°05' Long 116°54'	Perenjori
59/1610	HD Mining & Investment Pty Ltd	60.37km²	11km N'yly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°15' Long 116°39'	Yalgoo
59/1614	Magnetic Resources NL	107.18km²	51km S'yly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°43' Long 117°45'	Mount Marshall/Yalgoo
59/1615	Magnetic Resources NL	72.52km²	48km W'yly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°08' Long 117°22'	Mount Magnet
59/1616	Magnetic Resources NL	51.24km²	45km E'yly of Yalgoo	Lat 28°24' Long 117°08'	Yalgoo
59/1623	Magnetic Resources NL	108.68km²	42km SW'yly of Mount Magnet	Lat 28°14' Long 117°28'	Mount Magnet
59/1626	Shayne John Reid	20.99km²	47km SE'yly of Paynes Find	Lat 29°33' Long 118°02'	Sandstone
70/3340	Paul Winston Askins	249.33km²	115km N'yly of Mullewa	Lat 27°30' Long 115°32'	Murchison
70/3616-7	Mindax Energy Pty Ltd	222.61km²	8km SW'yly of Goomalling	Lat 31°21' Long 116°46'	Goomalling
70/3619	JML Resources Pty Ltd	162.7km²	20km N'yly of Jerramungup	Lat 33°46' Long 118°59'	Jerramungup/Kent
70/3666	Great Southern Gypsum Limited	393.18km²	17km SW'yly of Lake Grace	Lat 33°13' Long 118°21'	Dumbleyung/Kent/Lake Grace
70/3667	Dynasty Metals Australia Ltd	45.29km²	65km N'yly of Nornalup	Lat 34°24' Long 116°53'	Cranbrook
70/3685	Venus Resources Ltd	315.06km²	13km S'yly of Wagin	Lat 33°25' Long 117°23'	Wagin/Woodanilling
70/3701	Ross Leach	151.14km²	45km E'yly of Dalwallinu	Lat 30°10' Long 117°07'	Dalwallinu
74/340	Billiton Nickel (Ravensthorpe) Pty Ltd	17.17km²	20km E'yly of Ravensthorpe	Lat 33°34' Long 120°16'	Ravensthorpe
74/441	QNI Western Australia Pty Ltd				
74/441	Ponton Minerals Pty Ltd	199.86km²	39km W'yly of Munglinup	Lat 33°47' Long 120°27'	Ravensthorpe
74/453	Uranex NL	178.34km²	69km N'yly of Munglinup	Lat 33°06' Long 120°39'	Esperance
80/4280	HD Mining & Investment Pty Ltd	185.68km²	212km NW'yly of Wyndham	Lat 14°34' Long 126°23'	Wyndham & East Kimberley
80/4297	Bruce Robert Legendre	84.22km²	69km N'yly ofhalls Creek	Lat 17°37' Long 127°50'	Halls Creek
80/4302	Lodestar Minerals Ltd	6.54km²	36km N'yly ofhalls Creek	Lat 17°54' Long 127°39'	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: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. 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. 2 April 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.



Comment sought on heritage legislation



THE public has been invited to comment on draft recommendations arising from a review of Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage legislation.

Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) Director-General John Bradley said the Key Issues and Draft Recommendations paper addressed issues raised in review submissions, and aimed to provide more certainty about how cultural heritage is managed throughout the state.

“This will make processes clearer and easier to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people protect their heritage, and landholders and developers to understand their responsibilities,” Mr Bradley said.

“We want to make sure we achieve the best outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage and ensure that the system of protection is clear for developers and landholders.

“This is about making the protection of cultural heritage efficient and fair.”

The paper also acknowledged the importance of providing more detail to people on how they should comply with their duty of care in regards to significant sites and artefacts.

Mr Bradley said DERM carried out the review, which showed the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003 and the Torres Strait Islander Cultural Heritage Act 2003 were working well, but identified some key areas for potential improvement.

It was a legislative requirement to review the Acts within five years to judge their efficiency and effectiveness.

He said traditional owners, peak Indigenous bodies, professional organisations, industry and lobby groups across regional Qld were consulted over five months as part of the review and 69 submissions were lodged by the closing date in February.

“The number of submissions shows how keen many people are to preserve our Indigenous past and continue to strengthen the spiritual and traditional links of current generations to their cultural heritage,” he said.

Copies of the review paper are available from regional DERM offices or can be downloaded at www.derm.qld.gov.au For more information phone 3224 2621. Submissions close on 19 February 2010 and can be lodged on-line or by post to GPO Box 2454 Brisbane 4001.

Calendar

19-20 December: Come and try surf lifesaving. Come and try Nunga Surf Carnival, which will involve both the ASSET team and the opportunity for local Indigenous students to join in. Barbecue lunch provided. Held at Southport Surf Lifesaving Club and the Port Noarlunga Surf Lifesaving Club from 10.30am onwards. All welcome. Details: Craig on (08) 8357 5900 or (0402) 335 911 or email craig.cooper@marion.sa.gov.au

27 December-1 January 2010: Woodford Folk Festival. This festival is an event of international standing with more than 2000 performers and 580 events that are programmed featuring local, national and international guests. All welcome. Held at Woodford Folk Festival, Woodford, Qld. Details: (07) 5496 1066 or email qff@woodfordfolkfestival.com or visit www.woodfordfolkfestival.com

8-10 January 2010: Southbound 2010 Festival. The festival focuses on young and youth culture. There will be music, activities, camping, arts and more. All welcome. Held at Sir Stewart Bovell Park, Busselton, WA. Details: (08) 9755 5599 or email info@merribrook.com.au or visit www.merribrook.com.au



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
25/364	Brilliantgold Pty Ltd	332523	22.94ha	49km NE'ly of Kambalda	Lat 30°59' Long 122°07'	Kalgoorlie-Boulder City
36/593	Navigator (Bronzewing) Pty Ltd	276954	619.76ha	66km NE'ly of Leinster	Lat 27°25' Long 121°04'	Leonora

Nature of the act: Grant of amalgamation applications which authorises the applicant to explore for minerals.

Notification day: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. 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. 2 April 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 of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17875	Approx. 116km W from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.17°32'S Long.144°0'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 9 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1297 f, l, m	Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606
EPM18000	Approx. 18 km ENE from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.17°38'S Long.145°17'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1384 g, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x	Consolidated Tin Mines Limited 126 634 606
EPM18016	Approx. 59 km SW from Mount Garnet Centred at approximate Lat.18°01'S Long.144°41'E Local Government Area: Tablelands Regional Council	Area: 88 km ² Block Identification Maps: Townsville Number of Sub-blocks: 27 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1664 w, x, y, z 1665 v, w, x 1736 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k 1737 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, m, n, o, p 1738 l	Far West Mining Pty Ltd 126 727 982

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The approximate area of a Block is 80 square kilometres. 3456 Blocks, which are individually numbered from 1 to 3456, make up an area that is shown on a Block Identification Map.

Each Block Identification Map has a different name. The Block Identification Map is usually named after a geographical feature shown on the Block Identification Map. Block Identification Maps are at a scale of 1:1 000 000.

Each Block is sub-divided into 25 Sub-Blocks, identified alphabetically by code 'a' to 'z' omitting 'i'. Each Sub-Block is approx.1 minute of latitude and 1 minute of longitude. The approximate area of a Sub-Block is 3 square kilometres. A unique description of each Sub-Block is achieved by combining the name of the Block Identification Map with the number of the Block (from 1 to 3456) and the Sub-Block (from a to z) ie. MAP NAME, BLOCK NUMBER, Sub-Block code eg. CHARLEVILLE 1645 d.

Nature of the Acts: Grant of an Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified for a period not exceeding five (5) years and to seek renewals for a term not exceeding five (5) years. It is proposed to grant Exploration Permits subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) and also subject to the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November, 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be granted under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) by the Queensland Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy and Minister for Trade or his delegate, PO Box 15216, CITY EAST, QLD 4002.

Further Information: Further information about the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits, including Block Identification Maps, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woolloongabba, Queensland 4102, Telephone: (07) 3238 3814.

Native Title Parties: Under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) any person who is a 'native title party' is entitled to certain rights in relation to the proposed grant of the Exploration Permits. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

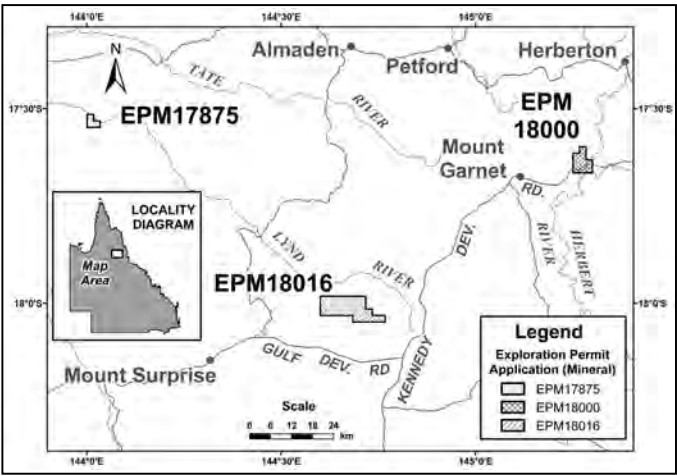
Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The State of Queensland considers the grant of each Exploration Permit to which this notice applies is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

Each individual Exploration Permit may be granted unless, within a period of four (4) months after the Notification Day, a native title party lodges an objection in respect of the individual Exploration Permit with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the grant of that Exploration Permit is a future act attracting the Expedited Procedure. Enquiries in relation to lodging an objection should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000, Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 December 2009





NOTICE TO GRANT MISCELLANEOUS LICENCES

NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

The State of Western Australia HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, C/- Department of Mines and Petroleum, 100 Plain Street, East Perth WA 6004 may grant the following miscellaneous licence applications under the *Mining Act 1978*:

NO AND PURPOSE	APPLICANT	AREA	LOCALITY	CENTROID	SHIRE
45/179	CBH Sulphur Springs Pty Ltd	635.41ha	57km W'ly of Marble Bar	Lat 21°06' Long 119°12'	East Pilbara
46/70	Big Hill Resources Limited.	22627.02ha	45km NE'ly of Nullagine	Lat 21°38' Long 120°27'	East Pilbara

The Purposes for L45/179 are: Search for groundwater and taking water.
The Purposes for L46/70 are: Search for groundwater.
Nature of act: Grant of miscellaneous licences for purpose in connection with mining for minerals for a term of 21 years with a right of renewal for 21 years.
Notification day: 2 December 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 **2 March 2010**. 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. 2 April 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.

NT film scoops APSA award



ACCLAIMED Australian movie *Samson & Delilah* has won the top honour of Best Feature Film at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards (APSA) on the Gold Coast. The movie, set in an Aboriginal community in the central Australian desert, tells the story of two young teenagers locked in a brutal cycle of boredom, hopelessness and abuse.

Australian actor Aden Young, who featured in Bruce Beresford's hit movie *Mao's Last Dancer*, was one of the six members of the international jury. He rated *Samson & Delilah* an extraordinary movie. "At its core, it essentially has humanity, and that humanity is under threat," he said. "And yet we see those extreme themes of sacrifice and gratitude and in the end enlightenment, or perhaps emancipation, from that shackle that we've witnessed throughout the film.

Inspiration

"And that's what makes you walk away from the film – which is essentially about a boy with a terrible future who seems to be absolutely doomed – with a sense of great inspiration. "It's a remarkable achievement in cinema and steps beyond what most filmmakers are trying to achieve." APSA Academy patron Jack Thompson says *Samson and Delilah* is the work of a truly brilliant young filmmaker in Warwick Thornton. "He has such an eye for the simplicity of telling a story, and in a film with practically no dialogue, you walk away from it deeply moved," Thompson said. "What I see is a truly moving and touching love story." The prize for Best Animated Feature also went to an Australian film, *Mary and Max*, by Melanie Coombs and Adam Elliot, who won an Academy Award for his short claymation movie *Harvie Krumpet*. Thompson said within four years APSA would be as significant as the Cannes or Berlin film festivals. "The Asia Pacific region is the largest growing filmmaking community in the world, and we're an enormous part of that" he said. "We are the initiators of this academy and its awards and that's a pretty exciting thing to be a part of." – AAP

Yarrabah gets funding boost



A \$125,000 Qld State Government grant will support local jobs and help boost cultural facilities and essential infrastructure in Yarrabah, according to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships Minister Desley

Boyle. "This funding will help the people of Yarrabah get involved in some important projects that will not only upgrade infrastructure but will also assist with the preservation of the community's unique culture," Ms Boyle said. "Local people will be involved in all of these projects and I know Council is consulting with the community to deliver the infrastructure they need." Ms Boyle said the funding would help refurbish the Yarrabah Museum, upgrade its sewerage network and beautify the town including upgrades to children's parks and play areas. "The museum is getting new display cabinets to better protect the artefacts and exhibits and provide a better experience for visitors," Ms Boyle said. "Importantly, staff will also be getting training that will enhance their ability to manage and maintain the museum. "The funding also means jobs and training for workers involved in all of these Council projects "Finally, the grant will help support an upgrade to the local sewerage network which will enable the Yarrabah Community Hall and the amenities at the beach to be reopened."

Notice of Proposed Addition of Excluded Land into Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Government party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed addition of excluded land to the Exploration Permit(s) shown below, under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).
Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:
The Exploration Permit(s) currently excludes land subject to native title ("the Excluded Land"). The Current Holders have applied under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s).

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Holders
EPC688	Location of Excluded Land	Area of Exploration Permit including Excluded Land	BB Interests Pty Ltd 116 402 352 (85%) Citic Bowen Basin Pty Ltd 117 281 606 (15%)
	Approx. 43 km NNE from Dysart Centred at approximate Lat.22°17'S Long.148°37'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council	Area: 386 km² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 122 (each 1'lat.x 1'long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1856 k, p, u, z 1857 f, g, l, m, q, r, s, v, w, x 1929 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v, w 2000 g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 2001 a, b, f, g, l, m, q, r, v 2071 f, g, h, m, n, r, s, w, x 2072 c, d, e, h, j, k, n, o, p, s, t, u, x, y, z 2073 a, f, g, l, m, q 2143 b, c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u 2144 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 2216 a, b, c, d	

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Nature of the Acts: It is proposed to grant the application to add the Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under section 176A of the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) pursuant and subject to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld), the General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and the Native Title Protection Conditions Version 1.1(a), 22 August 2003. On the granting of the application the Excluded Land is included in the existing Exploration Permit(s). This authorises the holder to explore for minerals specified on the Excluded Land for the current term of the Exploration Permit(s).

Name and address of person doing Acts: The application to add Excluded Land to the Exploration Permit(s) under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld) will be granted 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 future Acts 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, Qld 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 future Acts. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

Enquiries in relation to filing a native title determination application may be directed to the Federal Court, Brisbane Registry, Level 6, Commonwealth Law Courts, 119 North Quay, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3248 1100 or Email: qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au

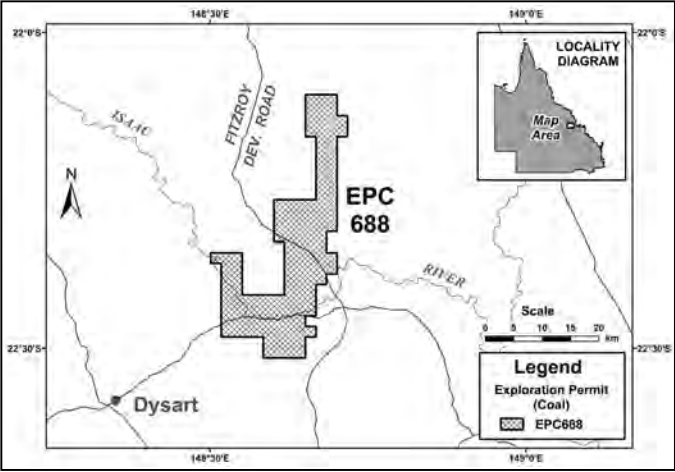
Enquiries in relation to the registration of a native title determination application may be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Brisbane Registry, Level 30, 239 George Street, Brisbane, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Expedited Procedure: The Government party considers the future Act(s) is an act attracting the Expedited Procedure.

The application to add the Excluded Land to 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 with the National Native Title Tribunal against the inclusion of the statement that the State considers the future Acts attract 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, Qld 4000. Telephone: (07) 3226 8200 or 1800 640 501.

Notification Day: 23 December 2009



Road safety issues identified



A SAFETY assessment of road infrastructure in 66 NSW Aboriginal communities was presented at the 2009 Australasian Road Safety Conference in Sydney last month.

A multi-agency team, led by the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) NSW, and incorporating NSW Aboriginal Affairs,

Aboriginal land council and local government, engaged with local Aboriginal communities in identifying road safety issues to be addressed.

Work carried out included adjusting speed limits, introducing traffic calming measures to residential areas, widening intersections and improving footpaths for pedestrians.

An RTA spokesperson said Aboriginal communities had an increased risk of being affected by road trauma.

And this trend in New South Wales was consistent with South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory.

“This is an important project and demonstrates how an effective partnership can deliver road safety improvements that

can make a real difference in disadvantaged communities,” the RTA spokesperson said.

‘Adopting the safe systems approach to road safety for Aboriginal people in NSW: Safety Assessments of roads and roadsides for Aboriginal communities’ was presented at the 2009 Australasian Road Safety Conference in Sydney, which was held on 11-12 November.

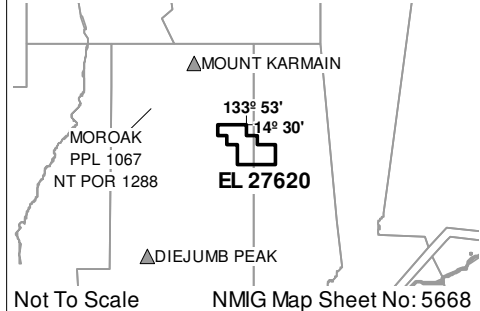
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NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH) SECTION 29

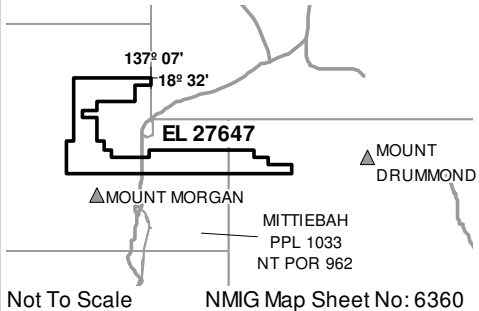
The Honourable Kon Vatskalis MLA, the Northern Territory Minister for Primary Industry, Fisheries & Resources, C/- Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 DARWIN NT 0801, hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Commonwealth) of his intent to do an act, namely to grant the following exploration licence applications.

Applications to which this notice applies:

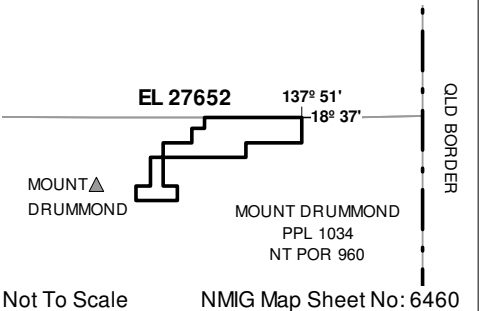
Exploration Licence 27620 sought by ALARA OPERATIONS PTY LTD, ACN 123 780 441 over an area of 14 Blocks (47 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MOROAK locality.



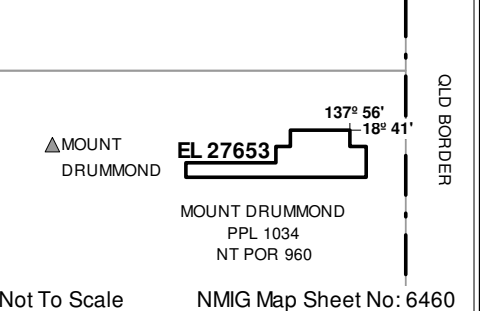
Exploration Licence 27647 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 122 Blocks (395 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITCHIEBO locality.



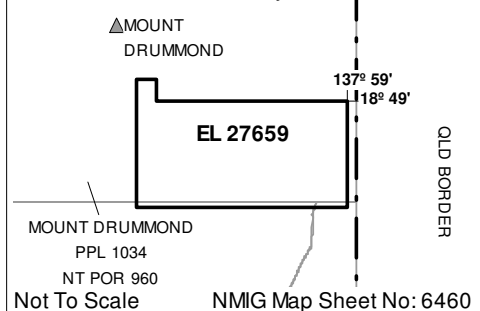
Exploration Licence 27652 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 26 Blocks (79 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



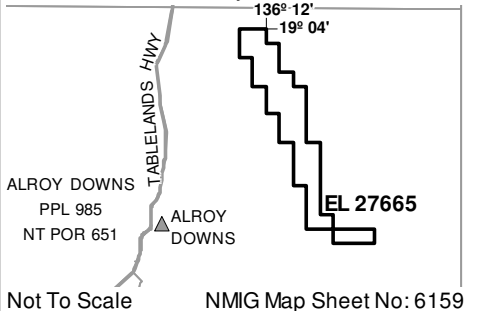
Exploration Licence 27653 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 22 Blocks (72 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



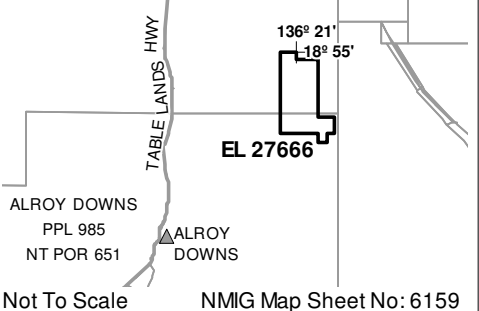
Exploration Licence 27659 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 214 Blocks (695 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the CARRARA locality.



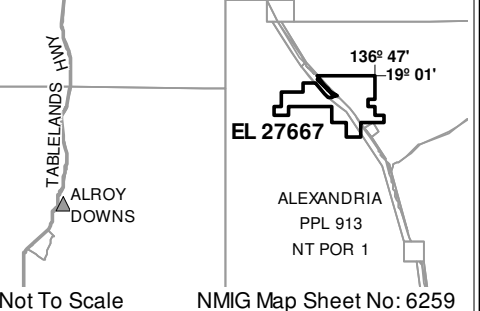
Exploration Licence 27665 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 33 Blocks (107 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALROY locality.



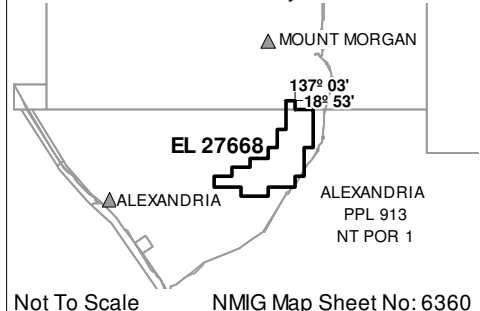
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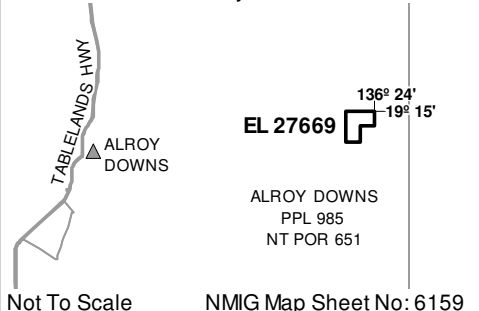
Exploration Licence 27667 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 62 Blocks (193 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



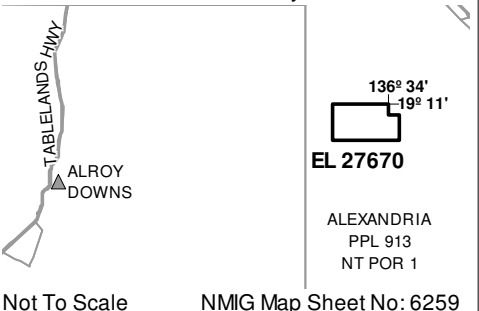
Exploration Licence 27668 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 45 Blocks (146 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the MITCHIEBO locality.



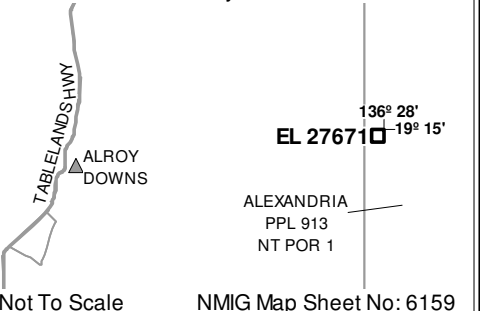
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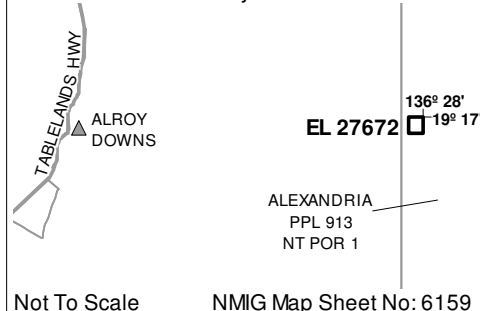
Exploration Licence 27670 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 17 Blocks (55 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



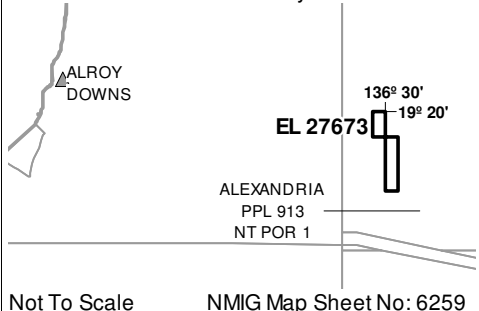
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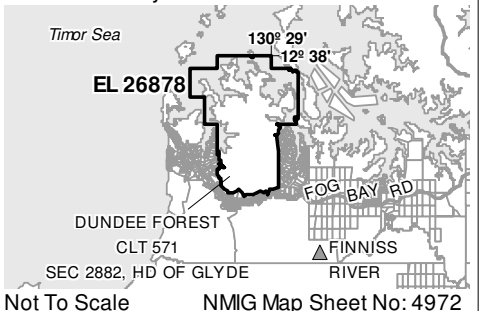
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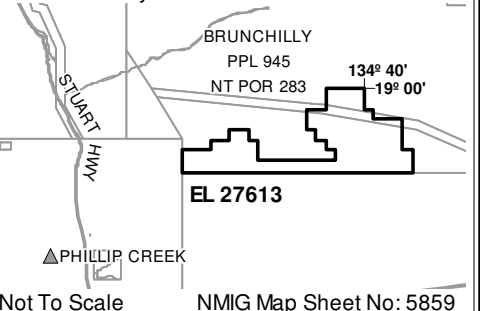
Exploration Licence 27673 sought by NATURAL RESOURCES EXPLORATION PTY LTD, ACN 139 446 647 over an area of 6 Blocks (19 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the ALEXANDRIA locality.



Exploration Licence 26878 sought by TERRITORY MINERALS PTY LTD, ACN 121 200 299 over an area of 64 Blocks (187 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the FOG BAY locality.



Exploration Licence 27613 sought by VALE AUSTRALIA EA PTY LTD, ACN 081 724 101 over an area of 113 Blocks (310 Sq Kms) depicted below for a term of 6 years, within the BARKLY locality.



Nature of act(s): The grant of an exploration licence under the *Mining Act* authorises the holder to explore for minerals and such operations and works as are necessary for that purpose including (but not limited to) geological survey, rock sampling, drilling, removal and testing of ore material for a term not exceeding 6 years and to seek renewal(s). The term for which it is intended to grant the exploration licence/s referred to in this notice commences from the date of grant. Further information about the act may be obtained from the Department of Regional Development, Primary Industry, Fisheries and Resources, GPO Box 3000 Darwin NT 0801 or Centrepnt Building 48-50 Smith Street Darwin NT 0800, telephone (08) 89 995322.

Native Title Parties: Any person who is, or becomes a "native title party" within the meaning of the *Native Title Act* is entitled to the negotiation and/or procedural rights provided in Part 2, Division 3, Subdivision P of the *Native Title Act*. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act*, persons have until 3 months after the notification day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice. Enquiries concerning becoming a native title party should be directed to the National Native Title Tribunal, Level 5 NT House, 22 Mitchell Street Darwin NT 0800 or GPO Box 9973 Darwin NT 0801, telephone (08) 89 361600.

Expedited Procedure: The Northern Territory Government considers that the acts are acts attracting the expedited procedure as defined in section 237 of the *Native Title Act*. The exploration licences referred to in this notice may be granted unless an objection is made by a native title party to the statement that the act is one which attracts the expedited procedure. Such an objection must be made to the National Native Title Tribunal within 4 months of the notification day.

Notification Day: 02 December 2009

Reed on target



Reed, on his Monster Energy Kawasaki, demonstrated his great form

with a clean sweep of the Quad Challenge final at the second-last round of the Monster Energy Super X Championship at the Waikato Stadium in Hamilton, New Zealand, in late November. Nearly 13,000 fans were treated to the first ever New Zealand round of the series, with the Open and 250cc class

racing the Quad Challenge final format. The Open class raced against each other in four six-lap sprints with five minutes' rest between each race. All riders were desperate to grab maximum points before the series finale in Brisbane on 5 December. Reed's clean sweep in Hamilton

increased his series lead. His 80 points from four wins gives him 132 points for the series, followed by Honda rider Dan Reardon (118) and Jay Marmont (Yamaha – 114). "It's great that we have been able to bring the Monster Energy Super X to New Zealand and it is really good to get the win tonight," Reed said after the Hamilton round. "I wasn't on top of my game at the start of the series and these guys really caught me off guard in the first few rounds. I have found my form now and I am pumped to be going into the finale in Brisbane leading the championship."



Chad Reed in action during Round Four of the 2009 Australasian Supercross Championships at Canberra Stadium on Saturday 7 November. – AAP image

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits *Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29*

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPM17805 This Application consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 51 km ENE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°12'S Long.140°20'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 45 km ENE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°16'S Long.140°18'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1036 o, p 1037 l Area of Part 2: 10 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 3 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1108 c, h, n	Activex Limited 113 452 896
EPM17844	Approx. 63 km SSE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°55'S Long.139°59'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 3 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 1 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1680 d	Krucible Metals Limited 118 788 846
EPM17849	Approx. 44 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°35'S Long.140°13'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 76 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 24 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1323 c, d, e, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, r, s, t, u, w, x, y, z 1395 e, k, p, u, z	Isa Tenements Pty Ltd 131 350 760

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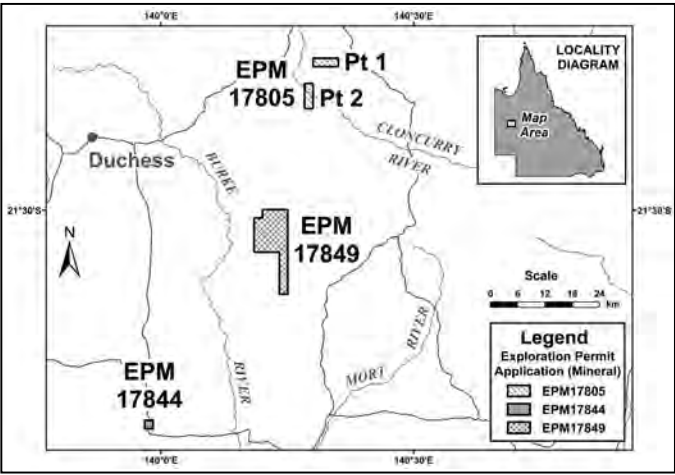
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Queensland Government

Report welcomed in the Top End

THE Crawford Report into government funding of sport in Australia has been welcomed by Australian Football League Northern Territory (AFLNT) Chief Executive Tony Frawley.

He said the report contained a number of recommendations that would have a positive impact on community football across the Northern Territory.

"We see these recommendations as supporting the future health and well-being of our youth," Frawley said.

"Football not only plays a significant role in the physical development of our youth, but also helps to develop life skills."

Total participation in Australian football in the Northern Territory has risen to 20,000 – an increase of nearly 3000 on 2007.

"Given the pressures AFLNT experience in delivering remote football development, it is pleasing that the report recommends that support will be forthcoming to sports that are popular in Indigenous communities, have a track record of success, but struggle to attract sustainable long-term funding and commitment," Frawley said.

"Our remote projects in Wadeye, Galiwinku and Groote Eylandt will certainly qualify here."

Bird looks for home



NORTH Queensland have emerged as early favourites to secure controversial star Greg Bird, with chief executive Peter Parr declaring few rival National Rugby League (NRL) clubs could match a Cowboys offer.

Bird is likely to resume his NRL career in 2010 after a conviction against him for recklessly wounding his girlfriend was quashed on appeal last Wednesday, although league boss David Gallop has warned Bird's re-registration won't be automatic.

The Cowboys and Gold Coast have been linked to Bird, with the former Test and Cronulla five-eighth/lock reportedly not keen to return to playing with a Sydney club.

Bird played the last English Super League season with French club Catalan Dragons after being cut loose by Cronulla in January, but he is now off-contract.

Parr, who spoke with Bird's manager on Tuesday of last week, said the Cowboys had yet to make a final decision on whether to make an offer for the 25-year-old.

Good fit with Thurston

But there's no doubt he'd be a good fit outside Test halfback Johnathan Thurston after the club released five-eighth Travis Burns earlier this month, freeing up significant funds under the NRL's salary cap while other clubs have little room left.

Parr said he would have discussions with the coaching staff and board and check the NRL's view.

"But at the end of the day we've just let a five-eighth go, we've freed up some money under the salary cap and we'll make some decisions after we have the necessary discussions," Parr said.

"... I don't think it would be as much money as an international player would demand, but I think it would be more money than a few other clubs would have at this stage of the season."

The Gold Coast Titans plan to hold talks with Bird, but coach John Cartwright noted Bird would have to join for opportunity and lifestyle rather than the size of his pay packet because of salary cap restrictions.

"It's been sort of out there that Greg wants to get out of Sydney, there's not many clubs that he would like to play his football at and I think ours was one of the clubs that he said he'd like to play at," Cartwright said.

"At this stage of the year it's all about salary cap and whether he wants to play for an opportunity.



Greg Bird in an Australian jumper.

"There's a little bit to move there, but there's nothing for an international player... so it's more about opportunity and I suppose what he's prepared to play for."

Good track record

Cartwright's chief executive Michael Searle emphasised that the club had a good track record of working with players who had had previous off-field issues.

NRL boss David Gallop said a club wanting to sign Bird, who has a history of off-field misdemeanours, would need to

demonstrate how they would manage him.

"We fully respect the decision in the court," Gallop told reporters last Wednesday.

"If a club looks to sign Greg, then clearly we need to look at the issue of registration of a contract.

"There'd be a range of factors that we would want some information about.

"... He's been through a difficult time no doubt, but he's had issues before... he would fall into a category of a player that we would be looking for any prospective

club to give us an idea of how they're going to deal with him."

Asked if Bird deserved another chance, Gallop said: "It would depend on how he was going to be managed in any new club."

Meanwhile, Bird's former club Cronulla ruled out any return and were unconcerned about any possible legal action arising from his sacking.

"I think the club made exactly the right decision with the information that was put in front of it at the time," CEO Richard Fisk said. – AAP

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EPM17990	Approx. 82 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°03'S Long.139°10'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 29 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry and Normanton Number of Sub-blocks: 9 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks Cloncurry 14 e, k, p, u, z 86 e, k 87 f Normanton 3398 z	Birla Mt Gordon Pty Ltd 106 396 801

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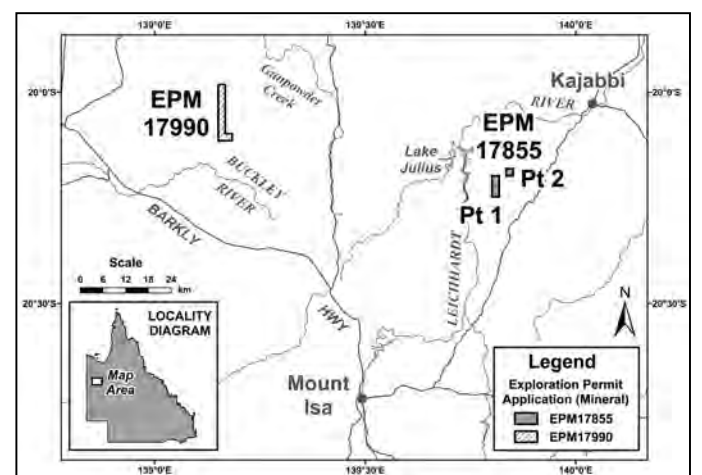
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Queensland Government

Can Sheedy still coach?



KEVIN Sheedy can deliver the headlines for the AFL and win hearts and minds in western Sydney. But can he still coach?

Sheedy's appointment as the inaugural coach of the new Greater Western Sydney team is brilliant, but not perfect.

If the game's great evangelist cannot make a significant impact in a vast population area where rugby league and soccer are the dominant football codes, then no-one can.

His coaching record – 27 years at Essendon, four premierships, constant innovation and lateral thinking – is also superb.

It is worth noting that the AFL, not the new club, have signed him.

This is a big-picture appointment and the stakes are huge.

Sheedy's appointment comes 16 years after another AFL great, Ron Barassi, also moved to Sydney to coach.

Over two years, Barassi helped turn around the Swans, who had become a basket case.

A year after Barassi ended his coaching career, Sydney made it all the way to the 1996 grand final.

The uncertainty will be even higher for Sheedy.

While Sheedy's coaching credentials are undeniable, his stocks have also waned over the last few years.

In 2007, the Essendon board made the momentous decision to end Sheedy's tenure.

The club did not handle the announcement well, but elements of the divorce were inevitably going to be messy.

Also, the board's decision was right – like it or not, it was time for Sheedy to go.

Bombers in descent

Since the near-perfect 2000 premiership season, the Bombers had steadily slipped down the ladder.

They dropped out of the top eight in 2005 for the first time since 1997. In 2006, they were second-bottom.

Sheedy tried to rejuvenate his team, but eventually the club was left with a big

gap on its list between the veterans and the youngsters.

The jury is still out on whether Matthew Knights was the right man to replace Sheedy, but the decision to change was correct.

Later in 2007, Sheedy went for the coaching job at Melbourne, but was overlooked for first-time appointment Dean Bailey.

This year, there was a push for Sheedy to return to Richmond, where he first made his name as a three-time premiership defender.

Again, the Tigers were having nothing of that and eventually went for highly-rated assistant Damien Hardwick to be their new senior coach.

In Sheedy's defence, the 61-year-old's age is a cheap point of contention.

He has had two years off from the rigours of senior coaching, so he should be refreshed.

No-one will relish the unique features of this challenge more.

Two keys will be the makeup of the football department that surrounds Sheedy at the GWS club and how that department operates.

Sheedy will need young, skilled coaches around him who are strong enough to speak their mind and challenge the boss.

It may well turn out that Sheedy is more the front man and strategist than the match-by-match tactician.

It could prove an important step in the evolution of AFL coaching.

Innovation and challenge – few people are better-versed in these areas than Kevin Sheedy.

– AAP Correspondent

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EPM17935	Approx. 23 km E from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°44'S Long.139°43'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council and Cloncurry Shire Council	Area: 67 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 597 g, h, j, m, n, o, r, s, t, w, x, y 669 b, c, d, g, h, j, m, n, o	China Yunnan Copper Australia Limited 070 859 522
EPM17967	Approx. 47 km NNW from Mount Isa Centred at approximate Lat.20°20'S Long.139°17'E Local Government Area: Mount Isa City Council	Area: 35 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 11 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 232 n, s, x 304 b, c, f, g, l, m, q, r	Deep Yellow Limited 006 391 948

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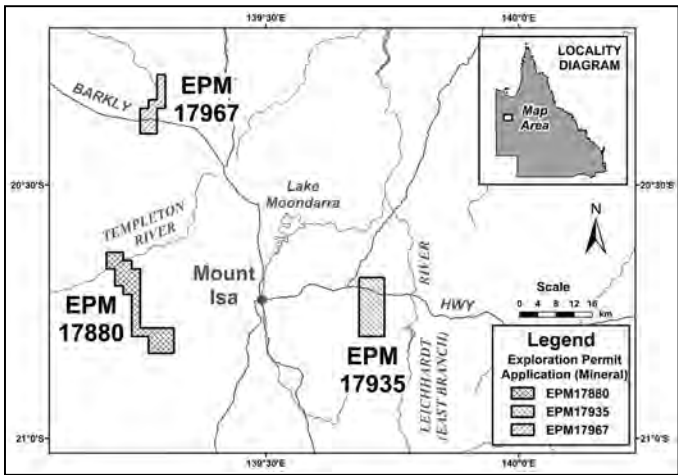
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White ribbons on show



Skytrans Cairns Taipans players Deba George and Rowan Gray and community and operations manager Joel Khalu with men from the Cairns Indigenous community at the event to take a stand against violence



THE Skytrans Cairns Taipans visited Wu Chopperen Health Service last week to take part in a community barbecue event, which was held as part of the centre's White Ribbon Day celebrations.

White Ribbon Day, which is held annually on 25 November, is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

The event at Wu Chopperen was held to create awareness for Indigenous men to take a stand over violence against women.

Skytrans Cairns Taipans players Deba George and Rowan Gray, along with community and operations manager Joel Khalu, joined with many men and women from the local community at the event to take a stand against violence.

"The team at Wu Chopperen should be commended for hosting an event that create such positive community awareness," Khalu said.

Support for men

"A lot of men don't know where to turn, but there are so many service organisations out there like Wu Chopperen that are there to support them in their moments of need.

"Violence against women will only stop when men join with women to work together put an end to it."

The event at Wu Chopperen concluded with the men in attendance taking a stand together by placing a black handprint on a giant white ribbon which will remain at the health service centre.

League legends back program

QUEENSLAND rugby league greats have thrown their weight behind a program to tackle Indigenous unemployment.

The former State of Origin players teamed up with Federal Employment Participation Minister Mark Arbib at an Indigenous employment and careers expo at the home of rugby league in Queensland, Suncorp Stadium.

Arthur Beetson, Wally Lewis, Allan Langer, Gene Miles, Sam Backo, Greg Conescu, Mal Meninga and Michael Hancock were among them.

The Former Origin Greats (FOGS) were provided with \$1.4 million to promote employment opportunities for Indigenous Australians at six expos in Queensland.

"This (expo) is going to put young Indigenous people in contact with future employers, providing them with a pathway into employment," Senator Arbib said.

Mal Meninga said it was the players' way of returning the backing they received as members of the State of Origin teams.

FOGS is a not-for-profit organisation made up of 167 former rugby league players who represented Queensland in State of Origin football. — AAP

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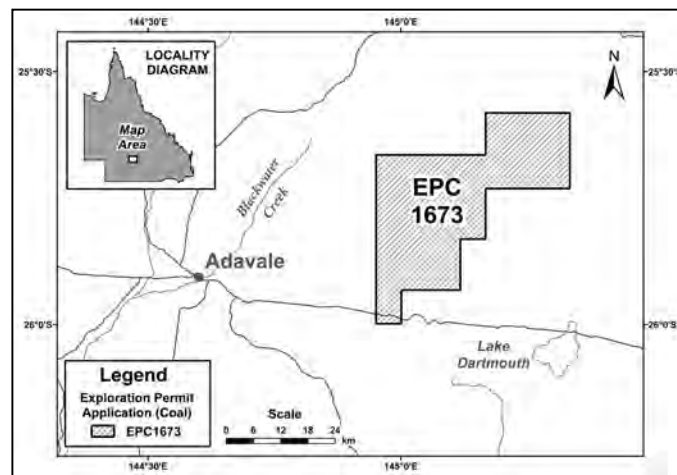
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Bishop Arthur Malcolm presents the player of the carnival award to Robert Amber.

Boigu Island ends mainland hoodoo

By ALF WILSON



HISTORY was created when, for the first time, a rugby league team representing remote Boigu

Island, near Papua New Guinea, in the Torres Strait, won a mainland All Blacks carnival, at Yarrabah on 8 November. The Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub team broke a

12 teams battle out Yarrabah All Blacks league carnival

long drought in a rain-affected grand final of the Bishop Arthur Malcolm Yarrabah Seahawks All Blacks carnival at Yarrabah Aboriginal community near Cairns, when

they beat Townsville side Barkey Warriors 43-26 in the final.

Bishop Malcolm is the patron of the Yarrabah Seahawks Carnival.

Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub consisted mainly of players living in Cairns of Boigu Islander descent, and proud coach Simon Anau said it was the first time the island had won a final away from the Torres Strait.

"A Boigu Island team has never won away, although Malu Kiai did take out a couple of losers' finals up in the Torres Strait some years ago. Our name stands for 'unstoppable warriors' and the second part for 'shark'," Anau said.

A total of 12 teams battled it out at Yarrabah on 7-8 November.

Teams came from as far away as Woorabinda, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Palm Island.

In the losers' plate final, Woorabinda United defeated Woorabinda Warriors 44-20.

Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub remained undefeated throughout the carnival, winning 40-nil against Wujal Wujal in their first game.

In their second game, Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub rolled a Hopevale side which included NRL player Brenton Bowen, formerly of the NQ Cowboys and Gold Coast Titans.

"We won that by seven points and then defeated the Palm Island team 18-16 in the semi-final," Anau said.

Heavily outweighed

That set up a showdown with highly rated Barkey Warriors and Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub were heavily outweighed in the forwards.

"We had a small pack but speedy backs and the heavy rain during the final helped us," Anau said.

Star halfback Robert Amber is a Queensland under-18 representative who played with Cairns Brothers in the Cairns competition last season and won the player-of-the-carnival award, presented to Amber by Bishop Malcolm.

Other players who Anau rated amongst the best for Malu Kiai-Koey Zugub were promising fullback Judah Gibuma, prop Elvis Auda, centre Ishmael Anau, five-eighth Tim Daniel and centre Lui Marama.

With that success under their belts, the players are looking forward to competing at the Vern and Frank Daisy All Blacks carnival at Townsville next February.

"We are looking at the Daisy Cup and have also been invited to the Mount Isa All Blacks carnival later in February," Anau said.

Many of the successful players are looking forward to the 25th Island of Origin carnival on Badu Island next June.



The winning Malu Kiai/Koey Zugub team after grand final.

This picture was emailed to The Koori Mail from Townsville, where it had been sent via a mobile from team members fishing in TSI.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Current Applicant named below hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) of the proposed grant of each of the Exploration Permits shown below under the Mineral Resources Act 1989 (Qld).

Exploration Permit to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Current Applicant
EPC1594	Approx. 41 km N from Glenmorgan Centred at approximate Lat.26°53'S Long.149°43'E Local Government Area: Maranoa Regional Council and Western Downs Regional Council	Area: 917 km ² Block Identification Maps: Charleville Number of Sub-blocks: 300 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2372 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2373 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2374 q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 2444 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 2445 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 2446 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 2516 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 2517 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 2518 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 2588 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 2589 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 2590 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 2660 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2661 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p 2662 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p	Winzil Energy Pty Ltd 131 402 072

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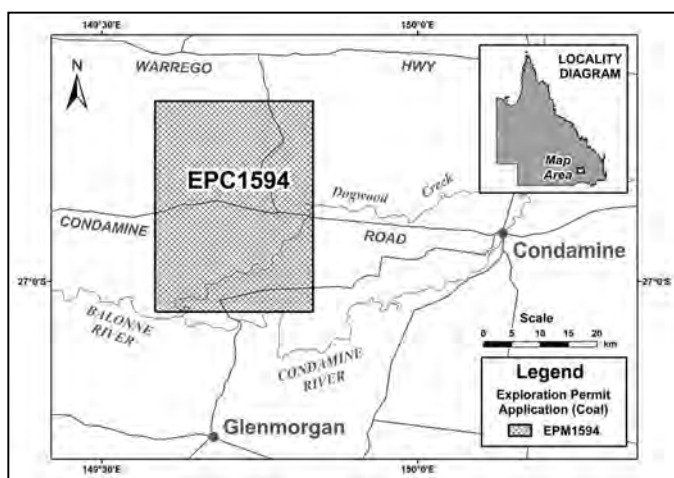
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First time together, and they emerge victorious



Officials, including Michael O'Loughlin (third from right) with members of the Indigenous/Multicultural 'All-Stars' team at Moore Park.



THE newly-named Australian Football League (AFL) Indigenous/Multicultural 'All-Stars' football team triumphed last month in their first game with an outstanding 44-point win again the Drummoyne Power Junior Football Club in searing conditions at Lakeside Oval, in the Sydney suburb of Moore Park.

The team, which had never played a game together before, had been taking part in the inaugural AFL Indigenous/ Multicultural Talent Camp for Sydney and was made up of talented football players from culturally diverse backgrounds, with the high school students hailing from the greater western Sydney region.

The AFL All-Stars walked away from the first quarter with a 31-point lead.

However, a goal-less second quarter allowed the Drummoyne Power to creep back up, narrowing the lead at half-time to 5.1 (31) to 3.0 (18). After a talk by Michael O'Loughlin and Coach Eid Kassem, the All-Stars then picked up in the third quarter with two goals and four behinds before sealing victory in the last quarter with another three goals.

The AFL All-Stars won 10.8 (68) to 4.0 (24).

Diverse backgrounds

The winning team, which was made up of students from multicultural diverse backgrounds, including Indigenous Australians, Lebanese, Italian, Spanish, Afghan and Sudanese, had spent the weekend in central Sydney participating in a number of football based activities, including training, tours, high-performance testing and lectures.

The camp participants were also mentored by former Sydney Swans legend Michael O'Loughlin, who addressed them on leadership and development skills as well as taking them through a typical AFL recovery session and a well-deserved swim at Coogee beach after their winning game.

One of the camp co-ordinators – AFL multicultural officer Ali Faraj – believed the most positive outcome of the weekend was the bonding of cultures and the way the students accepted each other as soon as they put on the football Guernseys.

"The game created a sense of affiliation, camaraderie and true team spirit amongst a diverse group of young men who put aside the negative stereotypes that participants may have had about each other before the program commenced," Faraj said.

"Many of the participants also developed aspirations beyond the football field, with a number of them seeking advice on career paths, including apprenticeship, TAFE courses and returning to high school studies."

Schools that participated in the AFL development programs included Homebush Boys High School, Granville Boys High School, Cranebrook High School, Prairie High School, Punchbowl Boys High School, Fairfield High School, Holroyd High School, Plumpton High School, Cecil Hills High School and Nepean High School.

Notice of Proposed Grant of Exploration Permits

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EPM18001 This Permit consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 169 km WNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°33'S Long.138°04'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council and Boulia Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 134 km WNW from Bedourie Centred at approximate Lat.23°42'S Long.138°22'E Local Government Area: Diamantina Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 217 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 69 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 2953 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, v 3025 a, f, l, m, q, r, s, t, x, y 3097 c, d, e, j, k, o, u, v, w, x, y, z 3098 a, b, c, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z 3099 f, m, q, r, s, v, w, x, y Area of Part 2: 63 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 20 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 3172 d, e, k 3173 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, t, u, z	Krucible Metals Limited 118 788 846

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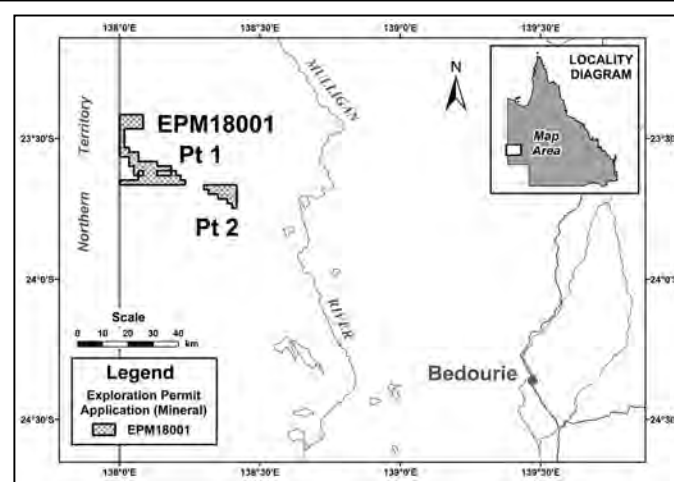
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Pirates escape with

By ALF WILSON



Desmond (Joe) Romelo, who drowned last February.

The A-grade match was a highlight of a sports and cultural day hosted by the Girringun Aboriginal Corporation at the Cardwell Sports Ground on 14 November and an estimated 800 people were there. Cardwell is a coastal community between Ingham and Tully, in north Queensland.

Girringun Pirates included many top-quality Tully club players who played in the strong 2009 Cairns A grade

competition, and its forward pack heavily outweighed the Jets.

After the Pirates led 24-18 at half-time, the Jets fought back to hit the front 34-30 mid-way through the second 40 minutes, and an upset looked on the cards.

But the Pirates rallied and scored three late tries, including two by forward Darryl Grant, to one by Jets and won by eight points.

Best back for the game was Nelson Muriata and best forward Tony Talama – both of the Pirates.

Young back William Blackman was outstanding for the Jets, scoring three tries after backing up from a top performance in the under 17 game, while Tabua Oui scored 20 points from two tries and six goals.

Moa Sam and Alf Clay Jnr were leading the way in the forwards, and Craig

Desatge was safe at fullback.

Tabua Oui was named best and fairest in the final, and William Blackman player of the tournament, with the under-17 match also considered.

At the presentation, Anthony Henry and Kenny Romelo, brothers of the two men the memorial match was named in honour of, accepted the shield with Pirates captain Chris Muriata.

"It was a very hard game and our boys played well and the Jets never gave up," the Pirates captain said.

Inspirational Jets captain Caleb Geia said his side faced a much bigger Pirates outfit and defended well and attacked strongly.

"We earned a lot of respect here today and the boys really tried their hearts out," Geia told *The Koori Mail*.

In the under-17 game, the Palm Island

Barracudas defeated the Girringun Pirates 44-20 in a high-quality clash which saw some rising stars on display.

Barracudas led 14-6 at the break, but the Pirates levelled at 16-all.

But relentless pressure by the Barracudas pack told in the latter stages.

The best and fairest from the game was back Palm Islander Robert Bulsey, best back William Blackman and young achiever award going to David Sam. Pirates' George Beeron was the best forward.

A Grade: Girringun Pirates 48 (Darryl Grant 2, Nelson Muriata 2, Shane Muriata, John Boslem, Neil Jesse, Shaun Mothe tries; Shaun Mothe 4, Chris Muriata 2, John Boslem goals) d Palm Island Jets 40 (William Blackman 3, Tabua Oui 2, Craig Desatge, Alf Clay Jnr tries; Tabua Oui 6 goals).

Under 17: Palm Island Barracudas 44 (David Sam, Clinton Burns, William Blackman, Robert Bulsey, Kenny Wilson, Frank Aden, Selwyn Seaton tries; Robert Bulsey 4 goals, Gary Marpoondin 2 goals) d Girringun Pirates 20 (George Beeron, Matt Laumea, Michael George, Mu Davis tries).

Notice of Proposed Renewal of Exploration Permits

Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) Section 29

The Grantee Party hereby gives notice in accordance with section 29 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) of the proposed renewal of each of the Exploration Permits, shown below, with new and different conditions being imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit pursuant to the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld).

Exploration Permit(s) to which this notice applies:

Exploration Permit Number	Location of Exploration Permit (Refer to Diagram)	Description of Area of Application*	Grantee Party
EPM13741 This Permit consists of two separate parts.	Part 1: Approx. 94 km SE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°55'S Long.140°33'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council Part 2: Approx. 110 km ESE from Duchess Centred at approximate Lat.21°56'S Long.140°44'E Local Government Area: Cloncurry Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 95 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 30 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1615 l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y 1617 z 1618 v 1687 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, j, l, m, n, q, r, s Area of Part 2: 48 km ² Block Identification Maps: Cloncurry Number of Sub-blocks: 15 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1689 c, d, e, h, j, k, m, n, o, p, s 1690 a, f, l, q	Exco Resources Limited 080 339 671

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Nature of the Acts: Each Exploration Permit was originally granted as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit under the *Mineral Resources Act 1989* (Qld)

It is proposed to renew each individual Exploration Permit not as a Low or High Impact Exploration Permit but as an Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed. The new conditions to be imposed are General Conditions Version 3, 6 November 2008 and Native Title Protection Conditions 1.1(a), 22 August, 2003.

The renewal of each Exploration Permit with the new conditions on it will authorise the Grantee Party to explore for minerals specified in the Exploration Permit for a period not exceeding five (5) years.

Name and address of person doing Acts: The Exploration Permits will be renewed 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit with new conditions imposed on the renewed Exploration Permit, may be obtained from Mines and Energy (Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation), Landcentre, Corner of Vulture and Main Streets, Woollongabba, 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 renewal of each individual Exploration Permit. Under section 30 of the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth) persons have until three (3) months after the Notification Day to take certain steps to become native title parties in relation to this notice.

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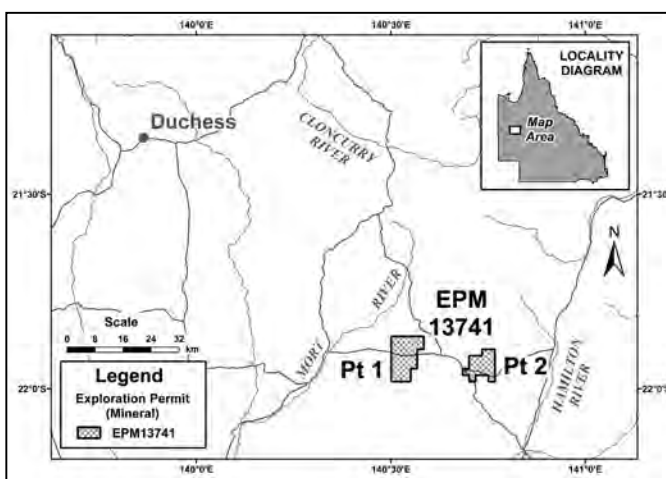
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Palm Island Barracudas hunt in a pack and bring down a Girringun Pirate in the under-17 match, won 44-20 by the Barracudas.



From left are individual trophy winners in the under-17 game William Blackman, Robert Bulsey, George Beeron and David Sam.



Matt Laumea flies through the air to score a Pirates' try in the under-17 game against Palm Island Barracudas.

late three-try surge



The winning A-grade team Pirates.



The losing Palm Island Jets A-grade team.



The beaten Pirates under-17 team.



The victorious Palm Island Barracudas under-17 side.



A giant Pirates forward is tackled by Jets defenders.



Try time for the Pirates in the A-grade game.

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EPC1590 This Application consists of two separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 38 km WSW from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°29'S Long.147°46'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 43 km WSW from Glenden Centred at approximate Lat.21°23'S Long.147°42'E Local Government Area: Isaac Regional Council and Whitsunday Regional Council	Area of Part 1: 99 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 31 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1270 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, v, w 1341 h, j, k, n, o, p 1342 a, b, f, g, l, m Area of Part 2: 67 km ² Block Identification Maps: Clermont Number of Sub-blocks: 21 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1197 a, b, c, d, f, g, h, l, m, n, q, r, s, v, w, x, y 1269 a, b, c, d	Endocoal Ltd 132 183 281

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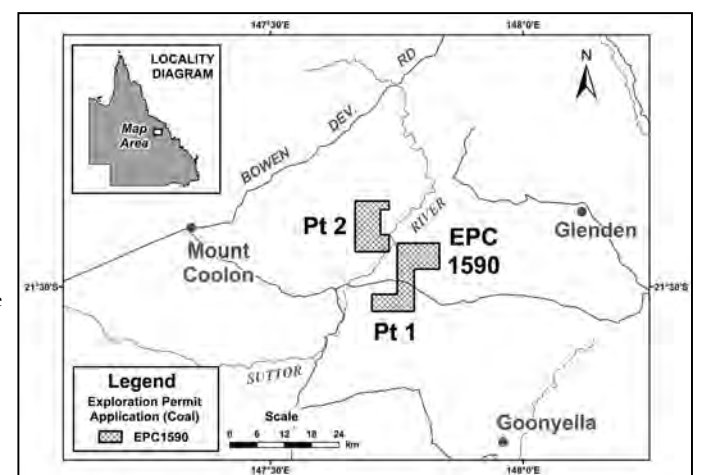
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Lightning-fast athlete Yarnell is improving in leaps and bounds



REDLANDS (Brisbane) Indigenous athlete Yarnell Fischer is off to the Australian All Schools and Youth Athletics Championships in Hobart from 4-7 December.

This follows a successful Queensland Secondary Schools Championship where he won finals for the 17 years 100m in 10.93 seconds and the 200m in 21.63 seconds.

He also ran in the Metropolitan North 4x100m relay team. They were running third until the last relay change, where Yarnell bought the team home for a win.

Yarnell, a descendent of the Quandamooka people of Moreton Bay, boards at Nudgee College.

He has made the Nudgee College senior team which is one of two line-ups to represent Queensland in the Australian Schools Knockout Championships in Melbourne, being held two days after the Australian championships.

Yarnell has seen a dramatic improvement since starting athletics training 12 months ago under coach Tui Edwards at Thompson Estate Eastern Suburbs Athletics Club.

Yarnell has also been asked to join 'Jump Start to London 2012', a national talent identification and development program for Indigenous athletes.

Along with his acceptance into Jump Start to London 2012 came an invitation to participate in the 71st Singapore Track and Field Competition.

Teams to compete in Tahiti



MALE and female teams have been chosen to represent Indigenous Australia at the Tahiti Nui International Basketball Tournament in French Polynesia next February.

They will compete against teams from Pacific islands including New Caledonia, the Cook Islands and Tahiti national teams.

The Australian Indigenous Spirit teams were invited by French Polynesian Basketball President Nancy Tehei.

The tournament will be held from 14-19 February.

The teams were selected at the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Basketball Championship in Cairns last September.

They are looking for sponsorship to help subsidise costs for the tour.

Rising Indigenous talent

Indigenous Spirit women's team manager Nikita Ridgeway said Australian Indigenous basketball talent was on the rise, with Indigenous basketballers Rohanee Cox and Patrick Mills representing Australia at the Beijing Olympics, and Nathan Jawai and Mills playing in the United States National Basketball Association competition.

The men's team to play in Tahiti is: Jacob Pilot (Cairns), Leslie John Coe (Sydney), Sione Fa'Aos (Newcastle), Richie Monaei (Darnley Island), Andrew Taylor (Brisbane), Simon Taylor (Brisbane), Mark Moseling (Palm Island), Francis Loban (Thursday Island), Jaime Jackway (Townsville), Mitchell Donovan (Sydney). Coach, Gausa Arnold (Cairns); manager, Marvin Pace (Mackay).

Women's squad: Adrienne Kickett (Perth), Monique Kickett (Perth), Frances Clarke (Darwin), Lettisha Clarke (Darwin), Jaime Lee Peris (Adelaide), Sam Rioli (Darwin/Melbourne), Magaret Blackman (Cairns), Desley Ahwang (Cairns), Ricki Bamblett (Melbourne), Krystal Hurst (Newcastle). Coach, Aaron Nagas (Gladstone); manager, Nikita Ridgeway (Sydney).

Mundine cops hit in property deal

INDIGENOUS boxer Anthony Mundine has lost money on his NSW central coast holiday resort after selling the property last month to the Salvation Army.

Mundine paid \$5.5 million last July for Dooralong Valley Resort.

Residents had threatened legal action after reports that Mundine's consortium – which included lawyer Adam Houda and Bulldogs' star Hazem El Masri – planned to develop a youth rehabilitation centre and mosque, which residents feared would disrupt the tranquil valley, according to a report in *The Daily Telegraph*.

However, the threats never came to fruition as Mundine last month sold the property for an undisclosed amount following the exit of El Masri from his board of directors.

McGrath Estate Agent Stuart Davies said the undisclosed price was 'in line with current market conditions' and less than what the previous buyers paid.

Dooralong's facilities include 45 cottages, a salt-water pool, sand volleyball court, a golf driving range, tennis courts and conference rooms.

The Salvation Army's Major Glenn Whittaker said the charity was yet to decide how the property would be used.

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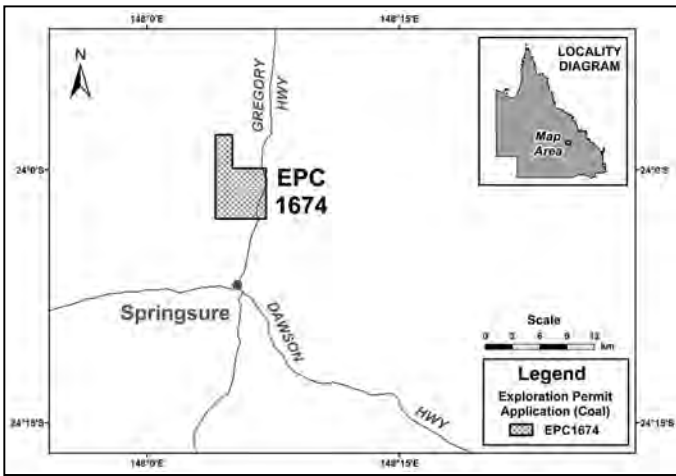
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Warriors the champions at Bamaga

By ALF WILSON



REGIONAL Pacific Argan Warriors, consisting mainly of Torres Strait Islander players, took out the final of the rich Dan Ropeyarn Rugby League Carnival at Bamaga, beating Injinoo Crocs 30-28 in extra time.

The carnival was held at Bamaga's Yusia Ginau Oval from 5-7 November and Regional Pacific Argan Warriors won in extra time to claim the \$20,000 first prize.

Scores were deadlocked at 28-all when the final siren sounded and Regional Pacific Argan Warriors were awarded a penalty 25 metres out, which star back Billo Mosby kicked to give his team a two-point win.

The Injinoo Crocs won \$10,000 for being runners-up.

Organisers had in place a rule which allowed only five southern A-grade players in each team.

Regional Pacific Argan Warriors coach Gerald Bowie said the side had a combination of southern Indigenous players from Cairns and Badu Island – almost the same boys from the Island of Origin, Torres Strait Cup and the Cairns All Blacks carnival. “Our best players were Joe Tamwoy, Jack David, Steve Singleton, Solomon Ahmat, Billo Mosby, Noel Underwood and Thomas Nona,” Bowie said.

Nine teams entered

A total of nine teams competed, with the others being Eagles United, Bamaga Roos, Chivalry Warriors, 8HB Brothers, Wagadagam Storm, Wakaid Warriors and Waleku Raiders.

In the semi-finals, Argun Warriors defeated Bamaga Roos 26-18, and Injinoo Crocs rolled 8HB Brothers 30-28.

Included in the 8HB Brothers side was star Mackay back Aaron Barba and a number of Weipa and Napranum footballers.

Try-scorers for Regional Pacific Argan Warriors in the final were blockbusting forward Joe Tamwoy (2) with singles to Isaac Koworo, Solomon Ahmat, Weldon Matasia and champion Cairns halfback Steve Singleton.

Billo Mosby booted three goals.

For Injinoo Crocs, tries went to Clifton Gebadi, Justin Torney, Francis Magala, Harry Mooka and Jeffrey Tugai, with three goals to Patrick Ropeyarn and one to Johannes Gebadi.

The player of the final was Joe Tamwoy, and player of the carnival Noel Underwood, both of Regional Pacific Argan Warriors.

Forward of the carnival was Harry Mooka, from Injinoo Crocs, and back of the carnival was Aaron Barba (8HB Brothers).

With 42 points for the carnival, Barba also won the highest total scorer award.

Most Improved player went to John Wigness, of Bamaga Roos.



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EPM17196 This Application consists of three separate parts	Part 1: Approx. 61 km E from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat.25°37'S Long.150°24'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council, Western Downs Regional Council and North Burnett Regional Council Part 2: Approx. 32 km E from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat.25°39'S Long.150°07'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council Part 3: Approx. 47 km E from Taroom Centred at approximate Lat.25°37'S Long.150°16'E Local Government Area: Banana Shire Council	Area of Part 1: 155 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 50 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1372 o, p, t, u, z 1373 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u 1374 a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, s, t, u, v, w, x, y, z Area of Part 2: 19 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 6 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1370 q, r, s, v, w, x Area of Part 3: 12 km ² Block Identification Maps: Brisbane Number of Sub-blocks: 4 (each 1°lat.x 1°long.) Block Number Sub-blocks 1372 a, f, l, q	Iron Duyfken Pty Ltd 125 811 912

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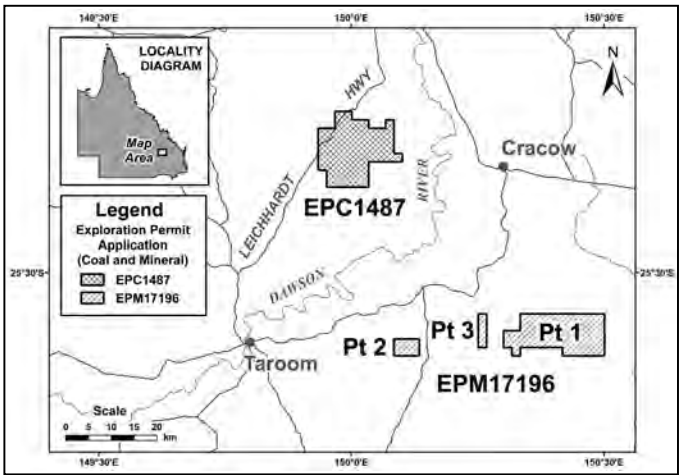
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Aust at 41-1

AUSTRALIA is a 41-1 chance of winning soccer's 2010 World Cup, according to TAB Sportsbet.

Here are the odds for the 32 teams taking part: \$5.50 Brazil, Spain; \$7 England; \$8 Argentina; \$11 Germany; \$13 Holland, Italy; \$17 France, Portugal; \$21 Ivory Coast; \$41 Australia, Chile, Ghana; \$51 Paraguay, Serbia; \$67 Cameroon, Mexico, USA; \$81 Denmark, Greece, Nigeria, South Africa, Uruguay; \$126 Switzerland; \$151 Japan, Slovenia; \$201 Algeria, Slovakia, South Korea; \$501 Honduras, North Korea; \$751 New Zealand. – AAP

New rules, innovations to be tried

HERE is a summary of experimental rule changes and broadcast innovations to be tried at the Indigenous All Stars v NRL All Stars rugby league match at Skilled Park Stadium, Gold Coast, on 13 February:

- The match will be played in 20-minute quarters with unlimited interchange
- Quarter and three-quarter breaks will be taken on the field (five minutes)
- The double try or eight-point try: Once a try is scored, the captain of the

scoring team can advise the referee that the team will forgo the conversion and opt for the chance to have an additional play instead. Once a team decides to attempt the eight-point try, both sides can interchange to bring on offensive or defensive players. Play will then resume anywhere between the ten and 20-metre mark and in line with where the try was scored. There is no kicking allowed in the extra play – the attacking team must break the defensive line to score. Any stoppage other than a try will see the match restart

with a kick-off from half way.

- The match will include four referees (only two on the field at any time) with spectators able to hear the on-field comments from referees at selected times during the match.
- Television viewers will have the chance to get inside the team talk and hear what the coaches say, with Wayne Bennett and Neil Henry agreeing to wear microphones during quarter and three-quarter breaks.
- The trainers from both teams will

wear microphones throughout the game, providing further behind-the-scenes insights into the coaching strategies of both sides.

- The video referee will provide feedback to the Channel Nine commentary team following a video referee decision.
- Players will be fitted with GPS devices tracking their movements throughout the match
- Players on the bench will be commenting on the Channel Nine broadcast throughout the match.

Next... NRL All Stars



NATIONAL Rugby League (NRL) All Stars coach Wayne Bennett has unveiled just how fans can select the

first team to feature players from all 16 NRL clubs in the historic match against the Indigenous All Stars at the Gold Coast on 13 February.

With his former star Wendell Sailor on hand to remind him just how hard that task may be, the champion coach revealed a two-stage voting process that will see the 16 club nominees join Kangaroo and Kiwi Test stars Darren Lockyer, Cameron Smith, Benji Marshall and Adam Blair in the 20-man side.

One-off rules

The NRL also unveiled a set of one-off rules for the match, including the ability to forgo a conversion attempt in return for an extra 'play' and the chance for a 'double try'.

The Indigenous All Stars team has already been billed as one of the most exciting ever assembled.

Bennett outlined how the public can help him meet the challenge.

Fans can log on to www.nrl.com/allstars and choose two forwards and two backs from each club.

Stage One voting will remain open until midnight on 26 December.

Once the public provides 64 names, Bennett will determine which positions he wants each player to be considered for, which positions he wants covered on the bench and where he will place the four internationals.

The public will then start Stage Two, nominating the top player for each position with the player who scores the highest number of overall votes in a position becoming the first chosen.

Once a player from one club is placed in the team, no other player from that club can be chosen.

Stage Two voting will open on 3 January and close at midnight on 29 January.

If a player withdraws from the team due to injury, he will be replaced by someone from the bench.

The bench spot will then be filled by another representative from the injured player's club – the new player having recorded the second highest number of votes from that club, either as a forward, back or utility, depending on the position needed for the bench.

"It's a great concept for the fans and I'm sure they'll come up with a great team," Bennett said.

Where to get your tickets

CATEGORY 1 and 2 tickets for the big rugby league match at the Gold Coast's Skilled Park are almost sold out and fans are being encouraged to get in quickly to lock in their seats. Tickets can be purchased through Ticketek outlets, on 132 849 or www.ticketek.com.au

Ticket prices:

- Category 1: \$65 adults, \$55 concession, \$40 junior, \$170 family.
- Category 2: \$45, \$40, \$30, \$120.
- Category 3: \$25, \$20, \$15, \$65.

Collection points for pre-paid

tickets, where customers do not select to have their tickets express posted or emailed via ezyTicket:

- Ticketek @ Park, 50 Park Street, Sydney
- Theatre Royal, MLC Centre, 108 King Street
- Wollongong Entertainment Centre, Corner of Crown and Harbour Street, Wollongong
- Canberra Head Office, GIO House, 11 Akuna Street, Canberra
- Queensland, Gold Coast Arts Centre, 135 Bundall Rd Bundall
- Victoria, 225 Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

"Rugby league people are passionate about their football and there's plenty of knowledge out there.

"A few might find out just how hard it can be to put a team together, but I'm sure they are going to want to be involved."

MEANWHILE, Bennett believes the 'double try' could be a part of rugby league within five years.

The NRL and Indigenous All Stars will be able to opt for an

extra tackle following a try, rather than a conversion, in an attempt to score four extra points when they clash on the Gold Coast on February 13.

The move is one of several designed to increase the entertainment factor for the game, which will mark the anniversary of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's apology to the Stolen Generation.

Both sides can interchange attacking or defensive players before the play and no kicks will be allowed.

NRL boss David Gallop said the league was not yet looking at implementing the change, but Bennett said administrators would need to consider it if fans liked it.

"I've heard it thrown around in the past – it's got some merit," he said.

"You want the fans to buy into it so if it means something to them, I'm sure administrators would make the change but it won't happen for four or five years."

Bennett confirmed Australian and New Zealand Test captains Darren Lockyer and Benji Marshall would start as five-eighth and halfback, respectively.

"I think ... the magic they both produce, if they can get it right ... it will be something to watch," he said.

The champion coach said meeting the challenge posed by a proud and highly motivated Indigenous side would be his biggest test.

"That's going to be the part we do have to get right because it is a difference for us," said Bennett.

"They're already motivated ... and I should imagine the fan base will be pretty much behind them."

The first stage of voting is open until 26 December, with one player from each NRL club to join Lockyer, Marshall and their deputies Cameron Smith and Adam Blair in a 20-man squad.

Selection Soward's 'highest honour'

ST George Illawarra's Jamie Soward has described his selection in the first Indigenous All Stars team – and the chance to play in Wendell Sailor's final game – as the highest honour of his career.

"Last year I pushed my way into the country side, which was a big achievement, but there'll be no bigger high than playing with the Indigenous All Stars," Soward told *The Illawarra Mercury*.

"I'll probably have to slot in on the bench somewhere... it will be pretty hard to push out arguably the best player in the world (Thurston) and Scott Prince in the halves. I'm just happy to be there and if I have to carry the oranges I will."

Sailor has announced his retirement, but will use the inaugural All-Star match as his farewell.

Soward has struck up a close friendship with Sailor over the past two seasons, with the veteran winger acting as a mentor for the 25-year-old.

"It's going to be a pretty big day being the last time we play together. He's just been a

great ambassador for the game, the Dragons club and the Indigenous people," said Soward.

"We're really good mates and we stay in touch all the time. It's going to be different not playing this year, but I'm glad I get the opportunity to see him off the way he deserves. He's just a great bloke and he's going to be missed.

The Mercury said Soward was proud of his Indigenous heritage and worked with Indigenous youth as part of the Dragons' community program.

He is part of the Wiradjuri people of the Bathurst area and says the match will have a lasting effect on young Indigenous rugby league players.

"It gives Indigenous kids a path to show that you can get to the top and that Indigenous kids can compete at the elite level," Soward said.

"Greg Inglis won the Golden Boot and he's playing in this game. If Indigenous kids can work hard, stay disciplined and keep at it, then hopefully they can be playing in the All Stars game one day too."



Pride and passion

RUGBY LEAGUE



With Guest Columnist
PRESTON CAMPBELL

IN the heat and humidity of a hot Brisbane day, you would expect most people would be dreaming of being near the beach or somewhere cool and shady.

But when the Indigenous All Stars team was finally named at Queensland Parliament House the other week, the nine boys present for the announcement could only dream of one thing – the game on 13 February next year.

We had the opportunity to try on the jerseys with Sid Domic's deadly design for the first time before heading down to the Speaker's Lawn for the announcement.

As we walked along the sandstone corridor, the sound of our boots made it almost feel as if we were heading down the tunnel to run out on to the field.

When we were held back, it was like we were waiting for the referee to call us on to the field.

Expectation

And while there were plenty of jokes, you could still sense the expectation among the boys present.

The pride and passion that this team will carry on the field was there for all to see when we walked out after being announced to the crowd.

I remember our team manager, Uncle Sol Bellear, talking to us about those who had gone before us having to 'kick down the doors' to give us the opportunities we have today – both on and off the field.

So it gave me great pleasure to recognise in the crowd the wise face of Lionel Morgan, who was the first Aboriginal player to represent Australia.

I know I had a tear in my eye and I hope he was feeling the same emotions as the rest of us.

He should because we will be honouring him and all those who have gone before us when we pull on that jersey on the day of real battle.

The boys who played in last year's Dreamtime Team will know exactly what I

As much as I have been given credit for this game being played, people should recognise that Beetso and many others have been promoting this idea for a long time before I came along.

am talking about.

Lionel was one of the greats from the Indigenous Team of the Century who handed us our jerseys last year and each had their tale to tell.

Lionel, Eric Simms and Cliff Lyons all made an impact on us.

But it was when the Immortal Arthur Beetson spoke about the pride and passion of the 'old fellas' who had watched an Indigenous side he coached against PNG that we really understood.

We were never going to lose that day after hearing those collective words of wisdom.

People might see this as a negative and say that the expectation on our shoulders will weigh us down.

I look at it from a different perspective.

It will be the shoulders of the greats that will come into play.

We will be standing on the shoulders of these true giants and we will look to new horizons for those who follow us in the same way that we have continued their journey.

As much as I have

been given credit for this game being played, people should recognise that Beetso and many others have been promoting this idea for a long time before I came along.

He has championed our cause along with the likes of Mal Cochrane, David Liddiard, David Peachey and many others.

Gathered momentum

Where I have been lucky is that Michael Searle was able to convince the other CEOs to join in the cause, and the game gathered momentum from there.

But I doubt whether that momentum would have been maintained were it not for the support of the ARL Indigenous Council, which has provided the single voice that we have needed for a

long time.

To have an Aboriginal person in 'Smiley' Johnstone stand alongside David Gallop and announce the team as chairman of the body that has brought Indigenous rugby league new credibility within the game added to our sense of pride.

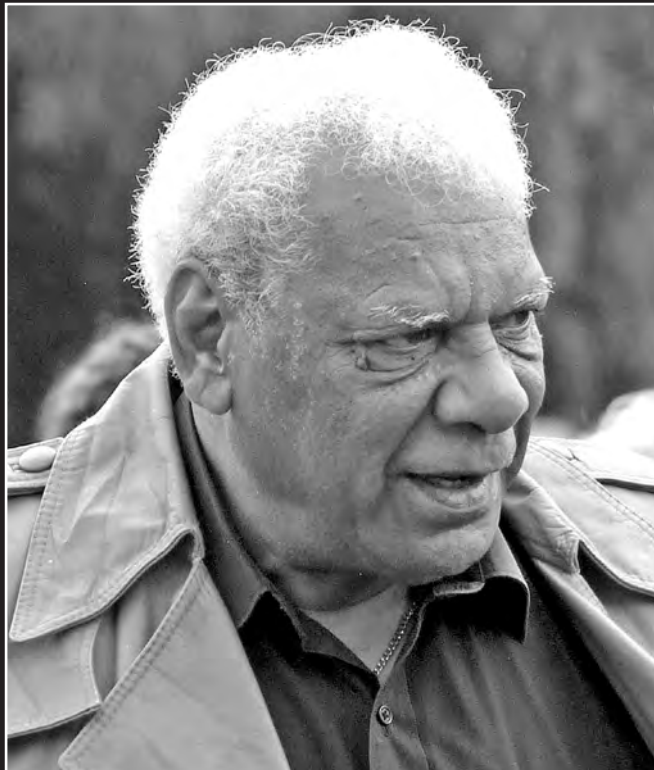
I cannot convey to you how proud I am to be captain of this team – a team that

will not only represent Indigenous rugby league, but will also strive to represent the hopes of our people.

It is our history that will give us strength.

It is the future of our kids that will inspire us.

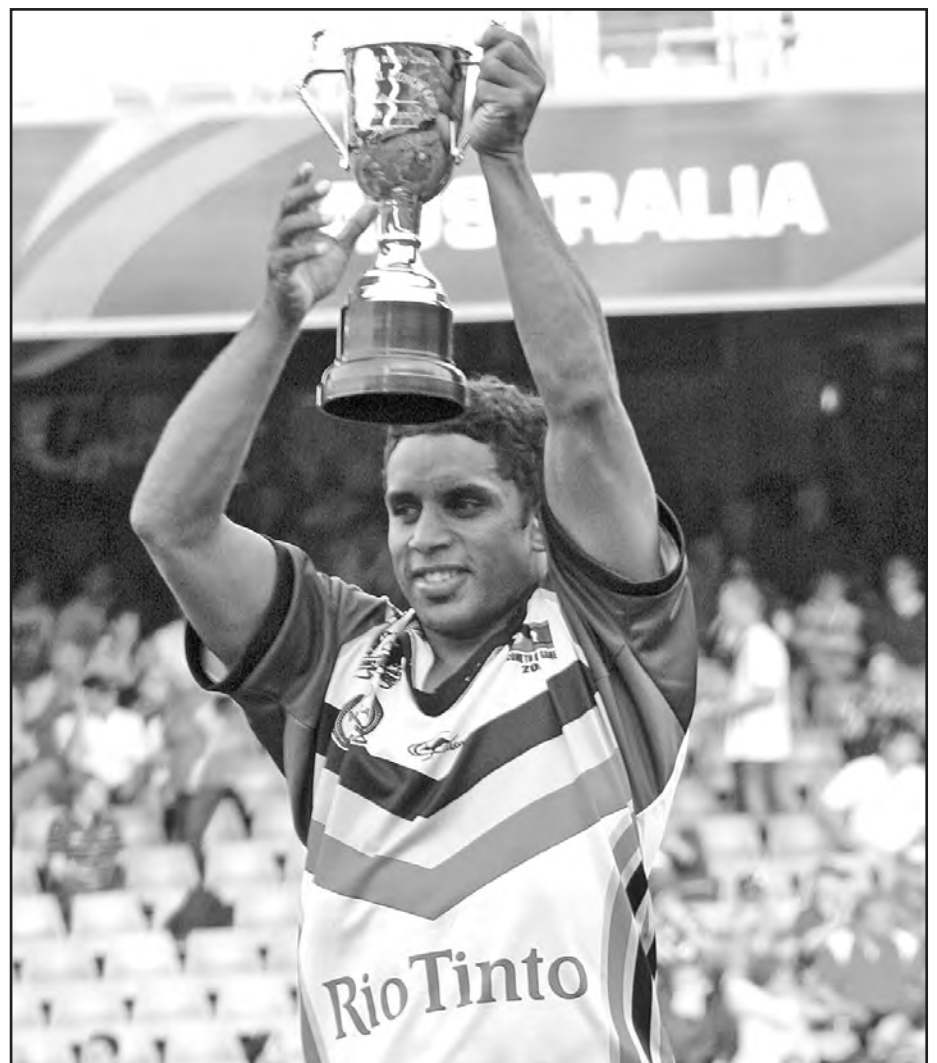
Together, they will unite us with a pride and passion that will make us more than a rugby league team.



SOL BELLEAR



ARTHUR BEETSON



Preston Campbell holds aloft the trophy the Indigenous Dreamtime Team won after beating the New Zealand Maoris in Sydney in October last year.

Scholarship aimed at Kerr's development



ALEX Kerr is the first Victorian to receive the Lord's Taverners Indigenous cricket scholarship.

The scholarship is designed to assist Victorian Indigenous cricketers to develop their cricketing careers as well as personally.

Kerr, 18, has been a participant of Cricket Victoria's Indigenous cricket program – Noogal Toengorrt Tani – for five years and has played in four tournaments at Cricket Australia's Imparja Cup in Alice Springs. This year he was elevated to opening batsman for Victoria during the tournament and has since been embraced by premier cricket club North Melbourne.

Kerr is one of two Indigenous cricketers playing Premier cricket in Victoria. North Dandenong Cricket Club – Kerr's grassroots club – says it is proud to see Kerr develop into a Premier cricketer and has supported his move to North Melbourne.

Kerr had a good start to the season, scoring 44 not out in his second match, and 66 in his third.

Since then he has also been selected in to the Second XI team.

The Lord's Taverners Indigenous Cricket Scholarship provides Kerr with an opportunity to access first-class coaches for his development, develop as a role model to young Indigenous cricketers and promote Indigenous participation in sport.



Alex Kerr is presented with some of his scholarship hardware by Lord's Taverners Victoria member Ian Crawford.

Blazing a trail



● ABOVE: Jesse Williams when he played with the Bayside Ravens, pictured during a 2007 Brisbane club match against the Kenmore Bears.



BASKETBALLERS Patty Mills and Nathan Jawai aren't the only two Indigenous Australians making

a mark in sport in the United States – Brisbane's Jesse Williams is blazing a trail in American football.

Williams was named the Western States Football League (WSFL) Special Teams Player of the Week for the week ending 1 November.

He plays with the Arizona Western College (AWC) Matadors and is based in Yuma, Arizona, a city with a population of about 200,000.

It was the first award for Williams during his Matador career. It was also the first time since September 2006 that a Matador had taken home the WSFL Player of the Week Award.

The announcement came just four days after the Matadors completed a perfect two-game home stand with a 48-14 win over the Glendale Gauchos at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Yuma.

Grabbing attention

This was the first big headline that Williams has grabbed in the United States since arriving on the AWC campus in August.

He's the only defensive lineman to start every game for the Matadors this season.

Williams told *The Koori Mail* he was enjoying the college life 'very much, enjoying all aspects like study and football and living away from home'.

"We travel at least 60 per cent of the season, mainly to colleges in Arizona, but also to some other schools in Utah and New Mexico," he said.

"I am enjoying the high level of football. I am able to play and learn new things every day, making myself a better footballer so I will have the skills to move on to a division one school."

"We have had eight games so far, with one regular season game

left. If we win, we are going to be playing for the conference championships the week after, and if we win the conference champs, we will be off to Kansas or Pittsburgh to play for a national championship or a bowl game."

Williams is studying an Associate Arts degree, which will give him the credits he needs to transfer to a division one school.

He said Arizona Western was a small junior college which was a sister school with Northern Arizona University, which had thousands of students.

For those with knowledge of gridiron, here are some of Jesse Williams' statistics:

Tackles: 39.

Tackles for a loss (tackling the opposition backwards into their territory): 6.

Sacks (tackling the quarter back): 4.

Forced fumbles (forcing errors): 3.

Blocked field goals: 5.

The Koori Mail reported in September 2007 that Williams had accepted a full scholarship at the University of Hawaii.

His Torres Strait Islander parents, Arthur and Sonia Williams, have since told us he did not take that option, deciding instead to head for Arizona.

We reported back in 2007 that Williams, then 16, was 196cm (6ft 5in) tall, weighed 135kg, and was fast. He started playing American football in 2005 at junior (14-18 years) club level for the Bayside Ravens in Brisbane.

In his first year he collected Rookie of the Year honours and



● LEFT: Jesse Williams as he looks today.

● BELOW: Jesse Williams ready for action with the Arizona Western College.



made the Queensland Under-19 team, which went on to win the 2006 and 2007 National championships.

From those championships, Jesse was picked in the Under-19 Australian team.

The next year he was rewarded by receiving Defensive Player of the Year and named as one of the four Queensland captains. He also was named Most Valuable Defensive Player of the National Tournament.

– GRAHAM HUNT

Just the first step

MAGIC'S MOMENTS



With **MICHAEL O'LOUGHLIN**

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THE Australian Football League (AFL) Draft attracted huge publicity last week, which yet again underlined the huge passion fans have for the game and in particular, the immediate future of their clubs.

As important as the draft is in equalising talent across the competition, the actual impact of draft picks can sometimes be over-emphasised.

To a large degree, clubs are still signing potential as opposed to guaranteed talent.

There are many rookies who get signed at the draft who never even have the opportunity to play an AFL game despite the sense that they have 'made it.'

There are many reasons why this may be the case, including

injury, lack of development or just not being able to cope with the demands placed on an AFL player.

Central to this can be the attitude that the player brings with him to the club.

If signing an AFL contract has been their chief goal, then a player may struggle with the demands placed on him.

He is now in a true competition for a position and although senior players will invariably welcome the rookie to the team ranks, there is no way in high hell that he is going to roll over and hand the youngster his position on the field.

For some, the wait for the opportunity can prove to be too tough.

The professionalism of training requires a mental adjustment that can be difficult to achieve and, more importantly, maintain if you are not gaining selection.

Mental challenge

The challenge is a mental one and often sorts out whether the rookie will have the psychological toughness to achieve at the highest level.

The hardest lesson they sometimes have to learn is that success is often the combination of opportunity, plus preparation.

By that, I mean that if a player does not maintain his commitment to training and off-field habits, then he will not be prepared when the opportunity presents itself.

And opportunity can come at any time.

Unfortunately, it may never come or – even if the players prepares well – opportunity can be missed.

This can do a player's head in, but there is one thing of which I am certain.

That is the fact that a player who does not prepare well will never succeed, whether he is given an opportunity or not.

Rookies need to realise that rather than having made it, they are actually taking the first step on the real journey.

Having said that, I am really excited that my old club has signed Swan Districts speedster Lewis Jetta as a rookie.

One of my departing comments was that it would be good to see the Sydney Swans increase its Indigenous talent and Jetta is one of the exciting prospects in the game.

And I am not the only fan of the 20-year-old from Bunbury, who was taken by Sydney at pick 14.

My old mate Adam Goodes pushed for him to be recruited by the club.

"Adam Goodes was just bugging Sydney to get me," Jetta said.

"He rang me up and said 'there's another brother at the club'. He said he was going to look after me very well, so I can't wait."

The small forward/midfielder was taken with Sydney's second pick overall after having earlier

been touted as a likely first-round selection by West Coast.

Jetta represents a genuine X-factor for Sydney and provides an ideal mentoring project for Goodes as he enters the final stages of his career.

a big-game performer during his 22 League matches with Swan Districts this season.

The prospect of moving to the other side of the country does not bother Jetta, who said his shift from Bunbury to Perth at the start of the 2009 WAFL

season had prepared him for the move.

"Just moving away to Perth, it was hard at the start, but eventually I got used to the city quickly, focused on footy and getting to training and work," he said.

"Next thing you know, I'm away from home for a full year, so I reckon I'll cope pretty easily."

Trademark

Jetta, who has become known this season for his trademark confidence, declared his goal was to make his AFL debut in round one next year.

He said he would concentrate on bulking up his slender 69kg frame during the pre-season.

"I'm going to try and put on some muscle so I can take a bump and also do some weights for power to make me faster and harder to tackle," he said.

As long as he realises he is just starting his journey, this kid could be anything.

With Goodes at his side, I am confident he will make the full trip!

Until Next Time... Keep Dreaming!



Lewis Jetta (left) and Jeff Farmer (right) in the colours of Swan Districts. Jetta next year will wear the colours of the Sydney Swans.

Jetta admitted to feeling some disappointment at being bypassed by West Coast, but said the chance to play alongside Goodes had made up for it.

"I reckon he's still the best player in the AFL," Jetta said of Goodes.

"He said he was going to take care of me and let me stay at his house, so it's just an awesome feeling."

Jetta is a lightning-quick runner who stamped himself as

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Plenty of heat at Heatley

By ALF WILSON



YOUNG Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander boys and girls battled it out in touch football and beach volleyball at an annual sports day organised by the Townsville City Council at Heatley High School.

It was a non-smoking, alcohol-free and drug-free event promoting healthy lifestyles, and lots of cold water was provided, with the temperature in the 30s.

Townsville City Council Indigenous officer and organiser Shane Alley said it was the fourth year of the carnival, which this time attracted more than 200 competitors.

"There were seven teams in the touch and seven in the beach volleyball and we couldn't have 3on3 basketball this year because the courts were being used," he said.

The emphasis was on fun and recreation, and the character-building aspect of youngsters playing sport came to the fore.

In mixed touch, the under-16 division was won by Cousins In Arms, with Thuringowa in second place.

The under-12 mixed touch winners were

Hubba Hubba, from Garbutt Bombers.

The under-16 mixed beach volleyball went to Black Magic, from Cousins In Arms, and Hubba Hubba took out the under-12 division from Garbutt State School.

Rugby league player Genus Passi Jnr, a coach of the Hubba Hubba under-12 mixed touch team, said it was a great day.

Included in the team were Lauren Allen, Xavier Passi, Maddie Mouldes, Peter Morrison, Bryce Satrick, Puni Taia, Alec Robinson, Thomas Taia and A J Willis.

"We were nominated in both under-12 mixed touch and mixed volleyball. We went through undefeated in both sports and defeated teams from Garbutt in the final for both. All the kids attend Year Seven at Heatley Primary School and only came together a couple of weeks before," he said.

Birrigubba's Yallorin team manager Jodie Martin also said the event was great for the youth and their families.

Mr Alley said that the 2010 carnival would probably be held during June when conditions were much cooler.



The Gowa Bulls under-16 mixed beach volleyball team, with captain Tristan Neliman front, at the sports day for Indigenous children at Heatley High School, Townsville.



A Cousins in Arms player breaks free in a touch footy game.



A Birrigubba's Yallorin player breaks free against Hubba Hubba.



Hubba Hubba touch side with coach Genus Passi Jnr.



Umpire Nicole Alley holds her baby Malakye Watego, 19 months, as she is snapped with Black Magic mixed beach volleyball team.



Cousins in Arms mixed touch team with coach Simone Hellyer, right and manager Eddie Savage, left back.



Birrigubba's Yallorin under-12 touch football team with manager Jodie Martin, back left.

Bowled over by a Tiwi welcome

CRICKET



With **MATTHEW HAYDEN**

HELLO to all cricket fans... it's great to be back in *The Koori Mail* for season 2009-10 to talk cricket.

As I write this, the First 3 Mobile Test is taking place in Brisbane, so I won't be making any big predictions for the fear of having egg on my face.

But we have a big cricket season ahead with the West Indies and Pakistan touring and a new-look Australian side.

I saw first-hand some of the youngsters who are coming through when I played in the All Stars game in Brisbane and it's a very exciting time with plenty of opportunities for players in form around the country in all forms of the game.

Since I last wrote in *The Koori Mail*, a bit has happened on the Indigenous cricket front – the biggest news being the

successful tour by the Cricket Australia National Indigenous Development Squad of Britain.

I caught up with the boys before they left and from all reports the tour was a great learning experience on and off field.

While the playing side of cricket is obvious, the daily grind of touring is not easy and getting through that is an achievement in itself, especially for many of the young guys in that team who had never left Australian shores before.

The team did exceptionally well (winning eight matches, losing three and one washout).

Impressive performances

I was excited with the feedback about many eye-catching performances from the likes of Preston White, Cameron Trask, Worrin Williams and Darcy Short, while captain Dan Christian showed he is a fine leader. Dan has had an impressive start to the Weet-Bix Sheffield Shield and Ford Ranger Cup seasons for South Australia and is one to watch for higher honours. He's a talented all-round cricketer who is developing consistency.

Looking forward, there will be a documentary of the tour featuring on ABC TV that was produced by Carbon Media – can't wait for that one.

IN the off-season I've also become a member of the Cricket Australia Board, something I've really enjoyed so far. Indigenous cricket is something that I will be pushing at the board table and working towards having more Indigenous players wearing the baggy green.

More recently, I took a trip to the Tiwi Islands and was stunned when visiting a remote school to see kids wearing t-shirts emblazoned with 'We Love Haydos'.

I didn't know where to look! I was



Koori Mail columnist and Former Australian Test opener Matthew Hayden plays cricket with students from Tiwi College at Pickertaramoor, on Melville Island, on Wednesday 11 November. Hayden was visiting to promote sport in Indigenous communities.

AAP Image

certainly feeling the love as I met the kids and it was humbling and exciting to see that cricket had made an impact in this part of the world.

I visited Tiwi College at Pickertaramoor, on Melville Island, and my message was pretty simple – sport has a lot of benefits, from looking after what you eat and how care for your body, to teamwork and friendships.

Cricket helped teach me a lot of that and it has provided so many benefits.

I was also able to present a cheque for \$24,000 from Macquarie Bank to the college's girls soccer academy, and

whether its soccer, cricket or any other sport, it's great to see boys and girls playing and keeping themselves fit and healthy.

For now I want to continue to spread the word about the benefits of cricket. It's a great game and for those out there who want to start playing, head to www.in2cricket.com.au

And one last word on my trip to the Tiwi Islands: The genuine goodwill of all the people and enthusiasm was something that I took away and as I've said every time I've come away from a remote community, I'm truly inspired by the spirit of the Indigenous people.

Lovett's rocky start at new club St Kilda



ST Kilda coach Ross Lyon has issued a blunt warning to new recruit Andrew Lovett, saying the Australian Football League (AFL) club is not a baby-sitting service.

Lyon is giving the former Essendon midfielder another chance to prove himself after the worst-possible start at his new club.

Lovett was arrested for public drunkenness on 14 November.

The speedy midfielder came to the Saints after a chequered career at the Bombers, where he was suspended for poor off-field discipline.

The Saints certainly knew the risks when they traded for Lovett, having spoken to key Essendon figures James Hird, Matthew Lloyd and former fitness coach John Quinn.

But Lyon was still surprised – along with furious – when he received the phone call about Lovett's arrest.

Lovett joined his new team-mates last Wednesday morning at the first day of St Kilda's pre-season training.

"We went through the background and we were au-fait with things that had occurred in the past, but in saying that, there was nothing in the history that really scared us," Lyon said.

"Everything was on top of the table... we were really confident that the working environment and the way that all our players go about it, that Andrew would really grow.

"It hasn't had an opportunity to take effect yet, in a real sense – over a period of time, we're happy to be judged and (for) Andrew to be judged.

"Certainly from here, he's under no illusions... in simple terms, we're not a baby-sitting service, we're about self-directed and motivated athletes and Andrew is confident from here he can buy into that."

Lyon also moved to defend Lovett, saying a suggestion in the

media that the player had been wandering the streets before his arrest was wrong.

"It was reported he was wandering aimlessly. He was at a private party, the music was on, the police came, he went outside and obviously stepped out of line and was put in the divvy van," Lyon said.

"He certainly wasn't wandering aimlessly as a hopeless drunk down the street, so let's clear that up."

But Lyon was unimpressed with Lovett's condition when he turned up to a running time trial last week.

"Certainly his preparation didn't allow him to be at his best.

We hope from there he'll go forward," Lyon said.

While Lovett has made a rocky start, Lyon is upbeat about the Saints in the wake of their outstanding season and narrow grand final loss to Geelong.

"The big themes are the same – pursue excellence, train hard, player availability and improve our footy," he said.

"We know everyone is coming for Geelong and us, obviously, and the Bulldogs.

"We feel like we've added a bit with Lovett and (Brett) Peake.

Lyon said nine senior players had needed post-season surgery and the side was in 'good nick' for pre-season training. –AAP

2010 Australian Football League Draft: Eight new faces

By **PETER ARGENT**



ELEVEN Indigenous players are set to debut or return to Australian rules football following

the Australian Football League's (AFL's) 24th annual Draft last Thursday at the Melbourne Convention and Entertainment centre.

Eight of them, headed by for Swan Districts mature age selection **Lewis Jetta**, will take their first tentative steps into the AFL, while Hawthorn have given wayward former Lions small forward **Rhan Hooper** a retrieve.

For the first time, elevated rookies were named in the draft, with North Melbourne's **Cruise Garlett** and the Power's **Wade Thompson**, despite already playing at the top level, falling into this category.

Touted as a top ten selection before the event, 20-year-old Jetta (born 4 May 1989), who had a superb season in the WAFL and for the State side in their exciting one-point win over

South Australia, played 22 senior games this year.

Jetta is lightning quick footballer who will supply much-needed run and carry to the Swans' side, being collected at number 14 overall and was the only Indigenous player in the first round.

He is also noted for being team-orientated, versatile and with clean hands and great agility.

In front of more than 1000 people, at the Draft, fellow West Australian **Gerrick Weedon** was named as the West Coast Eagles' second selection.

Product of Claremont

Weedon has impressed at WAFL level with Claremont where his strong skills in the air, as well as vision and awareness in traffic, made him an valuable member of the Tigers' forward line, and he also represented WA in the under 18 championships.

To complete round two, high-profile Aboriginal names returned to AFL ranks.

At selection number 32, St Kilda secured the services of

Nicholas Winmar, while with the very next pick, **Anthony Long** was collected by Essendon – the club where his uncle – 1993 Norm Smith medallist Michael Long – rose to fame.

The Saints used their initial selection, number 32, in the second round to draft Nicholas Winmar, a 2009 Sandgropers under 18 representative and second cousin of duel club champion Nicky Winmar.

He was also recruited from Claremont and stands at 189cm, being a versatile footballer with strong athletic ability.

Interestingly, Winmar was ranked equal second in the new kicking test at draft camp.

Long was highly noted in the Calder Cannons side that won the 2009 TAC Cup, displaying coolness and skill under pressure, especially during the last part of the season.

His agility, recovery and vertical leap are all impressive.

Allen Christensen – dropping an amazing eight kilograms since the AFL draft camp in early October, impressed Geelong scouts enough to have him drafted at number 40.

A renowned ball winner who collects plenty of possessions, Christensen is a sound decision-maker who is clever around the goal mouth. A Victorian Country under 18 representative, he was also runner-up in the Morrish Medal this year (best and fairest in TAC Cup), producing an average of 26 possessions per game at that level.

Christensen's uncle Marty played 69 games with the Cats and a season with North between 1985 and 1992

Off to Tigers

Northern Territory talent **Troy Taylor**, who is a nephew of entertainer Ernie Dingo, was collected by Richmond as their fourth round selection.

At 189cm and needing to add weight to his 77kg frame, Taylor is described as an agile footballer with clean hand and foot skills.

Other features of his game include strong second efforts, ball-winning ability and marking. His arm length (87cm – top seven per cent at draft camp) allows him to play on bigger and stronger opponents.

Having played league football in the SANFL after the under 18 championships, **Byron Sumner** is also moving north to Sydney, adding his pace to an evolving Swans combination.

Solidly built, despite only being 174cm tall, Sumner is a



Troy Taylor, from the Northern Territory, and a nephew of entertainer Ernie Dingo, is to join the Richmond Tigers.

quick and equally clever midfielder with penetrating kick. Two more of his strengths are his evasiveness and clean hands overhead.

He performed admirably for the Croweaters at the under 18 championships.

Brisbane utility **Rhan Hooper**, with 48 AFL games under his belt, is to link up with Hawthorn. He is likely to be used as a forward option.

Hooper's application to the game has been an issue. He was heavily fined by the Lions for breaches of the players' code of conduct before the beginning of the 2009 season.

Hawthorn, who has also negotiated for Shaun Burgoyne's services in the trade period are

giving Hooper another chance.

The final Indigenous selection was NT Thunder 183cm speedster **Sam Thorne**, who played the Northern Territory franchise in the AFL Queensland competition.

He was the Western Bulldogs' fifth selection at number 76.

In total, 91 players were added to AFL lists, including 68 new players, six recycled from AFL clubs and 17 promoted rookies since the conclusion to the 2009 season.

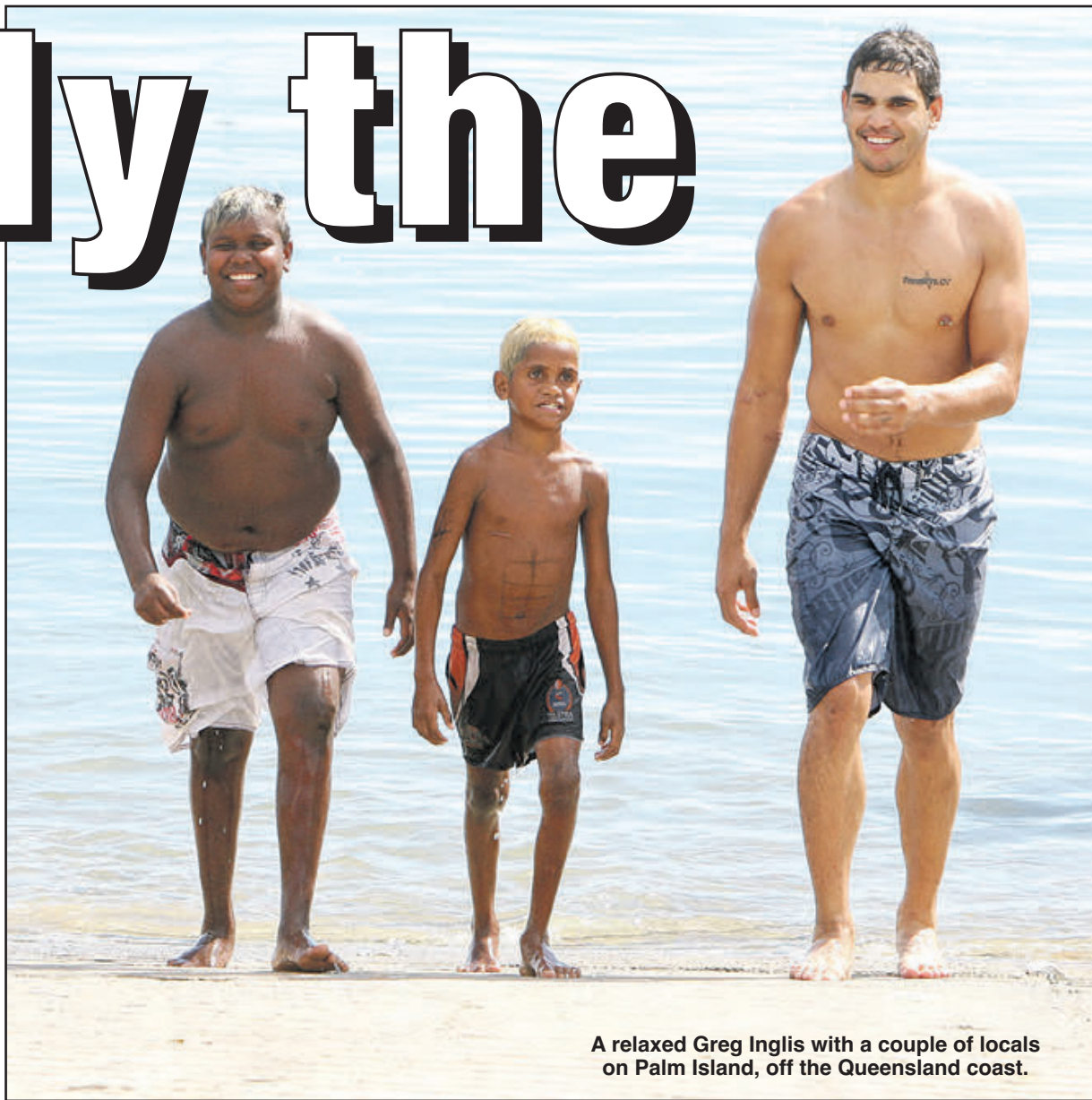
Again, the Indigenous element continued to punch above their weight, with 11 players drafted, equalling approximately 14 per cent of this group.



West Australian Lewis Jetta, flanked by Chris Lewis, left, and Peter Matera. He has been drafted by the Sydney Swans.

Simply the very best

Greg Inglis caps a stellar year with even more plaudits



A relaxed Greg Inglis with a couple of locals on Palm Island, off the Queensland coast.



RUGBY league's Golden Boot winner, Greg Inglis, has some scary news for opposing teams – he can get a lot better.

Inglis returned home on 18 November from the Kangaroos' Four Nations triumph in England still coming to terms with his 'ultimate' 2009 season.

In addition to winning the NRL premiership with Melbourne, Inglis was a key figure in Queensland's record-breaking State of Origin series win and an integral member of the Kangaroos side.

His slew of individual honours include the Golden Boot as World Player of the Year, Four Nations Player of the Tournament and Queensland's Origin Man of the Series.

World's best

Throw in the Dally M Centre, Representative Player of the Year and International Centre of the Year and there can be no doubt that the 22-year-old is the world's best player.

It's a year which compares favourably with Darren Lockyer's fabulous 2006 when he captained Queensland's Origin victory, Brisbane's NRL premiership and Australia's Tri Nations triumph, scoring the winning try in extra time in that final.

It was a humble but determined Inglis who met reporters at Sydney airport, where he gave no indication of resting on his laurels.

"(It) the Golden Boot was a good way to end the year, a pretty big year for myself," he said.

"I think there's still a lot of improvement in my game, just little areas."

Pressed on what those areas were, a coy Inglis replied: "Just behind the scenes, I've just got to put my head down."

Greg Inglis breaks the defence of New Zealand's Stacey Jones during the Tri-Nations rugby league match in Melbourne in October 2006. – AAP image



Kangaroos coach Tim Sheens joked that he hoped Inglis would save his improvements for Australia and spare his own Wests Tigers team.

"He's young and he's keen and he's fit, there's every reason to say the more experience he gets, the better he will be," said Sheens, who also believed Inglis

should not shift from the centre position he dominates.

More in store

Inglis' club, State and national team-mate Cameron Smith was looking forward to seeing what more the backline superstar had in store.

"It's not frightening for me because I play in every team he plays in," said Smith.

"It's a great thing for us, but I think a lot of people forget that he is only a young guy, he's 22, he's got a lot of improvement left in him."

"I think it only spells danger for opposition teams." – AAP



**Northern Territorian
Troy Taylor is one of
the new faces in
Australian rules
football following the
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Walgett ruled out as venue for Knockout

THE 40th anniversary NSW Aboriginal Rugby League Knockout will not be held at Walgett, but officials are yet to announce an alternative venue.

Walgett BAC won this year's Knockout at Armidale

and with it, won the right to host next year's event.

Club spokesman Dan Rose told *The Koori Mail* last Thursday that there was 'no way' Walgett could host such a large event.

"We held the Knockout here

in 1989 and 1990 and there's no way we'll put the town through that again," he said.

"We simply can't cater for 6000 people.

"We will be holding a committee meeting on 11 December and we make an

announcement after that."

There is strong speculation that the Knockout will be held on the NSW central coast – possibly Woy Woy.

Mr Rose said the committee would make the announcement through *The Koori Mail*.

Bursting with pride



IT was pride that inspired Aboriginal legend Arthur Beetson 30 years ago in the first rugby league State

of Origin match – and it will be pride that inspires Preston Campbell when he leads the Indigenous All Stars against an elite National Rugby League (NRL) All Stars next February.

Campbell, 32, struggled to put into words what the All Stars game meant to him and his Indigenous team-mates.

"It's really tough to explain," said Campbell after his team was announced on the lawns of Brisbane's Parliament House on 20 November.

"I wish I could play with the sort of passion I have for this game every week for the Gold Coast," he said. "That's not to say I don't do my best, because you're playing for two points every week and towards a premiership.

"But this is a little bit bigger than that.

"I'm playing for my people, I'm playing for my family, I'm playing for my community.

"What more passion can you get... I don't think there's any."

Campbell got the All Stars idea from his involvement in the Dreamtime Team which played a promotional game against the New Zealand Maoris in last year's Rugby League World Cup.

He admitted he may shed a few tears before the game.

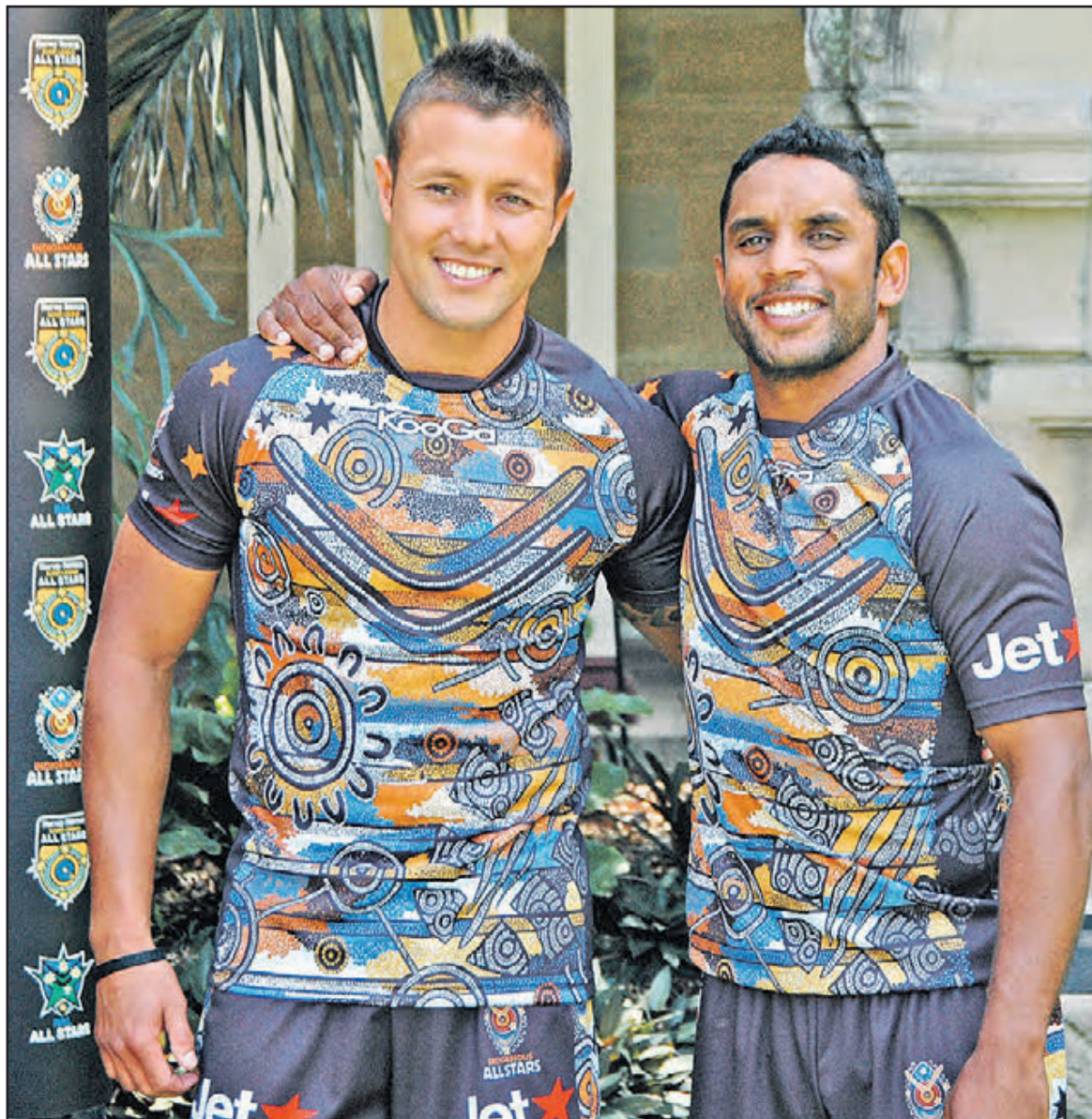
"I dare say I will and I won't be ashamed of that," he said.

The All Stars clash has quickly grabbed the public's imagination with 16,000 tickets already sold, assuring a Skilled Park (Gold Coast) sellout on 13 February.

The public's response has shocked NRL boss David Gallop, with tickets being purchased in Perth, Mt Isa, Darwin and South Australia.

"It's fair to say I've been surprised at how big it's been, the ticket sales, the voting, it's all surpassed expectations," said Gallop.

Recently-retired winger Wendell Sailor has been granted his farewell game after being voted into the 20-man squad, along with Melbourne's Golden Boot winner



Rugby league players Scott Prince, left, and Preston Campbell at the naming of the Indigenous All Stars team in Brisbane on 20 November. The Gold Coast Titans team-mates were named in the Indigenous All Star 20-man squad to play the NRL All Stars at Skilled Park on the Gold Coast on 13 February. – AAP image

Greg Inglis, North Queensland halfback Johnathan Thurston and Brisbane team-mates Justin Hodges and Sam Thaiday.

Gold Coast captain Scott Prince said the chance to represent the Indigenous community was 'very special', as was playing outside Thurston and inside the likes of Inglis and Hodges.

"The game means a lot to me and my people," he said.

"This game will be all about passion. I'm sure people who don't following rugby league closely will

watch it for what it is.

"Time will tell who the better team is, and hopefully it can kick on from here and be a stand-alone game every year."

'Different'

Cowboys prop Carl Webb, known for wearing his heart on his sleeve for Queensland, admitted to feeling 'completely different' about playing for his people.

"When it was an idea, I thought it was exciting, but now we are here I'm a little nervous – it puts

the wind up you," he said. "I loved playing for my State, but to play for my race and for the Indigenous people all over the country is a totally different honour again."

Almost 20,000 rugby league fans voted on the Indigenous All Stars side, which features eight players with State of Origin experience.

"The fans have picked an incredible team," said Gallop.

"There is no doubt that this will be a spectacular start to season 2010." – With AAP



INDIGENOUS
ALL STARS

Our team

THE Indigenous All Stars team:

Carl Webb (North Queensland Cowboys)
Cory Paterson (Newcastle Knights)
Daine Laurie (Penrith Panthers)
George Rose (Manly Sea Eagles)
Greg Inglis (Melbourne Storm)
Jamal Idris (Canterbury Bulldogs)
Jamie Soward (St George Illawarra Dragons)
* Jharal Yow Yeh (Brisbane Broncos)
* Joel Thompson (Canberra Raiders)
Johnathan Thurston (North Queensland Cowboys)
Justin Hodges (Brisbane Broncos)
Nathan Merritt (South Sydney Rabbitohs)
PJ Marsh (Brisbane Broncos)
Preston Campbell (c) (Gold Coast Titans)
Sam Thaiday (Brisbane Broncos)
Scott Prince (Gold Coast Titans)

Tom Learoyd-Lahrs (Canberra Raiders)
* Travis Waddell (Canberra Raiders)
Wendell Sailor (St George Illawarra Dragons)
Yileen Gordon (Canterbury Bulldogs)

* Neil Henry and ARL Indigenous Council selected players.

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